

St. Bernard de Clairvaux Church



MEMORARE OF ST. BERNARD

Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee do I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday	5:00 pm	English
Sunday	9:00 am	Italian
	10:30 am	English
	12:00 pm	English
	3:00 pm	Malayalam Community

Confessions: ½ hour before each Sunday Mass or by appointment

Daily Masses in English:

Monday & Friday at 7:00 pm
Wednesday at 7:00 pm with Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Rosary at 6:30 pm
Saturday at 9:00 am

Daily Masses in Italian:

Tuesday & Thursday at 8:00 am

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Boniface Perri, Pastor
Fr. Jose Johnny, Associate Pastor/Chaplain to Sacred Heart Kerala Community
Fr. Francesco Pica, In Residence
Gina Orofino, Parish Secretary
Brenda Carvalho, Bookkeeper

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday:	8:30 am - 12:30 pm
	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Baptisms: Parents seeking to have their child baptized must call the Parish Office to request a "Baptism Request Form". Baptism certificate for Catholic parents and Confirmation certificates for the Godparents is necessary. When documentation is complete call the Parish Office to set up an appointment with the Pastor. Upon approval from the Pastor, a Baptism date will be given.

Marriages: Couples must contact the parish office at least one year in advance. No date may be set before meeting with the priest. A marriage course is a pre-requisite.

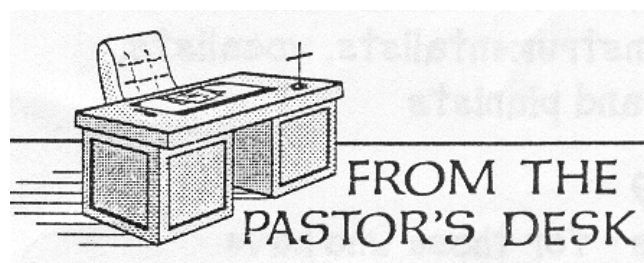
Parish Groups:

Over 50 Club
Knights of Columbus
St. Bernard Catholic Women's League
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Parish Activities:

First Friday Adoration
Visitation of the Homebound

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS



**First Holy Communion
2024**

The First Holy Communion Registration will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Church.

Please bring the following:

- 1) The completed registration form with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.
- 2) \$20.00 to cover cost of the book to be used at the Catechesis classes, which will be given to you at the registration meeting.

For those who do not attend St. Bernard's School (which would have been given a form from the school by mid-September) **or** if your child is 7 or over and not baptized, but would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession and Holy Communion you must come to this meeting as well with the completed registration form.



**CONFIRMATION
2024**

There will be a pre-registration meeting for those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, October 10th, at 7:00 pm at the Church.

Please bring the following with you:

- 1) The completed registration form with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.
- 2) A fee that covers the cost of materials to be used at the Catechesis classes. Information will be given to you at the registration meeting.

For those who do not attend St. Bernard's School (which would have been given a form from the school by mid-September) but belong to our parish we are most happy to celebrate the sacrament with you.

If your child is 12 or over and not baptized, but would like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation you must attend this meeting. Similarly for those who are not baptized Catholic but would like to enter the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments, please speak to Fr. Boniface about Baptism and First Holy Communion. If you need a pre-registration form(s) for one or any of these sacraments, please come to the office or if you have any questions, speak to Father Boniface after the Sunday Mass.

I hope everyone had time for a rest this summer. Vacations are not just time off but give us an opportunity to renew and refresh ourselves. I hope that you had the opportunity to do just that.

While on our end, there was some quiet moments, we also had the honour of entertaining Archbishop Leo of Toronto, our spiritual father on the 27th of August. The Mass was beautiful and he enjoyed meeting the parishioners at the back of the Church. I think he talked to everyone at the luncheon personally. He was certainly impressed with the loveliness of our parish. I mention this not to brag about our community (OK maybe a little!) But more importantly to remind ourselves, that we have something worth celebrating here at St. Bernard's. We may not see it because for us it is ordinary but others do see our commitment to our faith and the quiet but real joy that we have and we should not take it for granted.

I also want to take the opportunity to thank the stalwarts of our parish who worked hard to put this weekend together: Dave, Gina, Venus, Elizabeth, Mary, Pat, Mike. Thank-you to our wonderful Altar Servers, (Laurence, Cassandra, Vince, Gabriella and Erica) Portia our Lector, all in our choir, our ushers and all those who generously gave their time and effort. We often see them but rarely are they acknowledged, giving their time in the service of the Lord in multiple ways. So a big thank-you to all of you. This parish doesn't run without you.

But as much as we congratulate ourselves, we can always get better. And I put to you the same challenge I put to you when I first came six years ago. I am shy by nature. So help me make up for that. Come say hello, chat. If you ever wanted to talk to a priest, or to have a visit from me or Father Jose at your house, just ask. If you have an idea and the Lord is calling you to let your light shine a little brighter in our community I'm always at the back of the Church. After all, you're important.



**Celebration of the Solemnity of
St. Michael & Conferral of the
Pallium upon the
Most Rev. Francis Leo
Friday, Sept. 29 at 5:30 pm
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful.

Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!

SPANISH MASS

Just a reminder, that we will continue Spanish Mass on the last Sunday of the month, at 2:00 pm.

As we said, this Mass is "Ad Experimentum" meaning it is temporary to see if there is interest in a permanent Mass. We invite all of our Spanish parishioners, if this is of value to you, please come and attend.

Please pass this message on to your family and friends who may be interested. For your convenience we have listed the dates for future Masses below:

September 24th, October 29th, November 26th
and December 31st (Mary Mother of God)



**The Social
Committee needs
you!**

I want to thank all those who have helped in the Social Committee. They organize the Coffee Sunday. It is becoming very popular and can become a cornerstone of our Parish life.

In order to keep this important ministry going, we desperately need an additional 4 – 5 people to help to organize it. Volunteering is only an hour or two a month. We would like to keep coffee Sunday going and even expand it to after the Saturday evening Mass. We would love it, we just need the volunteers. Can you help? Please let me know, Fr. Boniface.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 09th TO SUNDAY, SEPT. 17th

Sat 09 th	5:00 pm	Catherine Mc Intyre Francesco Palazzolo
Sun 10 th	9:00 am	Maria Teresa Samzo Maria & Raimondo Castellucci Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Iolanda Florio
	10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
	12:00 pm	Bot Thi Nguyen Biet Thi Nguyen Luigi Lanzillotta Aliette Campbell
Mon 11 th	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
	7:00 pm	Marcello Matricciano
Tues 12 th	8:00 am	Angelo Moscone
	7:00 pm	Giuseppe Rumeo (1 year Memorial Mass)
Wed 13 th	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
	7:00 pm	
Thurs 14 th	8:00 am	Antonio Rui Pereira
Fri 15 th	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
	7:00 pm	
Sat 16 th	5:00 pm	Catherine McIntyre Antonio Santamaria Giovani Cimetta
Sun 17 th	9:00 am	Anna Susanna Michele Risi & Annina Risi Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Iolanda Florio
	10:30 am	Caterina & Nicola De Marco Caterina Cortese Francesco Iula GianPietro Pasquali Oreste Col
	12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO

Weekly Collection

Last week, our collection was **\$3,669.00**
It takes \$5,000.00 to cover weekly expenses.
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