

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.



**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.

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)

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

Fund Collection – September 30th and October 1st

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 1/2 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The fund was the result of a \$30 million financial commitment made by the Canadian Bishops in September 2021.

Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture.

This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the Holy Father made earlier this year for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

Thank you for your generosity.

“For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food” – Catholic Community Pledges \$500,000 to Fight Crisis

TORONTO (September 6, 2023) – As an increasing number of people struggle to put food on the table, the Catholic community is drawing upon its legacy of service to tackle this contemporary crisis.

ShareLife, the annual charitable appeal of the Archdiocese of Toronto, is committing over a half million dollars to the fight against hunger through Food Security Grants. The funding consists of three pillars

- \$250,000 in new funding to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Toronto Central Council, which will distribute grants to parish-based food banks and meal programs
- \$150,000 in new funding to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto, which will distribute grants to agency-run food programs
- \$120,000 already allocated to Catholic Charities for food-related programs through its member agencies.

Funding for some of these programs began in November 2022.

"It is heart-wrenching and unacceptable that anyone in our city today lacks access to food which is a most basic human right," says Archbishop Francis Leo. Our parishioners are taking action in response to the Lord's call to feed the hungry. Since the earliest days of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the faithful have cared for those in need, on the margins of society and we continue this life-giving legacy."

"We see our neighbours in need increasingly struggle with food insecurity," adds Louise Coutu, Executive Director of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Toronto Central Council. "As part of our mission of 'turning concern into action,' we are ready to assist with the expansion of parish-based food and meal programs through this bold initiative."

"Those in hunger cannot wait for the systemic causes of food insecurity to be solved before we take action," says Dr. Agnes Thomas, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto. "By working with member agencies and other partners already on the ground, we are making an immediate impact in the lives of the most vulnerable."

Thank you for your continued generous support of ShareLife.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16th TO SUNDAY, SEPT. 24th

Sat 16 th	11:00 am	Agata Fiore in Teti Memorial Mass
	5:00 pm	Catherine Mc Intyre Antonio Santamaria Giovanni Cimetta
Sun 17 th	9:00 am	Anna Susanna Michele Risi & Annina Risi Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi Iolanda Florio Luigi Lamanna
	10:30 am	Happy Birthday Chalres Martin Virtusio Happy Birthday Gennaro Celso Virtusio Caterina & Nicola De Marco Francesco Agostino (2 yr death anniversary) Caterina Cortese Francesco Iula and GianPietro Pasquali Oreste Col
	12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO
Mon 18 th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Rosary
Tues 19 th	8:00 am	Beniamino & Liberata Alonzi
Wed 20 th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Rosary
Thurs 21 st	8:00 am	
Fri 22 nd	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Rosary Drago Cerjanec
Sat 23 rd	5:00 pm	Luigi & Francesco Sottile Rocco Vitulli and Donato Vitulli Catherine McIntyre Elide Buset Domenico Antonio Chiera Annunziata Romano
Sun 24 th	9:00 am	Rocco & Lola Tatangelo Luigi, Tullia, Antonio Peccia Vittoria & Pasquale Peccia Rocco & Pia Lapadula Angelantonia & Pietrangelo Matricciano Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi Francesco Conforti Pietro Patriarca Iolanda Florio Adolfo Molella Benito & Maria Bellissimo Orazio Catalano
	10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
	12:00 pm	Arcanjo Fernandes

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