

# 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.

### Schools:

St. Bernard Elementary School: 416-393-5261  
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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**



*Wishing you a  
blessed first Sunday  
of  
Advent!!!*

### Preparing Ourselves for Christ

**T**HIS Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to “keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” This exhortation doesn’t imply that we are expected to never sleep, or sin, again, but that we must consistently strive to move from a life of running towards sin, to a life of running away from sin.

One tremendous way we can do this is to receive God’s merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is important to remember that the Lord eagerly and lovingly awaits to forgive us. The whole purpose of the Incarnation was for this reason, as St. John says in his first letter, “in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.” Jesus became man for our salvation. In going to confession, we are enabling the Lord to fulfill His salvific mission in our lives which brings Him boundless joy.

This cleansing of our sins will greatly help us live out our lives as stewards by infusing all of our actions with the grace that flows from the sacrament. In order to receive the graces well, let us foster a sense of contrition for our sins, a firm purpose of amendment for our lives and a commitment to penance. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions to make it easier for us to avail ourselves to this sacrament. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.



*We wish to thank Giovanna Fiorucci, all who assisted  
and all who participated in the trip to  
Our Lady of Fatima  
and shopping in Buffalo  
on Saturday, November 25. Fun was had by all.  
A huge Thank you for everyone’s generosity  
towards the donations made to our parish and to  
Our Lady of Fatima.*



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus  
will be selling Panettone after all Masses,  
at \$10.00 each, while quantities last.  
Please give your support to the  
Knight's Good Works.



**CHANGE TO  
SPANISH MASS SCHEDULE**  
Since the Spanish Mass on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month  
has become very popular, we have decided to add  
another Mass. Starting in January 2024,  
the Spanish Masses will be celebrated  
every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every month.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

**ENSURING FAMILIES WILL HAVE DINNER  
THIS CHRISTMAS LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND  
“FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE”**  
*St. Francis of Assisi*

A mission that sets St. Vincent de Paul apart from other ministries is that it is home-based; that is, we make visits to the homes of the people in need in our community. During home visits, we offer spiritual support, food and other help as funds permit. During Christmas, we would like to give all families that come to us for help, food vouchers so they can buy a meal that is culturally meaningful to them. But we can’t do this alone.

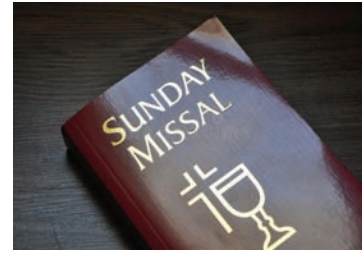
**We need you.**  
Please give a generous donation on December 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
so we can help as many neighbours as possible.  
If you wish, you can also donate non-perishable  
food items by December 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Thank you and please keep our members and those  
being served in your prayers.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 02<sup>nd</sup> TO SUNDAY, DEC. 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Sat 02<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 pm Catherine Mc Intyre
  
- Sun 03<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am Filippo & Maria Tatangelo  
 Vincenzo & Maria Domenica Tatangelo  
 Amelia, Adolfo & Angelo Artuso  
 Defunti Famiglia Artuso  
 Adolorata & Nicola Matricciano  
 Marcello Matricciano  
 Mauro Ardizzi  
 Pia Ardizzi  
 Iolanda Florio  
 Mario Peccia  
 Giuseppe Dominicis  
 Luciano & Francesco Russo  
 Defunti Famiglia Russo
  
- 10:30 am PRO POPOLO
  
- 12:00 pm Barbara Hrestak
  
- Mon 04<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Holy Rosary  
 7:00 pm
  
- Tues 05<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Antonio Sarraino  
 7:00 pm First Communion Class
  
- Wed 06<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Holy Rosary  
 7:00 pm Blessings for Margaret Bann
  
- Thurs 07<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am  
 7:00 pm St. Bernard School Advent Mass
  
- Fri 08<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Holy Rosary  
 7:00 pm In Honour of Immaculate Conception
  
- Sat 09<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Giuseppe Salerni Memorial Mass  
 5:00 pm Catherine Mc Intyre
  
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Raimondo & Maria Castellucci  
 Mauro Ardizzi  
 Pia Ardizzi  
 Iolanda Florio  
 Lodovico Flaim  
 Maria Arnaldo
  
- 10:30 am Salvatore Pelaia  
 Giuseppe & Sebastiana Caruso  
 Concetta & Salvatore Rampulla  
 Marciana Cabaltera  
 Natalia & Ervino Segna  
 Gloria Madera Villegas
  
- 12:00 pm PRO POPOLO



**SUNDAY MISSALETES ON SALE**

**This year we are able to offer the Sunday Missalettes for the New Liturgical year at a cost of \$ 5.00 each. These will be available from the parish office during office hours or after the weekend Masses from the ushers.**

**Weekly Collection**

**Last week, our collection was \$3,088.25  
It takes 5,000.00 to cover weekly expenses.  
Thank you to those who support us.  
Your charity means a lot!**



**CHRISTMAS  
POT LUCK AND  
SING A LONG**

**Pot Luck Get Together  
on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>,  
after the 5:00 P.M. Mass.**

To help us get in the Christmas mood we will have Christmas Carols with Coffee and Hot Chocolate. What we would ask is for people coming to bring in food that is simple to eat or of course some Christmas baking. It would be helpful for us to know, what you intend to bring.

Please fill in the form at the bottom and put it into the green box at the back of the Church starting this week.

NAME: _____
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PLANNING TO BRING: _____
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