

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



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

Traditionally, the third week of Advent is called Gaudate Sunday, the Sunday of Joy.

On Gaudate Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "*The Lord is coming*". But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "*The Lord is near*". This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. In the Church we begin to see Christmas decorations.

Liturgically, the colours lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-coloured vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-coloured.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." This celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await His coming not with fear but with tremendous joy.

St. Paul in His letter to the Ephesians, reflects this joy: "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let all know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*"

Excerpts from the Website anastpaul.com



*Cara Memoria di
Giovanna Antoniali*



CHANGE TO SPANISH MASS SCHEDULE

Since the Spanish Mass on the 4th 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 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month.



2024 Offertory Envelopes

Your 2024 Sunday donation envelopes are available for pick up at the back of the Church.

Please do not use your old envelopes.

Please check that your name, address and envelope number are correct.

If your name does not appear on any of the boxes, if you are a new envelope user

or if you are interested in Pre-Authorized Giving please contact the parish office.

Thank you for your generous financial support throughout 2023.

BUSTE PER L'OFFERTA DOMENICALE 2024

Sono pronte le buste per l'offerta domenicale 2024.

Vi preghiamo di prelevare il vostro pacchetto.

Se iniziate quest'anno ad usare le buste, chiamate in ufficio per registrare.

Grazie a tutti per il sostegno finanziario che date alla parrocchia.



**Update Regarding the
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund**

On December 12, 2023 the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include **Wigwamen Terrace** located in Toronto, Ontario that will receive \$475,000 over five years allowing the organization to hire additional support staff in order to provide their elderly residents with assistance with navigating technology, accessing mental health services and maintaining connections to Indigenous cultural and spiritual communities and resources.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

**To learn more visit:
www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation**



SUNDAY MISSALETTES ON SALE

Sunday Missalettes for the New Liturgical year are still available at a cost of \$ 5.00 each. Missalettes 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 \$3,994.85
It takes 5,000.00 to cover weekly expenses.
Thank you to those who support us.
Your charity means a lot!**

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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| Sat 16 th | 5:00 pm | Catherine Mc Intyre
Giuseppina De Pace
Adelia Barazza |
| Sun 17 th | 9:00 am | Intenzioni per la Famiglia Lippa
Anna Susanna
Francesco Conforti
Luigi, Tullia & Antonio Peccia
Antonio, Adolorata & Bambina Orrino
Michele & Annina Risi
Mauro Ardizzi & Pia Ardizzi
Iolanda Florio
Maria & Benito Bellissimo
Melina Chimienti |
| | 10:30 am | PRO POPOLO |
| | 12:00 pm | Alicia Meza
Francesco Iula
Maria & Giovanni Cirillo
Giuseppe Macina
Paola Liantonio |
| Mon 18 th | 6:30 pm | Holy Rosary |
| | 7:00 pm | Happy 18 th Birthday Khrystine
Danah Dimabuyu |
| Tues 19 th | 8:00 am | Rita, Rosina & Cesare Girimonte |
| | 7:00 pm | Nicola Chiovitti 1 year Memorial Mass |
| Wed 20 th | 6:30 pm | Holy Rosary |
| | 7:00 pm | |
| Thurs 21 st | 8:00 am | Rocco Cristini |
| Fri 22 nd | 6:30 pm | Holy Rosary |
| | 7:00 pm | Amelia Filice 1 month Mass
Maria Di Bernardo |
| Sat 23 rd | 5:00 pm | Luigi, Angelina, Rosina & Francesco Sottile
Ferdinando & Melina Marchese
Rocco Vitulli
Elide Buset
Catherine McIntyre
Loreta Alati
Amelia Filice |
| Sun 24 th | 9:00 am | Enzo & Georgia Simone
Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi
Iolanda Florio |
| | 10:30 am | Tita Russo
Giovanna Antoniali |
| | 12:00 pm | PRO POPOLO |
| | 5:00 pm | English Mass |
| | 7:00 pm | Malayalam Mass |
| | 12:00 am | Midnight Mass English |

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