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MARY, is often associated with mercy and rightly so. As Jesus lay in the Manger with no more than the breath of the donkey and ox to keep Him warm, Mary wanted to alleviate all that caused the Blessed Lord harm and to comfort Him. Whenever we are moved to do the same with those we see, that is true mercy in action.

Mary also held up Her Divine Son to the Wise Men showing Him to them and to all who come seeking God. In this way, Mary acts as the perfect model and Mother of the Church and all of us Her children, both showing Christ to all who come to us, so that they may know and Love Him and in imitation of our Blessed Saviour to show mercy to them as well. In this way, Mary fulfills the two great laws of Christ: to Love God in all our strength, mind and soul and to Love our neighbour as ourselves.

As a true disciple of her Blessed Son, she stays close to Him throughout her life and this finds her standing at the foot of the cross. At that moment, Jesus gave us Mary as our Mother too, after he had been nailed to the cross, He addressed her in these words “women behold your Son” then he said to John “behold your mother”. Jesus looks at us one by one; behold your mother, he says. John took her into his home, received her lovingly and cared for her with the greatest respect. He brought Mary into his home, into his life. Spiritual writers have seen words of the Gospel as a invitation to all Christians to bring Mary into their lives.

Our Lady, close to her son, fulfills her mission as mother of all by interceding continually for them. On this Solemnity of Our Lady, we begin the new year. Truly there could not be a better start of the year and all the days of our life, then being very close to Mary. With the confidence of children, we go to her, so that she may help us to live holiness every day of the year.



I hope and pray the Lord will bless you this New Year's Day and every day. May He give you His wisdom, grace and every joy under heaven. May our Blessed Mother, Mary ever virgin always keep you under protective mantle. From myself, Fr. Jose, Fr. Francesco and all of us here at the parish, may you have a blessed and Happy New Year!
Fr. Boniface
Pastor

*Che il nuovo anno
sia per tutti voi un sorriso stupendo
lungo dodici mesi...*

Buon 2024 dalla parrocchia di San Bernardo



ADORATION
of the
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

**This Friday, January 5th,
is the first Friday of the month. We will have
Holy Rosary at 6:30 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Please join us in this evening of Prayer.**



**The St. Bernard community welcomes these new
members during the month of December:**
Kylzer Zane Paculan Ofiaza



Cara Memoria di
Teodoro Calisto

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
St. Bernard Conference**

This year's Christmas Food Drive was successful through the support and generosity of St. Bernard School, St. Bernard Church parishioners and staff, volunteers and members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Thank you to all who contributed to this success and generously donated their time and support. The parish collection for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul brought in was \$3,075.30. This money is used to help individuals and families in need in our parish.

Together we are changing lives. Thank you!



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 during office hours or ask the ushers after the Mass.



**SUNDAY
MISSALETES ON
SALE**

Sunday Missalettes for the New Liturgical year are still available, at a cost of \$ 5.00 each, from the ushers after all Masses.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DEC. 30th TO SUNDAY, JAN. 07th

Sat 30th 5:00 pm Thanksgiving for the Monte Family
Catherine Mc Intyre

Sun 31st 9:00 am **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**
Francesco Conforti
Pietro Patriarca
Mauro Ardizzi
Pia Ardizzi
Iolanda Florio
Nazzareno Tari

10:30 am Nazzareno Tari

12:00 pm PRO POPOLO

VIGIL MASS MARY MOTHER OF GOD

5:00 pm English Mass

Mon 01st **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
9:00 am Italian Mass

10:30 am English Mass

12:00 am English Mass

Tues 02nd 8:00 am Adelia & Rocco Corsi

Wed 03rd 6:30 pm Holy Rosary
7:00 pm The Health of Tam, Coi & Sau Tran

Thurs 04th 8:00 am

Fri 05th 6:30 pm Holy Rosary
7:00 pm

Sat 06th 5:00 pm Luigi & Angelina Sottile
Catherine Mc Intyre
Ferdinando & Melina Marchese
Rosina & Francesco Sottile

Sun 07th 9:00 am Adolorata & Nicola Matricciano
Mauro Ardizzi
Pia Ardizzi
Iolanda Florio
Giuseppe Dominicis
Mario Peccia
Luigi & Tullia Peccia
Berenicia Santangelo
Anna Susanna

10:30 am PRO POPOLO

12:00 pm Maria Grazia Talotta (1 year Death Anniv.)

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