

# 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**



**PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**

In a practical sense, we can say that our Church is a Church of Sacraments. It defines the majority of what we do. In fact, if you are reading this there is a large probability you are just coming back from a sacrament, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. But why are there seven Sacraments? Where in the Bible is Confirmation or Anointing of the Sick? Why ought I go to confess my sins to a priest? Have you ever wondered? For our Lenten retreat we will journey through the Spiritual life of the Sacraments and how they bring us closer to God and His saving grace.

**The retreat will begin at 7:00 pm, on Wed., March 6<sup>th</sup> with Mass and our devotion to our Lady of Perpetual Help. On Thurs., March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** there will be time to bring any questions you may have about the sacraments during our presentation then the Retreat will conclude on March 8<sup>th</sup> this time at 6:30 P.M. with the Stations of the Cross, Mass and Benediction.

For some a retreat and devotions are a regular part of our spiritual life, for some they are an opportunity to walk more intentionally with Our Lord Jesus Christ, regardless Lent provides all of us with a wonderful opportunity to draw closer to our Lord. I hope to see you there!

**100<sup>th</sup> Year of Foundation**

**The Sister Disciples of the Divine Master celebrates their Centennial Anniversary of Foundation on February 10, 2024.**

We render infinite thanks for the wonders, God has drawn in the pages of the book of the life and of the history of the Congregation. In this time of grace, we received a great gift from the Holy See: The Apostolic Penitentiary has issued a decree granting a *Plenary Indulgence* until March 25, 2024. This gift is now shared by the Sisters with the rest of the faithful and friends who will prayerfully visit our Chapel under the usual conditions attainable. In this time of Jubilee, we render pleasing homage to Jesus the Divine Master, the vital centre of our life and mission in the Church.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

*Every Friday from February 16<sup>th</sup> to March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in English.*

*Followed immediately by Mass*

**VIA CRUCIS**

*Durante la quaresima  
ci sara' il pio esercizio della Via Crucis  
ogni venerdi alle ore 6:30 pm*

**“I Beg You Bear With One Another in Love”**

*Ephesians 4: 1-3*

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer & action for peace and justice.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024**

offers us a moment to reflect upon and affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, to share in the community of Christians around the world and to commit to working for social justice.

This year **Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1630 Lawrence Avenue W. is the host Church** where all denominations within our area will come together to pray for peace and unity.

Please mark, **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 pm,** on your calendar and come out to represent our Parish community in this day of prayer.

**Friendly Reminder,**

During Lent we observe a period of penance and simplicity in the Church. While, there are many of you who are generous with us in terms of bringing in flowers to show their devotion. We remind everyone that flowers are not permitted in the Church during Lent.

We will be happy to receive flowers again at Easter.

I understand that this is a delicate matter:

I know everyone likes to practice their singing for the next Sunday's Mass and that we like to sing our favorite hymns at home, however, our hymnals are slowly disappearing and we may not have enough when people come to Church.

If for whatever reason you have a hymnal at home.

Could you please kindly return it.

**Thank you for your understanding in these matters.**



**CONFESSIONS DURING LENT**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>,**  
8:30 – 9:30 AM  
12:00 - 1:00 PM  
7:00 – 8:00 PM



**Support our vulnerable youth through ShareLife**

In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need – especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home.

“Your gift ensures youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to individualized support and variety of programs and services to meet their complex and diverse needs,” says Mark Aston of Covenant House Toronto. “With your caring support, youth have a safe space to turn to and a supportive team to help them plan their own path.”

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



**On Family Day, Monday, February 19th,**  
**we will be following our Civic long weekend schedule.**  
**Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am**  
**There will be no evening Mass**  
**The office will be closed until Tuesday.**  
**We hope you have a wonderful day with your family!**



***Cara Memoria di***  
Antonietta Cugini  
Cristina Marcantonio  
Eileen Joan Annabelle  
Joseph Mucio



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Saturday, February, 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Catherine Mc Intyre  
Angelina Raso (6 year death anniversary)  
Faustino, Juliana & Antonio Mercado

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Mauro Ardizzi  
Pia Ardizzi  
Iolanda Florio  
Melina Chimienti  
Maria Rosa & Vincenzo Umbrello  
Lidia & Vittorio Papasodaro  
Luigi Pasqualone

10:30 am PRO POPOLO

12:00 pm Theresa Bertrand

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> **FAMILY DAY**  
9:00 am

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Elisa Tuppin

7:00 pm Confirmation Class

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm Holy Rosary  
7:00 pm

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 am

7:00 pm Maria Tassone (1 year Memorial Mass)

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm Holy Rosary  
7:00 pm Amelia Filice

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Catherine Mc Intyre  
Maria Mai

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Mauro Ardizzi  
Pia Ardizzi  
Iolanda Florio  
Francesco Conforti

10:30 am

12:00 pm PRO POPOLO

**Weekly Collection**

**Last week, our collection was \$3,524.45**  
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