

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
2nd and 4th Sunday of the month Spanish Mass at 2:00 pm		
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

Daily Masses in Italian:

Tuesday & Thursday at 8:00 am

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Boniface Perri, Pastor
Fr. Jose Johny, 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

Sacraments: Please contact the office for the reception of the Sacraments.

Please Note: Couples must contact the office 1 year in advance to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

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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

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LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL
FROM
MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO,
ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,
May Jesus and Mary be in your hearts.

I wish to follow-up on an initiative we have been contemplating for some time now and which will prove to be spiritually beneficial for our walk of faith and renewal in the Spirit: ***The Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary***. It is truly a grace-filled opportunity in which our Catholic archdiocesan family can gather together, in different ways, through this profound experience of prayer and devotion which is to take place on the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord**, celebrated this year on **April 8, 2024**. As an act of authentic Catholic piety, this present initiative comes at the request of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who on March 22, 2023 invited Catholics to annually renew an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the occasion of the aforementioned solemnity.

The *Directory on Popular Piety and The Liturgy, Principles and Guidelines*, published in 2001 by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments explains, in the following way, the essence of Marian consecration (#204):

“Seen in the light of Christ's words (cf. John 19, 25-27), the act of consecration is a conscious recognition of the singular role of Mary in the Mystery of Christ and of the Church, of the universal and exemplary importance of her witness to the Gospel, of trust in her intercession, and of the efficacy of her patronage, of the many maternal functions she has, since she is a true mother in the order of grace to each and every one of her children.”

As our spiritual mother, Our Lady wants the best for her children. Our consecration to her provides a unique and powerful occasion of grace as we turn to the Blessed Mother and, in faith, ask her to take all of our being and offer it to God the Father, through Christ her Son, in unity with the Holy Spirit. It allows for a new outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord into our lives and our loved ones. Mary is the gift that the Crucified Christ entrusted to his family, the Church, indeed to every disciple down through the ages; and with the consecration, we do what the Beloved Disciple did: we bring her home.

We will be doing the consecration to our Blessed Mother immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass on April 8th.

The traditional practice of the Church from her very early centuries has been to build churches in such a way that the faithful enter the Church facing towards the East. There are a number of historical and theological reasons behind facing east in liturgical prayer. Historically, it is a natural development from the Jewish practice of facing towards Jerusalem and the temple during prayer. Theologically, the East is symbolically where God is. God led the people of Israel East, out of Egypt to the Promised Land where they would worship Him and build His Temple where God would dwell with them. The East is also where the Sun rises and where light comes to the world that is otherwise lifeless and in darkness. The Sun is the symbol for Christ who brings the light of Truth into the world and enables us to escape from the darkness of sin and enter into the true Promised Land which is Heaven where we will enjoy the fullness of life, dwelling with God in a way far greater than the Israelites did and greater than we do now in His Church. For as members of His Church, we do dwell with God in a way that is greater than the Israelites did. God dwelt among the Israelites as formless cloud and fire (Exodus 13:21) He dwells among us bodily as Christ in the Blessed Sacrament in every Church.

Here is a fun fact! Did you know the front of the Church is where the altar is and where Jesus is (in the Tabernacle). The back of the Church is considered where we enter!

Activity: The week, when you get up and see the Sun think about how it symbolizes Christ who brings the light of Truth into the world and enables us to escape from the darkness of sin.

FORMED

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 06th to Sunday, April 14th, 2024

The St. Bernard community welcomes these new members during the month of March:

- Carmenlilia Jewel Torres Cabugawan
- Aishat Eniola Adepoju
- Esohe Maryjane Akenbor
- Daniel Owen Akenbor
- Derrick Nosakhare Akenbor
- Nicole Oghomwen Akenbor
- Stephanie Ivie Akenbor
- Rejoice Ojevwe Jombo Fidelis-Mbah
- Dunamis Ubasinachi Fidelis-Mbah
- Heaven Chidiebube Fidelis-Mbah
- Zenith Akachukwu Fidelis-Mbah
- Lorenzo Claudio Franzini
- Ademide Fawaz Iyaniwura
- Demilade Fuoad Iyaniwura
- Crystal Roxan Rowe
- Jenaiah Kezia Jones
- Jahzeel Jeremiah Jones
- Priscilla Callejos-Solares
- Sisi Bolanle Malade
- Arash Nezafati
- Shadi Shokri
- Artemis Nezafati
- Sophia Nezafati

- Sat 06th 5:00 pm Luigi, Angelina, Rosina & Francesco Sottile
Melina & Ferdinando Marchese
Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Novena
- Sun 07th 9:00 am Mario Peccia & Luigi & Tullia Peccia
Mario & Pia Lapadula
Antonio Sarraino
Giuseppe Dominicis
Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi
Iolanda Florio and Francesco Petrasso
Nicola & Adolorata Matriciano
Domenico & Francesca Servello
Giuseppina Mistretta
Enzo & Georgia Simone
Francesco Spina
- 10:30 am Happy 2nd Birthday M. J. Virtusio
Happy Birthday Carlos Virtusio
Domenico & Francesca Servello
Franco Agostino
Lucia, Phoolo & Jophsep
Doris Bubb
- 12:00 pm PRO POPOLO
- 3:00 pm **Conclusion of Divine Mercy Novena**
- Mon 08th 6:30 pm Holy Rosary
7:00 pm
- Tues 09th 8:00 am Noemia Santos
7:00 pm First Holy Communion (Rehearsal)
- Wed 10th 6:30 pm Holy Rosary
7:00 pm
- Thurs 11th 8:00 am Rolando Nieto
- Fri 12th 6:30 pm Holy Rosary
7:00 pm
- Sat 13th 11:00 am Orazio Simone (1 Month Memorial Mass)
- 5:00 pm Maria The Nguyen (5 Yr Death Anniversary)
Cleotilde Nidar Guevarra and Flora Cabrera
Maria Tavares (1 Yr Death Anniversary)
Daniel Tavares and Priscilla Tavares
Jose & Rosalina Pedra
Mr. & Mrs. Tabares
- Sun 14th 9:00 am Anna Susanna
Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi
Iolanda Florio and Francesco Petrasso
Raimondo & Maria Castellucci
Fiore Molinaro
Joe Di Geso
- 10:30 am PRO POPOLO
- 12:00 pm **First Holy Communion**
Antonio Rui Pereira
Carlos Lopes
Matteo Perri and John Perri

COME AND LISTEN

“Come to me all of you who are weary and overburdened and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

**CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH
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St. Bernard de Clairvaux Parish

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Starting April 9th, 2024 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

(On-site babysitting provided)

Weekly Collection

Last week, our collection was \$5,242.75

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