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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 an 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.



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

This Friday, January 3rd,
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:

Elena Christina Pereira Da Costa
Ariana Candice King-Robinson
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Elora Angelo Stalin

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HELP WANTED!
To make our Finance Council as effective as it can be,
we are looking for one or two trained Accountants
to join our team.
If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Boniface.



Feast of the Holy Family

By Baptism we are God's Holy Family.
 Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation
 as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person.
 If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon
 contact Fr. Matt McCarthy,
 Director of Vocations,
 Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.
 Email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca



I hope and pray the Lord will bless you this New Year. May He give you His wisdom, grace and every joy under heaven. May our Blessed Mother, Mary ever virgin always keep you under her 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 2025
 dalla parrocchia di San Bernardo*



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 28th to Sunday, January 05th

Sat 28 th	5:00 pm	Catherine Mac Intyre
Sun 29 th	9:00 am	Francesco Conforti Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Iolanda Florio Marcello Matricciano Dante Mazzini Nazzareno Tari Ernesto Simone & Enzo Simone
	10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
	12:00 pm	Good Health & God's Protection for Noah Ida Maria & Francesco Rende
Mon 30 th	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving for the Monte Family
Tues 31 st		NEW YEAR'S EVE
	8:00 am	Zita Lena
	5:00 pm	VIGIL - MARY MOTHER OF GOD
Wed 01 st		NEW YEAR'S DAY
	9:00 am	Italian Mass
	10:30 am	English Mass
	12:00 pm	English Mass
Thurs 02 nd	8:00 am	
Fri 03 rd	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass for Villegas Family Angelo & Liberata Apa Rosina Apa
Sat 04 th	5:00 pm	Luigi, Angelina, Rosina & Francesco Sottile Melina & Ferdinando Marchese Catherine Mac Intyre
Sun 05 th	9:00 am	Mario Peccia Adolorata & Nicola Matricciano Fiore Molinaro Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Iolanda Florio
	10:30 am	Nazzareno Tari Francesco Del Rizzo
	12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO

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