

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 English/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.

Formed: Join formed.org for free, to view inspirational and informative Catholic content.

If you are new to Formed, we recommend this week on Formed at watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed.

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



About a month ago an elderly lady who started coming to our parish asked me for a request "Father, I must be getting a little hard of hearing, but I can't hear what you say half the time can you talk a little louder please?" Last week a parishioner who sits in the front pew said he missed some words I said and wondered if he needed to have his hearing checked.

Truth is their hearing is probably just fine. Our Sound system is terrible.

It was not the highest quality to begin with, and the wiring was not done correctly. I know that the decision to go on with this route was made to save money. Sound systems are notoriously and shockingly expensive. But we got what we paid for: We did not pay much, and we did not get much. Worse still our sound system is old and is beginning to fail. Patching it up, which we have tried, is obviously not working to be perfectly honest. It is just going to get much worse to the point that at some point it won't be worth turning on a microphone.

Now I understand the desire to live within our means. I have tried not asking you for money. I know that for some of our parishioners making ends meet is a struggle. I thank those who donate to our parish, and I try to save up the money until we can address an issue. If you ever thought, "Hmm this or that in the parish looks run down, why isn't someone looking after that." It's because I do not want to burden anyone.

However, there is no way we can ever hope to save enough to replace the entire sound system. As I said they are notoriously expensive. But if you are going to spend a lot of money, best to do it right so that we do not have to be disappointed we still can't hear well or have to upgrade it a few years after we put it in.

The finance committee, along with one of the choir directors and myself, have spoken to G.H Grassby & Associates, a leading sound engineering company. They have worked with other churches, concert halls and other large venues. If you ever want to hear their work for yourself, go to St. Philip Neri, our neighboring Parish on Jane St. They just installed a new sound system there. They came in and looked at St. Bernard's Church and our sound system. Replacing it will cost roughly \$100,000 (\$102,281.25 for the sake of transparency)

I'll give you a moment for the sticker shock to hit you. I know I needed a moment.

What this practically means is that we are asking for \$200 per adult. It can be given half now and half in December or January. We can do half of the project at one time, and we will see noticeable improvement and then we can reach our goal of a clear sound in the second phase. (Of course, the more we get the more we can do.)

Not to be forceful but if there are those not committed to this, half measures will result in half measures and that is not fair to all of you who deserve to hear and be able to participate at Mass. I will do my part. I need your help though.

There are renovation envelopes in the back of the Church. You may place your donation inside and put the envelopes into the regular collection. It's never easy to ask for money. (I, actually hate doing it) so if you have read this with an open mind and heart, thank-you.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

First Holy Communion Registration will be held on Tuesday, October 14th, at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Please bring the following:

- 1) The completed registration form with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.
- 2) \$20.00 to cover cost of the book to be used at the Catechesis classes. The book will be given to you at the registration meeting.

For those who do not attend St. Bernard's School or if your child is 7 years old or over and not baptized, but would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession and Holy Communion, please come to the office and pick up a registration form. You must come to this meeting as well, with the completed registration form.



CONFIRMATION 2026

Confirmation Registration will be held on Tuesday, October 7th, at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Please bring the following:

- 1) The completed registration form with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.
- 2) A fee of \$50.00 to cover the cost of materials to be used at the Catechesis classes. Information will be given to you at the registration meeting.

For those who do not attend St. Bernard's School but belong to our parish we are most happy to celebrate the sacrament with you. Please come and pick up a registration form in the office.

If your child is 12 years old or over and not baptized, but would like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation you must attend this meeting.

CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES

The Tuesday and Thursday weekday Masses, moving forward, will be bi-lingual, English and Italian. They will continue to be at 8:00 A.M.

This change takes effect in October.

This change was made in consultation recognizing that the number of Italians speaking parishioners have fallen to an unsustainable number for some time. As our parish continues to change we hope that we can be open to the needs of our community and we hope that more people will avail themselves of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and daily communion, which brings with it many graces for the day.

Please be aware that all Mass intentions asked for on these days will be respected.

Thank you for your openness and understanding in this matter.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul St. Bernard Conference Looking for New Members

Would you like to serve Christ through our neighbors
Who are in need?

Do you want to help and make a difference
in people's lives?

If this is something you would like to do,
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Our neighbors in need deserve all the help we can provide.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul needs you.

Please contact our Parish office at 416-241-6738.



Celebrate Thanksgiving by helping in the fight against hunger

Please bring a non-perishable food item to Church. These donations will then go to the **Good Shepherd Ministries**.

The Good Shepherd Ministries is most in need of:

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 04th to Sunday, October 12th

Sat 04 th	5:00 pm	Luigi, Angelina, Rosina & Francesco Sottile Melina & Ferdinando Marchese Catherine Mac Intyre Teresa Le Thi Diep Francesco & Loreto Cellucci Michael Seraphim
Sun 05 th	9:00 am	Mario Peccia Adolorata & Nicola Matricciano Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi Iolanda Florio Renzo Carniel and Dante Scameroni Maria Serafino & Sergio Gentile Mafalda Ricci Giuseppe Palmieri and Salvatore Spitalieri
	10:30 am	Francesco Del Rizzo William Cheekock (5 year death anniv.) Dina Morra and Alfredo Morra Pietro Toscano Deceased Fellin & Reginato families
	12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO
Mon 06 th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Rosary Caterina Luca Bono (3 year death anniv.) Vincenzo Luca Bono
Tues 07 th	8:00 am	
Wed 08 th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Rosary
Thurs 09 th	8:00 am	Beniamino & Liberata Alonzi Teresa & Assunta Scaini
Fri 10 th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Rosary
Sat 11 th	5:00 pm	Catherine Mac Intyre Theresa Le Thi Diep
Sun 12 th	9:00 am	Angelo Moscone Maria & Raimondo Castellucci Aldo Celebre and Giuseppina Bertucci Iolanda Florio Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi
	10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
	12:00 pm	

Weekly Collection

Last week, our collection was \$3,640.80

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