

# 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:

Tuesday & Thursday at 12:00 pm

### 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

**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](http://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](http://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**

Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services 416-733-8544



## ST. BERNARD FEAST 2026

**SAVE THE DATE  
AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**This year the St. Bernard Feast  
will be celebrated on  
Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 pm  
In Honour of St. Bernard.**

**The Feast celebration will follow.  
Please join us for an evening of  
food, music and community fellowship.  
More information will be shared at the upcoming  
Masses before the feast day.**

Often people see summer as a vacation, as a time to slow down. Now, that may be true for some, but not all. There is still work to go to, duties to look after and kids at home for many. It may be different, but equally busy. I often think that we live in a life that want to fill in every moment of our time. Sometimes we can be assured that we can set our own schedule and nothing terrible will befall us if we do. I remember someone asked my dad once would he like to go somewhere on a Saturday morning. I remember his response, allow me to quote it: "No." And see, the world did not come to an end, and we all grew up just fine.

But as I said there are many things we do have to do and that makes demands on our day. There is nothing new and different in this, people of the past also had these concerns. Even if you were to retreat into a monastery a schedule is waiting for you when you get there. The temptation is to just allow that schedule to dictate your day. St. Therese of Lisieux showed us that in the ordinary event of the day these schedules and duties can be moments for us to communion with God and to grow in holiness. St. Therese teaches us to see everything as part of God's providence. He wants me here right now and He is with me. How do I respond to Christ in my presence? We can make a conscious choice to respond with the virtues and morality, with prayer, public or private, in my offering this moment to Him and doing my tasks for Him primarily. This is the genesis of her little way and its simple, yet profound wisdom can help us to become saints.

Now, I do hope that in the next few months you do have a break from business and routine. Sometimes we think that a vacation is doing nothing. It's nice to slow down but our bliss is not in doing nothing all the time, it's in doing what we like with those we love. And for us as Catholics it means not being tempted to forget our first love is Christ, who also wants us to be with Him. Mass, prayer and devotion are not burdens for us, just as spending time with our family ought not to be a burden for us, it is the joy we long for. As we do not take a break from our terrestrial family, we do not take a break from our heavenly family. In fact, like any true time off, it gives us an opportunity to spend more time with Him. Maybe take moments to read a good spiritual book, pray without rushing or even come to a weekday Mass or to make a special trip to bolsters our faith, such as the Martyrs Shrine in Midland on their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year or even begin to imagine a pilgrimage to Rome or Lourdes, or other shrines if you have never been and it is feasible. Time spent with God is never wasted, it refreshes us, clarifies our thoughts and is a moment of grace. Regardless, of wherever God brings you this summer I pray that it is a moment of peace and joy and I look forward to sharing all the wonderful stories of the next few months with you.

Fr. Boniface

### UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY CALLING ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Graduation marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. As you close your high school books, open your heart to a journey of spiritual growth and community. Join a campus ministry for an opportunity to grow deeper in your faith, form lasting friendships and experience university/college life in a different way.

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**ADORATION  
of the  
BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**

**This Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
is the first Friday of the month.  
Adoration will follow the 7:00 pm Mass.**

**Since this is our last bulletin, please note the  
first Fridays during the summer will be on  
August 7<sup>th</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup>.**



**Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed  
Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services invites families  
and our faith communities to join us for the  
Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed  
on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 7:00 PM.**

Held annually across our cemetery locations, this special Mass offers an opportunity to gather in prayer, remember loved ones who have gone before us, and celebrate the hope and promise of eternal life.

We are honoured to welcome the following celebrants for the 2026 Masses:

- Assumption Cemetery - Most Rev. John Corriveau
- Christ the King Cemetery - Most Rev. Robert Kasun
- Holy Cross Cemetery  
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
- Mount Hope Cemetery - Most Rev. J. Gerard Pettipas
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery - Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri
- Resurrection Cemetery - Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen
- St. Mary's Cemetery Barrie – Msgr. Owen Keenan

**In the event of rain, Mass will be held in:**

- Assumption Cemetery  
Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
- Holy Cross Cemetery  
Holy Family Mausoleum
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery -  
St. Anthony's Mausoleum
- Resurrection Cemetery - The main Mausoleum
- Christ the King – will celebrate Mass in the  
Reception Centre
- Mount Hope Cemetery - at St. Monica's Parish
- St. Mary's Cemetery - at Holy Spirit Parish



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027**

First Holy Communion Registration will be held on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Church. If your child does not attend St. Bernard School, please pick up a Registration form from the parish office before the registration date.



**CONFIRMATION 2027**

Confirmation Registration will be held on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Church. If your child does not attend St. Bernard School, please pick up a Registration form from the parish office before the registration date.



*Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, is Canada Day  
Mass will be at 9:00 am in English, followed by the  
Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.*

*The Parish Office will be closed.  
Have a safe and CANADA DAY!*

**ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS**

**We are in the process  
of updating our files for the  
Volunteer Screening Program.**

If you are a Minister of Communion, Lector, Usher, Musician or any other volunteer position within Parish, and have not already updated your information last weekend, please contact the parish office.



**During the summer we will not be publishing a  
bulletin. We will resume regular weekly  
publication on September 13<sup>th</sup>.  
We wish everyone a Safe and Happy Summer!**

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