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

Schools:

St. Bernard Elementary School:	416-393-5261
Chaminade College School:	416-393-5509

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
Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services 416-733-8544



Earlier this month the Archdiocese of Toronto launched its new pastoral plan. Starting in 2028 it calls for us to look at various areas of concern of the life of the Archdiocese and the lives of the parish. Specifically, it calls for us to look at:
1) Family life at all stages,
2) Social Outreach,
3) Prayer, Spirituality and Sacramental life,
4) Catechesis,
5) Vocations and Charisms and
6) Youth and Young adult ministry.

The pastoral plan uses the image of the wedding of Cana. As you remember, at the wedding banquet they ran out of wine, so Jesus asks the servants to fill up the six stone jars there meant for the ablution's customary at the time, each jar could hold 75-115 liters, and He then transforms the water into wine. We too are asked to bring our efforts to Christ, to work filling up the water to the jars and to be generous, fill them to the brim, after all it wasn't a few cups of water they were asked to pour in but hundreds of liters and as we bring our efforts to Christ, His grace will transform them into an effective and meritorious work for the buildup of His kingdom, so that what is accomplished goes far beyond what we could do on our own, both in the work we can see and in the inner life of ourselves and who we minister to. To be all theological we may say that this moment represents a Kairos, a moment of grace. Profound grace. Those key moments of encounter can make a profound difference.

Now I want to draw your attention to two aspects. First the year 2028 is when we look at the first area or 'jar' why not 2027? Well, this coming year is a time to discern and to listen. St. Bernard is forming a pastoral council who will pray and discern what exactly our goals should be. In an overarching plan and then at each phase. We will need your help. Sometime in the new year we will have a survey. What is working well. What are we lacking and so on. We will talk about that when we get closer to starting.

Secondly, it is **we** who are called to do this, not me. We are all part of the Church. We are called to discern together, and we are called to offer our gifts to build up the Church for the salvation of all.

Can I be honest? If we as a group are reading this and saying "yeah, no I'm not going to do nothing" then that is what we will get, nothing. Let me give you a real example. A few years ago, as I was greeting people after Mass, a lady approached me and said we should have a children's choir, we use to have one apparently, and it was wonderful. Great. Should I conduct the choir? You've heard me sing. Be honest! No, Jesus Himself will run screaming out of the Church. So, I asked her, "would you like to conduct the choir or do you know anyone?" She got quiet. Let me ask you, do we have a choir? Jesus will give according to our gift. If we give little, He indeed will transform it but we still have little. If we are generous, that generosity will go beyond our expectation. But if we give none, we shall be left with nothing, or even worse we will quietly fade for without abiding in Christ we can do nothing. (John 15:5)

What will happen in the next few years? I don't know. But it is a moment of Kairos, a moment of transforming grace and it is a journey that I hope I can take with you.



Today, we celebrate

The Solemnity of Christ the King.

It reminds us that our true home is with Jesus and in the end when he comes again His glorious reign of love will be all and all.
Vivat Cristus Rex!
Long live Christ the King!

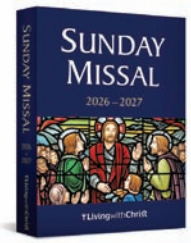


November is the month that the Church traditionally prays for all her deceased brothers and sisters.

We will be having a Memorial Mass on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 pm.
Everyone is invited to remember their loved ones.

Novembre messe dedicato a tutti I Santi e Defunti, Saranno celebrate le sequenti messe:

Martedi, 24 Novembre alle 7:00 pm
Sara' celebrata una messa per ricordare
Tutti I nostri cari defunti.



Sunday Missalettes are still available

for the New Liturgical year at a cost of $5.00 each. These will be available from the parish office during office hours or after all Masses from the ushers.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Our Christmas Potluck last year was a great success. It is always wonderful to see our Parish come together. Since this event has now become an annual tradition here at St. Bernard, we are happy to announce that this year's Potluck will be held at the Parish Hall on **Saturday, December 5th, after the 5:00 pm Mass.** To help us get into the Christmas spirit we will have Christmas Carols with coffee and hot chocolate. What we would ask is for people to bring in a dish from your own culture that reminds you of Christmas. Trying these dishes allows us to grow closer as a parish family as we share food from the same table and of course, we always look forward to some Christmas baking.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

ENSURING FAMILIES WILL HAVE DINNER THIS CHRISTMAS LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

"FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE"

St. Francis of Assisi

A mission that sets St. Vincent de Paul apart from other ministries is that it is home-based; that is, we make visits to the homes of the people in need in our community. During home visits, we offer spiritual support, food and other help as funds permit. During Christmas, we would like to give all families that come to us for help, food vouchers so they can buy a meal that is culturally meaningful to them. But we can't do this alone. We need you.

Please give a generous donation on December 7th, so, we can help as many neighbours as possible. If you wish, you can also donate non-perishable food items by December 12th. Thank you and please keep our members and those being served in your prayers.

Weekly Collection

Last week, our collection was $4,970.30
It takes $5,000.00 to cover weekly expenses.
Thank you to those who continue to support us.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 21st to Sunday, November 29th

Sat 21st	11:00 am	Maio Moser 1 month Memorial Mass
	5:00 pm	Catherine Mac Intyre Elide Buset Franca & Maria Cellucci Bruno & Giuseppina Renda Leonida Pantig Villanueva Teresa Le Thi Diep Rosina, Francesco, Luigi & Angelina Sottile Rosaria, Emilio & Antonio Cosentino Francesco & Valerio Cosentino
Sun 22nd	9:00 am	Iolanda Florio Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi Angelo Moscone Nicolino Scutella Nicola & Maria Francesca Lanaro Onofrio Luigi Papasodaro Maria & Benito Bellissimo
	10:30 am	
	12:00 pm	
	2:00 pm	Spanish Mass
Mon 23rd	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
	7:00 pm	
Tues 24th	12:00 pm	All Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 pm	Annual All Souls Memorial Mass
Wed 25th	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
	7:00 pm	Carlo Corbo
Thurs 26th	12:00 pm	Giovanni Monte
Fri 27th	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
	7:00 pm	Pietro Beltrano
Sat 28th	5:00 pm	Catherine Mac Intyre Mario & Lidia Lucente Stefano & Antonietta Monardo Bruno & Giuseppina Renda Milagros Pantig Taddeo Teresa Le Thi Diep Carmen Di Martino
Sun 29th	9:00 am	Iolanda Florio Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi Angelo Moscone Francesco Conforti Giuseppe & Lucia Castellucci
	10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
	12:00 pm	Melba Roa Cayetuna (2nd death anniv.) Pa Njila Joseph Njofang Margaret

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