

St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church

We are called to proclaim and celebrate the Good News. Evangelizing and supporting for the faith journey of every age at every stage is our commitment.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
April 2, 2023

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WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon—Sat 8:30 AM

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4PM, and 7PM (Neo-catechumenal way – In Grade School)

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM Spanish

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: FRIDAY 6:15 PM—6:45 PM during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sat 3:15—3:45 PM, or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Please call the office to arrange for a meeting with a priest 6 months prior to your wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please call the office to arrange for a meeting with a priest 2 months prior to the Sacrament. Baptism is celebrated every 4th Sunday of the month @ 12 Noon.

ANointing OF THE SICK: : Please call the office to arrange for an anointing.

For new parishioners, registration forms are available at our website & in parish office.



SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Syl Bancert
7:00 pm Steve Lauinger (healing)

PALM SUNDAY, April 2

8:00 am + Fr. Edwin Savundra
10:00 am + Procession:
Steve Lauinger (healing)
12:00 pm (Spanish) + procession & Mass :

MONDAY, April 3

8:30 am Steve Lauinger (healing)

TUESDAY, April 4

8:30 am Steve Lauinger (healing)

WEDNESDAY, April 5

8:30 am Judy & Rick Zech

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6 (Supper of the Lord)

7:00 am + Joseph Soler

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7 **Fast & Abstinence**

7:00 pm Veneration of the Cross

SATURDAY, April 8

8:00 pm Joseph & Theresa Timm

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

8:00 pm For All the Parishoners

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9

8:00 am + Fr. Edward Savundra
10:30 am + Jean Schreier
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Francoise Ferguson

COVERING OF CROSSES

The Church says that from the 5th Sunday of Lent until Good Friday the crosses may be covered in purple. Why do we do this? To remind us of the weeks before the Passion when Christ no longer walked openly among the people, but hid himself. There is a papal chapel where this custom was lived that had the words of the Gospel in Latin inscribed: "*Jesus autem abscondebat se.*" Jesus hid himself. Another reason given is that Christ's divinity was hidden at the time of his suffering and death. The images of the saints can be covered since it would seem improper for the servants to appear when the Master himself is hidden.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Palm Sunday is here with us, we hear today of the suffering servant of Isaiah written many centuries before Jesus Christ came and yet speaking prophetically of him and his passion that we enter today. Even though Jesus Christ was disfigured and broken he knew he would not be put to shame. He came as the true Lamb, led to the slaughter before his shearers and he opened not his mouth. He offered not a word to those who accused him of false charges and he took on the sins of the whole world, yours and mine. This is the true Lamb of God, as his cousin John the Baptist called him. Jesus is the Lamb that saves us from all kinds of death, especially the death of sin, fear and anxiety.

So let us use today and this Holy Week to enter into the passion and death of Jesus Christ once again this year. This is the only thing that can help us to make sense of our life. The Fridays of Lent have hopefully prepared us for this, and even if we did not use Lent well this year it is not too late. He comes to take away all of our sins and bring us to a place of peace and reconciliation. Jesus is not fooled by the waving of the palms; he knows what awaits him in just a few days.

Let us ask the Lord to help us enter into our cross, into the thing in our life that we cannot accept, and there is where we will find life, a life that never ends. Let us not complain and grumble about what faces us today. Ask the Lord to have the grace to accept our situation in life: priest, married, single, divorced, alone. When we see that this is God's will for us we will find joy. The difficulties remain but somehow they no longer matter, when we have Jesus Christ.

Please join us for the Triduum—these three days starting with Holy Thursday, then Good Friday and culminating in the Easter Vigil, which is the mother of all vigils and was meant to last until the break of dawn. Tuesday at 6:30 PM will be a Penance Service which will help us to enter the greatest weekend of the liturgical year. In this Easter we have the chance to relive the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Give this the first place in your Easter plans.

Fr. Doss

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to our prayer list.

Prayer Line: Shirley Collett (651)488-6330;

Judy Cloutier at (651)224-2966

BAPTISMS

"In all truth I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born through water and the Spirit; what is born of flesh is flesh, and what is born of the spirit is spirit."

Next Baptism Class, Thursday Apr 20 @ 6:00pm
Baptism, Sun 23rd at Noon

Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$3222	4,654
Plate	\$1,024	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$132	
Worship & Liturgy	\$303	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$170,005

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

E-Giving or auto-pay from your bank, helps our parish a lot. Please consider giving in this way!

SICK OR "HOMEBOUND"

If you are sick or "homebound" (or know someone who is), and would like to have Communion, please contact the parish office.

REMEMBER ST. BERNARD'S IN YOUR WILL

Do you have a will?

A wonderful way to help our parish and to save taxes is to remember St. Bernard's in your will. There is still plenty of work to be done in our church and also in the other buildings.

CONFESSION

Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30 PM in the Church. Please come and receive the forgiveness of your sins and ready to enter the Holy Triduum.

Holy Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday: The Lord's Supper @ 7 PM (Trilingual)

Good Friday: Veneration of the Cross @ 7 PM (Trilingual)

Easter Vigil (April 8): 8pm (Trilingual)

Easter Sunday (April 9) @ 8 Am, 10:30 AM & 12: 30 PM (Spanish)

STATION OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

12 noon in Karenni

3 PM in Spanish

6 PM in English

Please come and participate to receive graces.

My Family—My Parish—My Responsibility

Did you ever notice that the price of a movie is now over \$15, and milk is almost \$4 a gallon? The price of everything around us has increased, but has your weekly donation to the Church ever increased? Our church heating bill alone is nearly \$5,000 a month and our salaries for our small staff of 3 full-time people & few others is about \$15,000 a month. Those two items alone consume nearly 75% of our collection. Alms are a good way to build up our treasure in heaven.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Thursday, of Holy Week at 10 AM, April 6th. All involved in parish ministries should attend; it is a beautiful celebration where priests renew their vows and the new holy oils are consecrated. It is very worthwhile. The Archbishop Bernard Hebda will preside.

LENTEN ACTS OF KINDNESS

Besides sacrifices, we are called to be more giving during the Lenten Season, and we would appreciate your help!

To prepare for the next mass, before you leave your pew, please; (1) remove any water bottles, tissues, bulletins, etc. and (2) place the blue Gather books into the racks. If you have used or moved the Breaking Bread songbooks or Missalettes from their proper place in the pew, please return them to their designated spots.

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Beautiful Easter flowers fill the sanctuary in the church during this holy season. The flowering plants are donated by the parishioners who contribute an offering in memory of a loved one. If you would like to make such an offering, please fill in the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket, with your contribution.

In memory of: _____

Your name/Telephone Number: _____

Donation: \$10 ____ \$20 ____ \$30 ____ Other ____