

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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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 16, 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 Vern Audette
7:00 pm Steve Lauinger (healing)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 16

8:00 am RoseMary Kassekert
10:30 am Clare Olega
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Timothy Morrissey

MONDAY, April 17

8:30 am + For the Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, April 18

8:30 am + Ken Kitto

WEDNESDAY, April 19

8:30 am + Sam & Nick Thompson

THURSDAY, April 20

8:30 am Thanksgiving &
+ Manuel Loya Borrunda

FRIDAY, April 21

St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am + Al DeDominces

SATURDAY, April 22

8:30 am + Kitto Family

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Irene Charpentier
7:00 pm + For the Souls in Purgatory

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, April 23

8:00 am + Helen Albert
10:30 am + Jean Schreier
12:30 pm (Spanish) Stephanie Pommier

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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia, rejoice because then we too will never die and will rise with him. In the gospel of the doubting Thomas this week we hear once again about the bravery of the

holy women. From early in the morning the women go to the tomb, until very late at night when Jesus comes to comfort his closest friends. At that point he says to them, "Peace be with you!" When he had said this, He showed them his hands and his side. On that occasion, Thomas was not with the other apostles: he was not able to see the Lord or to hear his consoling words.

This is the same apostle who had said on one occasion: "Let us go too and die with him." At the Last Supper he had expressed his ignorance to the Lord in the simplest terms: "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Filled with joy, the apostles would have looked for Thomas throughout Jerusalem on the very same night or the next day. As soon as they found him they would not be able to tell him quickly enough: "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas, like all the others, had been deeply affected by what happened: he would never forget the crucifixion and death of the Master. Thomas does not believe what the others came to tell him.

Thomas thought the Lord was dead. The others assure him that he is alive, that they have seen and heard him, and that they have been with him. That is what we need to do also; it is important for us to be with the Lord during these fifty days of Easter. Then we can announce that Christ is alive and gives meaning to our life. By announcing him we can make him known to others and contribute to building up the Church, as the apostles and early Christians did and we see in the Acts of the Apostles: "And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."

The resurrection is a call to us to show with our lives that Christ lives. The deeds of a Christian should be the fruit and the manifestation of his love for Christ. Let us ask the Lord to make this possible in our lives.

HE IS RISEN INDEED! LLELUIA

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 @ 6:30pm
Baptism, Sun 23rd at Noon

Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION—Holy Week

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$6415	4,654
Plate	\$2033	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$111	
Worship & Liturgy	\$105	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$169,915

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.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

This Sunday, April 16, is Divine Mercy Sunday. St Faustina heard these words from the Lord (Diary 699) "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners... The soul that will go to Confession [within 8 days] and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened..." Pope St. John Paul II established this universal feast in April 2000.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. GEORGE, APRIL 23

Every nation has its own 'Patron Saint' who in times of great peril is called upon to help save the country from its enemies. St David is the patron saint of Wales, St Andrew of Scotland and St Patrick of Ireland – St George being the patron saint of England. But who was St. George, and what did he do to become England's Patron Saint?

Very little is known about St. George's life, but it is thought he was a high ranking officer in the Roman army who was killed in around AD 303. It seems that the Emperor Diocletian had St. George tortured to make him deny his faith in Christ. However despite some of the most terrible torture even for that time, St George showed incredible courage and faith and was finally beheaded near Lydda in Palestine. His head was later taken to Rome where it was interred in the church dedicated to him.

Stories of his strength and courage soon spread throughout Europe. The best-known story about St. George is his fight with a dragon, but it is highly unlikely that he ever fought a dragon, and even more unlikely that he ever visited England, however his name was known there as early as the eighth-century. In the Middle Ages the dragon was commonly used to represent the Devil. Unfortunately the many legends connected with St. George's name are fictitious, and the slaying of the 'Dragon' was first credited to him in the 12th century.

St. George, so the story goes, killed a dragon on the flat topped Dragon Hill in Uffinon, Berkshire, and it is said that no grass grows where the dragon's blood trickled down! It was probably the 12th century Crusaders however who first invoked his name as an aid in battle.

King Edward III made him the Patron Saint of England when he formed an order in St. George's name in 1350, and the cult of the Saint was further advanced by King Henry V, at the battle of Agincourt in northern France. Shakespeare made sure that nobody would forget St. George, and has King Henry V finishing his pre-battle speech with the famous phrase, 'Cry God for Harry, England and St. George!'

An interesting piece of trivia – Shakespeare was born on or around St. George's Day 1564, and if the story is to be believed, died on St. George's Day 1616. An appropriate end perhaps for the man who helped to immortalize the Saint in English tradition.