

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 23, 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 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

MONDAY, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

8:30 am + For the Souls in Purgatory & Jean Carol

TUESDAY, April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

8:30 am + Sheehan Family

WEDNESDAY, April 26

8:30 am Stephanie Pommier

THURSDAY, April 27

8:30 am Ethan Leier

FRIDAY, April 28

St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montford, Priest

8:30 am + Cletus Rein

SATURDAY, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am + Jim & Loraine Gunter

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Richard Gilbert
7:00 pm Stephanie Pommier

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, April 30

8:00 am U La Khae Petru
10:30 am + Jean Schreier
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fredi Garrett

The soul is regenerated in the sacred waters of baptism and thus becomes God's child. --St. Maximilian Kolbe



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is possible as we have been saying to touch the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, to have an experience of it that is very real. And in order for this to happen we need to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He was more than a great man who changed the world and the universe by his rising from the dead. As we continue our new series on Face 2 Face the gospel about the two disciples on their way to Emmaus gives us a wonderful insight into the person of Jesus Christ. It was the first day of the week and these two disciples were conversing on their way home after being in Jerusalem for Passover. They were speaking about a very different Passover that took place and were very downcast. They had high hopes in Jesus and now what was to happen?

Jesus drew near to them but they did not recognize him and he started to walk along with them. That's it; it is very simple to begin a relationship with Christ, no rituals or fancy prayers. You can if you want but there is no need of them. You can speak to him, honestly and casually. He asks them a simple question and it reveals the heaviness of their hearts. This could be the reason why they do not recognize him.

Maybe this also describes you. If someone asks a simple question about your marriage, or job, or your career, your kids, your health, your parents or the relationship that just broke up, you might react with sadness also. He understands disappointment; he knows it better than anyone else after what he just went through. You can speak to him about yours. One of the disciples, Cleopas asked if he was the only person who did not know what happened in those days? And Jesus plays along and says, "What things?" He has a sense of humor; he is playful. He makes people laugh. Luke goes on to describe what happened in the past week. They think the whole story is crazy. Not in their wildest dreams did they think of resurrection or angels telling the women this news.

Jesus says how slow of heart they have been and he proceeds to interpret Moses and the prophets to them. When we are heavy hearted we can become slow of heart also, slow to believe, slow to have faith, slow to see the goodness and grace Jesus has given to us. At times slow to be happy and grateful for the gifts given. Some people even spend their whole lives this way, how sad is that? Jesus stayed with them and their hearts were burning, as ours will be as we grow in our love for him.

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 May 25 @ 6:30pm
Baptism, Sun 28th at Noon

Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,541	4,654
Plate	\$959	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$66	
Worship & Liturgy	\$27	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$169,815

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.

RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS: SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, April 25th there will be a meeting for the First communion parents and candidates of this year 2023 is at 6:30 PM in the Church.

Tuesday, May 2nd there will be a meeting for the confirmation parents and candidates of this year 2023 is at 6:30 PM in the Church.

Please make sure you and your child is present.

SAINT JOSEPH, YOUNG HUSBAND OF MARY

I don't agree with the traditional picture of St. Joseph as an old man, even though it may have been prompted by a desire to emphasize the perpetual virginity of Mary. I see him as a strong, young man, perhaps a few years older than Our Lady, but in the prime of his life and work. -St. Josemaria Escriva.

He is not the only saint who thinks this way. The Catholic Church has no formal, official teaching on the age of St. Joseph. You are free to believe that St. Joseph was an old man when he was espoused to Mary if you want. You are also free to believe that he was a young man. The physical demands that his mission placed on him does make it almost impossible that he be an old man. Also, if you consider the titles that the Church gives St. Joseph in his litany (Guardian of the Redeemer, Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, Model of Workmen, Terror of Demons, etc.) they lean in the direction that St. Joseph was young and strong. As Mother Angelica said, "Old men don't walk to Egypt!" Neither do old men guard anything whose safekeeping requires mobility and strength. None of this implies any fault in older men, of course. There are countless older men who are virtuous, wise and holy. Yet old men are not known for their physical capacity to do the kinds of things that he was required to do for the Holy Family.

Venerable Fulton Sheen writes quite at length about the age of St. Joseph, "When one searches for the reasons why Christian art should have pictured Joseph as aged, we discover that it was in order to safeguard the virginity of Mary. Somehow, the assumption had crept in that senility was a better protector of virginity than adolescence. Art thus unconsciously made Joseph a spouse change and pure by age rather than by virtue. But this is like assuming that the best way to show that a man would never steal is to picture him without hands..."

The Jews also frowned on a disproportionate marriage between an older man and a youth except for marriage with widows. It seems hardly possible that God would have attached a young mother, probably about fourteen, to an old man, if he did not disdain to give his mother to a young man, John, at the foot of the Cross... Joseph was probably a young man, strong, virile, athletic, handsome, chaste and disciplined. Instead of being a man incapable of loving, he must have been on fire with love. Just as we would give little credit to the Blessed Mother if she had taken her vow of virginity after having been an old maid for fifty years, so neither could we give much credit to Joseph who became her spouse because he was advanced in years... How much more beautiful Mary and Joseph became when we see in their lives what might be called the first Divine Romance!"

St. Escriva tells us, "you don't have to wait to be old and lifeless to practice the virtue of chastity. Purity comes from love; and the strength and gaiety of youth are no obstacle for noble love. Joseph had a young heart and a young body when he married Mary, when he learned of the mystery of her divine motherhood, when he lived in her company, respecting the integrity God wished to give the world as one more sign that he had come to share the life of his creatures. Anyone who cannot understand a love like that knows very little of true love and is a complete stranger to the Christian meaning of chastity."