

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 30, 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 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

MONDAY, May 1

St. Joseph the worker

8:30 am + For the souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am + Lucy Soler

WEDNESDAY, May 3

St. Philip & James. Apostles

8:30 am + Cletus Rein

THURSDAY, May 4

8:30 am + Ray Sheehan

FRIDAY, May 5

8:30 am + Peter & Cecilia Lieder

SATURDAY, May 6

8:30 am + Edward J. Gunter & All Souls

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Dennia Kaping

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 7

8:00 am + Dearly Departed
10:30 am + Peter Rice
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fredi Garrett

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Mark your calendar! St. Bernard's Club is hosting a Spaghetti dinner on Saturday, May 20 from 4 to 7 pm in the Parish Center. Look for the flyer in next week's bulletin for more information.



The gospel this week centers on the image of the Good Shepherd who gave his life for his sheep. Years later St. Peter encourages the people in their faith by reminding them of what Christ did for us: by his wounds we have been healed, for you were straying like a sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your soul.

The early Christians had a special affection for the image of the Good Shepherd and have left us many images in the catacombs and on the walls of ancient buildings through murals, etchings, mosaics, and sculptures. The liturgy this week invites us to meditate on this image of mercy and zeal; the good shepherd never tires of looking for us. Many people have been good shepherds for us over the years and we can see in this that God loves us and always provides for us.

Jesus Christ before he leaves asks Peter to shepherd his flock, and he asks him three times, reminding him of his triple denial. He also predicts that Peter will eventually die for his flock, and so Peter's sins do not prevent him from being a shepherd and the same with us. God does not ask us to be perfect but to put him first and to realize the times when we put other things ahead of God, like our jobs and even our families. All Christians are called to put their lives down for the others. And who does this today? Not many people, even among so-called Christians.

We have a special responsibility to pray for our shepherds no matter who they are. This has been easy, or it ought to be easy for us since for the last thirty years the popes have been very exceptional shepherds. In all the masses the name of the pope is always mentioned (and the local bishop). We should also remember them in our prayers throughout the day and offer something for them. Today the world and especially the media do not miss a chance to denigrate the Church and instill fear in us, as we have seen these days. We should be thankful we have a leader who always speaks the truth even when it is not popular; it is a good help to us to do the same. Let us ask God to always provide good shepherds for his church who put people ahead of money and have a concern especially for the lost sheep.

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 June 22 @ 6:30pm
Baptism, Sun 25th at Noon

Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,340	4,654
Plate	\$1,158	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$142	
Worship & Liturgy	\$45	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$169,935

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 PROGRAMME: SAVE THE DATES

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.

HEAVEN

"Jesus told me, 'My heaven would not be complete without you.'" St. Gertrude the Great

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS to the Faithful for the Month of May

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you, my blessing.

First Prayer

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

Second Prayer

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.