

# 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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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

June 4, 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 2months 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 Albert & Louis Baneot

### **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, June 4**

8:00 am + Dearly Departed  
10:30 am + Steve Louinger  
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. Ralph J. Goman

### **MONDAY, June 5**

**St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr**

**19th week in ordinary time**

8:30 am + Ray & Terry Neudauer

### **TUESDAY, June 6**

**St. Norbert, Bishop**

8:30 am Vaughn Wolf

### **WEDNESDAY, June 7**

8:30 am + Jean Schreier

### **THURSDAY, June 8**

8:30 am Joseph & Mary

### **FRIDAY, June 9**

**St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church**

8:30 am Carol Nordstron

### **SATURDAY, June 10**

8:30 am Steve Lauinger (healing)

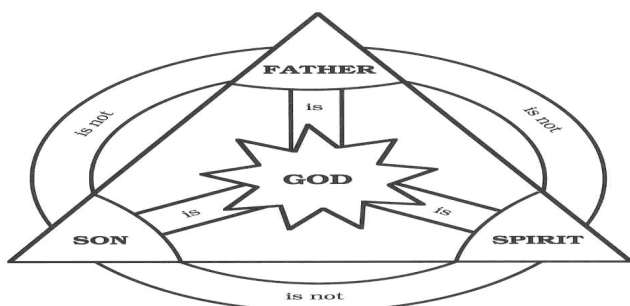
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### **THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**SUNDAY, June 11**

8:00 am Steve Lauinger (healing)  
10:30 am + Fr. Ralph J. Goman  
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Paulraj



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

At the time of the apparitions of Lourdes people were very moved by the way Bernadette Soubirous made the sign of the cross. She took it quite seriously after copying the example of the Virgin Mary. This Sunday we celebrate the central tenet of our faith, that God is three in one: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The sign of the cross would be a good reminder of this mystery rather than doing it mechanically. The original meaning of the sign of the cross was meant to be a renewal of our baptism. It is a repetition of the words that made one a Christian. The Church is inviting us to reflect again on what it means to be a Christian and to have a personal relationship with the Trinity is fundamental.

All the readings this Sunday point to the mercy of God despite our weaknesses. God is the one who takes the initiative with us and sends us his Son so that we would not perish. He does this out of love for us, not to judge us. How we react to the coming of the Son is the judgment we make on ourselves. As one spiritual author says we can offer a person an experience that is meant to bring nothing but joy and bliss and yet that experience can turn out to be a judgment. For example a lover of music might invite his friend to a symphony. The friend knows nothing of music but the music lover wants to introduce him to a great experience. During the symphony concert the friend is a nervous wreck, fidgeting and gazing around the hall, and is extremely bored. This friend has passed a judgment on himself: he has no music in his soul. This new experience for him is a bore. It shows that he has no sense of music.

Another example is the visitor who is being shown certain masterpieces in an art gallery, which are spectacular and beautiful. At the end of the tour the visitor says to the attendant: "Well, I don't think much of your old pictures." The attendant answered quietly: "Sir, I would remind you that these pictures are no longer on trial, but those who look at them are." The man's reaction has shown his own blindness. And the same is true when we are confronted with the love of the Trinity for us. Does it overwhelm us or do we find ourselves always griping about something in our life? Is gratitude something that comes easily to our lips and our actions? Let us reflect a bit on the love of God shown to us every day and may devotion to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be a reality in our lives.

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	\$2,821	4,654
Plate	\$1,093	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$324	
Worship & Liturgy	\$28	
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.

### LOVE

***"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."***

***-St. Teresa of Calcutta***

### RIGHT AND WRONG

***"Right is right if no one's doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it."***

***-St. Augustine***

## THE FAITHFUL WITNESS OF COPTIC CHRISTIANS

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*La Ilaha illa Allah. Al Massih howa Allah.* ("There is no God but God. Christ is God.") The striking adaptation of the traditional Islamic declaration of faith to incorporate an unshakeable belief in Christ was the defiant response of Coptic Christians in Egypt's Minya province as they received the bodies of their dead — 29 men, women and children murdered by Islamic State militants May 26. (Coptics are Egyptian Orthodox Catholics who believe what we believe but not united to the Pope.) The chant made clear that the terrorists would fail to achieve their ultimate goal: the religious cleansing of Egypt's 9 million Coptic Christians from their ancestral lands. Without any sign of fear, the mourners stood united in their faith, inspired by reports that some of the victims had been shot after refusing to deny their Christian beliefs.

Terrorism is designed to sow fear and destabilize the enemy to achieve a political or ideological goal. But the Copts' steadfast refusal to repudiate their religious identity revealed an important truth: A community may not be able to prevent the carnage wrought by extremists, but it can choose how it will respond and how its members will conduct their lives going forward. Indeed, churches and democratic societies are both uniquely qualified to defend human dignity and the rule of law as terror attacks become increasingly commonplace in our broken world. It thus should inspire us to reflect more deeply on the teachings that have guided the Church's response to this modern scourge. "Terrorism threatens, wounds and kills indiscriminately; it is gravely against justice and charity," states the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2297).

In the wake of modern terror attacks, Church leaders have expressed their closeness to victims and their families and explained why such attacks against civilians are intrinsically evil and can never be justified. Pope St. John Paul II's condemnation of the 9/11 attacks on the United States distilled the Church's multifaceted response to the brutality, nihilism, lies and, yes, allure of violent political and ideological extremism. John Paul framed the attack as a "terrible affront to human dignity." The "ways of violence," he said, "will never lead to genuine solutions to humanity's problems." Then he gave voice to the question that continues to haunt our souls, as ISIS militants hunt down Missionaries of Charity and behead infants: "How is it possible to commit acts of such savage cruelty? The human heart has depths from which schemes of unheard-of ferocity sometimes emerge, capable of destroying in a moment the normal daily life of a people."

The Vicar of Christ also offered words of hope: "Even if the forces of darkness appear to prevail, those who believe in God know that evil and death do not have the final say. Christian hope is based on this truth; at this time our prayerful trust draws strength from it." John Paul underscored the need for prayer in the face of grave evil. As he expressed his grief at the devastating loss of innocent life, the Holy Father explained that he had followed the "developing situation with heartfelt prayers to the Lord."