

# 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 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 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 + John Albert  
7:00 pm David Thornton

### **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, August 6**

8:00 am + Ann Buettner  
10:30 am + Ann Rinehart  
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. John M. Siebenaler

### **MONDAY, August 7 (18th week in ordinary time)**

**St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest**

8:30 am + Edward Brown

### **TUESDAY, August 8**

**St. Dominic, Priest**

8:30 am + Helen Brown

### **WEDNESDAY, August 9**

**St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr**

8:30 am + Linda Wavecki

### **THURSDAY, August 10**

**St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**

8:30 am + Richard Kortekaas

### **FRIDAY, August 11**

**St. Clare, Virgin**

8:30 am + Ann Rinehart

### **SATURDAY, August 12**

**St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious, BVM**

8:30 am John & Valerie Whitehead

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm + Lavonne Soler

### **19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, August 13**

8:00 am + Ann Rinehart  
10:30 am + Ann Rinehart  
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. John M. Siebenaler

### **GENEROSITY**

“If you wish to help someone, give secretly and avoid arrogance.”

-St. Ephrem <sup>2</sup>



Dear brothers and sisters,

We celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration today since it falls on a Sunday rather than a weekday this year. We may not be accustomed to these readings and so it a good challenge for us.

Peter's profession of faith usually precedes the gospel of the Transfiguration since Jesus explains that the Son of man must suffer grievously, die and rise after three days. Peter and the apostles cannot fathom the meaning of suffering and most scholars agree that the Transfiguration of Jesus happens at this moment to lift the spirits of Peter, James and John, the inner circle of the twelve.

God the Father confirms the truth of what his Son is saying by telling the apostles to 'listen to him.' He tells us the same. Often in our life it is a natural reaction to think that suffering is a mistake; God must have forgotten me or God is some kind of devil who wants to punish me. As Christians we are invited to see suffering in another way. It is part of God's plan for our salvation, to help us to see our purpose in life. Suffering provides you and me with an opportunity to know how to give ourselves; it provides us with a chance to love as Christ did. To love as a Christian cannot happen without suffering and this is why we need to look at life as a training ground, a school, where little by little we learn how to give of ourselves without complaint.

The ability to suffer a little in silence is not something that our culture holds in high regard; it is just the opposite. Yet how important it is for young people to learn that suffering is part of life, and cannot always be avoided. Look at what it must have cost, in terms of sufferings, Nowadays who would to make such an effort?

It might appear to be helping someone when we look to minimize suffering in their life. I am not saying that we need to impose suffering on others; however, we need to see suffering as a gift from God that will help us to mature into Christians with adult faith. If we cannot suffer the pinpricks of everyday life we are on the way to becoming soft. When a person gives in to every desire he or she loses the ability to say no. Is not this the root of many difficulties in our society today?

Let us ask the Lord to help us to suffer in the little things of each day. For example, getting up on time, going to bed on time, not eating whenever and whatever we want, taking a bit less of what we like and a bit more of what we don't like. The Lord reminds us by his Transfiguration that suffering will bring us to glory and has a purpose. He will make it easy for us to give of ourselves in this way, for we are in training to do something great for him and his Church. 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 August 24 @ 6:30pm**

**Baptism, Sun 27th at Noon**

**Meetings will be held in the parish office.**

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$3042	4,654
Plate	\$927	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$366	
Worship & Liturgy	\$10	
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.

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.valen.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.valen.html).

### SAINT OF THE WEEK: St. Lawrence

St Lawrence is thought to have been born on 26 December AD 225 in Valencia, or less probably, in Huesca, the town from which his parents came in the later region of Aragon that was then part of the Roman province of Hispania Tarraconensis.<sup>[2]</sup> The martyrs St Orentius (Modern Spanish: San Orencio) and St Patientia (Modern Spanish: Santa Paciencia) are traditionally held to have been his parents.

He encountered the future Pope St Sixtus II, who was of Greek origin and one of the most famous and highly esteemed teachers, in Caesaraugusta (today Zaragoza). Eventually, both left Spain for Rome. When Sixtus became the Pope in 257, he ordained St Lawrence as a deacon, and though Lawrence was still young appointed him first among the seven deacons who served in the patriarchal church. He is therefore called "archdeacon of Rome", a position of great trust that included the care of the treasury and riches of the Church and the distribution of alms to the indigent.

St Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, notes that Roman authorities had established a norm according to which all Christians who had been denounced must be executed and their goods confiscated by the Imperial treasury. At the beginning of August 258, the Emperor Valerian issued an edict that all bishops, priests, and deacons should immediately be put to death. Pope St Sixtus II was captured on 6 August 258, at the cemetery of St Callixtus while celebrating the liturgy and executed forthwith. After the death of Sixtus, the prefect of Rome demanded that St Lawrence turn over the riches of the Church. St Ambrose is the earliest source for the narrative that St Lawrence asked for three days to gather the wealth. He worked swiftly to distribute as much Church property to the indigent as possible, so as to prevent its being seized by the prefect. On the third day, at the head of a small delegation, he presented himself to the prefect, and when ordered to deliver the treasures of the Church he presented the indigent, the crippled, the blind, and the suffering, and declared that these were the true treasures of the Church. One account records him declaring to the prefect, "The Church is truly rich, far richer than your emperor." This act of defiance led directly to his martyrdom and can be compared to the parallel Roman tale of the jewels of Cornelia.

On 10 August, St Lawrence, the last of the seven deacons, and therefore, the ranking Church official, suffered a martyr's death.