

# 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.

1160 Woodbridge Street, St. Paul. MN 55117

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 17, 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 + Ann Rinehart

### **24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, September 17**

8:00 am + Richard Kortekaas

10:30 am Bill Hafner

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Souls in Purgatory

### **MONDAY, September 18**

8:30 am + For all the sick

### **TUESDAY, September 19**

**St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr**

8:30 am + For Home bounds

### **WEDNESDAY, September 20**

**Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs**

8:30 am Pat Thompson

### **THURSDAY, September 21**

**St. Mathew, Apostle & Evengelst**

8:30 am + Souls in Purgatory

### **FRIDAY, September 22**

8:30 am For all Parishioners

### **SATURDAY, September 23**

**St. Pius of Pietrecina, Priest**

8:30 am + Richard Garrett

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm + Kathy Ganski

### **25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, September 24**

8:00 am + Richard Kortekaas

10:30 am For All Parishioners

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Caroline Das

### **SINGING**

“And while we sing, remembering to sing is to doubly pray. At once in our hearts and our tongues, we offer double prayer sent heavenward on winged notes to praise God dwelling there.”  
-St. Cecilia



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are enthusiastic about our new series at the Sunday Masses this new academic year. As Pope John Paul II said many times who I am and what am I living for is one of the

fundamental questions of life. This question drives our actions, our relationships and the things that we value. Often many of these values can be very temporary and also do not answer fully the question of who I am. God is the one who tells you who you are. He created you, designed you, made you the first born or the second in the family. He gave you certain parents, brothers and sisters and many other things. And he says something to you that is very simple and very important: you are mine. I called you and chose you for something very great.

This week he gives us a beautiful gospel to show us that a huge part of who we are is the ability to forgive. Last week the gospel encouraged us to go to the other person who hurt you or sinned against you. Give him the benefit of the doubt. Reconcile with him or her. Now we hear the question: how often do I need to do this? What's the answer? Seven times seven is the number of times we need to forgive. What does that mean? Seven is always a perfect number in the Bible so seven times seven means an infinite amount. Yes, I need to forgive my spouse, my kids, my parents always.

Then Jesus gives an example about the kingdom of God and he says that it is like a king who began to settle accounts with his servants. The first servant owed a huge amount, probably millions of dollars in those days. The king after the servant begged for mercy forgave the loan. He does not ask for conditions nor does he hesitate. He forgives the loan and sends him on his way. However, this same servant when he encounters another servant who owes him a very tiny amount, he has no mercy and demands payment immediately and throws him into prison. When the king hears of this he is very angry and hands him over to the torturers. Jesus says the same thing will happen to you and me when we do not forgive our brother from our heart. Jesus uses very strong words in this gospel and calls us to look at this dimension of who we are, and how often I forgive and ask to be forgiven.

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 October 19 @ 6:30pm**

**Baptism, Sun 22nd at Noon**

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

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,918	4,654
Plate	\$1,139	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$23	
Worship & Liturgy	\$38	

**\*\*Please note the audio number for Sept. 10 was incorrect. We apologize for the large typo.**

**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.

**INVITED!!!** Our young people often say that one of the biggest reasons they don't consider the priesthood or Religious Life when they think about the future is that NO ONE EVER INVITED THEM to do so. Do you know any young people who have a healthy sense of self, who spend time volunteering to help others, attend Mass regularly, and have leadership potential? Pray for them and invite them to consider a life of service in the Church. For information, call the parish office 651-488-6733 or speak to Fr. Doss. [fr.raj@churchofstbernard-stp.org](mailto:fr.raj@churchofstbernard-stp.org) (or) 651-558-9301

## Saint of the Week: September 20 Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions

The first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at the age of 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital. Andrew's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Ha-sang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45.

Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. After Columba complained about the indignity, no more women were subjected to it. The two were beheaded. Peter Ryou, a boy of 13, had his flesh so badly torn that he could pull off pieces and throw them at the judges. He was killed by strangulation.

Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death. Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for taking taxes to Beijing annually. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Besides Andrew and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.