

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 4, 2024

Fr. Arokiadoss Raji : Pastor

651-558-9301; frraji@churchofstbernard-stp.org

Fr. Joseph Kureh: Parochial Vicar: 651-236-7730

STAFF:

Ryan Heim.....Parish Administrator,

Patrice Finstad.... Music Director,

612-859-9339

Cantor: Anna Gottwalt 651-802-6948

Spanish Music Director: Emanuel Romero 651-231-1372

Jareli Ramirez..... Secretary

Light house company.Accountant

Finance Council Chairman: Tim Struntz

Trustees: Mike Perfect & Rhonda Pfiffner

Parish Council Chairman: Joe Blageo



Website: www.stbernardstpaul.org

Phone

651-488-6733

Fax

651-489-9203

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 + Rev. Fr. Martin A. Beckman

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, February 4

8:00 am + Barb Lotti

10:30 am + Donald Soler

12:30 pm (Spanish) Stephanie Pommier

MONDAY, February 5

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 am + Lisa Miller

TUESDAY, February 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:30 am + June—Qua Lin

WEDNESDAY, February 7

St. Colette

8:30 am + Poor Souls

THURSDAY, February 8

St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

8:30 am + Poor Souls

FRIDAY, February 9

St. Apollonia

8:30 am + Poor Souls

SATURDAY, February 10

St. Scholastica

8:30 am + Poor Souls

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Rev. Fr. Martin A. Beckman

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, February 11

8:00 am Nathan Rinehart &
All serving in the military

10:30 am + Poor Souls

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Domingo Romero &
Natalia Flores

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.



I would like to continue this week about our buildings and grounds issues so that whoever missed this last week may make use of this week to keep yourselves up to date.

As you may be aware, members of the St Bernard's parish, including Parish staff, members of the finance committee, pastoral council and the archdiocese have been working together to address the growing needs of the St Bernard's campus.

The work is still relatively in the early stages and has mainly been gathering information up to this point. Mostly related to the campus needs including repairs to the various buildings, some of which are the parish center, the two gymnasiums, the two school buildings and church.

More information will be shared as more data is known, options are reviewed/assessed, and decisions are made. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out if any specific questions or feedback. Let us pray for this cause that the good Lord may help us to keep our traditions and worships always as we are the sign of the gospel to our neighborhoods.

We hear today that Jesus entered the house of Peter and Andrew and Peter's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. Jesus touched her hand and helped her up and the fever left her. And then Mark tells us that she immediately waited on them. This happens very often in the gospels and is the central point I want to make today: Jesus heals those who are sick. He healed all kinds of people. This is what he does.

In order for Jesus to heal me I have to be honest with myself and with him. I need to want and seek healing. It is not easy to speak about this type of pain and we can easily lie to ourselves and think it was not wrong, or I was drunk, or everyone is doing it, etc. You said it did not matter, but it did. You said that nobody was hurt, but they were. Any serious sin causes a wound to the person and when you don't deal with those wounds, they are not healed.

The one thing we cannot forget is that there is a way forward. This is the story of salvation and the Bible. God does a work of salvation and restoration. Our past does not define our future. And God has a way forward for all of us and it is a way of faith in 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 February 22nd @ 6:30pm

Baptism, Sun 25th at 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM Mas Meetings will be held in the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$6621	-
Plate	\$1045	-
Church Audio & Lighting	\$206	
Worship & Liturgy	\$6	
Building Repair Fund Balance:	\$51,000	

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.

WHY ST. JOSEPH IS CALLED THE "TERROR OF DEMONS"

Missionaries, exorcists and satanists all attest to the power of St. Joseph's intercession against demonic foes. When reciting the Litany of St. Joseph, many are surprised to see an invocation that states, "St. Joseph, Terror of Demons, pray for us."

St. Joseph's intercession against demons is not well-documented, but has been largely proven by experience. For example, in the early 20th-century book *Go to Joseph, Our Unfailing Protector*, the author gives a brief summary of how missionaries invoked his intercession to drive out demonic influences.

Sacred writers agree in saying that the intercession of St. Joseph is an efficacious means of overthrowing the tyranny of Satan and propagating the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Indeed this fact is borne out by numerous evidences a result of which is that the holy Patriarch has come to be invoked by Holy Church with the title terror of demons. Missionaries in [pagan] countries are unanimous in acknowledging the help they have derived from St. Joseph to that effect.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: FEB 8TH

St. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Her kidnappers gave her the name *Bakhita*, meaning "fortunate." Her life in captivity wasn't quite so. Born in Darfur in 1869, Josephine Bakhita was taken by Arab slave traders when she was 9. Forced to walk 600 miles to southern Sudan, she was bought and sold before arriving in El Obeid. But of all the indignities Josephine faced as a slave—far too many to mention here—one in particular stands out.

Through a combination of branding and tattooing, Josephine suffered the traditional Sudanese practice where a pattern was cut into her skin with a razor. To ensure scarification, salt was poured into the open wounds. When it was finished, 140 intricate patterns were carved into her breast, torso, and arm. She also faced countless beatings and lashings from a revolving door of owners as well as a forced conversion to Islam.

Left by her owner in the custody of the Daughters of Charity in Venice in 1888, Josephine finally found refuge. Baptized in 1890, she took her final vows in 1896, and spent the rest of her life in Vicenza as a doorkeeper and cook. She died in 1947. Beatified in 1992, she was canonized by Pope John Paul II eight years later.

Forgiveness- Josephine endured unimaginable hardships in her life, but she showed mercy. "If I were to meet the slave traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me," she once said, "I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and religious today. The Lord has loved me so much. We must love everyone." In the face of inhuman trials, she only saw the face of Christ.

Faith- In her years as a doorkeeper, Josephine exuded unshakable grace. The people of Vicenza warmed to her quickly, calling her "black mother." Though she carried the physical and psychological scarring of her years as a Sudanese slave, she never lost her faith. "O Lord," she once said, "if I could fly to my people and tell them of your goodness at the top of my voice, oh how many souls would be won!" After she died, it was written that her mind was always fixed on God, while her heart was still in Africa. Josephine showed what can be overcome when we hold to our faith.