

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 OF LENT
March 17, 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

Lighthouse (LSS)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 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 Cliff Charpentier

5th SUNDAY OF LENT, March 17

8:00 am + Fr. Walter L. Schacki
 10:30 am + Fr. Robert M. Schwartz
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. Robert M. Schwartz

MONDAY, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30 am + Dominic Nguyen

TUESDAY, March 19

St. Joseph, foster father of our Lord

8:30 am + Dominic Nguyen

WEDNESDAY, March 20

St. Cuthbert

8:30 am + Dominic Nguyen

THURSDAY, March 21

St. Enda of Aran

8:30 am + Dominic Nguyen

FRIDAY, March 22 (Abstinence)

St. Nicholas Owen

8:30 am + Dominic Nguyen

SATURDAY, March 23

St. Turibus of Mogrovejo

8:30 am + Dominic Nguyen

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + James "Yogi" Smith

PALM SUNDAY, March 24

8:00 am + Souls in purgatory
 9:45 am Procession with Palms
 + Jason Morrissey
 12:00 pm (Spanish) Procession with Palms
 + Mario Priego Solis

CONFESSION FOR THE PARISH

Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30 PM in the Church.

Please come and receive the forgiveness of your sins
 and ready to enter the Holy Triduum.

Holy Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday: The Lord's Supper @ 7 PM (Trilingual)

Good Friday: Veneration of the Cross @ 7 PM (Trilingual)

Easter Vigil (March 30): 8pm (Trilingual)

Easter Sunday (March 31) @ 8 Am, 10:30 AM & 12: 30 PM
 (Spanish)



Dear brothers and sisters,

In Lent we have been speaking about various needs that we have as creatures "Needy." We have a need for God that can easily be covered over. We also have a need for work, even if we are independently wealthy, and the need for rest on the

Sabbath day. Often we shortchange ourselves on these needs and this can lead us into looking for illegitimate ways to fulfill these needs. Last week we considered the need for healing because of past hurts and wounds usually from our childhood, and we don't know how to process those wounds. Bringing them to the light is perhaps the most effective way to deal with them. This can be in a conversation with a priest or a friend, or in the Sacrament of Penance or with a counselor who is trained to help us. Prayer is also a very important means to heal our sins or the sins of others.

This week we will speak about another kind of need that may sound a bit contradictory. Jesus is speaking about his upcoming passion and death, which starts next week on Palm Sunday. And he says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains, just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:23)." It is a paradox that we hear often in the Bible, and yet quite true in all aspects of life. To lose weight we have to die to our love of sweets and French fries. To get out of debt we have to die to our desire to spend and get new things. To get in better shape we have to die to our desire to be comfortable. A certain kind of death is required to bring something else to life.

Hopefully in this time of Lent you have died to some comforts of food, money, sleep and through this have seen the face of God more clearly in your life. Perhaps the things God is inviting you to go without are not wrong but you know in your heart that it is not a good use of your time. You know you spend too much time watching sports or TV or playing video games or texting. Think of the host of little things that you should die to... gossiping, complaining, profanity, angry outbursts, looking at bad stuff on the internet, drinking or eating too much or eating too much of the wrong things. Often these things keep us from doing better things that would deepen our faith, or help us to be a better parent or prevent us from being healthier, or keep us from serving here in church in a ministry.

We all need to die to something that will lead us to new life. Hopefully you are on the verge of taking this step. And you are in good company. Jesus also prayed that his Father would save him from this hour of suffering and death. When we die to sin and selfishness our old self is dying so that the new man or woman can come to life. Don't be afraid to take the next step.

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 April 25th @
6:30pm**

**Baptism, Sun 28th 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	\$3992	—
Plate	\$925	—
Church Audio & Lighting	\$90	
Worship & Liturgy	\$57	
Building Repair Fund Balance:	\$53,000	

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.

COVERING OF CROSSES

The Church says that from the 5th Sunday of Lent until Good Friday the crosses may be covered in purple. Why do we do this? To remind us of the weeks before the Passion when Christ no longer walked openly among the people, but hid himself. There is a papal chapel where this custom was lived that had the words of the Gospel in Latin inscribed: "*Jesus autem abscondebat se.*" Jesus hid himself. Another reason given is that Christ's divinity was hidden at the time of his suffering and death.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Thursday, of Holy Week at 10 AM, March 28th. it is a beautiful celebration where priests renew their vows and the new holy oils are consecrated. It is very worthwhile. The Archbishop Bernard Hebda will preside.

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

THANK YOU

On March 9/10, we collected \$930.33 for our Global Solidarity Sunday collection. Your brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and all those who receive much needed assistance through Catholic Relief Services thank you for your support and generosity.

25th Annual "Living Stations of the Cross":

The "Servants of the Cross" group will re-enact the Passion of Jesus Christ at three locations of Good Friday, March 29th: 12:00pm at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Maplewood (1725 Kennard St.), 3:00 pm at St. Jude of the Lake-Mahtomedi (700 Mahtomedi Ave.), and 7:00pm at Church of St. Peter (2600 N. Margaret St.). For more info or to view our YouTube presentation for those homebound or unable to attend, go to <http://www.servantsofthecrossmn.com>
Free Will offering welcomed.

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday April 7, 2024



DIVINE MERCY SERVICE 2:00 TO 3:30 PM

Please attend to. . .

- ♦ Beautifully complete your Easter week.
- ♦ Bring friends and family who need to hear of God's infinite mercy.
- ♦ Be inspired by the words of St. Faustina as set to exquisite music.
- ♦ Gain forgiveness for your sins in confession.
- ♦ Be granted a complete pardon for temporal effects of all prior sins.

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.