

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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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION March 31, 2024

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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.

ANOIDNTING 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 EASTER VIGIL MASS

8:00 pm + People of the parish

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

8:00 am + Dominic Nguyen
 10:30 am + Dominic Nguyen
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Carlota Romero Flores

MONDAY, April 1 (Octave of Easter)

8:30 am + The Gunter Family

TUESDAY, April 2

8:30 am + Dominic Nguyen

WEDNESDAY, April 3

8:30 am + Joseph Soler

THURSDAY, April 4

8:30 am + Dominic Nguyen

FRIDAY, April 5

8:30 am + Dominic Nguyen

SATURDAY, April 6

8:30 am + Edward J. Gunter & All Souls

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Dominic Nguyen

DIVINE MERCYSUNDAY, April 7

8:00 am + Judy & Rick Zech
 10:30 am + Paul Platzer
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Jean Schreier

WE REMEMBER YOU

*We remember you, O risen Lord,
 firstborn of the dead. Your resurrection destroys the
 power of death and changes tears of agony into cries of
 joy. Blessed are you!*

Get to know the
Risen Christ



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

**Happy Easter! Christ is Risen,
 Alleluia! He is Truly Risen! Alleluia!**

Welcome those who are here for the first time. We hope this will be an uplifting and enlightening experience for you. God always comes to show us a better way, and he does this especially on Easter Sunday. He helps us to see the possibilities of who we can become. Jesus had the greatest vision of any leader who ever lived. He changed the way his twelve apostles looked at life and he can do the same for all of us.

It looked very much like a failure the days before his resurrection and those men were terrified. It took the apostles a long time to also believe that Jesus was not a ghost and to have the courage to speak. The same doubts can also affect us. Maybe even now you have a hard time believing all of this and you remain skeptical. Well, get in line because Peter and the others are ahead of you.

But after many encounters with Jesus: they eat with him, fish with him, cook with him, and slowly they come to believe. Think about it, Jesus rises from the dead, defeats death and forever changes history. And what's the first thing he does? He hangs out with his friends. He forgives them, spends time with them, and encourages them. He knows the stuff of what they are made, for good or for evil. Because of their belief in him they will change the world.

Jesus is the one who always moves the stones that we find impossible to move. The women ask, "Who will roll away the stone for us?" Don't we always ask the same type of question? Who will help me in my difficulties this year as I get older, with this problem I have with my kids or my parents? Who will help me? We have an answer today.

So get to know him; it is easy enough. You can start by speaking to him and making some space in your life for him. No matter who you are and what kind of problem is in front of you God has a vision for your life that will make you thrive. Maybe it is about overcoming a fear or an addiction or a problem in your marriage. So spend some quiet time with him and sense that you are not alone. Make this Easter a different one for you; he wants to enter a relationship personally with you that changes everything.

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	-	—
Plate	-	—
Church Audio & Lighting	-	
Worship & Liturgy	-	
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!

****EARLY PUBLISHING DATE FOR EASTER****

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.

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. FAUSTINA

St. Faustina's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy (celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter), the divine mercy chaplet and the divine mercy prayer recited each day at 3 p.m. by many people.

Born in what is now west-central Poland (part of Germany before World War I), Helena Kowalska was the third of ten children. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities before joining the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses.

In addition to carrying out her work faithfully, generously serving the needs of the sisters and the local people, she also had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors.

At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize his mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. “I do not want to punish aching mankind,” he once told St. Faustina, “but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart” (*Diary* 1588). The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death (John 19:34)

Because Sister Maria Faustina knew that the revelations she had already received did not constitute holiness itself, she wrote in her diary: “Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God” (*Diary* 1107).

Sister Maria Faustina died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993 and canonized her seven years later.