

# 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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## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY December 29, 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 @ 10 AM & 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 + Fred & Josephine Troye

### **Feast of the Holy Family, December 29**

8:00 am Herb Kitto &  
10:30 am Platzer Family  
12:30 pm (Spanish) Wayne Dains

### **MONDAY, December 30**

#### **St. Felix I**

8:30 am + Sagayamary & Jeraldrani

### **TUESDAY, December 31**

#### **St. Sylester I**

4:00 pm Andrew Pumphrey

### **WEDNESDAY, January 1**

#### **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**

10:30 am + Fr. Chung

### **THURSDAY, January 2**

#### **St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen**

8:30 am + Fr. Tim Con

### **FRIDAY, January 3**

#### **Most Holy Name of Jesus**

8:30 am + Fr. Van

### **SATURDAY, January 4**

#### **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:30 am + Edward J. Gunter & his family

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm Marion Kneissel

### **Epiphany of the Lord, January 5**

8:00 am + Fr. Stephen J. Adrian  
10:30 am People of the parish  
12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. Stephen J. Adrian

### **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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. It gives us a moment to reflect on the importance of our own family and the health of all families in our culture today. It is the decline of the family that gives rise to violence, destruction and poverty.

The Book of Sirach reminds us of our responsibilities to our parents and the graces it brings us when we care for them: "Whoever honors his father atones for sins...when he prays he is heard...whoever reveres his father will live a long life...kindness to a father or mother will not be forgotten." These words of wisdom are good for us to hear as more and more of the elderly are placed away from their family, which at times cannot be avoided.

God sets a father in honor over his children and he confirms a mother's authority over her sons. This truth is often not seen today. Parents are at times absorbed with jobs and responsibilities outside the home. The task of educating and forming their children in the faith can easily be missed. Often the home is focused on the children not the married couple, and this creates confusion. Parents need to set a good example for their kids, which does not mean perfection, but that they put God and others before themselves.

Jesus advances "in wisdom and age and grace before God and man." He does so because of the example of his parents. He saw how they worked, maintained a home, prayed, kept holy the Sabbath, asked for forgiveness from one another... All of these events in the life of Jesus helped him to develop as a man. The holy family is a great example for us. Let us meditate on Jesus, Mary and Joseph often to see what God might be asking of us.

Maybe you need to reduce your hours of work, or to spend time with one particular child, who is going through a tough time, or to reconcile with someone that you have not spoken to in a long time. God will always help us to make the right decisions for the long term good of the family, and help us to put careers in the second place. God sees our particular situation and will provide for us. Let us humbly ask God for the graces we need to do what is best for our families and for others. Fr. Doss

### SICK OR “HOMEBOUND”

If you are sick or “homebound” (or know someone who is), and would like to receive any Sacrament, please contact 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

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	N/A	—
Plate	N/A	—
Church Audio & Lighting	N/A	
Worship & Liturgy	N/A	
Building Repair Fund Balance:		\$54,500

#### 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!

### CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION 2024

As you consider your year-end charitable contributions, we hope that Saint Bernard will be at the top of your list. Your contributions directly support the various ministries and liturgical life at our parish.

A reminder that all 2024 contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2024, received in the collection on December 31st or received at the parish office prior to December 30, 2024. Any donations post-marked or received January 1, 2025, or thereafter will be considered 2025 donations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

Tuesday, December 31st, New Year’s Eve:  
**4 PM in English**

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

**New year’s Day: 10:30 AM in English**

Broken things are precious. We eat broken bread because we share in the depth of our Lord and His broken life. Broken flowers give perfume. Broken incense is used in adoration. A broken ship saved Paul and many other passengers on their way to Rome. Sometimes the only way the good Lord can get into some hearts is to break them.

-Fulton Sheen



### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, JANUARY 1

Mary’s divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents

to God’s invitation conveyed by the angel. Elizabeth proclaims: “Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the *fruit of your womb*. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” Mary’s role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God’s redemptive plan.

Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that “God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law.” Paul’s further statement that “God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out ‘Abba, Father!’” helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Some theologians also insist that Mary’s motherhood of Jesus is an important element in God’s creative plan. God’s “first” thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was “first” in God’s mind, Mary was “second” insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother.

The precise title “Mother of God” goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form *Theotokos*—God-bearer—it became the touchstone of the Church’s teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the holy virgin *Theotokos*. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: “Praised be the *Theotokos*!” The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary’s role in the Church, Vatican II’s *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* calls Mary “Mother of God” 12 times.

Other themes come together at today’s celebration. It is the Octave of Christmas: Our remembrance of Mary’s divine motherhood injects a further note of Christmas joy. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to her children—who are also God’s children.