

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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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 12, 2025

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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 + Larry & Mary Jo Kitto

SUNDAY, January 12, The Baptism of the Lord,

8:00 am + Souls in purgatory

10:30 am People of the parish

12:30 pm (Spanish) Alfredo Ramirez (B'day)

MONDAY, January 13

St. Hilary of Poitiers

8:30 am + Paulraj

TUESDAY, January 14

St. Felix of Nola

8:30 am + Caroline Das

WEDNESDAY, January 15

St. Arnold Janssen

8:30 am + Anthony Simon

THURSDAY, January 16

St. Bernard & Companions

8:30 am + Philomena

FRIDAY, January 17

St. Anthony

8:30 am + Santa Mary

SATURDAY, January 18

St. Prisca

8:30 am + George Soler

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Freddy Garrett

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time , January 19

8:00 am + Sagayamary

10:30 am + Jeraldrani

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Richard Garrett

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.



Brothers and sisters,

Today we see the humility of Jesus in lowering himself to be baptized by John. This is part of the Epiphany, of the manifestation of the Lord to the world. How often do we not respond to God's approaches and today we see a different spirit in John and Jesus. It is a good paradigm of Christian obedience. How vulnerable Jesus makes himself for us by allowing his feet to be dried by Mary Magdalene, to be kissed by Judas, to be nursed by his mother, to be baptized by John. He seems to say to John and to us, come let us do this together.

The words of the Father when Jesus came up immediately from the water after his baptism are consoling: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." He says the same to all of us, despite our mistakes and sins. When we believe in Christ the heavens are opened and the Spirit of God descends like a dove upon us.

The Lord desired to be baptized, says St. Augustine, so that he might freely proclaim through his humility what for us was a necessity. By his baptism Jesus left for us the sacrament of Baptism, directly instituted by Christ with what would be further developed over time and offered to the whole world. The Lord would say at the end of the gospel, "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Today many Christians have not received much instruction after their Baptism or the other sacraments, or many today have not been baptized at all. What a pity. Let us not take our Baptism for granted and look for ways to actualize it in our parish so that the Trinity can descend upon us as well. We can use help at all the Masses as lectors, ushers, communion ministers and other ministries if God is whispering to you to get more involved.

The season of Christmas ends today. Let us give thanks for the great gift we have received in our Baptism, and in our parish, and for the Three Kings and their donkeys who came last week. The manger will stay up till the end of the month and be taken down around the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. You could do the same in your own homes to keep alive this spirit of Christmas in our homes and our hearts.

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	\$5091	\$4,040
Plate	\$1,048	\$960
Church Audio & Lighting	\$283	
Worship & Liturgy	\$245	
Building Repair Fund Balance:	\$58,000	

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!

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.

A Message from Pope Francis:

Words of Challenge and Hope Mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel. How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God. May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the kingdom of God is already present in our midst. Nothing in the Church's preaching or witness should be lacking in mercy. (From *Misericordiae Vultus, The Face of Mercy*, 2016)

A Little Humor... When you consider Christmas, there are four stages in your life:- 1) You believe in Santa. 2) You don't believe in Santa. 3) You are Santa. 4) You look like Santa.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: YOUR BAPTISM DAY

Share with each of your children the story of their baptism day to celebrate their new life in Christ and embrace their relationship with God as their Father and Creator.

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin. Dear God, thank you for the gift of _____ being part of your family through his/her baptism. We are thankful for your parental love. We ask that you bless _____ and all of us today as we remember and celebrate his/her baptism. Amen.
2. Plan a special meal and/or a special dessert. Light their baptism candle, or another blessed candle, to use as a centerpiece.
3. Gather around the table for dinner and share the story of the child's baptism day:
 - o What was the date? How old was the child?
 - o Who are the godparents, and why were they chosen?
 - o What did the child wear?
 - o What church? Who was the presiding minister?
 - o Did the child cry? Laugh?
 - o What was the child's reaction to having water poured on their head?
 - o Who attended the ceremony, family and friends?
 - o Was there a party or reception?
 - o Share any mementos from the day (photos, cards, etc.).
4. Say the following prayer before blowing out the candle. Dear God, thank you for this celebration of _____'s baptism. Please continue to shower _____ with your love and grace to help him/her grow in holiness every day. Amen.

Variation: Consider making this an annual event on the anniversary of each family member's baptism.

