

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 19, 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 2months 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 + Freddy Garrett

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time , January 19

8:00 am + Sagayamary

10:30 am + Jeraldrani

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Richard Garrett

MONDAY, January 20

St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

8:30 am + Barbara Dain &
Beverly Olriksen

TUESDAY, January 21

St. Agnes

8:30 am + Kathleen Letz

WEDNESDAY, January 22

St. Vincent Pallotti

8:30 am + Francis

THURSDAY, January 23

St. Emerenziana

8:30 am + Unborn children

FRIDAY, January 24

St. Francis de Sales

8:30 am + Souls in purgatory

SATURDAY, January 25

The conversion of St. Paul

8:30 am For all the sick & homebound

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm People of the parish

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time , January 26

8:00 am Melissa Smith

10:30 am + Micheal Satler

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Tristan Morrissey

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,

The Wedding Feast of Cana, Jesus' first miracle, is part of the Epiphany, of the manifestation of Jesus Christ and his power to the whole world. It takes place at a wedding and Mary was probably involved in the preparation of all that was needed. The feast began and either through a lack of foresight or some other reason, the wine ran out. Weddings would last a week during this time and to run out of wine was a huge disgrace for the couple. Mary sees that there is a problem and she goes to her son who seems put off by this request. Jesus says to her, it is not my hour, and knows that due to this miracle his life will change forever.

Mary starts off Jesus' ministry with this request and she goes to the servants and tells them: "Do whatever he tells you." He tells the servants to fill the large stone water jars with water and they fill them to the brim. Jesus does this sign, this miracle, and changes the water into wine. It is unusual miracle since the water in these jars is used for washing.

The miracle shows us that God is gracious, and magnanimous. That life with God is full of surprises. This couple goes from nothing to abundance and a very serious problem is solved. This couple has a problem and Mary knows about it and she doesn't ignore them; she gets involved. Maybe in some way the wine is gone from your marriage or from your job or family life and God notices this, and through the Church he comes to help you. You may not even be aware of it at this point in your life. So continue coming and listening to God's Word and he will enlighten you, perhaps when you least expect it.

Mary represents the Church and through her she help you in a way that no one else can. When you see that wine is lacking in your life, come to the church. Come on a Saturday or Sunday, but also to get involved in some deeper way. There will be more opportunities in the coming months, and I invite you to be attentive to them.

Let us turn to Mary, and to the Church, when an issue arises in life. There always seems to be something that is not right.

Don't be afraid to bring others to see our magnificent church, and in this way you can do a great deal of good!

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	\$2,525	\$4060
Plate	\$730	\$940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$58	
Worship & Liturgy	\$50	
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.

THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

Christianity, unlike any other religion in the world, begins with catastrophe and defeat. Sunshine religions and psychological inspirations collapse in calamity and wither in adversity. But the life of the founder of Christianity, having begun with the Cross, ends with the empty tomb and victory.

The world would hate His followers, not because of evil in their lives, but precisely because of the absence of evil or rather their goodness. Goodness does not cause hatred, but it gives occasion for hatred to manifest itself. The holier and purer a life, the more it would attract malignity and hate. Mediocrity alone survives.

1980 APPROVED MARIAN APPARITION ECHOES FATIMA

The year is 1980. The town is Cuapa, near the middle of Nicaragua. The date is April 15. While carrying out his work as a simple church sacristan in what was called the “old chapel,” Bernardo Martinez sees a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary producing a supernatural light — heaven’s way to announce he would soon see the Blessed Mother.

He would later recount for his bishop this beginning and everything to follow. There was no natural explanation because “the light came from her,” he would write. “That was a great mystery for me, with the light that came from her one could walk without tripping. And it was nighttime.” In May — the same month as Our Lady first appeared at Fatima — she appeared to Bernardo. Like at Fatima, she would appear other times, the last visit being in October.

Bernardo described how after a lightening flash, there appeared a pure white cloud on which stood Our Lady. “The dress was long and white. She had a celestial cord around the waist. Long sleeves. Covering her was a veil of a pale cream color with gold embroidery along the edge. Her hands were held together over her breast. It looked like the statue of the Virgin of Fatima. I was immobile. I had no inclination to run to yell. I felt no fear. I was surprised.”

He described how “she extended her arms — like the Miraculous Medal which I never had seen, but which later was shown to me. She extended her arms and from her hands emanated rays of light stronger than the sun.” Similarly, in Our Lady’s first apparition in May at Fatima, Lucia described how Our Lady opened her hands and the children “were bathed in a heavenly light that appeared to come directly from her hands. The light’s reality cut into our hearts and our souls, and we knew somehow that this light was God, and we could see ourselves embraced in it.”

At Cuapa, it seemed Our Lady was echoing Fatima in the same way. Bernardo asked her name. “She answered me with the sweetest voice I have ever heard in any woman, not even in persons who speak softly. She answered me and said that her name is Mary... She told me with the same sweetness: **I come from heaven. I am the Mother of Jesus. I want the Rosary to be prayed every day... I want it to be prayed permanently, within the family... including the children old enough to understand... to be prayed at a set hour when there are no problems with the work in the home.**