

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 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 + Caroline Das

First Sunday of Lent , March 9

8:00 am + Santa Mary

10:30 am + Philomena

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Francis

MONDAY, March 10

St. John Ogilvie

8:30 am + Warren Rinehart

TUESDAY, March 11

St. Constantine

8:30 am + Una Gillespie &

+ Ann Rinehart

WEDNESDAY, March 12

St. Luigi Orione

8:30 am + Richard Garrett

THURSDAY, March 13

St. Leander of Seville

8:30 am + Freddy Garrett

FRIDAY, March 14 (Abstinence)

St. Matilda

8:30 am + Sagayamary

SATURDAY, March 15

St. Louise de Marillac

8:30 am + Jeraldrani

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Cliff Charpentier

Second Sunday of Lent , March 16

8:00 am + Jane Anderson

10:30 am Clare Oleaga

12:30 pm (Spanish) + Fr. Patrick J. Ryan

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAY

5:00 PM in Karenni

6:00 PM in English

6:30 PM in Spanish



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hear once again the Temptation of Christ in the desert which shows clearly his human nature and the struggle he underwent to be one like us. Jesus relives the Exodus experience of Israel who spent forty years in the desert as a punishment for their lack of faith.

It is unusual how Luke has a double mention of the Holy Spirit in his first line. It is Jesus communion with the Holy Spirit for these forty days that gives him the ability to engage in battle with the devil. The full force of God confronts this diabolical power in an eschatological moment. The devil seems to be asking, what kind of Messiah are you? Will you win over the people by giving them their immediate desires or will you thrust them into suffering for divine ideals. The devil asks will you turn 'this stone' into bread. Luke uses the singular form and in this way makes it a more personal temptation for Jesus, and for us.

The second temptation is the third in Matthew's account and in a single moment Jesus is presented with all the kingdoms of the world. It could not have been a physical movement and had to be a vision. Then there is a verse not seen elsewhere where Satan says that he will give Christ the power handed over to him if he only worships him. Luke gives us the sense that the world is under the power of Satan.

And finally Jerusalem constitutes the climax of the temptation account. Luke changes the order since his whole gospel is presented as a journey to Jerusalem. The true Jerusalem fulfills perfectly every hope that can be found only in Christ. Jesus rejects the proposal of the Messiah of the marvelous wonderworker; salvation is to be attained in a humble and sorrowful way of faith.

The last line of the gospel does not mean that Jesus is finished with all the temptations but that he has perfected himself through these temptations. Jesus as man completes his role as Messiah and so conquers evil for every one of us. The full effect of his victory will unfold in his public ministry, and the devil departs, but only for a while. Luke is already anticipating the passion and the return of the Evil One. Even though the devil returns Jesus dies a man of peace and strength. His victory is already achieved and the way to victory is through the cross. Our struggles will be secured in the same way. 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

| | Last Week | Budget |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Sunday Envelopes | \$4,622 | 4,060 |
| Plate | \$1,041 | 940 |
| Church Audio & Lighting | \$227 | |
| Worship & Liturgy | \$176 | |
| Building Repair Fund Balance: | \$57,500 | |

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!

Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. All the faithful are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once during the year and to confess any grave sin before receiving the Host.

SHARING LENT WITH CHILDREN

GIVE UP: your favorite food or pastime to remind you what Jesus gave up for us.

SLOW DOWN: Set aside 10 minutes each day to read the Bible and pray together as a family.

READ: an inspirational book together.

COMMIT: to attend church, all age Lenten activities, family devotions

BE KIND: do something nice for someone each day and share it at dinnertime

VOLUNTEER: your time to your parish or community

DONATE: pick a worthy cause to raise funds for or donate clothes or food to those in need.

PRETZELS: A LENTEN TREAT

Pretzels originated in Europe during the Middle Ages. A monk was making unleavened bread for Lent with flour and water because eggs, milk, and butter were not eaten during Lent. He twisted some of the dough into shape of people praying with both arms folded across their chests. He decided it would be a perfect treat for children leaning to say their prayers. He called it *pretiola*, the Latin word for "little reward."

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Invite your children to explore the story of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection through art, and the stations in our beautiful church.

Did you know? Centuries ago people would make pilgrimages to the Holy Land and follow the path that Jesus took to Calvary. At some times it was too dangerous to make this trip so they created their own path or Sorrowful Way by erecting 14 Stations of the Cross. Millions of people all over the world follow this tradition.

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.