

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

April 20, 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

8:00 pm People of the parish

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20

8:00 am People of the parish
 10:30 am Sam & Nick Thompson
 12:30 pm Eliana Ramirez

MONDAY, April 21

8:30 am + Tom Perrizo
 Stephen Lauinger

TUESDAY, April 22

8:30 am + Margaret Roth

WEDNESDAY, April 23

8:30 am + Margaret Roth

THURSDAY, April 24

8:30 am + Margaret Roth

FRIDAY, April 25

8:30 am + Fr. Arnold Sauber

SATURDAY, April 26

8:30 am + Fr. Arnold Sauber

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Fred & Jennifer White

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 27

8:00 am Ethan Leier
 10:30 am Fr. Arnold Sauber
 12:30 pm Fr. Arnold Sauber

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!*



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 anything.

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	\$4,647	4,060
Plate	\$1,315	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$40	
Worship & Liturgy	\$28	
Building Repair Fund Balance:	\$55,000	

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!

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 27, 2025

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.

A Message from Pope Francis: Words of Challenge and Hope: *The prayer of the poor rises up to God (cf. Sir 21:5)*

It is beautiful to recall the testimony left to us by Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a woman who gave her life for the poor. Saint Teresa continually repeated that it was from prayer that she drew the strength and faith for her mission of service to the least among us. When she spoke at the General Assembly of the UN on October 26, 1985, showing everyone the rosary she always held in her hand, she said: "I am only a poor sister who prays. By praying, Jesus puts his love in my heart, and I go to give it to all the poor I meet along the way. Pray too! Pray, and you will notice the poor who are beside you. Perhaps on the same floor in your apartment building. Perhaps even in your houses, someone is waiting for your love. Pray, and your eyes will open, and your heart will fill with love".

How can we not recall here in the city of Rome, Saint Benedict Joseph Labre (1748-1783), whose body rests and is venerated in the parish church of Santa Maria ai Monti. A pilgrim from France to Rome, rejected by many monasteries, he spent the last years of his life poor among the poor, spending hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with the rosary, reciting the breviary, reading the New Testament and the Imitation of Christ. Having no place to stay, he usually slept in a corner of the ruins of the Colosseum like a "vagabond of God," making his life a ceaseless prayer that rose up to God.

As we journey towards the Holy Year, I urge everyone to become pilgrims of hope, setting tangible goals for a better future. Let us not forget to keep "the little details of love" (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 145): stopping, drawing near, giving a little attention, a smile, a caress, a word of comfort. These gestures are not automatic; they require a daily commitment and are often hidden and silent but strengthened by prayer. In this time, when the song of hope seems to give way to the clamor of arms, to the cry of many innocent wounded, and the silence of the countless victims of wars, we turn to God with our plea for peace. We stretch out our hands to receive peace as a precious gift for we are "poor" in this regard, while at the same time committing ourselves to weave it back into daily life.

We are called in every circumstance to be friends of the poor, following in the footsteps of Jesus who always began by showing solidarity when dealing with the least among us. May the Mother of God, Mary Most Holy, who appeared at Banneux and left a message not to be forgotten: "I am the Virgin of the poor," sustain us on this journey. To Mary, whom God has looked upon with favor for her humble poverty, accomplishing great things through her obedience, we entrust our prayers, convinced that they will rise to heaven and be heard.