

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 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 + Helen White

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 18

8:00 am + John & Mary Mercado

10:30 am + Sagayamary & Jeraldrani

12:30 pm + Francia & Richard Garrett

MONDAY, May 19

St. Dunstan

8:30 am + Judy Mickelson & Stephen Luinger

TUESDAY, May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena

8:30 am + Gloria Burgos

WEDNESDAY, May 21

St. Eugene de Mazenod

8:30 am + John Bosco

THURSDAY, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 am + Gloria Burgos

FRIDAY, May 23

St. John the Baptist de Rossi

8:30 am + John Bosco

SATURDAY, May 24

St. Fidelis

8:30 am + Gloria Burgos

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + John Bosco

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 25

8:00 am + People of the parish

10:30 am + John Bosco

12:30 pm + Gloria Burgos



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christ is Risen! And always brings us Good News: Jesus is about to be glorified in the gospel today since his hour has come. His glory, as we know, is in the Cross. Judas has gone out to do his work and the uncertainty is over. It is true that the greatest glory in life comes from sacrifice. In many areas of life the famous people are not the ones who made the most money, but the ones who gave their lives for something larger than themselves. Those who made the greatest sacrifices entered the greatest glory. Often, the society forgets the successful man or woman, not the sacrificial one.

In Jesus Christ, God the Father is glorified. He obeys his Father until the end, even when he asks if this cup, his suffering, can be passed by. The best way a child can honor his parent is by obedience. Jesus gave the supreme honor and glory to God, when he gave the Father supreme obedience: death on a cross, as a common criminal.

In the second part of the gospel, Jesus is giving his farewell commandment to his disciples. He is leaving them, and they cannot come with him now. He tells them that they must love as he loved them. Not an easy command.

So often in our good actions there is an element of ourselves. We often think that a generous action or gift will get us something in return. More often than not it is our happiness that we are seeking, or our comfort. This is why parents today may not discipline a child. It requires a real sacrifice, and it appears easier to give in. In the long run the parents are the ones who will suffer, not to mention the children.

Jesus is calling us to give ourselves as he did; he knows that this is impossible for us, as it was impossible for his apostles. However, the Holy Spirit will give us this kind of love, which is not human. It comes from above. Let us ask the Lord for this unconditional love, to accept others as they are, without trying to change them.

This is what the world longs to see: someone who can love as Christ loved, without complaint and without defending themselves. It is not something we see often in the world.

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	\$2,472	4,060
Plate	\$1,136	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$50	
Worship & Liturgy	\$19	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$57,000

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.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL

We as a parishioners of St. Bernard will make a walking pilgrimage to the cathedral of St. Paul on Saturday, June 14th at 11:00 AM in order to receive plenary indulgence for our sins in this Jubilee year. We will have rides back to the church by our youth. It is the great event of this jubilee year. We will be praying rosary and singing songs in English, Karenni and Spanish. Once we enter through the main door of the cathedral, we will profess of our faith in three languages and receive our blessings. Those who would like and are interested please come and join.

Receive Holy Communion and Confession within three weeks (before or after) of the visit to one of the Pilgrim churches. Pray for the intentions of the Pope. Have the interior disposition of *complete detachment* from sin. A plenary indulgence takes away all punishment due to sins that were confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A Catholic can gain only one plenary indulgence per day.

Living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial, receiving communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer, even through the various means of communication, will be the means of obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence.

Even before he stepped out on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica and spoke May 8, Pope Leo XIV's choice of a name was a powerful statement.

Following Pope Francis, who chose a completely new name in church history, Pope Leo opted for a name steeped in tradition that also conveys an openness to engaging with the modern world.

The pope's choice of name is a "direct recall of the social doctrine of the church and of the pope that initiated the modern social doctrine of the church," Matteo Bruni, director Vatican press office told reporters after the election of the new pope.

Pope Leo XIII, who was pope from 1878-1903, is known for publishing the encyclical "Rerum Novarum" on worker's rights — considered the foundational document for the church's social teaching. The document emphasized the dignity of workers and condemned the dangers of unchecked capitalism and socialism.

The name Leo is a "direct" reference to "men and women and their work, also in the time of artificial intelligence," Bruni said.

Pope Leo XIII also opened the Vatican secret archives to scholars, founded the Vatican observatory to demonstrate the church's openness to science and was the first pope to be filmed on a motion picture camera. Tied to the new pope's first words to the faithful: "May peace be with you all," his namesake Pope Leo XIII was also a peacemaker who reconciled the church with the governments of France, Russia, Germany and Great Britain during his pontificate.

Pope Leo's name also has a Marian significance, since Pope Leo XIII wrote 11 encyclicals on the rosary and was also the first pope to embrace the concept of Mary as mediatrix, which holds that Mary helps distribute Christ's grace through her intercession.

The first pope who took the name Leo became pope in 440. Known as "Leo the Great," he promoted the doctrine of papal primacy based on succession from St. Peter and was a peacemaker who convinced Atilla the Hun to turn back from invading Italy in 452. Pope Leo X, pope from 1513-1521, was the last pope to not have been a priest at the time of his election to the papacy.

The new pope's predecessor, Pope Francis, was the first pontiff since Pope Lando in 913 to choose an entirely new papal name. Before him, Pope John Paul I, elected in 1978, also broke with tradition by forgoing a numeral, though his name was a blend of his two immediate predecessors' names.

By contrast, Leo is among the most frequently taken names by a pope, with only Benedict, Gregory and John having been chosen more often. Of the 13 previous popes named Leo, five are canonized as saints.