

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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CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

June 22, 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 + Unborn Children

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY, June 22

8:00 am Oliver & Adeline
10:30 am Ryan & Catherine
12:30 pm + Mario Priego Solis

MONDAY, June 23

St. Joseph Cafasso

8:30 am + Judy Mickelson
Stephen Lauinger

TUESDAY, June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30 am + Fr. Thomas H. Sieg

WEDNESDAY, June 25

St. Gallicanus

8:30 am + Fr. Thomas H. Sieg

THURSDAY, June 26

St. Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer

8:30 am + Fr. Thomas H. Sieg

FRIDAY, June 27

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 am Catherine &
Frank Fleischhecker

SATURDAY, June 28

The Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am + Fr. Thomas H. Sieg

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm People of the parish

STS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES, June 29

8:00 am People of the parish
10:30 am Ryan & Catherine
12:30 pm + Souls in purgatory

Spiritual joy is a serenity of temper in the midst of the changes of life, such as a mountain has when a storm breaks over it. - Fulton Sheen



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I want to give glory to God for making successful of our walking pilgrimage to Cathedral of St. Paul on Saturday, June 14th. In spite of the political parade and rainy day we had more than 150 people including children and infants were participated and it was a great sign of unity of our parish. We marked this jubilee year by entering through the main door of cathedral and professed the Apostle creed in Karenni, Spanish and English. Thanks to our Archbishop Hebda who in his tight schedule made it possible to come and give his blessings and take pictures with us. It was great sign of love and support of the Motherly care of our local church.

Today the Church celebrates the wonderful feast of Corpus Christi. The original feast of the Eucharist is Holy Thursday and since it is tainted with the sorrow of Good Friday the Church instituted in the 1200's this feast of Corpus Christi, The Body and Blood of Christ. It was St. Juliana from Belgium who had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and was inspired to promote the feast which we now celebrate. Some of the devotions to the Blessed Sacrament such as processions, Benediction, 40 Hours Devotion fell out of favor since the 1960's. Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that this was a mistake and he encouraged us to foster devotion to the Eucharist. St. Augustine used to say that no one eats the flesh of Christ without first adoring it and that we would sin if we did not first adore it.

To receive the Eucharist means adoring Him whom we receive. Only in this way do we become one with Him and we are given a foretaste of the beauty of heaven. Adoration outside of Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place during the Mass itself and it makes possible a personal encounter with the Lord. "I heartily recommend to the Church's pastors and to the People of God the practice of Eucharistic adoration, both individually and in community. Great benefit would ensue from a suitable catechesis explaining the importance of this act of worship, which enables the faithful to experience the liturgical celebration more fully and more fruitfully," said Benedict XVI.

So please join us this Sunday after the 10:30 AM Mass when we will make a beautiful procession with the Blessed Sacrament with the monstrance around the streets. After the procession we finish in the church with Benediction of the Lord upon all of us and our parish. We invite you all to come and worship the Lord in this 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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$2,048	4,060
Plate	\$924	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$185	
Worship & Liturgy	\$108	
Building Repair Fund Balance:	\$58,500	

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!

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.

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda's statement on Pope Leo XIV

With Catholics around the world, I give thanks for the election of Pope Leo XIV as successor of Saint Peter. We continue to be blessed by the Lord's assurances that he will be with his Church always. I am grateful that Pope Leo XIV has said "yes" to this unparalleled call to lead, and I trust that the Holy Spirit will help him to use his unique gifts and experience to serve the Church of Rome and the Universal Church. I promise him my prayers, and the prayers of this local Church as he prepares to begin his Petrine ministry. Please join me at a Mass for the new Pontiff at the Cathedral in Saint Paul this evening at 5:15 p.m.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish we collected \$1142.00. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

HOW THE BLACK PLAGUE CHANGED THE "HAIL MARY" PRAYER

The "Hail Mary" prayer that Christians have been praying for centuries is composed of two main parts. The first part of the prayer is derived from the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel greeted Mary by saying, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" (Luke 1:28) The next part of the prayer is taken from the Visitation, when Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

At first the prayer was known as the "Salutation of the Blessed Virgin," and only consisted of the two verses joined together. However, during the Black Plague (also known as the "Black Death") the prayer was further developed and a second part was added to it.

This second part ("Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death") is believed by many to have been added during the plague to ask for the Blessed Mother's protection from the fatal disease. Venerable Fulton J. Sheen explains this origin in his book *The World's First Love*.

Since it seizes upon the two decisive moments of life: "now" and "at the hour of our death," it suggests the spontaneous outcry of people in a great calamity. The Black Death, which ravaged all Europe and wiped out one-third of its population, prompted the faithful to cry out to the Mother of Our Lord to protect them at a time when the present moment and death were almost one.

An expert in Marian devotion, Fr. Donald H. Calloway, confirms this conclusion in his book *Champions of the Rosary* and explains how, "After the Black Death, the second half of the Hail Mary began to appear in the breviaries of religious communities, especially those of the Mercedarians, Camaldolese, and Franciscans ... the people of the 14th century greatly needed the 'hope-filled' dimension of the second half of the Hail Mary prayer."

The prayer took various forms during this bleak period in Europe, but was officially recognized after the publication of the Catechism of the Council of Trent and the full prayer was then included in the Roman Breviary of 1568.