

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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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

June 29, 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 John (Jack) Tschida

STS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES, June 29

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

MONDAY, June 30

The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

8:30 am + Myrna Kitto &
Gary Reinhardt

TUESDAY, July 1

St. Junipero Serra

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

WEDNESDAY, July 2

St. Otto of Bamberg

8:30 am + Paulraj

THURSDAY, July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

8:30 am + Caroline Das

FRIDAY, July 4

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30 am + Santamary

SATURDAY, July 5

St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

8:30 am + Edward J. Gunter &
his Family

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Dick Kortekaas &
Lucille Lutz

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 6

8:00 am Bria Leier
10:30 am Ryan & Catherine
12:30 pm + Souls in purgatory



Dear brothers and sisters,

Today the Church celebrates the great feast of two pillars of the Church; St. Peter and St. Paul.

Sts. Peter and Paul are the principal pillars of the Church founded by Christ. St. Peter was chosen by Christ to be his first vicar on earth; he was endowed with the power of the keys of the kingdom of heaven and given the role of shepherd of Christ's flock. In St. Peter and his successors, the popes, there is a visible sign of unity and communion in faith and charity. Divine grace led St. Peter to profess Christ's divinity. He suffered martyrdom under Nero about AD 64 and is buried at the hill of the Vatican.

St. Paul was chosen to form part of the college of Apostles by Christ himself after his dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus. Selected to bring Christ's name to all people, he was great missionary, advocate of pagans, and "Apostle of the Gentiles." He was beheaded in the Tre Fontane along the Via Ostiense and buried near by.

With the context of this feast we hear the gospel which we heard few weeks ago. It is not by accident that Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him, but the third time Christ uses a different word meaning: will you love me totally, and unconditionally? Peter responds: Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you. What is more beautiful than that?

Peter's denial leads him to love even more now that he is humbled and knows that by himself he cannot love in this way. And as predicted he will give his life one day soon for Christ.

Paul's conversion led him to consider the world as rubbish in order to gain Christ. He realized that to touch a Christian or speak with a Christian is to touch Christ or speak to Christ.

Let us ask their intercession and get to know Christ and Him alone, so that we can say "It is not I who live but Christ who lives in me."

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	\$2,845	4,060
Plate	\$961	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$40	
Worship & Liturgy	\$20	
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.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

by Cardinal Merry del Val

As I cannot this day enjoy the happiness of assisting at the holy Mysteries, O my God! I transport myself in spirit at the foot of Thine altar; I unite with the Church, which by the hands of the priest, offers Thee Thine adorable Son in the Holy Sacrifice; I offer myself with Him, by Him, and in His Name. I adore, I praise, and thank Thee, imploring Thy mercy, invoking Thine assistance, and presenting Thee the homage I owe Thee as my Creator, the love due to Thee as my Savior.

Apply to my soul, I beseech Thee, O merciful Jesus, Thine infinite merits; apply them also to those for whom I particularly wish to pray. I desire to communicate spiritually, that Thy Blood may purify, Thy Flesh strengthen, and Thy Spirit sanctify me. May I never forget that Thou, my divine Redeemer, hast died for me; may I die to all that is not Thee, that hereafter I may live eternally with Thee. Amen.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME, JUNE 30

There were Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus, though they were not the converts of the “Apostle of the Gentiles.” Paul had not yet visited them at the time he wrote his great letter in 57-58 A.D.

There was a large Jewish population in Rome. Probably as a result of controversy between Jews and Jewish Christians, the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome in 49-50 A.D. Suetonius the historian says that the expulsion was due to disturbances in the city “caused by the certain Chrestus” [Christ]. Perhaps many came back after Claudius’ death in 54 A.D. Paul’s letter was addressed to a Church with members from Jewish and Gentile backgrounds.

In July of 64 A.D., more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumor blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, many Christians were put to death because of their “hatred of the human race.” Peter and Paul were probably among the victims. Threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, Nero committed suicide in 68 A.D. at the age of 31.

Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians.