

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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ALL SOULS DAY
November 2, 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 + Paulraj

ALL SOULS DAY SUNDAY, November 2

8:00 am Stephen Lauinger

10:30 am + Souls in purgatory

12:30 pm + Guadalupe Castillo & Filiberto Arenas

MONDAY, November 3

St. Martin de Porres

8:30 am Kristin Hundquist

TUESDAY, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo

8:30 am Isaiah Masek

WEDNESDAY, November 5

St. Zachary

8:30 am Joseph Brashier

THURSDAY, November 6 *St. Leonard of Noblac*

8:30 am Dunia Ruff

FRIDAY, November 7 *St. Gebetrude*

8:30 am Victoria Stevenson

SATURDAY, November 8

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

8:30 am + Peter Rice

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Helen White

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME, November 9

8:00 am + Elaine Churchill

10:30 am + Elaine Churchill

12:30 pm + Maria Antonia Clausell

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.



Dear brothers and sisters,

Yesterday the Church celebrated All Saints Day. The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of "all the martyrs." In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some 28 wagon-loads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Venerable Bede, the pope intended "that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons."

But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred on May 13, under the title of St. Mary of Martyrs. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast, now recognized as a solemnity, in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, Bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to holiness. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove sanctity took form in the last 500 years. This feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known.

The Church, after celebrating the feast of All Saints, today prays for all who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory, await the day they will join in heavenly glory. The celebration of the mass, which re-presents the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, has always been the principal means by which the Church fulfils the great responsibility of charity toward the dead. Death cannot break the bonds of the Body of Christ.

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	\$4,650	4,060
Plate	\$1,054	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$223	
Worship & Liturgy	\$2	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$42,500

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!

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

COME AND LISTEN TO A GOOD NEWS

WEDNESDAYS AND SUNDAYS AT 7 PM
IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM

1 HOUR—NO REGISTRATION—NO FEE
COME & LISTEN!

Free child care

The Neo-Catechumenal Way

These are not sermons or classes but an announcement of Good News for those who are suffering or alone or far from the Church, or for those who would like a stronger faith. Perhaps someone in your family or neighborhood or office is going through a tough time so accompany them to hear a word of hope.

MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass book for 2026 is open. To offer a prayer for a deceased relatives and friends is one of the best acts of charity that you can do.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

“Cub Scout Pack 66 will again be taking orders for Christmas wreaths after masses on 11/01 and 11/02.

Wreaths will be available after masses on 11/29-30. Cash Only.”

Together on the Journey: A Word from Archbishop Hebda

When I was recently in Rome for the ordination of two of our seminarians as deacons, I had the opportunity to meet Pope Leo for the first time. Having worked for so many years at the Vatican in service to the Successor of Peter, it has always been a thrill for me to be in the presence of the Holy Father or to even catch a glimpse of him. When I first started my work there in 1996, my boss had me move my desk so that I could have a clear view of the papal apartment. I soon came to realize that on most mornings I would be able to see Pope John Paul II walking on his terrace at 10 a.m. It was a wonderful reminder to pray for him (even if he never waved back at me).

The recent encounter with Pope Leo was particularly meaningful for me because I had the opportunity to give to him letters that were written by students from Annunciation School and their families, thanking him for his prayers in the aftermath of the shooting that had taken place in their church on Aug. 27. The loss of life on that occasion was horrific and the impact on students, teachers and their families traumatizing. I asked Pope Leo for his continued prayers for Sophia Forchas and the other survivors who continue their recovery, and especially his prayers for those who might find it difficult to return to Annunciation Church or even to the celebration of Mass.

Most of us would agree that the horror of the Aug. 27 shooting was magnified by the fact that it took place in the context of Mass, that most sacred of gatherings for our Catholic community. It's at the Mass where we come together to join in Jesus' offering of himself to the Father, and where we have the opportunity to be nourished by God's Word and the Eucharist. Like all of our churches, Annunciation is sacred because it has been set apart for divine worship. That's clear from the very inscription we find on the façade: “This is the House of God and the Gate of Heaven.”

I'm so grateful that throughout the Archdiocese, we continue to see the fruits of our Year 2 focus on Holy Mass. Whether I'm at our magnificent Cathedral or at the most humble of parishes, I always find faithful Catholics working hard to make sure that our worship is reverent and beautiful. In my pastoral letter, [You Will Be My Witnesses](#), I explored how we all are called to active participation in the Mass, at which we are both fed by the Eucharist and sent forth in the Holy Spirit. Our liturgical ministers are so integral to that experience, each playing a role in helping us enter more deeply into the mysteries of our faith.

Earlier this year, I had the joy of gathering with hundreds of lay liturgical ministers at two workshops dedicated to the *ars celebrandi* – the “art of celebrating” the Mass. That might seem like an odd term to use in the context of a ritual that is intentionally formulaic, with the same key elements present at each Mass. (Our recent [Teaching Mass series](#) explored the importance of this.) The “art” in *ars celebrandi* refers to the manner in which the Mass is celebrated – how those who participate in the Mass (priests, deacons and other faithful) can intentionally elevate the proclamation of the Word, or liturgical music, or any of the other components of the Mass each time we gather.

I'm very grateful that our Archdiocesan Office of Worship will be once again offering an [Ars Celebrandi Workshop](#) this fall. I encourage all of you who are serving at our liturgies to join me at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton on the morning of Nov. 15. We'll be gathering for Mass and then for breakout presentations on funeral ministry, on the training and coordination of altar servers and on what it takes to be a great sacristan. The [presentations](#) at the last two workshops were excellent, and I am expecting the same on Nov. 15.

Please join me in praying for all those who serve us at Mass, even in hidden ways, and thanking them for the many ways that they lift our *ars celebrandi*. ☕