

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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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

November 9, 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

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8:00 am + Elaine Churchill

10:30 am + Elaine Churchill

12:30 pm + Maria Antonia Clausell

MONDAY, November 10

St. Leo the Great

8:30 am- Stephen Lauinger & + Judy Mickelson

TUESDAY, November 11

St. Martin of Tours

8:30 am + Joseph & Barbara Nevdaver

WEDNESDAY, November 12

St. Josaphat

8:30 am Frank Elli

THURSDAY, November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:30 am + Souls in purgatory

FRIDAY, November 14

St. Laurence O'Toole

8:30 am Bernard "Bernie" Walsh

SATURDAY, November 15

St. Albert the Great

8:30 am + Peter Rice

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm Cliff Charpentier

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, November 16

8:00 am + Elaine Churchill

10:30 am + Elaine Churchill

12:30 pm Margarita Dobon

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 & sisters,

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. This basilica is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. Built during Constantine's reign and consecrated by Pope St. Sylvester I, its universal

celebration is sign of love and union with the see of St. Peter.

Regarding this feast St. Caesarius of Arles says, "today is the birthday of this church, an occasion for celebration and rejoicing. We, however, ought to be the true and living temple of God. Nevertheless, Christians rightly commemorate this feast of the church, their mother, for they know that through her they were reborn in the spirit. At our first birth, we were vessel of God's wrath; reborn, we became vessels of his mercy. Our first birth brought death to us, but our second restored us to life."

Indeed, before our baptism we were sanctuaries of the devil; but after our baptism we merited the privilege of being temples of Christ. And if we think more carefully about the meaning of our salvation, we shall realize that we are indeed living and true temples of God. *God does not dwell only in structures fashioned by human hands*, in homes of wood and stone, but rather he dwells principally in the soul made according to his own image and fashioned by his own hand. Therefore, the apostle Paul says: *The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.*

When Christ came, he banished the devil from our hearts, in order to build in them a temple for himself. Let us therefore do what we can with his help, so that our evil deeds will not deface that temple. For whoever does evil, does injury to Christ. Christ redeemed us, we were the house of the devil, but afterward, we merited the privilege of being the house of God. God himself in his loving mercy saw fit to make of us his own home.

If we wish to celebrate joyfully the birth of this temple, then let us not destroy the living temples of God in ourselves by works of evil. Whenever we come to church, we must prepare our hearts to be as beautiful as we expect this church to be. Do we wish to find our church immaculately clean? Then do not soil our souls with filth of sins. Do we wish our church to be full of light? God too wishes that our soul be not in darkness, but that the light of good works shine in us, so that he who dwells in the heavens will be glorified. Just as we enter our church building, so God wishes to enter into our soul, for he promised: *I shall live in them, and I shall walk the corridors of their hearts.*

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	\$5,545	4,060
Plate	\$1,442	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$145	
Worship & Liturgy	\$318	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$169,815

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.

THE RELICS OF ST. FRANCIS

The relics of St. Francis of Assisi will be displayed publicly for the first time in nearly 800 years. The rare month-long event will take place at the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi, Italy, starting February 22, 2026, and is expected to draw large numbers of pilgrims who must reserve their visit online.

Cardinal Farrell: Elderly people are an 'invaluable treasure'

Gratitude to all who serve elderly

"To you, who are at the forefront of this service, I offer my sincere thanks: the work you do is essential," Cardinal Farrell said. "It is you in fact, who have firsthand experience of the daily lives of the elderly, with their joys, hopes, and struggles."

He praised the growing recognition of elderly people as a pastoral priority, reflecting not only Pope Francis' leadership but a long-standing ecclesial tradition. "Pope Francis placed the elderly at the center of ecclesial reflection," he said, recalling the catechesis on old age, dedicated audiences, and the institution of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

The Dicastery Prefect stressed that this effort dates quite a bit back. "This is certainly not an absolute novelty; behind it lies a long ecclesial journey," he said, recalling how Pope St. John Paul II first called attention to the "creative role of the elderly" as early as 1982, a vision later developed in his 1999 *Letter to the Elderly*.

Benedict XVI, he also remembered, continued in this line, notably during his 2012 visit to a Roman elder care home. "Presenting himself as 'an elderly person visiting his peers,' Cardinal Farrell remembered, he made a key point, namely, 'The quality of a society is judged by how the elderly are treated. Whoever makes room for the elderly makes room for life!'"

Never a burden, always an opportunity

Cardinal Farrell tied this growing awareness to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, particularly its emphasis on the baptismal dignity and co-responsibility of all the faithful.

"It is precisely the conciliar rediscovery of baptismal dignity, at every age, and in every condition of life," he said, "that naturally leads to the recognition of the leading role that the elderly can and must play in the Church."

This recognition, he noted, is increasingly urgent due to demographic shifts.

"For the first time in history," he stressed, "we are witnessing widespread longevity. A real demographic transition is underway: the elderly are no longer a minority, but a large and growing segment of society. In Europe, he added, more than a fifth of the population is over 65, and in countries like Japan, Italy, and Germany, he also noted, the elderly already make up a quarter of the population. Cardinal Farrell challenged the notion that this is a problem to be solved.

"While many view the phenomenon of the increase in the elderly with concern, as if it were a burden on society," he acknowledged, "we, as a Church, recognize longevity as a gift from God," "not an emergency to be managed, but a new opportunity."

"In the light of faith," he said, "a greater number of years to live should be considered a time of grace to open oneself enthusiastically to the proclamation of the Gospel, and as an enrichment for the entire community."

Most active in parish life

The Cardinal also pointed out that the elderly are often the most active members in parish life.

"Today, in fact," he marveled, "the life of a retiree does not coincide with inactivity: on the contrary, it is often rich in commitments and passions."

The Congress, he said, aims to identify pastoral responses to this new reality, not by offering top-down solutions but through shared discernment. "We do not intend to propose ready-made recipes—each community has its own history and specificities—but we wish to think and walk together with you, in a truly synodal spirit, to give impetus to such an essential pastoral ministry."

Finally, Cardinal Farrell stated, "May the Lord guide our service to the elderly, who are a blessing for the Church, and for the whole world."