

# 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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CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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 Maurice & Harriet Kneissel

### **CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE, November 23**

8:00 am + Elaine Churchill

10:30 am + Elaine Churchill

12:30 pm Maya Eiden

### **MONDAY, November 24**

#### **St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions**

8:30 am + Daniel Edward Warn

### **TUESDAY, November 25**

#### **St. Catherine of Alexandria**

8:30 am + Ann Elli & Phil Buettner

### **WEDNESDAY, November 26**

#### **St. John Berchmans**

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

### **THURSDAY, November 27 (Thanksgiving Day)**

#### **St. Vergilius of Slzburg**

9:00 am Gail Thompson

### **FRIDAY, November 28**

#### **St. Gregory III**

8:30 am + Maria de Jesus Luna

### **SATURDAY, November 29**

#### **St. Saturnin**

8:30 am Eliana Zech

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm Joseph & Rosalie Gardner

### **1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT, November 30**

8:00 am + Elaine Churchill

10:30 am + Elaine Churchill

12:30 pm + Jose Luis 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 and Sisters,

Today marks the end of the liturgical year and the celebration of Christ the King. The gospel does not look very kingly at first glance even though the sign on the cross says, "This is the King of the Jews." He is the only true king and his throne is the cross. Ironically, what they wrote in jest is really true.

There are two thieves with Jesus who are also condemned to death and their reaction to their situation could not be more different. This is a method that we have seen Luke use in several of the gospels the past few weeks.

All the gospels record that others were crucified with Jesus that day. These two thieves must have been serious criminals since most thieves were sold into slavery and became cheap labor for the Romans. We can only guess that these two men must have been very violent to be executed in this way, which was very labor intensive, not an easy thing to do.

The "bad thief" joins Christ's persecutors in a cynical attitude saying that his kingdom is absurd. He is very brazen, proud, lacking any remorse for what he has done. There is no trust in God and no charity for his neighbors. The good thief is completely different; he is humble, contrite, trusting in God and kind to his neighbors. He is the only one who defends Jesus. And he makes a beautiful prayer: Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom. It is something you and I can say also. He is the first man in heaven. With this prayer he implies that Christ is a king (who enters his kingdom.) Only he and Mary and the apostle John understand what is going on this day. It looks like a failure, a defeat, and utter chaos; however, God's plan is unfolding. This guy gets it and is not afraid to say it. He makes an act of faith in Jesus and God repays him a hundred times over.

You and I are like the good thief in some ways. We are fallen and failed people who sense our guilt and hopefully are contrite and regretful. No matter what efforts you make you cannot save yourself; it is not possible. The cross shows you that you are saved in Christ. He does something that you are not able to do: he gives himself totally to the Father.

Today I am asking you to consider in your weekly giving more than usual amount. We are in need of many help to fund our kids religious education programs, our music ministry, and also our plans to have more adult formation programs, and to keep on our lights and heat and maintain our campus. God always repays your generosity. I do not believe there is anyone here who is not generous; however, I sense there are many who do not have a plan.

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	\$2,623	4,060
Plate	\$1,123	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$26	
Worship & Liturgy	\$1	
Building Repair Fund Balance:	\$54,500	

**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.

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 4 PM

11 PM Carols prelude with Midnight Mass

Christmas Day:

10:30 AM & 12:30 PM Spanish Mass

New Year's Eve: 4 PM

New year's Day: 10:30 AM

### Help Your Neighbors Age in Place

North End Area Seniors needs volunteers like you! We're seeking compassionate community members to help local seniors remain independent in their own homes.

#### How you can help:

- Yard work and seasonal maintenance
  - Transportation to pharmacies and medical appointments
  - Grocery shopping and errands
- Friendly visits and companionship

Whether you have an hour a week or an hour a month, your time makes a meaningful difference. Our flexible opportunities fit your schedule, and no special skills are required—just a willingness to lend a helping hand.

Join us in building a community where seniors can age with dignity and independence. Together, we're creating connections that enrich lives on both sides.

**Ready to volunteer?** Visit us at <http://www.nescbnp.org/volunteer.html> or contact us at [alaina@neaseniors.org](mailto:alaina@neaseniors.org) to get started today!

#### SEVEN SIMPLE LESSONS IN HUMILITY FOR YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE

**1. Deliberately get behind someone walking or driving slow.** Lesson learned: Take a breath, say a Hail Mary or nine, and remind myself that wherever I'm going isn't so important that I have to get upset, angry, or think rudely of anyone around me. I can leave earlier.

**2. Clean up someone else's mess.** Lesson learned: Perspective is everything. What I saw as someone else's responsibility was really an opportunity to do something for someone else.

**3. Next time something isn't done your way, leave it if it works.** Just because it wasn't done the way I would have done it, doesn't lessen the value of the help given. And nobody who uses the towel cares if it was folded properly.

**4. Spend a whole day not correcting anyone.**

**5. Let a bug live.** Just because I don't like someone doesn't mean they don't deserve to be respected.

**6. Arrive for Mass 10 minutes early.** I used to go to Mass 10 minutes early every weekend. It gave me a chance to let the noise of my day settle down and helped me focus on being open to the Holy Spirit

**7. Next time someone annoys you, don't tell anyone.** Pray it out. I took it to God, and he quietly listened before reminding me to look within myself and at my own flaws before I spoke about others.