

# 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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 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 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

### **MONDAY, December 1**

#### **St. Eligius**

8:30 am Isabel Rose Heider

### **TUESDAY, December 2**

#### **St. Bibiana**

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

### **WEDNESDAY, December 3**

#### **St. Francis Xavier**

8:30 am + Pascual Valenzuela

### **THURSDAY, December 4**

#### **St. John Damascene**

9:00 am Kellen Leier &

+ Dick Kortekaas

### **FRIDAY, December 5**

#### **St. Anastasius**

8:30 am For all the children with cancer

### **SATURDAY, December 6**

#### **St. Nicholas**

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

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm + Peg Smith

### **2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 7**

8:00 am Stephen Lauinger

10:30 am + Elaine Churchill

12:30 pm Familia 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.



St. Bernard of Clairvaux says there are three comings: Advent prepares not just for the first coming of Christ to Israel, or even the second at the end of time. There is a third coming between these two in which Jesus comes in spirit and power for our rest

and consolation. We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. In the first coming He was seen on earth, dwelling among men; He Himself testifies that they saw Him and hated Him. In the final coming all flesh will see the salvation of our God, and they will look on Him whom they pierced. The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect sees the Lord within their own selves, and they are saved.

In His first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming He comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming He will be seen in glory and majesty. In case someone should think that what we say about this middle coming is sheer invention, listen to what our Lord Himself says: If anyone loves me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him. There is another passage of Scripture which reads: He who fears God will do good, but something further has been said about the one who loves, that is, that he will keep God's word.

Where is God's word to be kept? Obviously in the heart, as the prophet says: I have hidden your words in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. Keep God's word in this way. Let it enter into your very being. Let it take possession of your desires and your whole way of life. Feed on goodness, and your soul will delight in its richness. Remember to eat your bread, or your heart will wither away. Fill your soul with richness and strength. Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last, He will appear as our life; in this middle coming, he is our rest and consolation. If you keep the word of God in this way, it will also keep you. The Son with the Father will come to you. The great Prophet who will build the new Jerusalem will come, the One who makes all things new. This coming will fulfill what is written: As we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, we shall also bear the likeness of the heavenly man. Just as Adam's sin spread through all mankind and took hold of all, so Christ, who created and redeemed all, will glorify all, once he takes possession of all. 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**

	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Sunday Envelopes	\$—	4,060
Plate	\$—	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$—	
Worship & Liturgy	\$—	
No collection totals due to the early submission deadline		

**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**

### **Spirit manifests Himself in history**

Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, spoke at the conference on Tuesday, explaining the norms adopted by the Dicastery regarding the discernment of alleged supernatural phenomena.

These norms rest on key principles, he said: “The Holy Spirit works in the Church with full freedom.”

In Catholic teaching, there is a firm conviction in the “freedom of the Spirit,” who may manifest in history in diverse ways, even through supernatural events such as apparitions or visions.

In ordinary practice, the study of such cases often ends with a *nihil obstat*, which authorizes public devotion without pronouncing on the supernatural origin of the phenomenon.

Over the past fifty years, noted Cardinal Fernández, there have been about 3,500 cases of beatifications and canonizations.

In the same period, however, only three or four declarations of supernatural origin have been issued—demonstrating the difficulty of reaching an official recognition of this kind.

A principal concern, added the Cardinal Prefect, is the risk that once a phenomenon is declared of divine origin, its messages may be taken as “revealed Word.”

Such a declaration does not guarantee absolute certainty of authenticity. Even in cases recognized by the Church, they remain “private revelations,” which the faithful are free to believe or not.

The Church’s declaration therefore has a “prudential” nature, and in many cases is not even necessary: numerous manifestations have produced shrines and spiritual fruits without any official recognition.

Discernment, he said, helps distinguish genuine phenomena from those exploited for profit or control over others—situations that are “very, very concerning” and can lead to serious “abuses.”

The Dicastery’s norms propose possible “prudential conclusions” to be adopted before a phenomenon reaches proportions that make intervention more complex.

Some cases can be resolved locally, while others require direct involvement from the Dicastery when elements of confusion or potential risks emerge that demand careful discernment, concluded Cardinal Fernández.