

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 EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 4, 2026

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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 Marion Kneissel

THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD, January 4

8:00 am + Jane & Lorraine Gunter
 10:30 am + Marcia Ryan
 12:30 pm Familia Benancio Arellavo

MONDAY, January 5

St. John Neumann

8:30 am + Patricia St. George

TUESDAY, January 6

St. Melanie

8:30 am + Patricia St. George

WEDNESDAY, January 7

St. Andre Bessette

8:30 am Jame & Lorraine Gunter

THURSDAY, January 8

St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:30 am Logan Zech

FRIDAY, January 9

St. Adrian of Canterbury

8:30 am + Fr. Dennis C Kampa

SATURDAY, January 10

St. Gregory of Nyssa

8:30 am + Dorothy Stuber

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Fr. Dennis C Kampa

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, January 11

8:00 am + Thomas Zech
 10:30 am + Patricia Lynch & Leona Bearth
 12:30 pm + Patrice C Doran

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:

I wish you a happy New Year to you all and welcome back if you have been away. Perhaps you have been caught up in making resolutions for the New Year or predictions and for sure thoughts about the future especially in this time can cause us to worry. I would like to focus on this habit that we can easily fall into and see if you can worry less or even eliminate it. It does not have to be part of your life, and the alternative is not: I don't care. There is a large difference between legitimate concern and worry.

We hear in the gospel (Matthew 2: 1-12) that some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east and they are asking for the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod heard of this and was greatly troubled and all of Jerusalem with him. He is a bad guy and is the father of the Herod we hear about in the passion of Jesus. It is a dangerous combination to worry and be able to do some very awful things as we see in our culture today.

To worry is to allow one's mind to dwell on difficult or troubling future scenarios. As you can see it involves a choice. Do you give yourselves up or surrender to worry? Often people allow themselves to dwell on a difficulty and turn it over and over in their minds until they lose their peace. Herod was greatly troubled and you and I may be also when something happens in life or you hear of something by mistake and you are filled with worry and cannot think of anything else.

Herod is concerned with being the king and is afraid of losing this position. What you are concerned about is what causes you to worry. You worry about the future, the kids, the school system, about money or your health, etc. Herod is totally devoted to his power and he has killed many whom he saw as a threat to him. News of this infant king sends him into a panic. Often the thing you worry about makes no sense. Jesus will not be a threat to him.

Herod finds out from the religious leaders that this child will be born in Bethlehem and he asks the magi to return to him when they find him so he can worship them. The magi find the child and they prostrate themselves and bring him very fine gifts; this is what brings them joy. Herod on the other hand when he hears the magi have not returned murders all the boys who are two years old or less.

Worrying will not lead you to murder but it will drive you crazy or make you bitter or feel badly about yourself and your life. When you put God's kingdom first then your concerns or your worries are put in their proper context and they become smaller. God is greater than the economy or politics or your health. Those things are important but worrying will not help them. When you pray and put God first your worries diminish and eventually go away. Give it a try.

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 - Dec 21, 2025

	Last Week	Budget
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,208	4,060
Plate	\$568	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$20	
Worship & Liturgy	\$50	
Building Repair Fund Balance:	\$47,500	

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!

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION 2025

As you consider your year-end charitable contributions, we hope that Saint Bernard will be at the top of your list. Your contributions directly support the various ministries and liturgical life at our parish.

A reminder that all 2025 contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2025, received in the collection on December 31st or received at the parish office prior to December 28, 2025. Any donations postmarked or received January 1, 2026, or thereafter will be considered 2026 donations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

HEROD AND THE EPIPHANY

Why impious Herod, vainly fear
That Christ the Savior cometh here?
He takes no earthly realms away
Who gives the crown that lasts for aye.
—*Crudelis Herodes Deum*, Tr. by J. M. Neale

The basic reason for loneliness is that man today has divorced himself from both love of God and love of neighbor.

- The wisdom of Fulton Sheen

SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE

Saint of the Week

Brother André expressed a saint's faith by a lifelong devotion to Saint Joseph. Sickness and weakness dogged André from birth. He was the eighth of 12 children born to a French Canadian couple near Montreal. Adopted at 12, when both parents had died, he became a farmhand. Various trades followed: shoemaker, baker, blacksmith—all failures. He was a factory worker in the United States during the boom times of the Civil War.

At 25, André applied for entrance into the Congregation of the Holy Cross. After a year's novitiate, he was not admitted because of his weak health. But with an extension and the urging of Bishop Bourget, he was finally received. He was given the humble job of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger.

When he heard someone was ill, he visited to bring cheer and to pray with the sick person. He would rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel. Word of healing powers began to spread. When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. The trickle of sick people to his door became a flood. His superiors were uneasy; diocesan authorities were suspicious; doctors called him a quack.

For many years the Holy Cross authorities had tried to buy land on Mount Royal. Brother André and others climbed the steep hill and planted medals of Saint Joseph. Suddenly, the owners yielded. André collected \$200 to build a small chapel and began receiving visitors there—smiling through long hours of listening, applying Saint Joseph's oil. Some were cured, some not. The pile of crutches, canes and braces grew.

The chapel also grew. By 1931, there were gleaming walls, but money ran out. "Put a statue of Saint Joseph in the middle. If he wants a roof over his head, he'll get it." The magnificent Oratory on Mount Royal took 50 years to build. The sickly boy who could not hold a job died at 92.

He is buried at the Oratory. He was beatified in 1982 and canonized in 2010. At his canonization in October 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that Saint Andre "lived the beatitude of the pure of heart."