

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.

1160 Woodbridge Street, St. Paul. MN 55117

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 25, 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 2 months 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 People of the parish

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, January 25

8:00 am + Souls in Purgatory

10:30 am + Unborn Children

12:30 pm Mana Isabel Lopez

MONDAY, January 26

St. Timothy & St. Titus

8:30 am + Inocente Arnedariz Lopez

TUESDAY, January 27

St. Angela Merici

8:30 am + Souls in purgatory

WEDNESDAY, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 am + Unborn children

THURSDAY, January 29

St. Julian

8:30 am + Catherine Mau Tran

FRIDAY, January 30

Bl. Mary Angela Truszkowska

8:30 am + Anthony Simon

SATURDAY, January 31

St. John Bosco

8:30 am + Maureen Wolfgram

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm + Paul Raj

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, February 1

8:00 am + Caroline Das

10:30 am + Marjorie Struntz

12:30 pm Fr. Doss

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:

The theme of light is very significant in the readings for this Sunday and it reminds us that Jesus Christ is, or ought to be, the light of our lives. In Christ we can find the strength to be faithful to God each day. All of us have walked in darkness for some time in our lives and we have recently seen how Christ's light changed the lives of Joseph and Mary, the shepherds, and the Magi. He even was a light in the small town of Nazareth where he went unknown for thirty years, and lived an ordinary life like ours.

The gospel of Matthew reminds us of the prophecy of Isaiah that we hear in the first reading. The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. Only Jesus Christ can bring the radiance of truth to the world, and clarity to the mind.

He called his first followers as he walked by the Sea of Galilee. The first were Simon and Andrew, who were fishermen: Jesus called them and immediately they left their nets and followed him. And then came two more brothers: James and John, who also left everything.

These men experienced the hidden light of Christ, and followed him without delay so that their life might shine with his brightness, for themselves and countless others. And this light shines for all of us. Jesus Christ dispels darkness and gives meaning to our lives, to our daily work, our tiredness, our sorrows and joys.

Jesus tells the people to repent, to change their ways, change your way of thinking. When you change your way of thinking then you don't worry. You have a choice in life, and God is inviting you to act differently. Let us say it together, Father, I repent of my sin, of my worries and I will lean on you; you are my only strength. I pray in the name of your Son, Jesus, that I will not worry and be anxious about my life, and I will choose you. The Lord is calling many please come and meet the Lord. If you need your faith to be strengthened or going through difficulty in life or your marriage falling a part or the sickness you don't understand why. Now is the time that the Lord wants to free from all the worries and concerns because He will shine His light upon through the preaching of the Gospel.

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	\$2,075	4,060
Plate	\$542	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$14	
Worship & Liturgy	\$3	
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!

Did you know?

The name Agnes (also word Agnus in Liturgy) comes from the words for "pure" in Greek and "lamb" in Latin. St. Agnes lived around the year 300. The lovely 13-year-old daughter of Roman nobles had several suitors but, having consecrated herself to Christ, she refused to marry any of them. For this, the suitors attempted to force her into a life of impurity. Agnes resisted, strong in her Christian faith, and was eventually martyred for her beliefs. She is beloved as a saint of innocence and virtue. EVERY year on the Feast of St. Agnes the Holy Father blesses the lambs, from whose wool the Pallium will be made. The Pallium are white woolen stoles, decorated with six black crosses presented to metropolitan archbishops by the Holy Father on June 29, the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul. The lambs whose wool is destined for the making of the pallia are solemnly presented at the altar by the nuns of the convent of Saint Agnes. The nuns of St. Cecilia in Trastevere later weave the lambs' wool into pallia. The Pallium was to remind bishops that they are shepherds and carry their sheep on their shoulders.

Because God is full of life, I imagine each morning Almighty God says to the sun, "Do it again;" and every evening to the moon and the stars, "Do it again;" and every springtime to the daisies, "Do it again;" and every time a child is born in to the world asking for curtain call, that the heart of the God might once more ring out in the heart of the babe.

- The wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Pope Leo on World Day of Peace

"Peace be with you!" This ancient greeting, still in use today in many cultures, was infused with new life on the evening of Easter on the lips of the risen Jesus. "Peace be with you" (Jn 20: 19, 21) is his Word that does not merely desire peace, but truly brings about a lasting transformation in those who receive it, and consequently in all of reality. For this reason, the Apostles' successors give voice every day throughout the world to the most silent of revolutions: "Peace be with you!" [From the very evening of my election as Bishop of Rome](#), I have wanted to join my own greeting to this universal proclamation. And I would like to reiterate that this is the peace of the risen Christ—a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. It comes from God who loves us all unconditionally.

The Peace of the Risen Christ: The Good Shepherd, who gives his life for the flock and has other sheep not of this fold (cf. Jn 10: 11,16), is Christ, our peace, who has conquered death and broken down the walls of division that separate humanity (cf. Eph 2: 14). His presence, his gift and his victory continue to shine through the perseverance of many witnesses through whom God's work carries on in the world, becoming even more visible and radiant in the darkness of our times.

The contrast between darkness and light is not only a biblical image describing the labor pains of a new world being born; it is also an experience that unsettles us and affects us amid the trials we face in our historical circumstances. In order to overcome the darkness, it is necessary to see the light and believe in it. This is a call that Jesus' disciples are invited to live in a unique and privileged way; yet it also finds its way into every human heart.

Peace exists; it wants to dwell within us. It has the gentle power to enlighten and expand our understanding; it resists and overcomes violence. Peace is a breath of the eternal: While to evil we cry out "Enough," to peace we whisper "Forever." Into this horizon the Risen One has led us. Sustained by this conviction, even amid what [Pope Francis](#) called "a third world war fought piecemeal," peacemakers continue to resist the spread of darkness, standing as sentinels in the night.

Sadly, it is also possible to forget the light. When this happens, we lose our sense of realism and surrender to a partial and distorted view of the world, disfigured by darkness and fear. Many today call "realistic" those narratives devoid of hope, blind to the beauty of others and forgetful of God's grace, which is always at work in human hearts, even though wounded by sin. St. Augustine urged Christians to forge an unbreakable bond with peace, so that by cherishing it deeply in their hearts, they would be able to radiate its luminous warmth around them. Addressing his community, he wrote: "If you wish to draw others to peace, first have it yourselves; be steadfast in peace yourselves. To inflame others, you must have the flame burning within." (to be continued next week)