

# 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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 15, 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 Edward Kneissel

**6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, February 15**

8:00 am + Francis  
 10:30 am People of the parish  
 12:30 pm Manuel R. Mendoza

**MONDAY, February 16**

**Bl. Giuseppe Allamano**

8:30 am + Souls in purgatory

**TUESDAY, February 17**

**Seven holy founders of the Order of Servites**

8:30 am + Unborn children

**ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18**

**Day of Fasting & Abstinence**

8:30 am People of the parish  
 6:00 pm People of the parish  
 7:30 pm (Spanish) People of the parish

**THURSDAY, February 19**

**St. Conrad**

8:30 am + Santamary

**FRIDAY, February 20 (Day of Abstinence)**

**St. Jacinta Marto & St. Francisco Marto**

8:30 am + Fredy Garrett

**SATURDAY, February 21**

**St. Peter Damian**

8:30 am + All Souls

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm People of the parish

**1st SUNDAY OF LENT, February 22**

8:00 am + Souls in purgatory  
 10:30 am People of the parish  
 12:30 pm + Unborn children

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS**

5 pm in Karenni  
 6 pm in English  
 6:30 pm in Spanish



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have been speaking of love as we hear Jesus' words from his Sermon on the Mount. Moreover, he tells us not only to love your spouse and your brother and neighbor, but to love the one who is persecuting you, or riding you. He is telling you to love your enemy.

Last week you heard that a Christian is to be salt and light to the world, and this comes from Christ, not from ourselves. When you are truly salt and light you will really love people, preserve them from evil and light the path that takes them to God. There is someone in your life that you need to do that for; you need to figure out who that is. Bring that person to your prayer, at Mass, or after communion. God will show you what to do.

I invite you to read the whole of the Sermon on the Mount, especially if you have never done so. It is chapters' five to seven in the Gospel of Matthew; it is the Magna Carta of the Christian life.

The fifth commandment says not to kill. And Jesus says, "But I say to you, anyone who says to his brother, you fool, will be liable to the fiery Gehenna." The Ten Commandments before said not to murder but now I cannot get angry either. Actually, anger is not the problem; it is what you do with the anger. When the anger leads you to call your brother, or anyone, a fool then it means you are dismissing them; you think yourself better than them; you judge them. They are disposable. Gehenna was the city dump, perpetually on fire, and the place where you brought your garbage. When you talk trash about people, and treat others like trash, you will end up in a dump. Living your life in anger is hell.

Therefore, Jesus says if you are going to do something very important and holy, like bringing your gift to the altar, better to lay it aside and go and reconcile with your brother. Repair the damage. Don't make the excuse not to reconcile by saying I don't want to hurt that person. Deep down you don't want to hurt yourself. God does not want your sacrifices, he wants a person who forgives, who loves.

Jesus also speaks about adultery and telling the truth, two very big occasions of sin in our society today. And how can we change our hearts, which is where all these desires originate? First of all, get to know yourself so that you see what is in your heart. Humble yourself, or don't reject humiliations to rid your anger. And lastly, ask the Lord to help you, to remove from your heart what does not belong there. It is wonderful opportunity where the Lord is passing to give us His spirit.

Fr. Doss

## Pope Leo on World Day of Peace

[John XXIII](#) was the first pope to advocate “integral disarmament,” which can only be achieved through renewal of the heart and mind. In “[Pacem in Terris](#),” he wrote:

Everyone must realize that, unless this process of disarmament be thoroughgoing and complete, and reach people’s very souls, it is impossible to stop the arms race, or to reduce armaments, or—and this is the main thing—ultimately to abolish them entirely. Everyone must sincerely cooperate in the effort to banish fear and the anxious expectation of war from our minds. But this requires that the fundamental principles upon which peace is based in today’s world be replaced by an altogether different one, namely, the realization that true and lasting peace among nations cannot consist in the possession of an equal supply of armaments but only in mutual trust. And we are confident that this can be achieved, for it is a thing which not only is dictated by common sense, but is in itself most desirable and most fruitful of good.

An essential service that religions must render to a suffering humanity is to guard against the growing temptation to weaponize even thoughts and words. The great spiritual traditions, as well as right reason, teach us to look beyond blood ties or ethnicity, beyond associations that accept only those who are similar and reject those who are different. Today, we see that this cannot be taken for granted. Unfortunately, it has become increasingly common to drag the language of faith into political battles, to bless nationalism, and to justify violence and armed struggle in the name of religion. Believers must actively refute, above all by the witness of their lives, these forms of blasphemy that profane the holy name of God.

Therefore, alongside action, it is more necessary than ever to cultivate prayer, spirituality and ecumenical and interreligious dialogue as paths of peace and as languages of encounter within traditions and cultures. Throughout the world, it is to be hoped that “every community become a ‘house of peace,’ where one learns how to defuse hostility through dialogue, where justice is practiced and forgiveness is cherished.” Now more than ever, we must show that peace is not a utopia by fostering attentive and life-giving pastoral creativity.

At the same time, this should in no way detract from the importance of the political dimension. Those entrusted with the highest public responsibility must “give serious thought to the problem of achieving more humane relations between States throughout the world. This adjustment must be based on mutual trust, sincerity in negotiations and the faithful fulfilment of obligations. Every aspect of the problem must be examined, so that, eventually, a point of agreement may emerge from which sincere, lasting, and beneficial treaties can be initiated.” This is the disarming path of diplomacy, mediation and international law, which is sadly too often undermined by the growing violations of hard-won treaties, at a time when what is needed is the strengthening of supranational institutions, not their delegitimization. (continues on right side)

In today’s world, justice and human dignity are at an alarming risk amid global power imbalances. How can we live in this time of destabilization and conflict, and free ourselves from evil? We need to encourage and support every spiritual, cultural and political initiative that keeps hope alive, countering the spread of “fatalistic terms, as if the dynamics involved were the product of anonymous impersonal forces or structures independent of the human will.” For, as has been suggested, “the best way to dominate and gain control over people is to spread despair and discouragement, even under the guise of defending certain values.” Against this strategy, we must promote self-awareness in civil societies, forms of responsible association, experiences of nonviolent participation, and practices of restorative justice on both a small and large scale. [Leo XIII](#) had already made this clear in his encyclical “[Rerum Novarum](#)”:

The consciousness of his own weakness urges the human person to call in aid from without. We read in Scripture: ‘Two are better than one, for they have the advantage of their society. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up’ (Eccles 4: 9-10). And further: ‘A brother that is helped by his brother is like a strong city’ (Prov 18: 19).

May this be one of the fruits of the [Jubilee of Hope](#), which has moved millions of people to rediscover themselves as pilgrims and to begin within themselves that disarmament of heart, mind and life. God will surely respond to this by fulfilling his promises:

He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord (Is 2: 4-5).

## 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.

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Envelopes	\$5,040	4,060
Plate	\$704	940
Church Audio & Lighting	\$89	
Worship & Liturgy	\$24	
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!**