



THE CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

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Mass Schedule/ Horario de Misas

Saturday Masses/

Misa del Sábado

5:30 pm

Sunday Masses /

Misas del Domingo

9:30 am

11:30 am (Spanish / Español)

Confessions:

Saturday / Sábado

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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GOSPEL MEDITATION – ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem might be pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

2 de enero de 2022
La Epifanía del Señor

Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz. “Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1). La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. “La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti”. Él nos exhorta al movimiento, a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada.

También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. “Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón” (1/6/2019). ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino.

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Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow – a day at a time

Sunday, Jan 02, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The sanctity of home

"Home is where the heart is" is an ancient proverb. Many folks find their deepest level of satisfaction and fulfillment in family life. But home is also where the hearth is: the place to which we come in from the cold to restore ourselves, where we put up our feet, sigh, and relax. Our homes are sacred to us; why not commend them to God? On Epiphany, we're invited to gather with our loved ones to bless the door, walls, and table of our dwelling. Compose your own blessing together or visit the USCCB's Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany for the rite of home blessing.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). "The star they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."

Monday, Jan 03, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Initial reflections

Do you have anything monogrammed with your initials, perhaps towels or clothing? While monogramming is decorative, it also marks your belongings as yours. Jesus has a monogram too: "IHS," which stands for the first three letters of the Greek spelling of the name of Jesus. Later the monogram was associated with the Latin phrase *Iesus Hominum Salvator* (Jesus Humankind's Savior). There is power in the very name of Jesus and so Catholics venerate it. Perhaps you've seen this monogram on altars or vestments. Jesuits use the IHS monogram as the emblem of their society. You can bear his monogram too—by calling on his name and showing to the world that you belong to him.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212).

"And great crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan followed him."

Tuesday, Jan 04, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

Fed by the bread of life

Raised Episcopalian, Elizabeth Ann Seton knew about Jesus multiplying loaves. On Sundays, she was a devout communicant at historic Trinity Church on Wall Street. But it wasn't until Elizabeth went to Italy with her children and husband in 1803, attending Mass with Catholic friends, that she was drawn to the Real Presence in the Eucharist. "How happy would we be, if we believed what these dear souls believe," she wrote, "that they possess God in the sacrament, and that He remains in their churches and is carried to them when they are sick!" In honor of Mother Seton, the first U.S.-born saint, resolve to receive Communion more often this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213). "He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people."

Wednesday, Jan 05, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

Get to know your neighbors

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint John Neuman, the first Redemptorist priest ordained in the United States and the first male U.S. citizen named a saint. Neumann, who emigrated to the United States from Bohemia as a young man desirous of being a missionary,

is revered for his tireless work among immigrants in the Northeast. He had a talent for understanding people and knowing what would bring them peace and comfort. Seek to emulate this holy man, who one of his fellow bishops observed, "had a solution for every question posed," and an "unruffled composure, which betokened deep humility and perfect self-control. I always regarded him as a saint."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214). "If we love one another, God remains in us, and [God's] love is brought to perfection in us."

Thursday, Jan 06, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

The comeback kid of Québec

Saint André Bessette's remarkable life began when he was born into poverty in 1845. Orphaned by age 12, considered a failure in school, he practiced unskilled trades until his pastor encouraged him to join the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The congregation reluctantly admitted him, concerned about his frail health. Brother André defied expectations, living to age 91 and becoming famous throughout Québec for the many healings people experienced after visiting him in his role as a humble doorkeeper. Why not ask Brother André for his intercession, be it for mental, spiritual, relational, or physical healing?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22 (215). "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Friday, Jan 07, 2022

MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST

Make straight your path

Through its long history, the church has been careful to make a distinction between the canons, or rules, of the church and the laws of the state. The canons, from the Greek *kanon* for "straight," were meant to guide Catholics toward the mission of the church—to keep them on the straight and narrow of faith, so to speak. There are 1,752 canons, many that pertain to all of us. For example, Canon 210: "All the Christian faithful must direct their efforts to lead a holy life and to promote the growth of the church and its continual sanctification, according to their own condition." In honor of the patron saint of canon lawyers, Saint Raymond of Peñafort, do your best to follow the rules of the church and give witness to God's saving love.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216). "God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

Saturday, Jan 08, 2022

SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Increasing Christ

Tomorrow, the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. The days, dates, and seasons of the church's liturgical calendar focus the whole People of God on the same celebrations. During Advent we prepare. In Christmas we welcome. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance. Easter is new life. In Ordinary Time we celebrate the ongoing effects of God's grace. So when "Silent Night" or "We Three Kings" is sung throughout the world, the air fills with the grace generated by God in our hearts. Sing a Christmas hymn today and know that the stars are singing with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217). "He must increase; I must decrease."

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This Friday, January 7th is the first Friday of the Month. Please join the Community at 7:00pm for an hour of prayer with Christ during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the Benediction.



The St. Bernard's Creative Craft Group

The St. Bernard's Creative Craft Group will meet on Friday, January 14th from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm in the cafeteria. This group is open to all adults and children who enjoy being creative and making arts & crafts. Parents are needed to assist in the coordination of the group. Please join us for some creative fun!

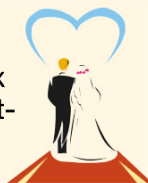


Communion for the Homebound

As restrictions are slowly lifting the Church of St. Bernard will be resuming house visits for those who need to receive the Eucharist. If you or someone you know is in need of receiving the Eucharist, please contact the Rectory at 914-949-2111.

Sacrament of Marriage

If you are thinking about marriage, please contact the Rectory at least six months before the wedding date to set-up an appointment.



Catholic Charities helps immigrants reunite legally with their families, obtain proper work authorization, learn English and civics, and prepare to pass citizenship exams. Catholic Charities also assist immigrant in avoiding exploration by unscrupulous practitioners by providing correct information and realistic counsel about immigration status. They also support a vast network of soup kitchens and food pantries in NYC, emergency shelters, temporary and transitional housing and permanent affordable housing to help homeless families and individuals. For more information call 1-888-744-7900 or 914-476-2700

Registration of New Parishioners

The Church of St. Bernard extends a warm welcome to those who have recently started worshipping the Lord with us. Often people attend Mass at a parish for months or sometimes years, but never officially register. Registering at St. Bernard's Church is the expression of your commitment to being part of our parish family. Being a registered parishioner also makes the process much simpler when it is time for receiving sacraments, registering for religious education, sponsoring a sacrament recipient and even planning funerals. New parishioners are welcome to register at the Rectory during office hours, Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Saint Bernard's Gift Shop is now Open!

The St. Bernard Gift Shop is open in person and online. Items can be ordered at <https://stbernardsgiftshop.square.site> or by clicking our online button in our home parish.



St. Bernard's Food Bank

The Church of St. Bernard and Catholic Charities will be distributing fresh meat, dairy, fruit and vegetable products at the main entrance of Chapel Hall. This will be on a first come first serve basis on Thursday, January 13th at 4:00pm.

Volunteers Needed

The Church of St. Bernard and Catholic Charities need the help of at least 10 volunteers to assist us with the distribution of food from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. If you are able to help, please make sign up by visiting our parish website and clicking on the **GREEN** Sign-Up Genius button.

Renew + Rebuild

Total Amount Pledged: \$707,112
Total Amount in Payments: \$348,111

We hope that all of our parishioners will make every effort to complete their pledges so that we are able to accomplish our parish project. Thank you very much.

Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento

Este viernes 7 de enero es el primer viernes del mes. Únase a la Comunidad a las 7:00 pm para una hora de oración con Cristo durante la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento.

El Grupo de Artesanía Creativa de San Bernardo

El Grupo de Artesanía Creativa de St. Bernard se reunirá el viernes 14 de enero de 6:00 pm a 8:00 pm en la cafetería. Este grupo está abierto a todos los adultos y niños que disfrutan de ser creativos y hacer manualidades. Se necesitan padres para ayudar en la coordinación del grupo. ¡Únase a nosotros para divertirse creativamente!

Comunión para los confinados en casa

A medida que las restricciones se están levantando lentamente, la Iglesia de San Bernardo reanuda las visitas domiciliarias para aquellos que necesitan recibir la Eucaristía. Si usted o alguien que conoce necesita recibir la Eucaristía, comuníquese a la Rectoría al 914-949-2111.

Sacramento del Matrimonio

Si está pensando en casarse, comuníquese a la Rectoría al menos seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda para programar una cita.



Caridades Católicas ayuda a los inmigrantes a reunirse legalmente con sus familias, obtener la autorización de trabajo adecuada, aprender inglés y educación cívica y prepararse para aprobar los exámenes de ciudadanía. Caridades Católicas también ayuda a los inmigrantes a evitar la exploración por parte de practicantes sin escrúpulos brindándoles información correcta y consejos realistas sobre el estado migratorio. También apoyan una vasta red de comedores populares y despensas de alimentos en la ciudad de Nueva York, refugios de emergencia, viviendas temporales y de transición y viviendas asequibles permanentes para ayudar a las familias e individuos sin hogar. Para obtener más información, llame al 1-888-744-7900 o al 914-476-2700

Registro de nuevos feligreses

La Iglesia de San Bernardo da una cálida bienvenida a aquellos que recientemente han comenzado a adorar al Señor con nosotros. A menudo, las personas asisten a misa en una parroquia durante meses o, a veces, años, pero nunca se registran oficialmente. Registrarse en la Iglesia de San Bernardo es la expresión de su compromiso de ser parte de nuestra familia parroquial. Ser un feligrés registrado también hace que el proceso sea mucho más simple cuando es el momento de recibir los sacramentos, registrarse para educación religiosa, ser padrino e incluso planificar los funerales. Los nuevos feligreses pueden registrarse en la Rectoría durante el horario de oficina, de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m

¡Tienda de regalos de San Bernardo ahora está abierto!

La tienda de regalos de San Bernardo está abierta en persona y en línea. Los artículos se pueden pedir en <https://stbernardsgiftshop.square.site> o haciendo clic en su botón en línea en nuestra parroquia.

Banco de alimentos de San Bernardo

La Iglesia de San Bernardo distribuirá carne fresca, productos lácteos, frutas y verduras en la entrada principal del Centro Comunitario de San Bernardo. Esto será por orden de llegada el jueves 13 de enero a las 4:00 pm.

Voluntarios necesarios

La Iglesia de San Bernardo necesita la ayuda de al menos 5 voluntarios para ayudarnos con la distribución de alimentos de 3:00 pm a 5:00 pm. Si nos puede ayudar, regístrese visitando el sitio web de nuestra parroquia y haciendo clic en el botón **VERDE** Sign-Up Genius.

Renovar + Reconstruir

Monto total comprometido: \$ 707,112

Monto total en pagos: \$ 348,111

Esperamos que todos nuestros feligreses puedan completar sus promesas para que podamos lograr nuestro proyecto parroquial. Muchas gracias.



Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:30 Maria Romero Perez
11:30 Evangelina Quiñonez

Sunday, January 2, 2022

9:30 Francisco Loja Tafur
11:30 Agustina Vazquez Garcia
and Froilán Hidalgo Aguilar

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

9:00 Leonardo Morales

Thursday, January 6, 2022

9:00 Maria Matilde Sanchez

Friday, January 7, 2022

9:00 Lola Duque de Salazar (Living)

Saturday, January 8, 2022

5:30 Bother Pius Blandino

Sunday, January 9, 2022

9:30 Teresa Ramos Marin
11:30 Ana Fuentes

**Prayer for the Sick /
Oración para los Enfermos**

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and those who serve them. /
Recemos por todas las personas de nuestra parroquia que se encuentran enfermas.

William Fargelli
Bernie Levine
Elie Rodriguez

Jerrie Duffy
Jennie Magnotta
Vicky Rebatta



Sunday's Collection:

Today's Second Collection is for Maintenance. Next week's Second Collection will be for Catholic Communications. Thank you for your generous support to our parish.

La Segunda Colecta de hoy será para el Mantenimiento. La Segunda Colecta de la próxima semana sera para Comunicaciones Católicas. Gracias por sus generosas contribuciones a

Weekly Collections

Beyond Sunday Morning Campaign

1st Collection - 12/19/21

Parish Envelopes & Cash: \$4,037
WeShare Electronic Donations: \$2,762
QR Codes Electronic Donations: \$x
1st Collection Total: \$6,799

2nd Collection -

Parish Envelopes & Cash: \$1,065
WeShare Electronic Donations: \$46
QR Codes Electronic Donations: \$x
2nd Collection Total: \$1,111

1st Collection - 12/26/21

Parish Envelopes & Cash: \$3,370
WeShare Electronic Donations: \$2,857
QR Codes Electronic Donations: \$45
1st Collection Total: \$4,272

2nd Collection -

Parish Envelopes & Cash: \$942
WeShare Electronic Donations: \$36
QR Codes Electronic Donations: \$x
2nd Collection Total: \$978

Christmas donations are still coming in and will be reported in a future bulletin.

thank you

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A PART OF OUR FLOCK!**

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PARTE DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA!**



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