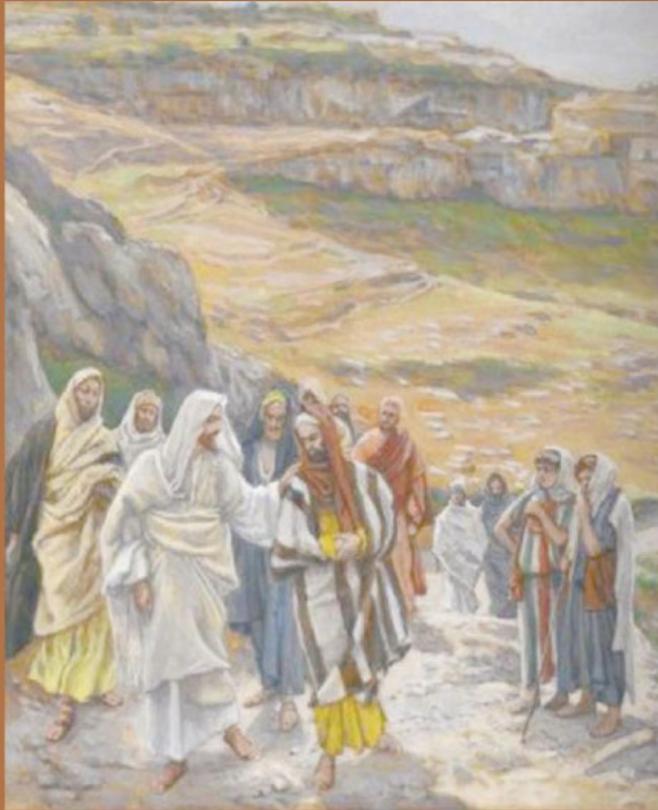




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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:28, 33

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Saturday Masses/
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5:30 pm
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9:30 am
11:30 am (Spanish / Español)
Confessions:
Saturday / Sábado
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm



GOSPEL MEDITATION – ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 4, 2022

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. “Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor).” “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. “A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta).” Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don’t feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God’s love and seek it above all other things!

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

4 de septiembre de 2022

23^{er} Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El seguimiento de Jesús implica dejar cosas tanto materiales como del interior de la persona. Seguirle con fidelidad es una constante decisión de cambio radical en la vida, cualquier sea el estado de vida que estemos viviendo. Lo principal es dejar caprichos, egoísmos y malos sentimientos hacia otras personas. De esto trata el Evangelio de hoy. Trata de calcular y cargar y dejar todo lo que impida seguir a Jesús, como sus fieles discípulos: “El que no carga con su propia cruz para seguirme luego, no puede ser discípulo mío” (Lucas 14,27).

“El seguimiento de Jesús es un compromiso serio y al mismo tiempo gozoso; requiere de radicalidad y esfuerzo para reconocer al divino Maestro en los más pobres y descartados de la vida y ponerse a su servicio. Por esto los voluntarios que sirven a los últimos y a los necesitados por amor a Jesús no esperan ningún agradecimiento ni gratificación, sino que renuncian a todo esto porque han descubierto el verdadero amor” (Papa Francisco). Señor, ayúdanos con tu gracia a conseguir el cambio de vida tan deseado, porque sin ti, sin tu amor, no somos nada ni llegamos a nada. Por esa razón la primera lectura nos dice: “¿Quién, en realidad, podría conocer la voluntad del Señor? ¿Quién se apasionará por lo que quiere el Señor? (Sabiduría 9,13). No podemos seguir al Señor a ciegas, la fortaleza llega con la oración y las buenas obras.

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

Sunday, Sep 04, 2022

Value life above all

What does it mean to renounce possessions?

Monastic tradition recognizes that even owning a spoon is spiritually dangerous if the spoon possesses us back. Most of us own far more than utensils. We might consider the example of Lutheran humanitarian Dr. Albert Schweitzer. He wasn't a perfect man nor a flawless theologian. Schweitzer got a lot wrong about his medical mission in Africa. But he got one thing very right: Reverence for life is paramount, and society's resources should serve life as its primary ethical foundation. Place your worldly treasure at the service of life.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33 (129). "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Monday, Sep 05, 2022

Home is where the charity is

Today's commemoration of International Day of Charity got its start in Hungary to memorialize the death of Saint Mother Teresa (who died in 1997); the United Nations took it worldwide in 2012. The Missionaries of Charity, the order Mother Teresa founded with 12 members in 1950, continue her legacy by serving the "poorest of the poor." Now in 139 countries, the more than 5,000 sisters run orphanages and homes for those dying of AIDS, and care for refugees, the blind, disabled, aged, alcoholics, the poor and homeless, and victims of floods, epidemics, and famine. Despite the breadth of these efforts, Mother Teresa always said, "Love begins at home." Start your charitable activity there and watch where it takes you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11 (437). "I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"

Tuesday, Sep 06, 2022

Let the children come

With Labor Day ending the summer, today is the first day of classes for millions of U.S. schoolchildren. Christian fantasy writer Madeleine L'Engle—who died on this day in 2007—once made a keen observation, which is helpful as children's faith formation classes begin anew: "No wonder our youth [are] confused and in pain; they long for God, for the transcendent, and they are offered, far too often, either piety or sociology, neither of which meets their needs." They encounter churches "which have become buildings that are a safe place to go to escape the awful [awesome] demands of God." Pray for parish religious ed programs today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19 (438).

"Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him."

Wednesday, Sep 07, 2022

Honor those who preserved the treasure

On this day in 1303, Pope Boniface VIII was attacked in his hometown of Anagni, Italy, where he was sought out for his refusal to grant favors to the French monarchy. He briefly escaped with the help of the townsfolk, but died three weeks

later in Rome, refusing to back down in the face of the monarch's attempts to control the church. Pray for all those who have faced persecution and even death so that we could worship freely and without fear.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26 (439).

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man."

Thursday, Sep 08, 2022

Born free

Catholics have dozens of ways to honor Mary, and today's celebration of her birth fits into that larger picture of love and reverence. Today's date is nine months after the December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is also meant to celebrate Mary's sinless condition from her very beginning. Today's feast day tends to fly below the radar in the U.S. church, but in Mangalore, India, Catholics hold flower-festooned processions, pray novenas, and prepare festive meals. It's a good day anywhere to consider Mary's radical embrace of her calling and ask her help to do the same in our lives.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636). "She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Friday, Sep 09, 2022

Check for blind spots

Saint Peter Claver, S.J. (1580-1654) spent most of his life in Cartagena, Columbia ministering to enslaved people arriving at the ports. He left a lasting legacy that inspired the formation of the Knights of Peter Claver, the largest African-American Catholic fraternal order in the United States; the Apostles of the Sea, who continue to minister to seafarers around the world; and the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, who serve the poor, particularly in Africa. However, like any of us—even saints—Peter had his blind spots. Though he worked tirelessly to serve those arriving in shackles, he himself enslaved people. Many Catholics at the time spoke out against slavery; Peter did not, nor did the majority of the Catholic hierarchy. Enlightenment takes time. Like Peter Claver, show compassion as you strive for clearer vision.

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, JESUIT PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42 (441). "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"

Saturday, Sep 10, 2022

Help the pain

Since 2003, World Suicide Prevention Day has been observed by dozens of countries. Hosted by the International Association for Suicide Prevention, the World Federation for Mental Health, and the World Health Organization, today is marked by activities designed to make people aware of the human cost of suicide and the means of prevention. For instance, by some estimates, 22 American service veterans take their own lives every day. We've got to do everything in our power to help these souls who have been so damaged by the horror of war. Check with your local VA to see how you can help.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49 (442).

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command?"

St. Bernard's Food Bank

The Church of St. Bernard will be distributing, dairy, fruit and vegetable products at the main entrance of the St. Bernard's Community Center. This will be on a first come first serve basis on Thursday, September 8th at 4:00pm.

Volunteers Needed

The Church of St. Bernard needs the help of at least 5 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.



Divine Infant Jesus

From Friday, September 9th through Saturday, September 17th there will be a Novena to the Divine Infant Jesus in the Main Church at 7:00pm. On Sunday, September 18th, during the 11:30am Spanish mass we will honor the Divine Infant Jesus.



Lord of the Miracles Novena & Celebration

From Friday, September 16th through Saturday, September 24th there will be a Novena to the Lord of the Miracles in the Cafeteria at 8:00pm. On Sunday, September 25th, during the 11:30am Spanish mass we will honor the Lord of the Miracles.



Creative Craft Group

The St. Bernard's Creative Craft Group will meet on Friday, September 16th, & 30th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm 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!



Religious Education Program 2022-2023



FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

Dear Parents, please come to the main Church. At least one parent with the child has to attend this first day.

To levels: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and RCIA-2W
Wednesday, September 14th
at 6:00PM-7:30PM

To levels: 6th, 7th, 8th, RCIA1 and RCIA-2T
Thursday, September 15th at 7:00PM-8:30PM

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.



Morris Ministries

Fr. Morris' latest Video Meditation is "Caring for God's Earth-Part 2, Responsible Stewardship". To watch the video visit the bilingual website www.RobertJohnMorris.com.



Banco de Alimentos de San Bernardo

La Iglesia de San Bernardo distribuirá productos lácteos, frutas y vegetales en la entrada principal del Centro Comunitario de San Bernardo. Será por orden de llegada el jueves 8 de septiembre a las 4:00 p.m.

Necesitamos voluntarios

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



Divino Niño Jesús

Desde el viernes 9 de septiembre hasta el sábado 17 de septiembre habrá una Novena al Divino Niño Jesús en la Iglesia Principal a las 7:00pm. El domingo 18 de septiembre, durante la misa en español de las 11:30 am, honraremos al Divino Niño Jesús.



Señor de los Milagros Novena y Celebración

Desde el viernes 16 de septiembre hasta el sábado 24 de septiembre habrá una Novena al Señor de los Milagros en la Cafetería a las 8:00pm. El domingo 25 de septiembre, durante la misa en español de las 11:30 am, honraremos al Señor de los Milagros.

Grupo de artesanía creativa

El grupo de manualidades creativas de San Bernardo se reunirá el viernes 16 y 30 de septiembre de 6:00 p. m. a 7:30 p. m. en la cafetería. Este grupo está abierto a todos los adultos y niños que disfrutan ser creativos y hacer manualidades. Se necesitan padres para ayudar en la coordinación del grupo. ¡Únase a nosotros para divertirse creativamente!

Programa de Educación Religiosa 2022-2023



PRIMER DIA DE CLASES

Estimados padres, por favor vengan a la Iglesia principal. Al menos uno de los padres con el niño tiene que asistir ese primer día.

Niveles: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & RCIA-2W

Miércoles 14 de septiembre de 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Niveles: 6, 7, 8, RCIA-1 & RCIA-2T

Jueves 15 de septiembre de 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Registro de nuevos feligreses

La Iglesia de San Bernardo extiende una calurosa 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 simplifica mucho el proceso cuando llega el momento de recibir los Sacramentos, registrarse para la Educación Religiosa, patrocinar a un receptor de los Sacramentos e incluso planificar funerales. Los nuevos feligreses pueden registrarse en la Rectoría durante el horario de atención, de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a. m. a 5:00 p. m.



Morris Ministerios

El video de meditación más reciente del Padre Morris es "Cuidando la Tierra de Dios-Parte 2, Cuidado Responsable". Para ver el video, visite el sitio web bilingüe www.RobertJohnMorris.com





Saturday, September 3, 2022

5:30 Rosalba Espinoza Gomez

Sunday, September 4, 2022

9:30 Michelina Marchesani

11:30 Joseph Peña (Living)

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

9:00 Norberto Sanchez

Thursday, September 8, 2022

9:00 Marie Bauer

Friday, September 9, 2022

9:00 Anthony Santos

Saturday, September 10, 2022

5:30 Rosenda Galvez

Sunday, September 11, 2022

9:30 Manuel Muñoz & Victoria Lopez

11:30 Miguel Angel Romero (Living)

**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
Ruben Tinoco**

**Jerrie Duffy
Jennie Magnotta
Vicky Rebatta**



Sunday's Collection:

Today's Second Collection is for Maintenance. Next week's Second Collection will be for Utilities. 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 las Utilidades. Gracias por sus generosas contribuciones a nuestra parroquia.

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| QR Codes Electronic Donations: | \$0 |
| 1st Collection Total: | <u>\$3,231.11</u> |

2nd Collection -

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| Parish Envelopes & Cash: | \$969 |
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| QR Codes Electronic Donations: | \$0 |
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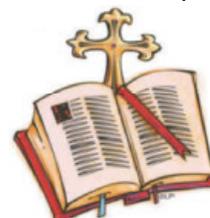
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To request a Mass be offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the Rectoría 914-949-2111. Mass offering is \$15. Reservando Misas Anunciadas.

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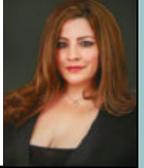
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