

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - January 13th, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday 10:00 am	January 15th Mass at Bridlewood Manor
Wednesday 9:15 am	January 16th For the Parish Community
Thursday 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	January 17th Adoration For the Parish Community
Friday 9:15 am	January 18th For the Parish Community
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 19th † Pureza & Maria Augusta Suarez by the family † For all the angels and saints by Garay Paternostre
Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am	January 20th † Anita Colombi by Fatima de Silva For the Parish Community
1:30 pm	Enrolment Mass for First Communion (All schools)



Pastor's Message

"Tears of Joy"

Blaise Pascal was a French mathematical genius who died in 1662. After running from God until he was 31 years old, on November 23, 1654 at 10:30 p.m., Pascal met God and was profoundly and unshakably converted to Jesus Christ. He wrote it down on a piece of parchment and sewed into his coat where it was found after his death eight years later. It said, "Year of grace 1654, Monday 23 November, feast of St. Clement . . . from about half past ten at night to about half an hour after midnight, *fire*. God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, not of philosophers and scholars. Certitude, heartfelt joy, peace. God of Jesus Christ. God of Jesus Christ. "My God and your God." . . . Joy, Joy, Joy, tears of joy . . . Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ. May I never be separated from him".

All men seek happiness. This is without exception. Whatever different means they employ, they all tend to this end. What the Bible Says About Joy. Let me give you a taste from what the Bible says about joy: Jesus's aim in all he taught was the joy of his people. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ([John 15:11](#)) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. ([Romans 15:13](#)) The kingdom of God is joy. May this new year bring each of us true joy. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ([Romans 14:17](#)) Joy is the fruit of God's Spirit within us.

Fr. Eslin Pereira, CMF

THE NEXT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION will be held on **Thursday January 24th** at 7:30 pm and **baptism** will be held on **Sunday, January 27th** at 11:00 am.



Parents, we encourage you to attend Mass on Sunday and meet Fr. Pereira prior to registering your child for baptism. Please call our parish office, at 613-738-1943, for more information or to register for the next Baptismal Preparation.

Remember in your prayers all who are in need of our prayers that God's healing and comforting presence may be with them, especially: *Mary Dawn Johnston, Patricia Quilty, Andy Quan, Chris McEvoy, Joyce Lefebvre, Bob Lefebvre, Janet Perry, Margaret Kilmartin, Lisa Paquette and Jane Cameron.*

Please contact the parish office to inform us of those who are ill and in need of God's healing and comfort. Renewal of prayers for the sick is available by contacting Pat Gagne (613-523-0769)

FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT MASS:

A special enrolment mass for all students registered to make their First Holy Communion is scheduled for **1:30 pm on Sunday January 20th** at St. Bernard's Church.

If your child is baptized and you did not attend the registration meeting held last November, this is their last chance to do so if they want to receive their 1st Holy Communion in the spring of this year. The sacramental team will be on hand to assist you.

At this special mass the children will receive a blessing and a cross to mark the occasion. A small celebration will follow in the church hall after the mass.

Registered children and their families are expected to attend.

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2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are still available for pick up on the table at the back of the church.

For parishioners who would like offertory envelopes, please complete the Parish Registration form or call the office at 613-738-1943. A box of envelopes would be assigned to you for pick up the following week.

We would like to take this time to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2018.

YOUR OFFERINGS:

Regular Collection for Jan 5/6 **\$1,863.75**
Thank you for your generosity and support
Cash counters for January 20th
Levert Dorval & Matt Messenger



The Ottawa South St. Vincent De Paul Society conducted 135 visits in 2018. It assisted 358 people including 181 adults and 177 children. It provided \$6,825 in Food assistance and \$20,198 in Clothing and Furniture assistance. Eighty percent of families were on social assistance. The remainder were unemployed, on workers compensation, on maternity benefits on old age security or recent refugees. Thank you for your generous support in 2018.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WEEK, JAN 14-18

If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2019, it's time to register for the Ottawa Catholic School Board kindergarten program at your local Catholic elementary school. Visit <http://ocsb.ca/register/>. Info: Mardi de Kemp, 613-224-4455 ext. 2326

MASS INTENTIONS - To request a mass intention call the parish office at 613-739-1943 or email your request to st.bernard@rogers.com indicating the date and time you would like the Mass and for whom the intention is being offered. The offering is \$15.00. You can drop the payment off at the office or you can complete blue envelopes marked Mass Intentions and place it in the collection basket.

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS: To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa. Info: wandawoj@rogers.com; 613-831-2515. Everyone welcome. The next Mass on the pilgrimage journey will be Saturday, January 19th at 10:00 am St. Basil Parish, 940 Rex Avenue, Ottawa

Miriam Centre Executive Director, Full-time position, fluently bilingual, compassionate pro-life person. Must have management skills and experience

and computer skills. \$15.00/hr. Send c.v. to Sr Rita Lacelle, 030- 2742 St. Joseph Blvd., Orléans, ON K1C 1G5 or centremiriamcentre@yahoo.ca
For job posting : <https://miriamcentre.ca/contact-us/>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - An Ecumenical Prayer Service: Hosted by the Christian Council of the Capital Area at Saint Basil Church, 940 Rex Ave. (Maitland at Carling) Sunday, January 20th, 4:00 pm. A reception will follow; all are invited. Info: Fr. Jacques Kabangu, Saint-Gabriel Parish 613-745-4352 (jacqueskabangu25@gmail.com)

DONATIONS BY CREDIT CARD OR INTERAC to make weekly, monthly, or one time donations: Visit, saintbernardparish.com, click on Canada Helps to give. Canada Helps will instantly issue you a tax receipt and will forward your donation into our parish account.

CRA CHARITY NUMBER - Our parish is registered with CRA as: PAROISSE ST BERNARD 128967353RR0020. This number is needed to setup payroll charity giving

Direct Your United Way Contributions to St. Bernard Parish: Did you know that you are able to direct your United Way contribution to St. Bernard



Parish? Simply mark the appropriate section on the reverse of your form to direct your monies to **PAROISSE ST BERNARD**, 1720 St. Bernard Street, Gloucester, Ontario. K1T 1K8. You not only give to United Way but you help your church as well.

Charity Name: **PAROISSE ST BERNARD**
BN/Registration Number: **12896 7353 RR0020**



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

A warm welcome to new parishioners. You are invited to fill out a parish registration form found on the table in the foyer or on our parish website: www.saintbernardparish.com.

Please put the completed form into the collection basket during Offertory at Mass.

Christ is everything for us: "Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith:

Galatians 6.10b