

IMPORTANT UPDATES ON THE UPCOMING SAINT BERNARD & CHRIST KING MERGER

Masses of Thanksgiving at Saint Bernard

During the weekend of August 17 and 18, we will celebrate Masses of Thanksgiving at Saint Bernard at the usual Mass times (4:00 on Saturday, 8:00 and 10:30 on Sunday). Particular emphasis will be placed on the 10:30 Mass, with social time to follow.

On this weekend, we will thank God for the work of the Catholic Church through the people of Saint Bernard Parish over many years. More so, this will mark the commitment of Christ King and Saint Bernard parishioners to improving our work as our parish spreads the Gospel mission in our area.

Starting on Monday, August 19, all liturgical celebrations will occur at our Christ King campus at 2604 North Swan Boulevard, and the parish office will begin operations there. As of this date, the Saint Bernard campus will no longer be accessible to the public. We will continue moving items to Christ King for use or storage. It is anticipated at least one more month will pass until we transfer our property to the new owners.

I strongly encourage all current Christ King parishioners to attend Mass at Saint Bernard on August 17 and 18, especially at the 10:30 Mass. Parishes do not "close." Rather, they merge into something new. This is a significant change for both Christ King and Saint Bernard, and we will begin "year 1" of our new identity with renewed strength and focus on the mission of the Catholic Church in our area.

Orientation Sessions

I will be holding orientation sessions in August, to which everyone is invited, especially newer parishioners. The purpose is

to invite Saint Bernard parishioners to learn more about our new home for worship. There will be two (duplicate) orientation sessions at Christ King. I don't anticipate these will run for more than an hour. Here is a time to learn the space, learn the history of the Christ King campus, and begin to feel more comfortable in the place you worship every Sunday. Come to either session. No RSVP is necessary.

- Thursday, August 8, at 6:00 p.m. or
- Sunday, August 11, at 12:00 noon

New Daily Mass Schedule

Starting Monday, August 19, we will undertake a revised daily Mass schedule.

- Mondays: 8:00 a.m. Mass
- Mondays: 3:00-7:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (volunteers will be needed to commit to these hours of prayer)
- Tuesdays: 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Wednesdays: 12:00 noon Mass
- Thursdays: 8:00 a.m. Mass (with parish school children when in session)
- Fridays: 12:00 noon Mass
- Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday Mass times will remain the same (4:00 on Saturdays, 8:00 and 10:30 on Sundays).

Again, thank you for your support and enthusiasm for the life of intentional discipleship we will undertake with renewed vigor as we walk through this transition.

See you at Mass,

Fr. Phillip