

# MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

## St. Damian's Parish Faith Formation

### Cardinal Virtue: Prudence

Practical common sense; taking the trouble to think about what you are doing and what is likely to come of it.

In the face of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, times can be very challenging and sometimes even scary with the unknown. Please know that we are praying for you and believing that God is in control of everything. **St. Bernard & St. Damian Parishes**, keeping in compliance with regulations from Bishop Braxton, are trying to find ways to stay connected.

- 1) Please check out Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers](http://www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers) for live streaming *stations*; *Mass* will live stream at **9:30 am on Sunday mornings**; and *Eucharistic Adoration* is live streamed on **Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 pm**. **All parish activities are limited to 10 or less people.**
- 2) You can also find Masses on the television at EWTN or on St. Bernard & St. Damian website at [www.stbernardandstdamian.org](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org). **The rosary and a blog for comments are also on the website.**
- 3) Communion to the home bound will continue. Please contact Deacon Glenn Netemeyer if you would like Communion brought to you.
- 4) Check on your friends and neighbors, especially the elderly and those living alone.
- 5) Please continually pray at home for us, and all people, in this time of trouble.
- 6) Bulletins will continue to be printed weekly and be available in the jar located on the front steps of St. Damian House, on the tables in St. Bernard Church, and also on the website.
- 7) The offices will be on limited hours on Monday - Friday (9:00 am-12 noon). Jeanne will be working from home at times or in an office as needed. Please do not hesitate to give Jeanne a call.
- 8) Although we are unable to attend Mass or have any church activities, the parish will continue to be there to support you. **We also need your support!** Please mail in your contributions, fill out an ACH form, or if you bank online, have a check sent to the parish. Your contribution envelopes can also be dropped in the basket in the main entrance of church @ St. Bernard. For St. Damian they can be placed in the jar on the front porch of the parish house (where the bulletins are). These locations will be checked daily and envelopes put in a safe place.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 28

- First Communion Retreat - **WILL BE RESCHEDULED**

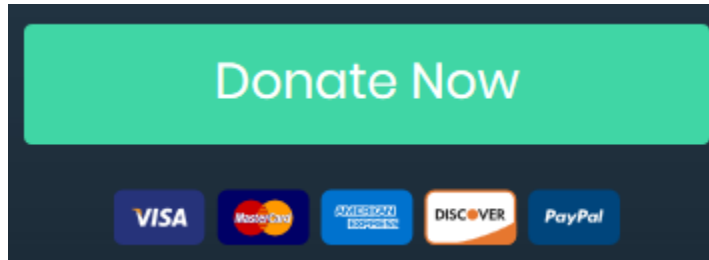


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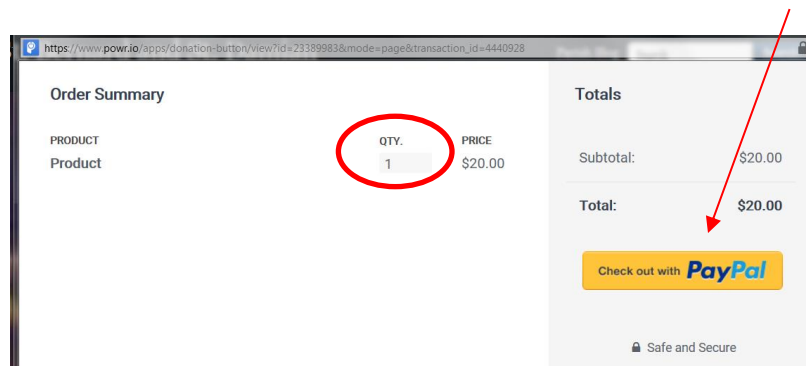
You can also make a donation directly on the Parish website home page located here:

<http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/>

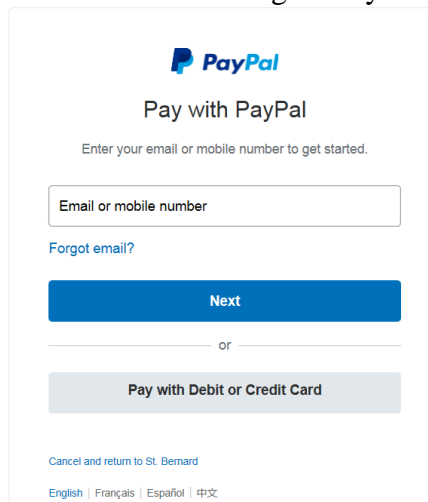
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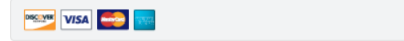


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## Thank you and God bless!

If you need assistance, wish to meet with someone, or just wish to talk, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Please be safe and stay healthy. God bless!

Jeanne

### FATHER ANTHONY'S GUIDANCE

O Mary  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

*Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

**-Fr. Anthony Onyango**

### DEACON'S CORNER

## What is meant by “Carry the cross”?

Jesus meant something far deeper than this when He told His disciples to carry their cross. He said to them, “If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me” (Luke 9:23). In Jesus' day, a cross wasn't just a symbol of pain and suffering; it was mainly a symbol of death. What Jesus was telling them is that they needed to put to death their own plans and desires, and then turn their lives over to Him and do His will every day.

You see, Jesus doesn't simply call us to believe that He existed, or even to believe that He can save us. He calls on us to commit our whole lives to Him alone for our salvation, and then to follow Him as His disciples. He said, “Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:27).

*Is Christ the master of your life? Have you put to death your own plans and committed yourself to His will for your life? Don't be satisfied with anything less, for there is no greater joy in life than following Christ every day. (Billy Graham; Feb. 20, 2006)*

**Just an added note of the importance of the children coming to Mass regularly on weekends with their families. On weekdays they attend Mass during Faith Formation sessions, but the children need to pray with their moms and dads at Mass also on the weekends. Praying together strengthens a family in more ways than we'll ever realize!!!! Joshua says', "as for me and my house, we will serve God".**

**Thank you for bringing the children to Mass!**

**-Deacon Glenn**

***"May you always be doing those good, kind things that show you are a child of God." Phil 1:11***

## THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

*The Lord is my Shepherd, Psalm 23, can help us deal with all the changes, inconveniences and real hardships that are part of our current situation. We have the uncertainty of how long it will last and whether or not it will actually make any of us sick.*

*We can follow the recommendations and be good neighbors, whenever possible, and trust God to walk us through.*

*We pray for care givers, for elected officials and for all the sick. Holy Mother of God pray for us.*

*El Señor es mi Pastor, salmo 23, nos puede ayudar enfrentar todos los cambios, inconvenientes y privaciones que sea parte de esta situación. Tenemos la incertidumbre de cuánto dure y si alguno de nosotros se va a caer enfermo.*

*Podemos/debemos seguir las sugerencias y ser buenos vecinos cuando es posible pero siempre confiamos en que Dios nos llevará a lo bueno.*

*Y rezamos por los que atienden a los enfermos, por los oficiales elegidos y por todos los enfermos. Santa Madre De Dios ruega por nosotros.*

**-Sister Ellen Orf**

## CHURCH MASSES

*MASSES are being streamed online live on the parish Facebook page at 9:30 am on Sunday until the emergency is over. You can join here:*

<https://www.facebook.com/stbernardalbers/videos/d41d8cd9/878340339296563/>

*Watch the bulletin for any changes due to Diocesan and Government restrictions.*

*Previously recorded masses should be available on the Parish website soon.*

<http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org/>

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