



5th Sunday of Lent

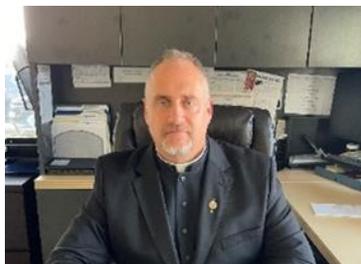
March 22, 2026

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach Holy Week, the readings point us toward new life. God is always doing something new – even in hearts that feel weary.

The Sacraments of Initiation are not past events; they are living realities. In Baptism, we died and rose with Christ. In Confirmation, we were sealed with the Spirit. In the

Eucharist, we are continually nourished.

Families can prepare for Holy Week by choosing one concrete act of service – writing a note to someone lonely, visiting a neighbour, or praying together before a crucifix.

Lent has been a journey – desert, mountain, conversion, joy – and now renewal. Let us enter Holy Week ready to renew our promises and deepen our participation in the Sacraments.

May our parish continue walking together toward Easter – renewed in Christ and rooted in grace.

Faithfully in the Lord,

Fr. Chris

Sacraments

Baptisms - A mandatory Baptism class must be attended and required registration forms completed. Please call the Parish Office or email office@stbernajax.com

First Confession/Communion - Please speak to Robert or email LPA@stbernajax.com

Confirmation - Please speak to Robert or email LPA@stbernajax.com

Christian Initiation of Adults - Adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Robert or email LPA@stbernajax.com

Christian Initiation of Young People - For young people ages 7 through 16, age-appropriate classes will be offered to help our young people receive all Sacraments of Initiation. Please speak to Robert or email LPA@stbernajax.com

Marriage - Contact the Parish Office **one year in advance** and one of the priests will arrange an appointment with you

Sacrament of the Sick - Contact the Parish Office immediately

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PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am
12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

MORNING MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 8:00am
Saturday 9:00am

EVENING MASS:

Wednesday 7:30pm

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays
6:15pm-7:15pm
Fridays
8:30am-9:30am
Saturdays
3:45pm-4:45pm

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays
8:30am-12:00pm
All Other Fridays
8:30am-9:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS:

Monday - Thursday
9:00am-4:30pm

Friday
9:00am-4:30pm
(Phone calls only)

*Weekdays closed for lunch
12:30-1:30pm*

WEEKENDS:

Saturday 9:30am-12:00pm

WELCOME DESK:

Before and after all weekend
Masses

Register at Our Parish

Welcome to St. Bernadette's! Register to fully participate, access sacraments, connect with our community, and help us serve you better. If you live outside of our parish boundaries but worship here, registration is key for official requests. [Click here to register](#) today!

Praying for Our People



Praying for one another is an important part of our Christian Discipleship, the mission entrusted to us by Jesus.

We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, for: **Violet Azavedo, Anne Sinclair, and Albertina Caruso.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **John Early, and Chitra Shanthi Pregasem.**

If you would like to be prayed for, please email us at office@stbernajax.com, or call the office.

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are a registered member of St Bernadette's and will be celebrating a wedding anniversary we would love to celebrate and witness your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office with your names and upcoming anniversary dates.

For the month of March, we celebrate with:

Mar 27 Bert and Patricia Connolly (61 years)

Coffee Sunday



Join us this weekend for **Coffee Sunday - March 22** after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00pm Masses in the Parish Hall. A time to pause and be present as we continue together on this lenten journey.

Lenten Day of Confession

Our Lenten Day of Confession will be held on **Thursday, March 26, from 10:00am-1:00pm and again from 7:00pm-9:30pm.** Many priests will be available during those times to hear confessions.

Palm Sunday



On **Sunday, March 29**, we celebrate Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week. The day recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. The crowd of disciples accompanies him in festive mood, their garments are stretched out before him, there is talk of the miracles they have seen, and loud praises are heard: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!" (Luke 19:38)

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 21

500pm + Mary Spillane

Sunday March 22 - 5th Sunday of Lent

830am + Karingen Joseph

1200pm Missa Pro Populo

500pm + Allan Timlin

700pm + Brenda Gibson

Monday March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

800am + Dylan Gilmour

Tuesday March 24

800am + Esperanza Marasigan Thorne

Wednesday March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

730pm + May Gillen

+ Giovanna Stillitani

~ In thanksgiving for Gillian & Lilia Pasco

~ Heber & Rosanna Young

~ Julia & Don Beattie

Thursday March 26

800am + Juanita Santiago Santos

Friday March 27

800am + Domingo & Petra Espiritu

Saturday March 28

900am + Souls in Purgatory

+ Bonnie Lee Barry

+ Maria Aurora Amante

+ Carlos Oliveira

+ Saeeda & Abdulahad

The Scrutinies

This weekend we will celebrate the third and final Scrutiny for the Elect. We invite the parish community to continue praying for them as they prepare to enter fully into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Omolola Adeyeye

Ruth Apata

Jennifer Barriage

Vanessa Doiron

Elie Ifitamaboko

Isioro Jaboro

Julie Jacob

Min Kim

Yuseon Kong

Melanie Lewis

Michael Luke

Jaheim Marshall

Natasha Marshall

Michaela Mathurin

Andrew Mattson

Allan North

Hyeji Park

Camille Sardath

Natasha Taylor

Tara Trotman

Keziah J.

Emmanuel J.

Samuel J.

Kylie L.

Amelia M.

Kinsley M.

Kale M.

Elizaburon M-I.

Eliyanah M-I.

Jacob N.

Joseph N.

Feast of St. Bernadette Soubirous



On **Thursday, April 16**, we will gather as a parish community to celebrate the feast day of St. Bernadette Soubirous, the patron Saint of our parish.

Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm, followed by a social with light snacks in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

For Our Young People

JUNIOR EDGE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30pm-8:00pm
Monday March 23 - PJ Movie Night (The LEGO Movie)

EDGE (Grades 5-8) | 7:00pm-8:30pm
Friday March 27 - Fire Inside

SUMMIT (Grades 9-12) | 6:00pm-8:30pm
Sunday March 22 - I am the Way the Truth & the Life

Upcoming Summer Camps 2026

EDGE CAMP (Grades 5-8)

Dates: Wednesday August 19 - Sunday August 23

Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

Registration is now open! Early-bird pricing is \$500 until April 30. After this date, the fee increases to \$575, and registration closes May 31. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is required after at the time of registration to secure your spot.

To register, please use the link below and be sure to select "Edge Camp East" and then "St. Bernadette's, Ajax" <https://edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com/>

To catch a glimpse of the camp activities, click the link: [Summer Camp Activities List - Camp White Pine](#)

HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CAMP (Grades 9-12)

Dates: Wednesday August 19 - Sunday August 23

Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

Cost: \$530

To register, please use the link below and be sure to select "High School Leadership 2026 - East" <https://edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com/>

Stations of the Cross

We invite everyone to join us again on **Friday at 7:00pm** for the Stations of the Cross as we continue our Lenten journey together.

Stay Connected



Faith Studies

Would a Loving God Allow Evil and Suffering?

Join us on **Monday, March 23 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall to explore one of life's most difficult and important questions through Peter Kreeft's talk. We will examine how faith responds to the reality of suffering from a perspective rooted in Christian teaching.

Book Club - The Cross and the Beatitudes

Join us on **Monday, April 13 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall, for a 3-session book study on Fulton J. Sheen's *The Cross and the Beatitudes*. Discover the connection between the beatitudes and Jesus' last words on the cross. Cost: \$15 for the book. To register, contact susangkennedy@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to serve in the following ministries for the **Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 5:00pm and 7:00pm Masses**. If you feel called to share your gifts in one of these important ministries, please contact the Parish Office or Welcome Desk. Training will be provided.

Ministers of Hospitality

The Ministry of Hospitality serves the Liturgy by establishing a climate of welcome, by helping people find a seat, and by receiving the collection! They assist the assembly with practical details so that the Liturgy can be celebrated with ease and grace. The Hospitality Ministers are essential as even one smile can make a huge difference to everyone who enters our parish for Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers

Our Eucharistic Ministers help bring the Body and Blood of Christ to our community during Mass. This ministry is a profound way to serve and share in the heart of our worship.

Lectors

Our Lectors proclaim the Word of God and help make Scripture come alive for our parish, allowing the assembly to hear and reflect on the Scriptures that nourish our faith and guide our lives.

Share Your Parish Moments!



We are collecting photos from parish events throughout the year. These are being used to highlight some of the special moments of our community across our communication channels. If you have recent favourite parish event

photos, and **proper consent has been given**, please share them with us by email at: office3@stbernajax.com

Lent & Easter Parish Schedule

Lenten Day of Confession - Thursday March 26

10:00am - 1:00pm and 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday March 28 - 5pm

Sunday March 29 - 8:30am | 10:15am | 12:00pm | 5:00pm | 7:00pm

Holy Week & Easter

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Thursday April 2 at 8:00pm

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
in the Chapel of Repose - Parish Hall (until midnight)

Good Friday - Friday April 3

Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 9:00am (rain or shine)

Good Friday Services - 11:00am | 1:00pm | 3:00pm

Holy Saturday - Saturday April 4

Blessing of Easter Baskets - 9:00am SHARP in the Parish Hall

Easter Vigil Rehearsal - 9:30am

Church Decorating - 11:00am (Church closed to public)

Easter Vigil - Saturday April 4 at 8:00pm

(come early for seating and Parish Hall overflow)

Easter Masses - Sunday April 5

Masses 9:00am | 10:30am | 12:00pm

Around the Parish

Sunday, March 22

**Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm,
5:00pm, 7:00pm**

**Coffee Sunday after Masses 8:30am, 10:15am,
12:00pm**

10:15am Children's Liturgy (Hall)
12:30pm Christian Initiation of Adults - Breaking
Open the Word (Council Room)
2:00pm Baptisms
6:00pm Summit Night (Hall)

Monday, March 23

8:00am Mass
9:30am Faith Studies (Hall)
6:30pm Jr. EDGE (Hall)

Tuesday, March 24

8:00am Mass
1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)
7:30pm Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall)

Wednesday, March 25

7:30am Notre Dame CSS - Chapel Mass (School)
9:30am Bible Study (Hall)
6:00pm Enrolment Meetings with Confirmandi
(Hall)
6:15pm Confession
7:00pm Marriage Prep Course (Hall Stage side)
7:30pm Mass

Thursday, March 26

8:00am Mass

**Lenten Day of Confessions 10:00am-1:00pm &
7:00pm-9:30pm**

6:30pm Vitality Ministry Meeting (Council Room)

Friday, March 27

8:00am Mass
8:30am Adoration
8:30am Confession
9:30am Notre Dame CSS Retreat (Hall)
2:30pm Outreach Mass (Chartwell Harwood)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm EDGE (Hall)

Saturday, March 28

7:30am St Joseph Men's Prayer Group
(Hall)
9:00am Mass
9:00am Christian Initiation of Adults - Day of
Recollection (Church, Hall)
3:45pm Confession
5:00pm Mass

Supporting our Parish Community

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