



1st Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

Lent begins in the desert. The desert isn't supposed to be a place of punishment but of clarity. In the silence, distractions decrease, and we rediscover who we are and **Whose** we are.

As families, Lent can begin with small but intentional choices: praying together before meals, attending one additional weekday Mass, choosing one shared sacrifice. Even five minutes of Scripture reading together each week can change the atmosphere of a home.

This year, let us see Lent as a parish journey – not isolated individuals striving alone, but a community walking together toward renewal. The desert prepares us to remember our Baptism: we belong to Christ.

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Day of Recollection on March 14 as we reflect more deeply on the Sacraments of Initiation. Lent isn't just about giving something up; it is about returning home to the grace already given to us.

Yours in Christ,

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

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.

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 February, we celebrate with:

Feb 9	Sneha & Heflin Valentine	(29 years)
Feb 13	Beatrice and Robert Zuzarte	(41 years)
Feb 14	Aquilia & Rahul	(10 years)
Feb 23	Gerardo & Marlene Delicano	(35 years)
Feb 28	Cheryl & Gord Nash	(51 years)
Feb 28	Lynne & Brian Lobo	(21 years)
Feb 28	Godfrey & Grace D'Souza	(50 years)

Coffee Sunday



You are invited to join us this weekend for **Coffee Sunday - February 22** after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00pm Masses in the Parish Hall. During this season of Lent, we are encouraged to pause, connect with others, and grow together in faith.

Stations of the Cross

Join us each **Friday at 7:00pm** throughout the season of Lent to walk with Christ through His Passion in the Stations of the Cross. Everyone is invited to attend.

Lenten Day of Recollection

Take time this Lent to deepen your prayer and renew your spirit. Join us for our Day of Recollection on **Saturday, March 14**, beginning with **Mass at 9:00am** and concluding just before 3:00pm. The day will offer uplifting reflections, quiet moments with the Lord, and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. Registration is \$20.00.

All are warmly invited! Register at the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office early to reserve your place.

Stay Connected



Mass Intentions

Saturday February 21 - St. Damian

500pm + Shehla Farooqui

Sunday February 22 - 1st Sunday of Lent

830am + Joseph Thomas Fernandes

1200 Missa Pro Populo

500pm + Carlos Oliveira

700pm + Dylan Gilmour

Monday February 23 - St. Polycarp

800am + Christina Feliciano Marasigan

Tuesday February 24

800am + Alexander Biro

Wednesday February 25

730pm + Stephen Ku

+ Tom King

~ Bapsy Fernandes

~ The Antonella Family

~ Rubelyn Joy Bantayan

Thursday February 26

800am + David Joseph Stevason

Friday February 27 - St. Gregory of Narek

800am + Gino Romano

Saturday February 28

900am + Devenport Family

+ Stephen Noakes

+ Nino Flores

+ Souls in Purgatory

Faith Studies

The Beauty of Hope

Join us on **Monday, March 2 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall for a powerful reflection and discussion on "The Beauty of Hope" video by Fr. John Riccardo. In a world marked by anxiety, fear, and uncertainty, come and discover the unshakable hope we have in Jesus Christ. All are welcome to attend.

Bible Study

Gospel of Matthew Study

Join us on **Wednesdays, March 18 - April 15 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall for a video teaching by Dr. Brant Pitre on how Matthew reveals Jesus as the New Moses, David, and Solomon. Small-group discussion to follow. Cost: \$5. To register, contact Susan Kennedy at (905) 427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

For Our Young People

JUNIOR EDGE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30pm-8:00pm

Monday February 23 - Wanna be a Saint?

EDGE (Grades 5-8) | 7:00pm-8:30pm

Friday February 27 - Flamethrower

SUMMIT (Grades 9-12) | 6:00pm-8:30pm

Sunday February 22 - I am the Door of the Sheep

Around the Parish

Sunday, February 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)
2:30pm Christian Initiation of Adults - Rite of
Election
6:00pm Teen Ministry Night (Hall)

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

7:30am Notre Dame CSS (School)
9:30am Bible Study (Hall)
6:00pm First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
6:15pm Confession
7:30pm Mass (Church)

Thursday, February 26

8:00am Mass
6:15pm Choir Practice - 12pm Mass (Church)
6:30pm ALPHA (Hall)
7:00pm Finance Council (Boardroom)

Friday, February 27

8:00am Mass
8:30am Adoration
8:30am Confession
2:30pm Outreach Mass at Chartwell (Old
Harwood Rd)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm EDGE (Hall)

Saturday, February 28

7:30am St Joseph Men's Prayer (Hall)
9:00am Mass
9:30am Christian Initiation of Young People Class
(Hall)
11:00am Baptism (Church)
11:00am First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
1:00pm Confirmation Class (Hall)
3:45pm Confession
5:00pm Mass

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