



## PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND MASSES

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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### EARLY MORNING MASS:

Wednesday 6:30am

#### MORNING MASSES:

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

#### EVENING MASS:

Wednesday 7:30pm

## PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays

6:30pm-7:15pm

Fridays

8:30am-9:30am

Saturdays

4:00pm-4:45pm

## ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays of month  
8:30am-12:00pm (Angelus  
at Noon)

All other Fridays  
8:30am-9:30am

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

### WEEKDAYS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
9am-4:30pm  
Wednesday  
9am-4:30pm, 6pm-9pm  
Friday 9am-4:30pm for  
Phone calls only  
(Weekdays closed for lunch  
12:30-1:30pm)

### WEEKENDS:

Saturday  
9:00am-1:00pm, 3pm-6pm  
Sunday  
9:00am-1:30pm, 4pm-8pm

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025

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## From the Pastor's Desk



Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives us a clear and powerful command: *"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."*

This is more than a suggestion—it's the heart of Christian living. Jesus loved with mercy, patience, and sacrifice. He loved not only with words, but with action. He forgave the undeserving, embraced the outcast, and laid down His life for others.

To love as He loves means choosing kindness over judgment, offering forgiveness before it's asked, and being present to others in their struggles. It means listening, serving, and sometimes even suffering for the good of another.

Let us begin again each day with a renewed desire to love—not only those who are easy to love, but especially those who are not. In this, we show the world that we are truly His disciples.

I remain, in the Lord,

*Father Chris*

## Sacraments

**Baptisms** – every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class must be attended and required registration forms completed. Please call the Parish Office or email [office@stbernajax.com](mailto:office@stbernajax.com)

**First Confession/Communion** – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Confirmation** – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** – Adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Christian Initiation for 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](mailto: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.

## Parish Staff

Father Chris Lemieux

Father Daniel Lee

Deacon Ron Vaz

Aquilia D'Costa

Robert LeBlanc

Monika Matelski

Marva Thomas

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## Register at our Parish

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

## Wedding Anniversaries

If you are a registered member of St Bernadette's and will be celebrating a wedding anniversary, whether it's your first year, a milestone, or any year in between, 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.

### **This month we celebrate with:**

May 5	Michael & Prasadi Wijethunge	(13 years)
May 7	David & Dianne Valentim	(31 years)
May 8	Anne & Frank Bakermans	(43 years)
May 11	Fr. Daniel Lee	(1 Year Ordained)
May 12	Fr. Chris Lemieux	(13 Years Ordained)
May 18	Bill & Denise Fox	(51 years)
May 22	Grant & Suzanne Andrews	(60 years)
May 24	Deacon Ron & Rita Vaz	(36 years)
May 28	Victor & Rowena Pedraja	(31 years)
May 28	Stan & Lovina Rodrigo	(28 years)
May 30	Dezwig and Bapsy Fernandes	(60 years)

## 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, Jaime Villafuerte, and Faye Marechal.**

*We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing.*

## Fundraising Breakfast



Join us for a delicious Fundraising Breakfast on **Sunday, June 8**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses in the parish hall. Enjoy a hearty meal and warm fellowship while supporting a great cause!

**Tickets: \$10 per person | Children under 5: \$5 each**

Contact the parish office or stop by the Welcome Desk to purchase tickets!

## Coffee Sunday



Please join us at our next Coffee Sunday on **May 25**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall.

**Next Coffee Sunday June 22.**

## New Gardening Committee!

We're excited to launch a **Gardening Committee** to help care for and beautify our church grounds this summer! If you enjoy being outdoors, working with plants, and contributing to a welcoming environment, we'd love your help. Tasks include: lawn care, planting, trimming, and general upkeep. No experience needed, only a love for nature and community. **All are welcome!** Interested in joining? Please fill out this form to let us know!: <https://bit.ly/44wfxQ8>

## Parish Office Closed

The Parish office will be closed on **Victoria Day, Monday May 19**. Mass will begin at **9:00 AM**.

## Meet the Parish Team



### **Meet Aquilia D'costa** **Parish Secretary**

Aquilia D'costa has been serving as Parish Secretary at St. Bernadette's for just over a year, bringing with her a deep love for the Church and a background in customer service and finance. A long-time parishioner herself, Aquilia finds great joy in interacting with fellow parishioners, supporting ministries, and ensuring the smooth day-to-day running of the parish office.

What drew her to this role? "The chance to work in a faith-filled environment and use my skills to serve others," she says. Her experience in parishes across India, the Middle East, and now Canada has made her faith a steady anchor throughout life's transitions. Psalm 91, a Scripture close to her heart, reminds her daily of God's protective presence.

Aquilia is known for her warm presence at the front desk and her commitment to keeping things organized and welcoming behind the scenes. She hopes her ministry brings efficiency, support, and a sense of belonging to all who come through our doors.

Outside of work, Aquilia enjoys painting, playing pickleball, and watching sunsets—camera always at the ready. Her favorite way to spend a day off? Quality time with family.

Feel free to drop by the office, call, or email her—Aquilia is always glad to help and hear from you. Your ideas, feedback, and engagement are the best ways to support her work and our parish community.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>

900am + Ramon Caja  
+ David Jose  
+ Alberto De Roma  
~ In thanksgiving for Olive Mark  
~ Betty Bujold  
500pm ~ Nat Noronha

### Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

830am + Antonio Dequito  
500pm ~ Teresa Devonport  
700pm + Antonio Patulot

### Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> - Victoria Day

900am + Marie D'Oliveira

### Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> - St. Bernardine of Siena

800am + The Drego Family

### Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> - St. Eugène de Mazenod

730pm + Mary Mathews  
+ Brian Crossey  
+ Robert St. Denis  
+ Earnest Charles Gregory  
~ Rita Sakeh

### Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> - St. Rita of Cascia

800am + Jordon Cianfarani

### Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

800am ~ Roland Gregory

### Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>

900am + Souls in purgatory  
+ Allan Basil McIntyre  
+ Nigel Reeves  
~ The Duarte-Monteiro Family  
~ In thanksgiving for Benedicta Mingi  
500pm ~ Hilda Cadena

## Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass



Join us on **Friday, June 20**, for a special evening of remembrance. We welcome all who have registered for this Mass, along with their guests, to take part in our Candlelight Vigil at **6:30 PM, followed by the Memorial Mass at 7:00 PM**. Each registered participant may submit up to eight (8) names of loved ones to be remembered. The Vigil will begin with meditative instrumental music and end with special prayers. The Celebrant will offer Mass for all the intentions listed, at the start of the Mass.

A commemorative candle, yours to keep, is available with a suggested donation of \$25.

For more information or to register, please contact the Parish Office.



New participants are welcome  
Registration: <https://bit.ly/4emdssa>

### **JUNIOR EDGE** (grades 1-4)

Monday May 26 | 6:30pm-8pm

### **EDGE** (grades 5-8)

Friday May 23 | 7pm-8:30pm

## Totus Tuus Summer Camp

### **TOTUS TUUS Parish Summer Camp**

Day Program (gr. 1-6): July 14-18, 2025  
(\$100/child | \$65 for add'l siblings)

Evening Program (gr. 8-12): July 13-17, 2025  
(\$30/youth)

REGISTER HERE: <https://bit.ly/41ClsQt>

## Parish Building & Maintenance Fund



We continue to include among our second collections, the Building & Maintenance Fund collection, the first Sunday of each month. We will continue to prioritize improvements to our parish.

- Parish Office improvements
- Rectory reconstruction and development
- New blinds for the Parish Hall
- Landscaping work (Phase II)
- Sidewalk improvements

Our goal is \$600,000

## Volunteering in the Parish

These ministries are actively growing membership. There's a place for everyone to share their gifts and grow in faith. Stop by our **Welcome Desk** to SIGN UP, or fill in our volunteer form <https://bit.ly/46kDIFm>.

The Alpha Course	Eucharistic Ministers
Altar Servers	Flowers & Decorating
Catholic Women's Guild	Live Streaming
Children's Liturgy	Rosary Apostolate
Choir - Saturday 5:00pm	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Choir - Sunday 8:30am	Wedding Coordinators
Choir - Sunday 10:15am	Baptism Coordinators
Choir - Sunday 12:00pm	First Communion
Choir - Sunday 5:00pm	Confirmation
Coffee Sundays	Marriage Preparation
Collection Counters	Communion & Visiting Ministries
EDGE Youth Group	Junior EDGE Youth Group

Visit our website for more updates:

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# Parish Ministries

St. Bernadette's is a vibrant and active parish, blessed with a variety of ministries that help grow and strengthen our faith community. Whether you're looking to serve, connect, or grow spiritually, there's a place for you here. Below is our full list of ministries along with their coordinators. If you're interested in joining one of our ministries and require more information, we'd love to hear from you! Contact the parish office or fill out our volunteer form at <https://bit.ly/46kDIFm>. Our volunteer coordinator will be in touch with you within 2 weeks.

The Alpha Course	Robert Leblanc	Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Altar Servers	Brayden Sarang Mark Sarang	Ministry of Hospitality	Anissa Voisin, Victoria Ferreira & Antoinette Sullivan
Catholic Mom's Group	Cathy Haynes	Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Catholic Women's Guild	Susan Kennedy	Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Children's Liturgy	Elise Arbic	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Choir - Saturday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Choir - Sunday 8:30am	Tatjana Smrekar	<b>Faith Formation</b>	
Choir - Sunday 10:15am (Children)	Michelle Kirkwood	Baptism	Father Chris
Choir - Sunday 12:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
Choir - Sunday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Choir - Sunday 7:00pm	Stan Rodrigo	Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie	Marriage Preparation	Mark & Linda Sarang
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson & Julia Beattie	Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan	Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte	Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski	Faith Studies	Susan Kennedy
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito		
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs	<b>Communion Outreach</b>	
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan	Ballycliffe	Deacon Ron
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie	Communion to Homebound	Deacon Ron
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno	Harwood Manor	Deacon Ron
Hope & Life	Susan Dulny	Chartwell Harwood	Deacon Ron
Horizons of Hope	Eleanor Lee	Lakeridge Gardens	Deacon Ron
Knights of Columbus	Ron Larock		
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer DelMonte & Karl Leitmann	<b>School Council Parish Liaisons</b>	
Legion of Mary	Exal Montes	St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic & Lisa Veecook
Live Streaming	John McGrath & Desiree Plaus	Denis O'Connor Secondary	Agnes Sarasus
<b>Parish Schools</b>			
<b>Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary</b>	905-427-6667	Jim MacNeil, Principal	Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain
<b>Notre Dame Secondary</b>	905-686-4300	Shawnn O'Connor, Principal	Jeannine Henry, Chaplain
<b>St. Bernadette Elementary</b>	905-683-0571	John Linhares, Principal	
<b>St. James Elementary</b>	905-427-3327	Geraldine Borg, Principal	
<b>St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary</b>	905-426-7065	Sheena Paul, Principal	



## What's Happening at the Parish!

UPCOMING EVENTS	<b>May 18-24</b>		
	<b><u>Monday May 19 - Victoria Day</u></b> <i>Mass starts at 9:00am</i>	<b><u>Tuesday May 20</u></b> <b>2:00pm</b> - Legion of Mary (Council Room) <b>6:00pm</b> - K of C Membership Meeting (Ajax Public Library) <b>7:15pm</b> - Catholic Women's Guild (Stage Side)  <b><u>Thursday May 22</u></b> <b>7:00pm</b> - Building Council (Board Room)	<b><u>Friday May 23</u></b> <b>9:15am</b> - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall) <b>7:00pm</b> - EDGE (Hall)  <b><u>Saturday May 24</u></b> <b>9:30am</b> - St. Joseph's Men's Breakfast (Church and Hall) <b>11:00am</b> - Baptism (Church)
	<b>May 25-31</b>		
	<b><u>Sunday May 25</u></b> <b>After all morning Masses</b> - Coffee Sunday (Hall)	<b><u>Monday May 26</u></b> <b>6:30pm</b> - Jr. EDGE (Hall)  <b><u>Tuesday May 27</u></b> <b>2:00pm</b> - Legion of Mary (Council Room)	<b><u>Thursday May 29</u></b> <b>7:00pm</b> - Pastoral Council (Board Room)
	<b>June 1-7</b>		
	<b><u>Monday June 2</u></b> <b>6:00pm</b> - Baptism Prep Class (Hall) <b>7:00pm</b> - SSVF Meeting (Council Rm)	<b><u>Tuesday June 3</u></b> <b>2:00pm</b> - Legion of Mary (Council Room)  <b><u>Thursday June 5</u></b> <b>10:00am</b> - Hope and Life for Widows (Kitchen Side)	<b><u>Friday June 6</u></b> <b>9:00am</b> - PA Day at St. Bernadette: Day for Love (Hall)
SPRING 2025	<b>June 8-14</b>		
	<b><u>Sunday June 8</u></b> <b>After all morning Masses</b> - Fundrasing Breakfast (Hall)  <b><u>Monday June 9</u></b> <b>10:00</b> - DOC Grade 10 Retreat (Hall) <b>6:30pm</b> - Jr. EDGE (Hall) <b>7:00pm</b> - K of C Meeting (Council Room)	<b><u>Tuesday June 10</u></b> <b>2:00pm</b> - Legion of Mary (Council Room) <b>7:00pm</b> - CWG Planning Meeting (Council Room)	<b><u>Friday June 13</u></b> <b>9:15am</b> - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall) <b>7:00pm</b> - EDGE (Hall)  <b><u>Saturday June 14</u></b> <b>9:30am</b> - St. Joseph's Men's Breakfast (Church and Hall) <b>11:00am</b> - Baptism (Church)

# Supporting our Parish Community

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Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music: <https://bit.ly/3U3Rpxi>



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