



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 19, 2023

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

21 Bayly Street East, Ajax, Ontario L1S 1P2
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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

Early Morning Masses – Wednesday 6:30am
Morning Masses – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:00am :: Saturday 9:00am
Evening Masses – Wednesday 7:30pm

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm Fridays 8:30am-9:30am Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm
**Also, by appointment with the clergy*

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

PARISH STAFF

Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor*
Father Kevin Adriano, *Associate Pastor*
Myrna Hentrich, *Parish Secretary*
Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate*
Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator*
Marva Thomas, *Administrative Assistant*
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
9:00am to 12:30pm
1:30pm to 4:00pm
Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1:30
Saturday and Sunday
9:30am to 2:30pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms – every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class (via Zoom) and completed registration with required forms required. Please speak to Myrna or email office@stbernajax.com

First Confession/Communion – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Confirmation – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email 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

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

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 SCHOOLS

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| Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary | Jim MacNeil, <i>Principal</i> | Tim Lee Loy, <i>Chaplain</i> | 905-427-6667 |
| Notre Dame Secondary | Sonya Melim, <i>Principal</i> | Jeannine Henry, <i>Chaplain</i> | 905-686-4300 |
| St. Bernadette Elementary | Diana Assenza, <i>Principal</i> | Agnes Sararus, <i>Parish Rep</i> | 905-683-0571 |
| St. James Elementary | Geraldine Borg, <i>Principal</i> | Marisa Hall, <i>Parish Rep</i> | 905-427-3327 |
| St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary | Sheena Paul, <i>Principal</i> | Linda Sarang, <i>Parish Rep</i> | 905-426-7065 |

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: <https://stbernajax.com>
YouTube: [@st.bernadetteparishajax3761](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstbernajax3761)

Twitter: [@stbernajax](https://twitter.com/stbernajax)
Facebook: [St. Bernadette Church, Ajax](https://www.facebook.com/St.BernadetteChurchAjax)

From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Friends in Christ,

Our 2nd reading and our Gospel today encourage us to “dial up” our lived faith practice. The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns us. What matters isn't the time or the season, but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us.

This is also at the heart of Jesus' parable in today's Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, it may seem like He has gone away for a long time, and we tend to be complacent – we need to ignite the fire of our faith and get to work with what we have been given, what we are being called to do. By our Baptism, we are entrusted with a part of His mission. What is yours? What is yours as a member of this parish community?

Your servant in the Lord,

Father Chris

For Our New Parishioners

If you are just joining our community, we invite you to register at our parish. Please click on the “I'm New” button on our parish website at www.stbernajax.com, come to the parish office or email us at office@stbernajax.com to set up a time to stop by.

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: *Carmen Flores, Chandrika Puvilingham, Desmond Vieira, Luisa Matthias, Helen Holmes, Kevin Sims & Frederick Chafe.*

We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing; we pray for Eileen McCormick.

All of those whom we pray for will now be posted at the back of the church. Please add these names to your prayers.

CHANGES to the PARISH SCHEDULE

NEW MASS SCHEDULE REMINDER

- ✦ **Weekday Mass (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) @ 8:00am**
- ✦ **Adoration and confessions following Friday Mass from 8:30am to 9:30am**
- ✦ **Wednesday morning Mass at 6:30am**
- ✦ **Monday to Friday, church will open at 6:00am**
- ✦ **Parish Office will be open 7 days a week (except for holidays)**

November Anniversaries

Let us know of your anniversary by contacting the Parish Office (by email or phone). Also, let us know if you're celebrating a special year! For those who wish to allow our priests to honour you with a special anniversary blessing at the end of one of the Sunday Masses, we welcome you to speak to the priest before the Mass you attend on the closest weekend for a special public blessing – a great witness for others! **It is important that our community experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!**

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| Nov 1 st | Druce & Margaret Ayres (54 years) |
| Nov 8 th | Wilfred & Noreen Pierre (54 Years) |
| Nov 29 th | Joseph & Afra D'Lima (37 years) |
| Nov 29 th | Ida & Joseph D'Souza (54 years) |

** Your Parish Needs You **

We continue to look for the generosity and gifts of our people (YOU) and ask for you to consider volunteering for the following:

Ministers of Hospitality – these are members of our parish are crucial in welcoming us to church, in taking up the collection and making sure Mass is a wonderful and joyful experience – we need Ushers at all the Masses!

Choirs – Music raises our hearts in praise and worship to God. We are blessed to have great choirs and choir directors here at St. Bernadette's, but we are always looking for new members!

Signing up is easy!! Take a few moments to fill in our form at <https://bit.ly/45ds0og> or email us at stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com

Around the Parish

Upcoming Coffee Sundays

Coffee Sundays occur every 2nd and 4th Sundays after the 8:30am, 10:15am & 12:00pm Masses in the Parish Hall.

*** **Sunday November 26th** ***

*** **Sunday December 10th** ***



Fundraiser!

Our Parish Fundraising Committee is hosting a **Bake Sale and Silent Auction** on Sunday **November 26th** after the 8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm Masses. Come get your favourite cakes, cookies, pastries, samosas, spring rolls and other delicious goodies. **All proceeds will go towards the building fund.**

Ministry of Giving



THANK YOU all for your continued generosity, in all ways! The financial support you offer is so important to the operation and outreach of our parish.

The Offertory: Your weekly contributions help supports the operation of our Parish Office, pays the salaries of the staff, provides for the operational costs of our weekly liturgies, some of the basic needs of our parish ministries (many ministries raise money for their own needs). Of our Offertory, 15% is given to the Archdiocese of Toronto to support the diocesan needs (which also help us too).

Parish Building Fund: We continue to work towards reaching our goal of \$500,000 by December 2023.

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| Last Week's Offertory | \$ 7,658.00 |
| Last Week's Building Fund | \$ 1,800.00 |
| Building Fund Total | \$ 279,872.71 |

A reminder that our second collection this weekend November 18/19 is for the Shepherd's Trust: to support retired clergy.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas collection will happen simultaneously this weekend.

Daughters of Isabella

The Daughters of Isabella are hosting a **Christmas Bazaar** on Saturday December 2nd, from 9:30am to 3:30pm in the Parish Hall. There will be many activities to experience and enjoy including craft and bake tables, various vendors, Santa and lots more. For more info email: Moniquebeaudoin54@gmail.com

Faith Formation

FIRST RECONCILIATION - will be celebrated on the following Saturdays: December 2nd at 11am and 1pm, December 16th at 11am and 1pm.

CONFIRMATION - Enrollment Masses will be held on the following Sundays: December 3rd at 7pm, December 10th at 12pm and 7pm, and December 17th at 7pm.

Space is limited and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

This program is for adults who wish to become Catholic; and have not received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). Meets on **Tuesday evenings 7:30-9pm, October through May.** Please email Robert for more info: lpa@stbernajax.com

Rite of Christian Initiation for Young People (RCIC)

This program is for children aged 7 through 17 who have not received some or any the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). **Our next session will begin in February.** Please email Robert for more info: lpa@stbernajax.com



Our next **EDGE NIGHT** in the Parish Hall:

Junior EDGE "Mayday" | **Monday Nov 27 at 6:30pm** (grades 2-4)

EDGE Night "EMERGENCY EXITS" | **Friday Nov 24 at 7:00pm** (grades 5-8)

Register for EDGE & Junior EDGE: <http://bit.ly/3tIXWd6>
Email Monika for more info: youth@stbernajax.com

Parish Bingo



Parish Bingo Night in the Parish Hall – on **Monday November 20th**, from 7:00pm to 9:45pm. The cost is \$5.00 per package. Join us for a night of fun and socializing with friends.

Hope to see you there!

Parish Ministries Serving All

There are many ways big and small to “get involved” around St. Bernadette’s. These are some of the ways and our ministries continue to evolve and give life to new ministries too. The Ministry Coordinator (leaders) are listed but please call/email the Parish Office for more details on our various ministries.

ADVISORY COUNCILS

Property/Building Mark-André Simard, Vice-Chair

Finance Denise Carson, Vice-Chair

Pastoral Jennifer Del Monte, Vice-Chair

Volunteers Tim & Desiree Plaus

Councils are appointed advisory committees to the Pastor who assist him in the important decisions he makes administering the parish. We are always looking for parishioners with special skills for these councils.

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| The Alpha Course | Robert LeBlanc |
| Altar Servers | Mark Sarang |
| Bereavement Ministry | Shanti Ferdinand |
| Bible Study | Susan Kennedy |
| Bingo | Anne Marie Dennis |
| Catholic Mom’s Group | Cathy Haynes |
| Coffee Thursdays | Julia Beattie |
| Coffee Sundays | Denise Carson |
| | Julia Beattie |
| Children’s Liturgy | Robert Zuzarte |
| Saturday 500pm Choir | Ronnie Pasajol |
| Sunday 830am Choir | Tatjana Smrekar |
| Sun 1015am Choir (children) | Michelle Kirkwood |
| Sunday 1200pm Choir | Ronnie Pasajol |
| Sunday 500pm Choir | Ronnie Pasajol |
| Sunday 700pm Choir | Stan Rodrigo |
| Collection Counters | Catherine Sheridan |
| EDGE Youth Group | Monika Matelski |
| Junior EDGE Youth Group | Monika Matelski |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Karen Takacs |
| Lectors (readers) | Jennifer Del Monte |
| Craft Group | Beatrice Zuzarte |
| Rosary Makers | Phyl Birch |
| Cursillo | Gabriel Ferdinand |
| Knights of Columbus | John Kelley |
| Daughters of Isabella | Monique Beaudoin |
| Flowers & Decorating | Catherine Sheridan |
| Funeral Receptions | Julia Beattie |
| Handmaids of the Lord | Rhea Nazareno |
| Hope & Life for Widows | Jeanette Pinto |
| Horizons of Hope | Eleanor Lee |
| Legion of Mary | Valeria Chovancova |

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| Livestreaming/ Tech Team | Desiree Plaus |
| | John McGrath |
| Ministry for Maturing Adults | TBD |
| Understanding Our Faith | Susan Kennedy |
| (formerly Theology of the Body) | |
| Meditation | Trevor Pereira |
| Militia of the Immaculata | TBD |
| Ministry of Hospitality | Faizul & Vinette Rahim |
| Society of St. Vincent de Paul | Sharron Monk |
| Street Patrol | Desiree Plaus |
| Rosary Apostolate | Susan Dulny |
| Truth & Reconciliation | Rose Gomme |
| Travelling Euchre | Anne Marie Dennis |
| Wedding Coordinators | Marisa Hall |
| Young Adult Ministry | Father Kevin |

Sacramental Preparation

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| Baptism | Father Chris |
| Baptism Coordinators | Father Chris |
| First Communion | Robert LeBlanc |
| Confirmation | Robert LeBlanc |
| Marriage Preparation | Dax Magsisi |
| Adult Initiation (RCIA) | Robert LeBlanc |
| Initiation for Young People | Robert LeBlanc |

Communion Outreach

Please contact the Parish Office, as staff coordinate most of our outreach ministries. Special training is required.

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| Communion to Homebound | Denise Carson |
| Harwood Place | Mark-Andre Simard |
| Harwood Manor | Susan Falcone |
| Ballycliffe | Ian & Sharon Pinto |
| Ajax-Pickering Hospital | Ian & Sharon Pinto |
| Lakeridge Gardens | Ian & Sharon Pinto |

School Council Parish Liaisons

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| St. Bernadette Elementary | Agnes Sararus |
| St. James Elementary | Marisa Hall |
| St. Teresa of Calcutta | Linda Sarang |
| Denis O’Connor Secondary | Cathy Haynes |

Special Thank You

A very special thank you to our Ministry Coordinators and leaders, past and present; those who coordinate and lead our many parish ministries. We, as a parish community appreciate you!

Around the Parish This Week

Saturday November 18 – Dedications of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul/Our Lady's Saturday

900am Mass
930am RCIC (Hall)
930am Meditation (Council room)
1100am Lector Training (Church)
1100am First Communion/Reconciliation Class (Hall)
100pm Confirmation Class (Stage Side)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Mass

Sunday November 19 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses
1200pm Mass – Rite of Acceptance (RCIA)

Monday November 20

800am Mass
930am Understanding our Faith (Stage side)
600pm Baptism Preparation Class (Zoom)
630pm Knights of Columbus - General (Stage side)
700pm Bingo (Kitchen side)

Tuesday November 21 – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

800am Mass
200pm Legion of Mary (Council room)
600pm Confirmation Class (Hall)
730pm RCIA (Hall)

Wednesday November 22 – Saint Cecilia

630am Mass
930am Bible Study (Stage side)
600pm First Communion/Reconciliation Class (Hall)
630pm Parish Confessions
730pm Bible Study (Stage side)
730pm Mass

Thursday November 23 – Saint Clement I

800am Mass
900am Social Café (Kitchen side)
930am Ladies Craft Group (Stage side)
630pm Alpha Core Training (Hall)

Friday November 24 – Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions

800am Mass
830am Adoration
830am Parish Confessions
930am Rosary Makers (Stage side)
630pm EDGE (Hall)

Saturday November 25 – Saint Catherine of Alexandria

900am Mass
930am RCIC (Hall)
930am Meditation (Council room)
1100am Baptisms
1100am First Communion/Reconciliation Class (Hall)

100pm Confirmation Class (Stage Side)

400pm Parish Confessions

500pm Mass

Sunday November 26 – Christ the King

Coffee Sunday after 830am, 1015am & 1200pm Masses

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses

130pm Starting Point (Hall)

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday November 18

900am + Yanely Leal
+ Purificacion Velasco
+ Marie & John Gough
+ Deceased members of the Condon family
~ Intention of Marie McCarthy
500pm + Joan Dolny

Sunday November 19

830am + Deceased legionaries
1200pm ~ Missa Pro Populo
500pm ~ Intention of special needs children & families
700pm ~ Intention of Seran Sinanan

Monday November 20

800am + Ester Espiritu

Tuesday November 21

800am + Domenico & Maria Luisa Romano

Wednesday November 22

730pm + Robert Joseph Saptel
+ Grant Kuipers
+ Margaret Wilkinson Carter
~ Intention of Seran Sinanan
~ Intention of the Diman & Sakeh family

Thursday November 23

800am + Erman Mazzarolo

Friday November 24

800am + Devaraj

Saturday November 25 – 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

900am + Chris & Julpha Montes
+ Margaret Gallagher
+ Souls in purgatory
~ Intention of Gusley Salandy
~ Intention of Sean Franz Emile
500pm + Ann Marie Koller

Sunday November 26

830am + Dominic Pullano
1200pm ~ Missa Pro Populo
500pm + Hazel Hastings
700pm + Joselito Patiag

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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The Celestial Quartet are the Rodrigo Family who offer us music at the Sunday 7:00pm Mass (as well as at other times). Pictured are Adrian, Gia, Amy & Jeremy Rodrigo. Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1PgqJK6Gis>