



# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER April 21, 2024 St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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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*  
Aquila D'Costa, *Parish Secretary*  
Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate*  
Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator*  
Marva Thomas, *Administrative Assistant*  
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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Thursday**  
9:00am to 12:30pm  
1:30pm to 4:30pm  
*Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1:30*  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
9:30am to 2:30pm  
**OFFICE CLOSED to Walk-ins on FRIDAY**

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** – every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class (via Zoom) and completed registration with required forms required. 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 SCHOOLS

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>	Elise Arbic, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-242-7256
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/UCstbernadetteparishajax3761)

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,  
We celebrate this Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, but also Good Shepherd Sunday as well as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

In my homily this weekend, I offer a reflection on the importance of the vocations parents have been given to raise their children, bringing more Christians into the world and really and truly making Disciples of Christ.

All other vocations in the church are founded on the bedrock of the married vocation, and more specifically the vocations mothers and fathers have to raise their children to be the very best people they can be; kind, loving, selfless, sacrificing, joyful, good people! St. Bernadette's is a wonderful parish full of these wonderful vocational witnesses; let us all pray for our parents!

Your servant in the Lord,

*Father Chris*

## 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, Desmond Vieira, Luisa Matthias, Kevin Sims, Helen Holmes, Anne Sinclair, Dylan Furo, Frederick Chafe, Caitlin Smith, Jaime Villafuerte, Maureen McLong & Symone DeBellotte.**

## Celebrating Mass of Christian Burial

On Monday April 22, 2024, at Noon, we will celebrate the Funeral Mass for long-time parishioner Thomas Goodwin who passed away last week. Please keep Thomas and the Goodwin family in your prayers.

All are welcome to attend this funeral as pray for Thomas' eternal life with Christ!

## Sunday Homilies

From time to time, you may enjoy our pastor or associate pastor's homily. Some have asked that we share them, and we do – on our parish website. Click this link to take you to where you can find them: <https://bit.ly/3QzwotF>

## April Anniversaries

It is always important that our community celebrates and experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!

Apr 27<sup>th</sup> Mike & Edna Dietz (20 years)

Apr 30<sup>th</sup> Roman & Vesna Zakrajsek (19 years)

## Our Weekly Offerings



Thank you all for your continued generosity, with your time, your talents, and your treasures! This is what was shared of your treasures this week:

LAST WK'S OFFERTORY (incl PAG):	\$	8,849.00
LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND:	\$	3,010.71
BUILDING FUND TOTAL:	\$	336,535.37

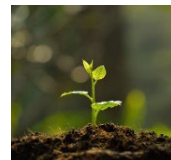
## Parish Happenings & Events

### Coffee Sunday

Meet old friends, and new ones too! Fellowship is an important part of being a Christian – knowing others who share and live the same faith you do. We begin again our Coffee Sundays, hoping you can join us! We gather after the **8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm** Masses, in the Parish Hall. These will be very informal gatherings with coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Upcoming dates are:

**\*\*April 28 & May 12\*\***

### Starting Point



We invite you to join us for our next **Starting Point** [on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> @1:30pm](#). This is where you will meet our clergy and some of our parish team. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our parish, register for baptisms, make inquiries about other sacraments and get involved in one of our ministries. Please register to attend by clicking this link: <https://bit.ly/3PSrDL1> or register from our parish website: [www.stbernajax.com](http://www.stbernajax.com)

### Parish Breakfast



Come and join us for breakfast and fellowship [on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>](#) following the 8:30am and 10:15am Masses. Lots of food: bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, tea coffee and juice. The breakfast is \$10 per person, and \$5 for children under 10. All proceeds go towards the Parish Building Fund. For tickets, please contact Linda Sarang 416-523-2062 or Julia Beattie 905-683-1373

## Father Kevin Reassigned



This weekend, our beloved Associate Pastor, Father Kevin will announce to the parish that he has been reassigned, and on June 26, 2024, will leave us to take on his new assignment as Associate Pastor at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. As many will remember, Fr. Kevin came to St.

Bernadette's as a transitional deacon in September 2021 the final days of his formation and was ordained a priest among us on November 5, 2021. Fr. Kevin has been a much-cherished part of our community, serving the entire community but most especially our young people. He brought many gifts of youth ministry with him and I am sure will be greatly missed! He will also be a great blessing for St. Mike's. But alas, we have him with us for two more months!

**Our Parish Picnic, (normally the last Sunday of June), will be Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> after the Noon Mass, where we will say goodbye to Father Kevin as a parish community!**

## Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate



One of our own, parishioner Ronald Vaz has been called to Sacred Orders and will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday May 25, 2024, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. More information on that will come in future bulletins. Canon Law requires that prior to ordination, banns be published in the parishes the man to be ordained serves in, and if anyone is aware of any impediments to Sacred Orders, they reveal this to the pastor or the bishop. **Please keep Ron close to you in prayer.**

## Girl Talk



Mother & Daughter Tea and presentation will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, May 11, 2024 10am – 2pm for girls in grades 6 to 8 and their Moms (or guardians, aunts...). Cost: \$10.00 per family (includes refreshments and a book).

To register or if you have questions, please contact:  
Susan at [susangkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:susangkennedy@gmail.com) (905) 427-6137 OR  
Rose at [roseheron@gmail.com](mailto:roseheron@gmail.com) (905) 683-9055



We continue to welcome **new** EDGers in grades 5-8 to join. To register, and join the fun:

<http://bit.ly/3tlXWd6>

Junior EDGE Night: **Monday April 22**, "Rerouting"  
6:30pm-8:00pm

Email Monika for more info: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com)

## Family Edge Night



We invite our EDGE & Junior EDGE families to our family night on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm-

9pm at our parish. This night will feature prayer & worship, a spotlight on the importance of child & youth ministry, and a potluck meal! Let's celebrate our children in their faith! Please RSVP to Monika:

[youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com)

## EDGE Camp Registration



Registration is open for EDGE Summer camp with early bird pricing of \$500/child for EDGE camp at Camp White Pine in Haliburton. EDGers in grades 5-8 are invited to join this epic adventure August 25-29, 2024. See the promo: <https://youtu.be/P3NYgDsyCRM>

For Edge Camp information & registration, please email: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com)

## Totus Tuus



**Totus Tuus Summer Camp registration is 50% full already– please register soon.** To register, please submit one form per child here: <https://bit.ly/48YHhvh>

### Dates:

Day camp for grades 1-6 is July 22-26 9am-2:30pm

Evening Camp for grades 7-12 is July 21-25 6pm-9:00pm

### Cost:

Day camp is \$100.00 per camper (additional siblings are \$65 per camper). The evening camp is \$30.00 per camper

# 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.

From among our most dedicated volunteers, the Pastor selects and appoints parishioners to our three Stewardship Councils. These councils are special advisory committees to help the pastor in the important decisions he makes administering the parish. We are always looking for parishioners with special skills for these councils.

The Alpha Course	Robert LeBlanc
Altar Servers	Lianson Wilson
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	Elisa Barbeito
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte
Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Knights of Columbus	John Kelley
Daughters of Isabella	Sandra Kolsteren
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
Livestreaming Team	Desiree Plaus
Understanding Our Faith	Susan Kennedy
Meditation	Trevor Pereira
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
Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Young Adult Ministry	Father Kevin

## Sacramental Preparation

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.*

Communion to Homebound	Denise Carson
Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Harwood Manor	Susan Falcone
Ballycliffe	PARISH OFFICE
Ajax-Pickering Hospital	PARISH OFFICE
Lakeridge Gardens	PARISH OFFICE

## School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sararus
St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O’Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

## **\*\* Your Parish Needs You \*\***

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We continue to look for the generosity and gifts of our people (YOU) and ask that you consider volunteering in one of our parish ministries.

**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](mailto:stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com)



## **Around the Parish This Week**

### **Sunday April 21 – 4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter**

#### **Parish Breakfast after 830am and 1015am Masses**

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

### **Monday April 22**

800am Mass

930am Understanding Our Faith (Parish Hall)

630pm Junior EDGE (Parish Hall)

### **Tuesday April 23 – Saint George**

800am Mass

200pm Legion of Mary (Council Rm)

730pm RCIA (Parish Hall)

### **Wednesday April 24 – Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

630am Mass

930am Bible Study (Stage Side)

630pm Parish Confessions

730pm Mass

730pm Bible Study (Stage Side)

### **Thursday April 25 – Saint Mark**

800am Mass

900am Coffee Thursday (Kitchen Side)

700pm Finance Council Meeting (Council Rm)

### **Friday April 26 – Our Lady of Good Counsel**

800am Mass

830am Adoration

830am Parish Confessions

930am Rosary Makers (Stage Side)

700pm Family Edge Night (Church & Parish Hall)

### **Saturday April 27**

900am Mass

930am Meditation (Council Rm)

1100am Baptism

400pm Parish Confessions

500pm Mass

### **Sunday April 28 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

#### **Coffee Sunday After 830am, 1015am, & 1200pm Mass**

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

## **Mass Intentions This Week**

### **Saturday April 20**

900am + Raul Unay

+ Judith Unay

+ Jasmin Gonda

+ Souls in Purgatory

~ Living & Deceased Members of the  
Militia of the Immaculata

### **Sunday April 21**

830am ~ Sakeh Family

500pm + Carmen Alipio

### **Monday April 22**

800am ~ Quinn Dan

### **Tuesday April 23**

800am ~ Thanksgiving for blessings received

### **Wednesday April 24**

730pm + Carlos Olivera

+ Onsang Lam

+ Hovorka Family

+ Senior Family

+ Brent Cabrera

### **Thursday April 25**

800am + Burgos Alatraca

### **Friday April 26**

800am + Carmen Ealdama

### **Saturday April 27**

900am + Ricardo Sta Ana

+ DeSimone Family

+ Ciarlito Family

+ Marie Roy

~ Dietz Family

500pm + Frank Browne

### **Sunday April 28**

830am + Rosta Montes

500pm + Pedro Serquina

700pm + Nicolas Ortiz Jr.

# Supporting our Parish Community

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**CELESTIAL QUARTET**  
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SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME  
&  
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

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://bit.ly/3U3Rpxi>