



2nd Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

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 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
Sunday 9:00am-1:30pm



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

As we journey through this holy season of Lent, we find ourselves this Sunday with Peter, James, and John on the mountaintop, witnessing the Transfiguration of Jesus. What a moment it must have been! In an instant, the veil was lifted, and Christ's divine glory shone before them, revealing the fullness of who He is—the beloved Son of the Father.

Lent is a time of transformation, a time for us to be transfigured by God's grace. The disciplines of this season aren't mere obligations but invitations—ways in which we open our hearts more fully to the love of Christ. The Transfiguration reminds us that our sacrifices and struggles are not in vain. They lead us closer to the glory that awaits all who remain faithful.

Like the disciples, we may want to remain in moments of spiritual consolation, but Jesus calls us back down the mountain—to continue our journey, to carry the cross, and to bring His light into the world. This week, I encourage each of you to reflect: Where is God calling me to be transformed? How can I allow His light to shine more brightly in my life and in the lives of those around me?

May this Lent be a time of deep renewal for our parish family. Let us remain steadfast in prayer, hopeful in sacrifice, and eager to be changed by the love of Christ.

On this Lenten journey with you,

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

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 Staff

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Father Daniel Lee
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Monika Matelski
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Registering is Important

Registering in our Catholic parish allows you to fully participate in our community, access sacraments, and benefit from parish services. It's a way to contribute to the life of the Church, build meaningful connections with fellow parishioners, and help us plan for future activities to better serve you.

If you worship with us but live outside the parish boundaries, registration is especially important for official requests or sacramental needs. If you're not yet registered, please take this simple step today: [Click here to register](#)

Public Prayer Requests

In keeping with government mandates and the purpose of our prayer requests, names to be listed in our Parish Bulletin, must:

- ✚ Be requested (preferably) by the individual themselves
- ✚ Secondarily a spouse or child

Those listed in the bulletin will be listed for three weeks consecutively and then removed. Renewed requests will need to be made to Parish Office - indefinite requests will need to be made directly to 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:

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.

Coffee Sunday



Please join for our next Coffee Sunday on **March 23**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. Enjoy fresh coffee, hot chocolate, juice & treats.

It's a great opportunity to connect with friends and meet others in our church community. **The next Coffee Sunday - April 13.**

The Gift of Parish Giving



Jesus reveals to us the importance of our gift of giving. Two examples He offers us are the stories of the Good Samaritan and the Widow's Mite. Tithing is important for us all and should never be thought of "just giving money". It is about a Christian community of Disciples sharing with one another, giving for one another. For Fr. Chris as the pastor - it is also important that he and the staff and Parish Finance Council provide as much transparency as we can so that we, as a community are aware that your hard-earned and generous gift is used well.

Offertory for (March 9)

\$ 8,157.00

Building Fund Total

\$ 429,577.67

Lent & the Sacrament of Penance

Lent being a time that calls for a continual repentance through fasting, almsgiving and prayer, to move towards a renewal of our baptismal promises which we celebrate on Easter, therefore also makes the Sacrament of Reconciliation an integral part of it.

We hear on Ash Wednesday "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel" This recalls our baptismal promises to reject sin and profess faith, a clear call to conversion. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful means to bring about ongoing renewal and conversion; the purpose of the sacrament is not just about forgiveness but healing and empowerment too.

To help you with this, our parish and others in the area offer Lenten Penance Services - ours is **Tuesday March 25 from 7pm to 9pm.** Penance services provide people an opportunity to come together in the form of a liturgy and we hope that people come in the spirit of recognizing the joy of forgiveness rather than coming because they have to. Confession is just one part of that sacrament and focuses on the forgiveness of sins, whereas the Sacrament of Reconciliation speaks of the joy and the deepening of the relationship we have with God and a reconnection to our baptismal grace. It also empowers us to be the best Christians we can be. God's grace will ALWAYS help us overcome our weaknesses.

Office Hours Update

To better serve the needs of the parish, we have extended our office hours for walk-ins and phone calls on Wednesday evenings and weekends.

Wednesdays: 9am-4:30pm, 6pm-9pm

Saturdays: 9am-1:00pm, 3pm-6pm

Sundays: 9am-1:30pm, 4pm-8pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 15th

900am + Carol Gallagher
+ Souls in Purgatory
+ Ricardo Sta Ana
~ Mike Winger
~ Fatima La Madrid
500pm + Greg Bezer

Sunday March 16th - 2nd Sunday of Lent

830am ~ Michael Magana
500pm + Tom Devonport
700pm + Rosalio Rontal

Monday March 17th - St. Patrick

800am + The Medeiros Family

Tuesday March 18th - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

800am + Carol Josephine Gallagher

Wednesday March 19th - St. Joseph

730pm + Ricardo Sta Ana
+ Monique Warren-Grybas
+ Michael Anthony McGuire
~ In thanksgiving for Venetia Baldsing
~ In thanksgiving for the Coelho Family

Thursday March 20th

800am + Mary Mathews

Friday March 21st

800am + The Ego-Aguirre Family

March Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

Mar 19	Marciana & Robert Nagtalon	(52 years)
Mar 27	Isobel & James Montague	(57 years)
Mar 27	Bert & Patricia Connelly	(60 years)

Parish Faith Study

Jesus and the End Times: A Catholic View of the Last Days

Join us for an eye-opening exploration of the End Times from a truly Catholic perspective! In this engaging video talk by Dr. Brant Pitre, discover the REAL meaning behind biblical prophecies and gain deeper insight into important questions.

Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your faith and understanding of Scripture. All are welcome! Starting this **Monday March 17 to April 7** at 9:30 in the Parish Hall.

EDGE CAMP EAST 2025

Registration is open. Click the link below to register:
<https://edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com>

Dates: August 16 - August 20, 2025
Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton ON
Who can go: EDGE youth in grades 5-8
Cost: \$500.00 per camper until April 30, afterwards the cost will be \$575.00
Please submit \$100 non-refundable deposit to the parish office or Monika Matelski (cash or cheque)

EDGE CAMP Parent Information Meeting:
Monday April 7 | 7:30pm in parish hall



JUNIOR EDGE (grades 1-4)

2nd Semester begins Monday March 24 | 6:30pm-8pm

EDGE (grades 5-8)

2nd Semester begins on Friday March 28 | 7pm-8:30pm
(including Stations of the Cross)

Catholic Mom's Group

St. Bernadette Catholic Mothers' Group meets again on **Thursday, March 27** at 8:00 pm. This month, we welcome Dr. Julia Cataudella, MD, NFPMC - Fertility Care Medical Consultant. Dr. Julia will be on hand to discuss and answer medical questions related to our fertility and general health. Calling all moms to attend! Contact Cathy Haynes for location and details.
haynes.cathy@gmail.com

PA Day with St. Bernadette!

Children in JK - grade 6 are welcome to spend their PA DAY on **Monday March 31** at our parish for the third PA DAY in a special series called "St. Bernadette teaches us the virtues!" We will have games, activities, outdoor play time (weather permitting), and a movie. Grade 7/8 siblings and high school teens are welcome to volunteer. Please contact Monika:
youth@stbernajax.com

Registration is \$20/child for the day which will run 9am-3pm in the parish hall. Please pack a lunch and one snack for your child!

Register for the March 31 PA Day with St. Bernadette:
bit.ly/4kbheYu

UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER
2025

March 16-22		
<p>Monday March 17 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:00pm - Baptism Prep Class (Hall) 6:00pm - KOC Membership Meeting (Ajax Library)</p> <p>Tuesday March 18 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES - Library)</p>	<p>Wednesday March 19 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrolment Meetings (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p> <p>Thursday March 20 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday March 21 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Stage Side) 7:00pm - Jesus Youth (Hall) 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday March 22 9:00am - Confirmation Retreat (Ajax Rec Centre - Commodore Room) 11:00am - Baptism 1:00pm - First Reconciliations</p>
March 23-29		
<p>Sunday March 23 After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday March 24 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr. EDGE (Hall)</p>	<p>Tuesday March 25 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - Lenten Penance Service 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES - Library)</p> <p>Wednesday March 26 10:00am - Lenten Day of Confessions 4:30pm - Lenten Day of Confessions 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p>	<p>Thursday March 27 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall) 7:00pm - Building Council Meeting (Boardroom)</p> <p>Friday March 28 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Stage Side) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall) 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p>
March 30-April 5		
<p>Monday March 31 9:00am - PA DAY (Hall)</p> <p>Tuesday April 1 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES - Library)</p>	<p>Wednesday April 2 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p> <p>Thursday April 3 10:00am - Hope & Life (Kitchen Side) 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday April 4 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday April 5 9:00am - Lenten Day of Recollection 9:00am - Confirmation Retreat (Ajax Rec Centre - Commodore Room)</p>
April 6-12		
<p>Monday April 7 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:00pm - Baptism Prep Class (Hall) 7:00pm - SSVP Meeting (Council Room) 7:30pm - EDGE Camp Info Session (Hall)</p>	<p>Tuesday April 8 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - CWG Planning Meeting (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday April 9 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p>	<p>Friday April 11 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Stage Side) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall) 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday April 12 9:00am - RCIA Day of Recollection (Hall)</p>

Lent & Easter Parish Schedule

Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

(each Friday of Lent)

Led by select parish ministries

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday March 25

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Lenten Day of Confession Wednesday

March 26

10:00am - 1:00pm & 4:30pm – 7:00pm

Lenten Jubilee Day of Recollection

Saturday April 5

9:00am - 2:00pm (starts with Mass)

RCIA Day of Recollection Saturday

April 12

9:00am - 2:00pm (starts with Mass)

Confessions – Wednesday April 16

6:00pm to 7:15pm

Holy Week & Easter

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Thursday April 17 at 8:00pm

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

Good Friday - Friday April 18

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

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

Holy Saturday - Saturday April 19

Blessing of Easter Baskets – 9:30am SHARP in the Parish Hall

Easter Rehearsals & Decorating – starts at 9:00am

Church closed to public all day

Easter Vigil starts at 8:00pm

(come early for seating and Parish Hall overflow)

Easter Masses - Sunday April 20

Masses at 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am | 12:30pm

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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://bit.ly/3U3Rpxi>



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