



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

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-9:15am
Saturdays
3:45pm-4:45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday Adoration returns to
its regular schedule on
Friday September 4
8:30am-12:00pm

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 9:00am-12:00pm

WELCOME DESK:

Before and after Saturday
Vigil, and Sunday morning
Masses

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

This weekend reminds us beautifully that the Church is always on a mission—both around the world and right here within our own parish family.

We warmly welcome our Mission Coop speaker this weekend and open our hearts to hearing about the work of the Church beyond our own community. At the same time, an exciting mission is taking place among our own young people! Our largest-ever group of 63 young disciples are participating in EDGE Camp this week, accompanied by Fr. Chris, Stacey, Monika, and our youth leadership team.

We are especially grateful to Fr. Sean, who generously remained behind to care for the spiritual and pastoral needs of our parish. This was a real sacrifice for him, as EDGE Camp is very close to his heart. For many summers, he has journeyed there and inspired young people in their faith (and had a little fun himself). Please keep our young people and their leaders in your prayers this week. Pray that they encounter Jesus, grow in friendship with Him, and return home excited to live their faith. The future of our Church is filled with hope—and what a blessing it is to accompany our young disciples along the way!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Chris

PARISH TEAM

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Parish Bookkeeper:

Sue McGee

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: A mandatory Baptism class must be attended, and all required registration forms completed. Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email at office@stbernajax.com

First Confession/Communion, Confirmation: Please contact the Parish Office.

Christian Initiation of Adults: For adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office.

Christian Initiation of Young People: For young people ages 7 to 16. Age-appropriate classes are offered to help young people receive all Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office one year in advance. One of the priests will arrange an appointment with you.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office immediately.

PRAYING FOR OUR PEOPLE



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, for: **Violet Azavedo, Anne Sinclair, Albertina Caruso, Maura D'Costa, Sylvia Mondal, and Peter Dwyer.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Marie McCarthy, and Paula Canapini.**

ANNIVERSARIES

If you are a registered member of St. Bernadette's, we would love to celebrate and witness the anniversary of your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office or Welcome Desk, with your anniversary dates.

This Month We Celebrate With:

Aug 1	Victoria & Alex Ferreira	(6 yrs)
Aug 6	Sheldon & Maricel Wint	(21 yrs)
Aug 6	Samer & Raghad Dawood	(31 yrs)
Aug 10	Gabriel & Sylvia Mondal	(40 yrs)
Aug 12	Lyden & Loraine Jones	(31 yrs)
Aug 12	Richard & Trina Duhaney	(20 yrs)
Aug 14	Leoni & Levy Alcantara	(44 yrs)
Aug 14	Cathy & Tim Haynes	(27 yrs)
Aug 15	Rhean & Melissa D'Souza	(11 yrs)
Aug 19	Dave & Denise Carson	(18 yrs)
Aug 23	Karen & George Takacs	(40 yrs)
Aug 23	Elizabeth & Vince Mariglia	(57 yrs)
Aug 23	Jim & Mary Psihogios	(57 yrs)
Aug 26	Monika & Chris Matelski	(20 yrs)
Aug 26	Mary & Joseph Abraham	(46 yrs)
Aug 28	Susan & Tom Kennedy	(55 yrs)
Aug 29	Cathy & Peter Smith	(45 yrs)



Join us as we kick-off our parish's fall season during our **Welcome Back Weekend - September 12 and 13!** Whether you attend the Saturday evening or Sunday Masses, there is something for everyone.

Experience our **Ministry Expo** where our parish ministries will be showcased. Come and meet ministry coordinators and members, learn about their work, and discover how you can become more involved in the life of our parish. Enjoy fellowship throughout the weekend: **BBQ** following the Saturday 5pm Mass, **Breakfast** following the Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses, and **Coffee Social** after the Sunday 5pm Mass.

A suggested donation of \$8 per person or \$20 per family for the BBQ or Breakfast, will be appreciated. Donations will be collected on entrance to the Parish Hall.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22

5:00pm + Trixie Schucroft

Sunday, August 23

8:30am ~ In thanksgiving for staff at St. Bernadette's

12:00pm Missa Pro Populo

5:00pm + Dylan Gilmour

7:00pm ~ In thanksgiving for the parishioners of St. Bernadette's

Monday, August 24

8:00am + Mary Carson

Tuesday, August 25

8:00am + Mary Lane

Wednesday, August 26

7:30pm + Marie McCarthy

+ Conrado Cortez

+ James O'Shea

+ Souls in purgatory that have no one to pray for them

~ Antoinette Pierre

Thursday, August 27

8:00am ~ Kevin Sheridan

Friday, August 28

8:00am + Marie McCarthy

Saturday, August 29

9:00am + Ana Gloria Tobar De Lopez

+ Margaret McGivern

+ Anne Vanderkuyl

~ Augustine Mark

~ Kriston Mark

INTRODUCING THE SOUBIROUS CAFÉ

We are delighted to launch our **Soubirous Café** on **Sunday, September 20**, after 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses, in the Parish Hall. It's a welcoming place to gather, connect, and build community after Mass.

Beginning this fall, the Soubirous Café will offer parishioners an opportunity to enjoy coffee, refreshments, and conversation in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Whether you're catching up with familiar faces, meeting someone new, or simply staying a little longer after Mass, we invite you to make the café part of your Sunday.

Our café will be open following our designated Sunday Masses throughout the year and will continue the spirit of fellowship that has long been a cherished part of parish life.

Join us as we continue to celebrate years of faith, fellowship, and community here at St. Bernadette's.

RELIC OF ST. BERNADETTE

A first-class relic of St. Bernadette will be at our Parish this **Sunday August 23, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm**. We will begin with the Liturgy of the Word followed by the veneration of the relic. All are invited to come and venerate the relic of our patroness saint, visionary of Lourdes and patroness of the sick.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



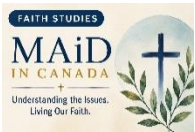
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding a "Bundle Up" Collection for our neighbours in need on **August 29 and 30**. Gently used clothing, shoes, and linens will be collected before and after all weekend Masses. Volunteers will be available to assist with loading your donations. Please do not leave items beside the truck unattended. Thank you for your generosity and support.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS



At the end of all weekend Masses on **August 29 & 30 and September 5 & 6**, we will be offering a special Back-to-School Blessing for all students and staff preparing to return this Fall. We look forward to sharing a spirit-filled Fall Semester with our parish family!

FAITH STUDIES



A Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) session will be held on **Monday, September 14 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall.

Join us for a Faith Studies presentation and discussion on the Catholic Church's teaching regarding euthanasia and medically assisted suicide. Through video, handouts, and small-group discussion, we will explore the dignity of human life, conscience, compassion, and the Church's call to accompany those who suffer. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY



THE BOOK OF JOB is a 7-week Bible Study, held on **Wednesdays at 9:30am, beginning September 23** and runs through November 4, in the Parish Hall. Join us as we explore suffering, faith, trust, and God's wisdom through the Book of Job. Each session includes:

- Video by Fr. Tim Peters
- Small-group discussion
- Faith sharing and reflection

Study Guide: \$15 (Optional) All are welcome! Contact: susangkennedy@gmail.com

HURONIA HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



Saturday September 26, 2026

Join us for a pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs' Shrine as we celebrate the Shrine's 100th anniversary and 400 years since St. Jean de Brébeuf arrived in Huronia. Includes visits to see Martyrdom sites, and free time at Martyrs' Shrine.

7:45am departure | 6:30pm return | \$50 per person

Register and pay at the Parish Office or Welcome Desk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

INFORMATION SESSIONS & REGISTRATION

Registration for the Sacraments **will open in September**. Parents must attend an Information Session held in the parish hall. Registration should be completed with all the requirements submitted at the same time (preferably at the Information Sessions). Registration forms will be available in September.

First Holy Communion Sessions

Thurs. Oct. 1 at 6pm

Sat. Oct. 3 at 10am

Requirements:

- Registration Form
- Baptism Certificate
- Registration Fee \$60

Confirmation Sessions

Thurs. Oct. 1 at 7:30pm

Sat. Oct. 3 at 11:30am

Requirements:

- Registration Form
- Baptism Certificate and First Holy Communion Certificate
- Registration Fee \$100

All questions may be directed to Monika Matelski at family@stbernajax.com or 905-683-1533 X-203.

SHALOM WORLD AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Jesus Heals | Thursday Sept. 17 | 7:00–9:00pm

Join us for an evening of Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, a spiritual talk, and special prayers for healing and blessing of the sick, led by Fr. Julian Studden, gifted priest and global speaker. All are welcome!

Come & See | Saturday Sept. 19 | 9:00am–12:00pm

Discover Shalom World's media mission and resources to help your family grow in a Christ-centered life. Led by Fr. Julian Studden, the morning includes Holy Mass, worship, talks, food and fellowship.

For more info: <https://conferences.shalomworld.org/>

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

There is a place for everyone at St. Bernadette Parish! Interested in learning more? Contact the Parish Office, visit us at the Welcome Desk, or complete our [Volunteer Form](#). Our Volunteer Coordinator will follow up with you to answer questions, connect you with ministries and groups, and help you find a place that best matches your interests.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers	Baptism Coordinators
Choir – Saturday 5:00pm	Communion to the Homebound – Private Homes
Choir – Sunday 8:30am	Communion to Retirement & Long-Term Care
Choir (Children) – Sunday 10:15am	Eucharistic Ministers
Choir – Sunday 12:00pm	Lectors
Choir – Sunday 5:00pm	Ministry of Hospitality
Choir – Sunday 7:00pm	Wedding Coordinators

Faith Formation Ministries

Bible Study	Confirmation
Faith Studies	First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
Christian Initiation of Adults	Marriage Preparation
Christian Initiation of Young People	

Youth Ministries

Jr. EDGE Youth Ministry	SUMMIT Teen Ministry
EDGE Youth Ministry	Jesus Youth
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Children's Liturgy

Faith, Family, Fellowship & Service

Catholic Mom's Group	Legion of Mary
Catholic Women's Group	Parish Vitality
Collection Counters	Quo Vadis
Flowers & Decorating	Rosary Makers
Funeral Receptions	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Gardening Committee	Soubirous Café
Helping Hands	That Man Is You
Hope & Life for Widows	Volunteer Screening
Knights of Columbus	

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St Bernadette Parish Summer Faith Tips

- Keep Sunday Mass at the heart of your summer plans
- Spend a few minutes in prayer each day
- Make time for rest, family, friends, and gratitude
- Enjoy God's creation, notice the beauty around you
- Read a few verses of Scripture or a spiritual book
- Take time for silence and listen for God's presence
- Return in September renewed in faith and ready to serve

God bless you and your families



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