



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

First Fridays
8:30am-12:00pm
All Other Fridays
8:30am-9:30am

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 all weekend
Masses

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

Solemnity of All Saints November 1, 2026

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, followed on Monday by the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). These two beautiful celebrations remind us of something at the very heart of our Christian faith: we are called to holiness, and our hope rests in the promise of eternal life.

On All Saints' Day, we honour those who have gone before us in faith and now share in the fullness of God's love. On All Souls' Day, we remember and pray for our loved ones and all the faithful departed.

Throughout November, I encourage you to remember those who have died and entrust them to God's loving mercy.

These celebrations also remind us that faith is a journey we share together. As we welcome new people through our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), we need the help of our entire parish family—sponsors, mentors, those preparing meals, offering hospitality, and simply sharing their faith and friendship.

Together, let us be a community that welcomes, accompanies, prays for, and encourages one another on our journey toward heaven.

Yours in the Lord,

Fr. Chris

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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.

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

Order of Christian Initiation of Young People: For young people ages 7 to 16. Classes designed for their age group 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, and Sylvia Mondal.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Nicole Gilmour, and Peter Dwyer.**

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:

Nov 29	Joseph & Afra D'Lima	(40 yrs)
Nov 29	Joseph & Ida D'Souza	(57 yrs)

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY



Celebrate the Saints with us at our annual All Saints Day Party this **Sunday, November 1, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm** in the Parish Hall. Children are welcome to dress as their favourite saints and enjoy carnival games, Saints trivia, and a themed snack buffet. Fun for the whole family!

ALL SOULS' DAY MASSES



This year, we will celebrate two Masses for the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) on **Monday, November 2, at 8:00am and 7:00pm.** Please join us as we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Throughout November, the **Book of Remembrance** will be available near the statue of Our Lady. You're invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones before and after Masses. Special envelopes will also be available if you wish to use them.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A special Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held on **Saturday, November 7, at 9:00am.** During the Mass, the sacrament will be offered to those who are suffering from serious illness, including serious mental illness. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick confers a special grace of the Holy Spirit. You are welcome to invite your loved ones to join you.

IT TAKES A PARISH TO

WELCOME A NEW DISCIPLE!

Our OCIA Parish Initiative — An Invitation to Everyone!

We've all heard the expression, "It takes a village to raise a child." Perhaps we could offer a variation of that familiar saying: "It takes a parish to welcome and nurture a new disciple of Jesus Christ!"

This is very much at the heart of what the Church teaches us about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Welcoming new members into the Catholic Church is not simply the responsibility of the priest, a catechist, or a small group of volunteers. It is the responsibility—and wonderful privilege—of the entire parish community! At St. Bernadette's, we want to take this calling seriously.

This year, we are introducing a renewed approach to OCIA, one that places particular emphasis on faith, fellowship, friendship, and belonging. Beginning in late November, our inquirers and catechumens will gather on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. for a shared meal, conversation, faith formation, and an opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. We need YOU to help make this happen!

We are inviting parishioners to participate in several meaningful ways:

- **Share a Meal:** Help prepare or contribute food to our Sunday potluck gatherings. Hospitality is one of the simplest and most beautiful expressions of Christian love.
- **Share Your Faith and Friendship:** Sign up to join us for lunch! Sit with our newest members, get to know them, listen to their stories, and share something of your own journey of faith.
- **Become a Sponsor or Mentor:** Accompany someone on their journey toward becoming Catholic, offering friendship, encouragement, prayer, and a living witness of Christian discipleship.
- **Pray for Our Newest Members:** Keep our Inquirers in your daily prayers as they discern God's invitation.

You don't need to be a theologian or have all the answers. You simply need a welcoming heart and a willingness to share your faith.

Our hope is that those exploring the Catholic faith will discover something beautiful at St. Bernadette's: not simply a place to attend Mass, but a spiritual home, a family of faith, and a community where they truly belong.

After all, it takes a parish to make a disciple feel at home. And that parish is YOU!

Please contact the Parish Office to learn how you can participate.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 31 – All Saints Day Vigil

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day

Monday, November 2 – All Souls' Day

Tuesday, November 3

8:00am + Manuel & Maria Medeiros

Wednesday, November 4

7:30pm + The Montes family
+ Avellaneda family
+ Sidney Moka
~ Joseph Nguyen
~ Carlos Oliveira

Thursday, November 5

8:00am + PK Mathew

Friday, November 6

8:00am + Russell McNeil

Saturday, November 7

9:00am + Petar Tomeljak
+ Juan Cruz
+ Godwin & Greta Fernando
+ Patrick Espela
+ Eliseo John Ombac Jr.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JUNIOR EDGE | Grades 1-4 | [Click here to register!](#)

2nd & 4th Monday, 6:30-8:00PM | NEXT Session: Nov 9

EDGE | Grades 5-8 | [Click here to register!](#)

2nd & 4th Friday, 6:30-8:30PM | NEXT Session: Nov 13

SUMMIT | Grade 9-12 | [Click here to register!](#)

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm | NEXT Session: Nov 5

For more info, contact Stacey at youth@stbernajax.com

YOUTH MINISTRY - CALLING ALL CHEFS!

Do you enjoy cooking and want to support our parish youth?

We're looking for volunteers to prepare simple meals for SUMMIT, our teen ministry.

SUMMIT meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month. Choose a night that works for you! Email Stacey at youth@stbernajax.com to sign-up for a night.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL & MEMORIAL MASS



A Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Mass for the deceased will be held on **Tuesday, November 10**. The Vigil begins at 6:30pm with meditative music and a prayer for the deceased displayed on the overhead screen, followed by Memorial Mass at 7:00pm.

Registration is required to have names included in the Mass intentions. Each registrant may submit up to eight names, which will be remembered during the Mass. A suggested donation of \$25 is requested for a commemorative candle bearing the names submitted, yours to take home.

Everyone is invited to attend this special evening of remembrance. **To register, please visit the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office.**

PARISH BREAKFAST



Everyone is invited to attend our Parish Breakfast on **Sunday, November 15**, in the Parish Hall following the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00pm Masses. A full breakfast

will be served which includes sausage, scrambled eggs, toast, pancakes, tea, and coffee.

Cost: Adults \$10, and Children (6-10 years) \$5. For more information, please contact Linda Sarang at 416-523-2062, or email: Linda4791@gmail.com. Tickets can be purchased at the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY TRAINING

Interested in joining the Ministry of Hospitality, or already serving in this ministry? Join us for training/refresher session in the church on **Thursday, November 12 at 7pm** or **Saturday, November 14 at 1pm**. All are welcome!



Children in grades JK – grade 6 are invited to our parish PA DAY Camp on **Friday November 13**! Our program will have games, activities, movie & snacks, and crafts. The camp costs \$20/child and runs from 9am-3pm in the Parish Hall. Please click the link below to register <https://bit.ly/4yRytnY>

AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday November 1 – All Saints Day

Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm,
7:00pm
10:15am Children's Liturgy (Hall)
2:30pm All Saints Day Party (Hall)

Monday November 2 – All Souls' Day

8:00am Mass – All Souls' Day
9:30am Faith Studies (Hall)
7:00pm Mass – All Souls' Day
7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul (Council Room)

Tuesday November 3

8:00am Mass
1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)
5:30pm Confirmation Sacramental Tues. Session 1
(Hall)

Wednesday November 4

9:30am Bible Study (Hall)
6:00pm FHC Sacramental Wed. Session 3 (Hall)
6:15pm Confession
7:00pm Marriage Prep Course (Hall)
7:30pm Mass

Thursday November 5

8:00am Mass
9:30am Notre Dame CSS Grade 9 Retreat (Hall)
6:00pm Confirmation HOMESTUDY Session 1
(Council Room)
6:30pm SUMMIT (Hall)

Friday November 6

8:00am Mass
8:30am Adoration
8:30am Confession

Saturday November 7

7:30am That Man Is You (Hall)
9:00am Mass with Anointing of the Sick
9:45am Altar Servers' MC Training (Church)
10:00am FHC Sacramental Sat. Session 3 (Hall)
10:00am Quo Vadis (Council Room)
11:30am Confirmation Sacramental Sat. Session 1
(Hall)
3:45pm Confession
5:00pm Mass

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Tuesday - November 10, 2026 at 6:30pm

See bulletin for more details.

PARISH BREAKFAST

Join Us for Fellowship and a Delicious Meal



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026
After the 8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm Masses

Parish Hall



WHAT WE ARE SERVING

Sausage • Scrambled Eggs • Pancakes • Toast • Tea • Coffee

COST

Adults: \$10

Children (6–10 years): \$5

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT Linda Sarang

Tickets can be purchased at the Welcome Desk or Parish Office

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