

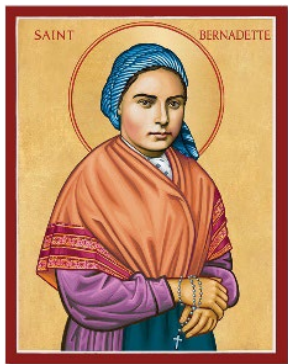
Sunday February 27, 2022 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

900am -12:30pm 1:30pm-3:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 9:30am to 1:30pm

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm – Sunday 8:30am 10:15am 12:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 8:15am Wednesday 7:30pm

Saturday 9:00am (Begins with Devotions to St. Bernadette)

PARISH CONFESSIONS Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm Fridays 9:00-9:45am Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm

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SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Mandatory Baptism Preparation offered virtually at this time.

Sacrament of Marriage ~ contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance and a priest will make an appointment with you.

Sacrament of the Sick ~ contact the Parish Office right away.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Elementary

Penny Delaney, Principal 905-683-0571

Agnes Sararus, Parish Rep 647-970-1978

St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary

Sheena Paul, Principal 905-426-7065

Linda Sarang, Parish Rep 416-523-2062

St. James Elementary

Manuela Michelin, Principal 905-427-3327

Jennifer Del Monte, Parish Rep 289-660-1810

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary

John Di Vizio, Principal 905-427-6667

Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain 905-427-6667

Notre Dame Secondary

Sonya Melim, Principal 905-686-4300

Jeannine Henry, Chaplain 905-686-4300

...from Our Pastor...



Dear Friends,

Do we see others' faults and miss our own? Do we dislike certain things about people and when we stop to think about it; we're guilty of these things too? Friends, a lifetime's project; working hard towards in virtuous living, *starting with seeking humility*; this helps us to see the tendency many of us struggle with to see "the speck" in another's eye before we see what's in our own eye. Seeing and accepting our own shortcomings and faults and going easy on others in recognition of our shared imperfections is an important part of positive Christian growth. May God bless your week! I remain, faithfully

yours...

Fr. Chris

For Our New Parishioners

If you are just joining our community, please click on "I'm New" on our parish website, come to the parish office or email office@stbernajax.com to set up a time to stop by. Our pastoral team members want to welcome you!

Keeping Our Community Together in Worship, Prayer & Fellowship

ALL ARE WELCOME

We welcome everyone who wishes to come for the Lord's Day (Sunday) Masses. We require you to:

- † Wear a face mask covering your nose and chin
- † Maintain social distancing
- † Frequently sanitize your hands
- † **DO NOT** come if you feel unwell in any way or have been exposed to COVID-19

UPDATED PANDEMIC PRECAUTIONS

Please note our updated guidelines:

- † We **MUST** follow health & safety as well as social distancing guidelines, but we welcome everyone back to Mass!!
- † We will continue livestreaming one of our Sunday Masses – 10:15am or Noon (following week's livestream announced below)
- † **We will conclude weekday livestreaming on Friday March 11, 2022.**

WorshipSafe protocols will remain in effect.

FOLLOW on YOUTUBE (or Facebook)

Livestreamed Masses can be found on the link below

The link: <https://bit.ly/2HqxVRO>

[MARCH 2 ASH WEDNESDAY Livestream – 6:00am](#)

[Sunday February 27 – 12:00pm NOON](#)

[Sunday March 6 – 10:15am](#)

Habemus Curatorem

We have hired a Custodian & Groundskeeper at St. Bernadette's to keep our property and buildings cleaned and cared for. He will join us on Monday March 21, 2022, and we will introduce him in a future bulletin.

Wedding Anniversaries

February 28th Brian & Lynne Lobo (18 years)
February 28th Cheryl & Gord Nash (47 years)
March 4th Carmen & Rudy de Vera (50 years)

Praying for Our People



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, in particular for *Helen Clarke, Erman Mazzarolo, Joan & Bert Leung, Roman & Vesna Zakrajšek, Nigel Boos, and Jean Villafuerte.*

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died from our parish, especially *Robert Sasvari & Gil Sto Domingo.*

Upcoming Events in the Parish

Ash Wednesday



We welcome all to our Ash Wednesday celebrations to mark the beginning of the Season of Lent on **Wednesday March 2, 2022**. A reminder that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting & abstinence for everyone from the ages of 14 to 59, unless exempt due to a medical reason. **Please note the following mass times:**

6:00am 12:10pm 5:00pm 7:30pm

Lenten Recollection



Once again, as we grow in our faith through Lent, we will be having a Parish Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday March 26, 2022 entitled "Pick

Up Your Cross" starting with Holy Mass (at 9:00am) and led once again by clergy & staff. Our retreat will be livestreamed on our Parish YouTube channel and will include several reflective short conference talks, followed by break-out sessions in the Parish Hall (including a virtual break-out group offered on Zoom). **Here is the link for registration** and we want to encourage all parishioners (and friends too) to attend.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pick-up-your-cross-lenten-day-of-recollection-tickets-278230373537>

Coffee with Father



COFFEE with FATHER: Many of us are homebound right now, as we try to help curb the spread of the coronavirus, as well as colds and the various flu virus and

to try to maintain our health and the health of others. We know that many members of our parish community aren't feeling comfortable to be in the church right now, and for this reason, we've started up "Coffee with Father" on Friday mornings from 11:15am to 12:00pm, a virtual community gathering where we just get together and share faith and fellowship with one another. Thanks to a tech-savvy parishioner, we offer **THIS LINK**, which will remain the same for each Friday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85948378329>

Meeting ID: **859 4837 8329**

The Alpha Course



ALPHA (Coming Soon): On **Thursday March 24, 2022**, we will welcome the ALPHA program to St. Bernadette's. Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a

space, online or in person, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about life, faith, and Jesus. Since some of the pandemic restrictions have been lifted, we will meet in-person on March 24. We'd like to welcome parishioners and non-parishioners alike to this sharing of faith and friendship. There is no obligation or expectation here to become Catholic, but we simply desire to share our faith in Jesus as a community of disciples. We will also continue to ask for help from parishioners to facilitate this wonderful program! Please speak to Father Chris for more information.



Starting **Thursday March 17** at 7:00pm and then every third Thursday of each month, the **St. Bernadette Lectio Divina** group will meet in prayerful contemplation of the Scriptures. Lectio Divina is the Latin term for "Divine Reading" and so the focus of this prayerful encounter will be to enter into the Scriptures in a prayerful manner. This is not meant to be Bible Study but will deepen one's encounter with the Word made flesh. For more information on this, please email Coco Ego-Aguirre at coco.ego-aguirre@sympatico.ca

St. Bernadette Youth & Young Adult Pints with Padre (for our Young Adults)



PINTS with PADRE (Virtual Young Adults' Gathering): On **Friday March 18, 2022** (we will be starting up a Young Adults gathering called "Pints with Padre". Our priests will host these

gatherings every other Friday for our young adults to chat about faith and issues important to young people in the world today. Please mark this date in your calendar and stay tuned for a Zoom link and more information in bulletins and on the website in weeks ahead. We will start meeting virtually and will meet in-person when there is a consensus to do that.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85673331792>

Meeting ID: **856 7333 1792**



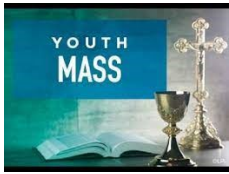
On Friday March 11, grades 5-8 youth are invited to join the excitement of a new EDGE Semester which will focus on the Mass! This dynamic program will help the youth engage more in the Mass and foster understanding through fun games, small group discussions, and activities. We meet in the parish hall at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Monika Matelski youth@stbernajax.com



Starting on Monday March 28 and every second & fourth

Mondays of each month, students from Grades 3 and 4 are welcome to sign up for **Junior EDGE**. This program will be in-person. Please email Monika at youth@stbernajax.com for more information or to sign up.

Sunday 7:00pm Mass



Starting Sunday February 27, 2022, the Sunday 7:00pm Mass will be “transformed” to become our Parish Mass geared towards our younger parishioners. Monika Matelski, our Youth & Sacraments Coordinator will be working with our Ministry Coordinators as well as Father Kevin to provide a very youth-friendly experience. Our young people are an important part of our parish and not a segment and we will always encourage our youngest members to serve in every way possible in the parish, but as we continue to look for new ways to develop and bring people closer to Jesus Christ, this will be one of the important steps our parish will take.

Fund Raising



St. Bernadette’s Fund-Raising Committee has been meeting and will speak to us at this weekend at the end of all the Masses (February 26 & 27). We continue to move forward with repairs and important maintenance and upgrade work to our parish building, property, and assets. Faizul & Vinette Rahim and their team are looking for creative ways given the pandemic restrictions to raise funds and bring us together as a parish community. We thank them for their important service to the community!

Parish Bible Study



A three-week Biblical Study of the *Didache: The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*, written around 70 AD. According to Early Church Fathers, it was an instruction manual and the first Catechism and one of earliest documents in Church History. Starting on March 9, to March 23, on Zoom from 9:30am to 11:00 am, or from 7:00 pm to 8:30pm. The Book can be found here <https://legacyicons.com/content/didache.pdf> and is 17 pages long. Contact Susan or Tom Kennedy 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

St. Bernadette Faith Formation



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA continues this week virtually, as the catechumens continue to journey towards full initiation into the Catholic Church. For the time being, the Dismissals and Breaking Open the Word will also be held virtually while we weather the storm of the coronavirus! **We continue to welcome new members ALWAYS!** If you are over the age of sixteen and are seriously considering becoming a Catholic Christian, please contact us. Please contact the Parish Office or email our RCIA Coordinator Marty Lam directly at drciaajax@gmail.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People

Andy, our Seminarian Assistant and a team of dedicated volunteers began the RCIA for Young People program to help prepare those under the age of sixteen to receive sacraments. Classes continue every Saturday from 10am until Noon and will continue until Saturday April 9th and then candidates will receive their sacraments on Saturday April 16th at the Easter Vigil. For anyone who missed registration but wishes to receive the Sacraments, please contact Father Chris directly.



On February 26, our candidates will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time! We pray for each child who is preparing for this moment of God’s forgiveness. Our candidates have also begun their classes for First Holy Communion Preparation by answering the question: “who is Jesus for you?”

In our sacramental preparation classes, the Confirmandi are coming closer to the climax of their preparation: understanding a relationship with the Holy Spirit and His gifts which are activated in the Sacrament of Confirmation! This past week, the Confirmandi were reminded of the true encounter with Christ in the MASS and discovered some of the Eucharistic Miracles in the world.

Around the Parish This Week...

Saturday February 26 – Our Lady's Saturday

900am Mass
1000am Apologetics (Virtual)
1000am Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People (V)
1100am First Reconciliation (Church)
100pm First Reconciliation (Church)
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Virtual)
200pm – 4:00pm Church cleaning
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday February 27 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses
200pm Baptisms

Monday February 28

815am Mass
930am Theology of the Body (Virtual)
700pm St. Vincent de Paul (Virtual)

Tuesday March 1

815am Mass
645pm Legion of Mary (Virtual)
730pm RCIA (Virtual)

Wednesday March 2 – Ash Wednesday

600am Ash Wednesday Mass
1210pm Ash Wednesday Mass
500pm Ash Wednesday Mass
730pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday March 3

815am Mass
1000am Parish Cleaning
800pm Catholic Mom's Group

Friday March 4 – Saint Casimir

815am Mass
900am Parish Confessions
915am Adoration (until 700pm)
930am Book Club (Virtual)
1115am Coffee with Father (Virtual)
730pm Mass
730pm Station of the Cross

Saturday March 5

900am Mass
1000am Parish Cleaning
1000am Meditation (Virtual)
1000am Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People (V)
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Virtual)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday March 6 – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday February 26

500pm Repose of the soul of Anthony Muthu

Sunday February 27

830am Repose of the soul of Robert Sasvari
1015am Repose of the soul of Edward Ounjian
1200pm Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
500pm Repose of the soul of Jean Martin
700pm Repose of the soul of Clint Cortado

Monday February 28

815am Repose of the soul of Kathleen Maskey

Tuesday March 1

815am Repose of the soul of Dorothy Yeates

Wednesday March 2

Ash Wednesday- No Intentions

Thursday March 3

815am Repose of the soul of Earl Chapman

Friday March 4

815am For the intention of the Militia of Immaculata Members
730pm For the intention of Rudy & Carmen De Vera for their 50th wedding anniversary

Saturday March 5

900am ~ Repose of the soul of Dorothy Williams
~ For the intention of Fr. Peter Conlin
~ Thanksgiving to God and to all his angels and saints
500pm Repose of the soul of Lina Coelho

Sunday March 6

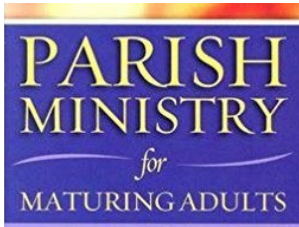
830am Repose of the soul of Alan Yue
1015am Repose of the soul of Matthew Moore
1200pm Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
500pm Repose of the soul Herman Navarra
700pm Repose of the soul of Maureen Anne Boward



Parish Ministry Fair Page

The Parish is open, and we look forward to being with one another again in person when that is possible. Many of our ministries operate virtually now and will gather as soon as that is possible. In the meantime, we are dedicating a page to an ongoing Ministry Fair. Please consider getting involved!

Ministry with Maturing Adults



This ministry supports the spiritual growth and faith development of men and women in the second half of life (50+).

The next meeting of the MMA will be on March 8th from 1000am to 1200pm on ZOOM. Topics discussed at this gathering:

- Scams (different kinds, and how to recognize them).
- Legal options for those who have fallen victims to scams.
- Elder abuse. How to foster a trusting relationship with law enforcement officers.

Speakers will be social workers from Seniors Support Unit, Region of Durham Police Services. If you would like to be included in our mailing list, please contact Anne Nazareth at ajbnazareth@yahoo.ca

St. Bernadette's Book Club



For those who enjoy reading, as a group, we reflect upon good Catholic books, with an emphasis on Catholic belief, practice, spirituality and history. This can help us to grow spiritually, evangelize and understand our faith as well. Hopefully we share our experience and faith with others who help us see things differently.

We will be reading *Reclaiming Vatican II: What it (really) Said, What it means, and How it Calls Us to Renew the Church*, by Fr. Blake Britton. Starting on March 25 for six sessions to April 29 from 9:00am to 11:00am on Zoom. Cost of the book \$30 dollars. This is an important book, and it fosters a richer experience of being in the Church.

Contact Susan or Tom Kennedy 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Bible Study



"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Why study the Bible?

- To learn who God is and recognize his voice
- To know Jesus Christ, to see and follow Him
- To gain wisdom and love the Lord

St. Bernadette's Bible Study is held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. At the present time we are studying, *"The Great Adventure Series"* (Ascension Press), with one study in September and another in January, finishing around Easter. Study Guides are important to these courses as they help prepare for each session, but optional. We meet in small groups, after which we gather together to watch a Video presentation on the topic at hand.

One member stated that *"Now I understand what is going on during the Scripture readings at Mass."* What a blessing!!

For more information contact: Susan Kennedy – 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Altar Servers



"Not only a duty but a great honour, a true holy service" (St. Pope John Paul II)

The altar server ministry is a great place for young people to begin a life of service, of Christian Discipleship. It is a wonderful gift of service to your community, for your parents, relatives and friends.

For the past three months, our altar servers have been doing a magnificent job. They have been given the necessary training and have been serving at our masses, but we still need more boys and girls. If you have received your First Holy Communion, you can be an altar server.

If you are interested in becoming an altar server or have any questions, please speak to the priests, or email Mark Sarang at mark7119@gmail.com. Thank you!