



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

Friday morning Adoration is
on a break for the summer.
It will resume on

Friday, September 5th
8:30am-12:00pm

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, 3pm-6pm
Sunday
9:00am-1:30pm, 4pm-8pm

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 2025

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear friends,

This Sunday's Gospel offers us the familiar story of Martha and Mary—two sisters who welcome Jesus into their home, each responding to His presence in a different way. Martha is busy with the demands of hospitality, while Mary sits at Jesus' feet, listening intently to His words. When Martha voices her frustration, Jesus gently responds: "Martha, Martha, you worry about many things. There is need of only one thing."

This Gospel invites us to reflect on the tension between doing and being—between action and contemplation. Martha's service is not wrong; in fact, it's good and necessary. But Mary reminds us that even our best service must flow from a heart rooted in prayer and relationship with the Lord.

In our fast-paced lives, it's easy to become "anxious and worried about many things." We juggle work, family, and countless commitments, sometimes even our parish involvement. But today Jesus invites us to pause, to rest in His presence, and to choose "the better part"—time with Him that grounds us and sustains everything else.

Let's not allow our discipleship to become so busy that we forget Who we're serving. As we gather for Mass this weekend, may we take time to sit at the feet of Jesus in prayer, to listen to His word, and to let Him restore our weary hearts.

Blessings on your week ahead,

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 – Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Confirmation – 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

Father Chris Lemieux

Father Sean Jacob

Deacon Ron Vaz

Aquila D'Costa

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Register at our Parish

Welcome to St. Bernadette's! Register to fully participate, access sacraments, connect with our community, and help us serve you better. If you live outside of our parish boundaries but worship here, registration is key for official requests.

[Click here to register](#) today!

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are a registered member of St Bernadette's and will be celebrating a wedding anniversary, whether it's your first year, a milestone, or any year in between, we would love to celebrate and witness your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office with your names and upcoming anniversary dates.

This month we celebrate with:

July 4	Peter & Priscilla Dwyer	(61 years)
July 4	Gillian & Thaddeus Pasco	(30 years)
July 6	Crissy and Dean Pestaño	(12 years)
July 18	Wilfred & Trudy Hueper	(55 years)
July 19	David & Joanne Ellis	(50 years)
July 22	Gabriel & Shanti Ferdinand	(30 years)
July 22	Alfredo & Zenaida Lucina	(58 years)
July 23	Yvonne & Phillip Herdsman	(48 years)

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.



Come and join us for a day filled with fun and excitement. 1,000 Island Boat Cruise, visit to the casino, and endless shopping at the outlet mall.

Date: Saturday August 16th | \$120 per person
Pick-up & Drop off at Bernadette's Church

For tickets contact: Julia Beattie: 905-683-1343 or
Linda Sarang: 416-523-2062 or linda4791@gmail.com

Coffee Sunday



Please join us at our next Coffee Sunday on **July 27** after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. Join us for a meaningful time of fellowship and a chance to reconnect with friends and warmly welcome others into our church community.

Our Next Coffee Sunday: August 24



Join us on **Saturday, September 13**, for a **one-day Parish Pilgrimage** to the Huronia Holy Lands, where our Catholic faith traditions began here in Canada.

What to expect:

- ✓ Stops in Huronia to see Martyrdom sites
- ✓ Outdoor Mass at St. Ignace II with Fr. Chris
- ✓ Free time at Canadian Martyrs' Shrine

This pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Chris and Amanda Wetmore. Departs from St Bernadette's at 7:45am and returns around 6:30pm. \$52 per parishioner. Please register and pay at the Parish Office or Welcome Desk. Contact Amanda Wetmore for more information: amandajohanwetmore@gmail.com Or 647-283-1593.

Mass Intentions

Sunday July 20th - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Alfred Isemhenbita
500pm + Mary Mathews
700pm + Patricia Monk Lavoie

Tuesday July 22nd - St. Mary Magdalene

800am ~ In thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Gabriel & Shanti Ferdinand

Wednesday July 23rd - St. Bridget

730pm + Roosevelt Colaco

Thursday July 24th - St. Sharbel Makhlūf

800am + The Randy Lorenza Family

Friday July 25th - St. James

800am + Debbie Storms

Saturday July 26th - St. Anne & St. Joachim

900am ~ In thanksgiving for graces received
500pm + Mark Pontello

Parish Ministries

St. Bernadette's is a vibrant and active parish, blessed with a variety of ministries that help grow and strengthen our faith community. Whether you're looking to serve, connect, or grow spiritually, there's a place for you here. Below is our full list of ministries along with their coordinators. If you're interested in joining one of our ministries and require more information, we'd love to hear from you! Contact the parish office or fill out our volunteer form at <https://bit.ly/46kDIFm>. Our volunteer coordinator will be in touch with you within 2 weeks.

The Alpha Course	Robert LeBlanc	Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Altar Servers	Brayden Sarang Mark Sarang	Ministry of Hospitality	Anissa Voisin, Victoria Ferreira & Antoinette Sullivan
Catholic Mom's Group	Cathy Haynes	Parish Vitality	TBC
Catholic Women's Guild	Susan Kennedy	Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Children's Liturgy	Anderson Mendonca	Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Choir - Saturday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Choir - Sunday 8:30am	Tatjana Smrekar	Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Choir - Sunday 10:15am (<i>Children</i>)	Michelle Kirkwood	Faith Formation	
Choir - Sunday 12:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Baptism	Father Chris
Choir - Sunday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
Choir - Sunday 7:00pm	Stan Rodrigo	First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie	Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson & Julia Beattie	Marriage Preparation	Mark & Linda Sarang
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan	Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte	Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski	Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito	Faith Studies	Susan Kennedy
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs	Communion Outreach	
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan	Ballycliffe	Deacon Ron
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie	Communion to Homebound	Deacon Ron
Gardening Committee	Jennifer DelMonte	Harwood Manor	Deacon Ron
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno	Chartwell Harwood	Deacon Ron
Hope & Life for Widows	Susan Dulny	Lakeridge Gardens	Deacon Ron
Knights of Columbus	Ron Larock		
Lectors (<i>Readers</i>)	Jennifer DelMonte & Karl Leitmann	School Council Parish Liaisons	
Legion of Mary	Exal Montes	St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic & Lisa Veecook
Live Streaming	John McGrath & Desiree Plaus	Denis O'Connor Secondary	Agnes Sarasus
Parish Schools			
Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary	905-427-6667	Jim MacNeil, Principal	Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain
Notre Dame Secondary	905-686-4300	Shawn O'Connor, Principal	Jeannine Henry, Chaplain
St. Bernadette Elementary	905-683-0571	John Linhares, Principal	
St. James Elementary	905-427-3327	Geraldine Borg, Principal	
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	905-426-7065	Sheena Paul, Principal	

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Ministry Volunteers Needed - inquire at the parish office or welcome desk

Visiting & Communion Outreach

The Visiting & Communion Outreach Ministries bring the love and presence of Christ to the sick, elderly, and homebound by offering prayer, companionship, and the gift of Holy Communion. Volunteers extend the care and engagement of the parish community to those unable to attend Mass, reminding them they are not forgotten.

Parish Vitality Ministry

The Parish Vitality Ministry supports community life by organizing parish breakfasts, dinners, and social events that bring people together. Rooted in Christian fellowship, this ministry helps strengthen the bonds of faith and friendship among parishioners, fostering a more vibrant, welcoming, and connected parish community.

Sunday School Catechists Help Launch - Sunday School

We're seeking faith-filled adults and responsible teens from our parish to help launch our Sunday School program during Mass. Share Bible stories, faith, and fun with young children—no experience needed! Training and materials will be provided. Help plant seeds of faith in the hearts of our youngest parishioners. Join this joyful ministry today!



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