

ASCENSION of our LORD SUNDAY

May 21, 2023

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
900am -12:30pm 1:30pm-4:00pm
Saturday & Sunday 9:30am to 2:00pm

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 9:00am-9:45am Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm
First Fridays 9:00am-9:45am || 6:30pm-7:15pm

PARISH STAFF

Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor* pastor@stbernajax.com
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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Elementary
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Sheena Paul, *Principal* 905-426-7065
Linda Sarang, *Parish Rep* 416-523-2062
St. James Elementary
Geraldine Borg, *Principal* 905-427-3327
Marisa Hall, *Parish Rep* 416-737-4241

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Mandatory Baptism meeting, Zoom class and registration forms before scheduling Baptism.

FIRST COMMUNION ~ Starts end of September & January

CONFIRMATION ~ Starts end of October

MARRIAGE ~ contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of when You wish to get married. A priest will make an appointment with you.

SACRAMENT of the SICK ~ contact the Parish Office right away.

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary
Janel Langstaff-Mullett, *Principal*
Tim Lee Loy, *Chaplain* 905-427-6667

Notre Dame Secondary
Sonya Melim, *Principal*
Jeannine Henry, *Chaplain* 905-686-4300

From Our Pastor...



Dear Friends,

We celebrate the Lord's Ascension into Heaven, and the moment and event where He entrusted everything to us, always with the Holy Spirit, the Advocate and Guide, who through the role of our Magisterium give us all everything we need to continue the Lord's work unimpeded. Jesus Himself believed in us and this role – do we believe in ourselves? In the next few weeks many of our young people will receive the

Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist for the first time. One of the invitations I shall make repeatedly to them – is to do Jesus' work in our community and in our world. The world needs you to! That message needs to be heard and acted upon by everyone. The Church is as good as we contribute and help it to be.

In your service, in Christ's love,

Father Chris

For Our New Parishioners

If you are just joining our community, please click on "I'm New" on our parish website – stbernajax.com – (under **Parish Info**), come to the parish office or email office@stbernajax.com to set up a time to stop by.

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: *Nigel Boos, Carmen Flores, Anne Sinclair, Desmond Viera, Chandrika Puwilingam & Lynda Donson.*

We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing; we pray for Annie Vanderpluym, Thomas Howard, Patrick Lee & Lillian McBerney, Vesna Graham, Egbert Lashley & Maureen Wheaton

May Anniversaries

Let us know of your anniversary by contacting the Parish Office. Also, let us know if you're celebrating a special year! For those who wish to allow our priests to honour you with a special anniversary blessing at the end of one of the Sunday Masses, please let us know at the beginning of Mass. It is important that our community experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!

May 12	Father Chris (11 years)
May 22	Grant & Suzanne Andrews (58 years)
May 25	Marisa & Kaweem Hall (11 years)

Live Streaming on YouTube

We will be livestreaming the Mass on Sunday May 21st at 12:00pm. Please click this link: <https://bit.ly/3AaFtkd>

Upcoming Coffee Sundays



Coffee Sundays happens after each of the Sunday morning Masses (8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm) in the Parish Hall. Come out and join our community, meet friends, and make new ones. An important part of being a Christian community is the fellowship with each other! This is also where we showcase our many Parish Ministries, especially those actively looking for new members!

*****May 28, 2023*****

*****June 11, 2023*****

Faith Formation

SACRAMENTS for ADULTS

We have several options for our adults who are interested in becoming Catholic or who are in need of Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact the Parish Office about this and one of our priests will contact you about which program is best suited for you.

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Masses are as follows: Saturday May 20 at 11:00am, Thursday May 25 at 7:00pm, Friday May 26 at 7:00pm and Saturday May 27 at 11:00am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Mass will be held on Saturday May 27th at 1:00 pm.

Fundraising Dinner

The Fundraising Committee presents a wonderful dinner on **Saturday, May 27 at 6 PM** in the St. Bernadette's Parish Hall. Dinner will include chicken souvlaki, salad, rice, potatoes, dessert, coffee/tea/soft beverages. Tickets \$25 for adults – \$10 for children. Please purchase your tickets at the Parish Office OR at Coffee Sunday on May 14 in the Parish Hall OR call Julia Beattie @ 905-683-1373. **All proceeds will go towards the Parish Building Fund.** Looking forward to seeing you all.

Parish Picnic

On **Sunday June 25th**, from 1:00pm to 3:30pm, we will once again come together for our Parish Picnic. Food, fun and games for all! This will take place on church grounds, so we will be asking most to park in the school parking lot for the Noon Mass.

Our Parish Building Fund



THANK YOU for your generosity, continuing to help us reach our goal! We have completed several projects already and have several major projects ahead of us, HVAC system replacement, roof replacement in the Parish Hall and roof repairs as well some interior reconstruction in the Rectory – we are also looking to renovate the Parish Hall to maximize space we have and make upgrades. **Our goal to reach by December 2023 is \$500,000. We are currently at \$235,239.66.**

Niagara Bus Trip

The Fundraising Committee is planning a day trip to Niagara on **Saturday, July 15**. Trip includes visits to Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, shopping, and a winery tasting tour. A luxury coach bus will leave St. Bernadette Parish in the morning and return by the evening. The cost is \$95. Please purchase your tickets at the Parish Office, Coffee Sundays (in the Hall) OR call Julia Beattie at 905-683-1373. Tickets must be purchased by **JUNE 10**. **All proceeds will go towards the Parish Building Fund.**



Another evening of Bingo – **Monday May 29th, 2023**, starting at 7:00pm and finishing at 9:45 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per package. **Come join us for a night of fun and socializing**

with friends.

Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass



On Tuesday May 23, 2023, we welcome all those who have registered for this Mass with their guests to celebrate another Candlelight Vigil (starting at 6:30pm) followed by a Memorial Mass (at 7:00pm). Each registered member

may offer to a maximum of ten (10) names. The Vigil will begin with meditative instrumental music and conclude with special prayers. The Celebrant will offer Mass for all the intentions listed, at the beginning of the Mass. Celebrating the life of family members and friends is an important way to stay connected to those for whom we pray and who pray for us We ask for a suggested donation of \$25 for the commemorative candle that is yours to keep! We also thank our Knights of Columbus, Bereavement Ministry and Hope & Life Ministry to Widows for their dedicated assistance and support in helping us host these celebrations. **For more information, please contact the Parish Office.**

Hiring: Custodian & Groundskeeper

Friday May 26 will be Jay's last day with us; we thank him for his service and wish him well. We will be hiring a new custodian and groundskeeper as well as a summer student to assist with many and various property & building projects this summer. We will interview successful candidates. Please direct resumes to Fr. Chris preferably emailing pastor@stbernajax.com

Bundle Up Sunday & Food Drive



Our Bundle Up Sunday and Food Drive will be collecting donations after every Mass on the weekend of June 3/4. Please bring your gently used clothing, shoes, linens, and non-perishable food items to the St Vincent de Paul truck before and after all weekend Masses. The truck will be parked at the southwest corner of the church parking lot. **Please do not drop items off outside or around the church at other times.**

The following is a list of items that are most frequently requested by our neighbours in need.

- ** Canned Soups (regular or chunky)
- ** Canned Vegetables
- ** Canned Chilli or Stew
- ** Canned Fruit
- ** Jam
- ** Pasta Sauce
- ** Coffee
- ** Canned Tomatoes
- ** Baked Beans
- ** Canned Tuna
- ** Peanut Butter
- ** Kraft Dinner

Scheduling Changes

Effective June 1st, our Social Café which we have been running on Friday mornings, will be moved to Thursday mornings following Mass (2nd and 4th Thursday). We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday following Mass and until 10:00am. We will also continue to have Parish Confessions at this time. This schedule will continue uninterrupted through the summer.

Funerals & Weddings

When people marry in our parish and when people pass away, we'd like families to consider allowing us to publish this information in the Parish Bulletin. Clergy meet with families and we will ask permission, with no obligation to do this. It is very important for us to pray for one another at these important parts of our Christian journey.

Communion Outreach Ministers

We thank Ian & Sharon Pinto who have stepped into the roles of Ministry Coordinators for several of our local outreach facilities; Lakeridge Gardens, Ballycliffe and Ajax-Pickering Hospital. We are currently looking for more Communion Outreach volunteers. **Please call the Parish Office.**

Parish Ministries Serving All

There are many ways big and small to "get involved" around St. Bernadette's. These are some of the ways and our ministries continue to evolve and give life to new ministries too. The Ministry Coordinator (leaders) are listed but please call/email the Parish Office for more details on our various ministries.

Property/Building Council Mike Sims, Vice-Chair
Finance Council Denise Carson, Vice-Chair
Pastoral Council Father Chris, Chair
Volunteer Screening Tim & Desiree Plaus

Councils are appointed advisory committees to the Pastor who assist him in the important decisions he makes administering the parish. We are always looking for parishioners with special skills for these councils.

The Alpha Course	Trevor Pereira
Altar Servers	Mark Sarang
Apologetics	Trevor Pereira
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Persaud Ferdinand
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Bingo	Anne Marie Dennis
Bridge League	Ada Larock
Catholic Mom's Group	Cathy Haynes
Coffee Fridays	Julia Beattie
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson Julia Beattie
Children's Liturgy	Robert Zuzarte
Saturday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 830am Choir	Noreen Pierre
Sun 1015am Choir (children)	Michelle Kirkwood
Sunday 1200pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 700pm Choir	Stan Rodrigo
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan
EDGE Youth Group	Father Kevin
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Father Kevin
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte
Rosary Makers	Yvonne Gonzalves
Cursillo	Gabriel Ferdinand
Knights of Columbus	John Kelley
Daughters of Isabella	Monique Beaudoin
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno
Hope & Life for Widows	Jeanette Pinto
Horizons of Hope	Eleanor Lee

Legion of Mary	Lisa Parades
Livestreaming/ Tech Team	Desiree Plaus John McGrath
Ministry for Maturing Adults Laugh & Learn (formerly Theology of the Body)	Anne Nazareth Susan Kennedy
Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Militia of the Immaculata	Rosemary Lubin
Ministry of Hospitality	Faizul & Vinette Rahim
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Street Patrol	Desiree Plaus
Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Truth & Reconciliation	Rose Gomme
Travelling Euchre	Anne Marie Dennis
Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Young Adult Ministry	Father Kevin

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism	Father Chris
Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
First Communion	Father Kevin
Confirmation	Father Chris
Marriage Preparation	Dax Magsisi
Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Marty Lam
Initiation for Young People	Father Kevin

Communion Outreach

Please contact the Parish Office, as staff coordinate most of our outreach ministries. Special training is required.

Communion to Homebound	Denise Carson
Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Harwood Manor	Susan Falcone
Ballycliffe (soon)	Ian & Sharon Pinto
Ajax-Pickering Hospital (soon)	Ian & Sharon Pinto
Lakeridge Gardens (soon)	Ian & Sharon Pinto

School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sararus
St. James Elementary	Marisa Hall
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O'Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

Special Thank You

A very special thank you to our Ministry Coordinators and leaders, past and present; those who coordinate and lead our many parish ministries. We, as a parish community appreciate you!

Around the Parish This Week

Saturday May 20 – Saint Bernardine of Siena

900am Mass
1000am Meditation (Council room)
1030am First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
1100am Confirmation Mass
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Mass

Sunday May 21 – Ascension of the Lord

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm- Masses
1015am Children's Liturgy (Council room)
1200pm Breaking Open the Word (Council room)

Monday May 22 – Saint Rita of Cascia

Victoria Day

900am Mass

Tuesday May 23

815am Mass
645pm Legion of Mary (Council room)
700pm Memorial Mass
700pm RCIA (Hall)

Wednesday May 24 – Blessed Louis-Zépherin Moreau

630pm Parish Confessions
730pm Mass

Thursday May 25 – Saint Bede the Venerable

815am Mass
930am Ladies Craft Group (Stage Side)
630pm Alpha (Hall)
700pm Confirmation Mass

Friday May 26 – Saint Philip Neri

815am Mass
900am Friday Social Café
900am Parish Confessions
700pm Confirmation Mass
700pm EDGE (Hall)

Saturday May 27 – Saint Augustine of Canterbury

900am Mass
1000am Apologetics (Council room)
1100am Confirmation Mass
100pm First Holy Communion Mass
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Mass
600pm Parish Fundraising Dinner (Hall)

Sunday May 28 – Pentecost Sunday

Coffee Sunday After 830am, 1015am, 1200pm Masses

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm- Masses
1015am Children's Liturgy (Council room)
1200pm Breaking Open the Word (Council room)
200pm Baptisms

Mass Intentions this week

Saturday May 20

900am + Aurea & Lucio Tan
+ Yolanda & Naldy Uranza
+ Marie D' Oliveira
+ Egbert Lashley
500pm + Peter Tomeljak

Sunday May 21

830am ~ Intention of Daray McCarthy
1015am + Antonio Patulot
1200pm ~ Missa Pro Populo
500pm + Thomas & Virginia Hovorka
700pm + Nenita Diarez

Monday May 22

815am + Robert Joseph Saptel

Tuesday May 23

815am + John Richard Fermin

Wednesday May 24

730pm + Ceferino Devilla
+ Bryan Birch
+ Enrique Galeana
+ Paulette Sirianni
~ Intention of Olive Mark

Thursday May 25

815am + Eduardo Fajardo

Friday May 26

815am + Juana Paus

Saturday May 27

500pm + Peter Tomeljak

Sunday May 28

830am + Father Theo Fernandes
1015am ~ Missa Pro Populo
1200pm + Mary McGrath

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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