



## 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  
6:30pm-7:15pm  
Fridays  
8:30am-9:30am  
Saturdays  
4:00pm-4:45pm

## ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

**Note: There will be no  
Adoration on Fridays during  
Advent; resumes after Jan 1**

## 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  
Sunday 9:00am-1:30pm

4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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## From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

As we enter the final days of Advent, the Gospel places before us one of the quiet giants of our faith: St. Joseph. There are no recorded words in Scripture from St. Joseph, he is not quoted, which does not make him in any way insignificant – his life proclaims a powerful message of dignity, courage, and hope. When his world is suddenly turned upside down by news he can't understand, St. Joseph doesn't react out of fear or anger. Instead, Matthew tells us he is a righteous man – a good man – who pauses, reflects, and responds with compassion and trust.

St. Joseph teaches us something essential for Advent and for life: that the virtue of hope is often lived very quietly. It's found not in having all the answers, but in trusting God enough to take the next faithful step. When the angel tells Joseph, "Do not be afraid," Joseph believes that God has a plan – even when he cannot yet see it.

His "yes" has a price for him, and St. Joseph accepts a future he didn't choose, protects Mary and Jesus from danger, and willingly steps into the background so that God's plan may unfold. In doing so, he shows us that true greatness is found not in being seen, but in being faithful. As Christmas draws near, St. Joseph invites us to slow down, to listen, and to trust. When we choose faith over fear, God is already at work – quietly guiding every moment. May St. Joseph's steady hope strengthen our homes, our parish, and our hearts as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas!

With love and prayers,

*Fr. 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](mailto:office@stbernajax.com)

**First Confession/Communion** – Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Confirmation** – Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Christian Initiation of Adults** – Adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Christian Initiation of 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](mailto: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  
Robert LeBlanc  
Monika Matelski  
Marva Thomas  
Sue McGee

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## Advent, Christmas & New Year's

Our Advent, Christmas, and New Year's schedule can be accessed from our parish website. [Click this link to view the full schedule.](#)

### **Advent Day of Confession - December 23**

- o **10:00am - 1:00pm and 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

## Confession Times Notice

**There will be no confessions on the following dates:**

- o **Friday, December 26**
- o **Saturday, December 27**
- o **Wednesday, December 31**

Confessions **will resume on Friday, January 2.**

## Praying for Our People

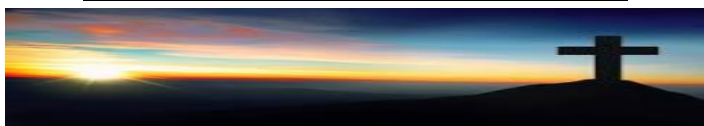


Praying for one another is an important part of our Christian Discipleship, the mission entrusted to us by Jesus.

We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, for: **Violet Azavedo, Anne Sinclair and Albertina Caruso.**

If you would like to be prayed for, please email us at [office@stbernajax.com](mailto:office@stbernajax.com), or call the office.

## Pre-Dawn Novena Masses



Our Pre-Dawn Novena Masses continue daily through **Wednesday December 24 at 5:30am**, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall. The church opens at 5:00am, giving you time for quiet prayer before Mass. We warmly invite everyone to attend at least one of these Masses and experience the joy of this Advent tradition!

## Wedding Anniversaries

If you are a registered member of St Bernadette's and will be celebrating a wedding anniversary 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.

### **Month of December we celebrate with:**

Dec 4	Salome & Donald Thomas	(40 years)
Dec 6	Malou & Jun Reyes	(50 years)
Dec 14	Raphael & Patience Ehiawaguan	(12 years)
Dec 17	Cynthia & Rogelio Sih	(31 years)
Dec 28	Carmel & John Grieve	(58 years)
Dec 29	Agustin & Teresita Toro	(41 years)
Dec 30	John & Tania McGrath	(25 years)

## Mass Intentions

### **Sunday December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent**

830am + Gerard Jeyamanoharan  
500pm + Michael Ivan Bernier  
700pm + Salvador Rodrigues

### **Monday December 22**

800am + Herman Naverra

### **Tuesday December 23 - St. John of Kanty**

800am ~ The Psihogios Family

## Coffee Sunday 2026



We invite all parishioners to join us for our first Coffee Sunday of 2026 on **Sunday, January 11**, following the 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon

Masses in the Parish Hall. Coffee Sundays are an important part of parish life at St. Bernadette's. Let's make 2026 a year of joyful community.

Next Coffee Sunday: **January 25.**



We wish our youth ministry family a peaceful & joy-filled Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in 2026.

-Monika and Stacey

### **JUNIOR EDGE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30pm-8:00pm**

January 12: We are the Church

### **EDGE (Grades 5-8) | 7:00pm-8:30pm**

January 9: Everlasting

### **SUMMIT (Grades 9-12) 6:00pm-8:00pm**

January 11: I am the good shepherd (Pt. 1)

## 2026 Donation Envelopes



**Your 2026 Sunday donation envelopes are available for pickup in the Parish Hall.**

If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. Please do not use the 2026 envelopes until January 1. Thank you for your generosity!

## Parish Office Christmas Hours



Dec 24

**Dec 25 - Jan 4**

Jan 5

Open 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Closed**

Regular hours resume

## Bulletin Advertising

If you own or operate a business, you are invited to advertise in our Parish Bulletin beginning 2026. It's an opportunity to promote your services while supporting parish initiatives. For more information, please email

[office3@stbernajax.com](mailto:office3@stbernajax.com)

# AROUND THE PARISH

## December 21 - December 27

### Sunday December 21

**5:30am:** Pre-Dawn Novena Mass (Church)  
 Sunday Masses: **8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm**  
**10:00am:** Communion Service (Harwood Chartwell)

### Monday December 22

**5:30am:** Pre-Dawn Novena Mass (Church)  
**8:00am:** Mass (Church)

### Tuesday December 23

**5:30am:** Pre-Dawn Novena Mass (Church)  
**8:00am:** Mass (Church)  
**10:00am - 1:00pm:** Advent Day of Confession (Church and Hall)  
**1:45pm:** Legion of Mary (Council Room)  
**5:00pm - 7:00pm:** Advent Day of Confession (Church and Hall)

### Wednesday December 24

**5:30am:** Pre-Dawn Novena Mass (Church)  
**4:00pm:** Christmas Eve Mass (Church)  
**7:00pm:** Christmas Eve Mass (Church)  
**9:00pm:** Christmas Eve Mass (Church)  
**12:00 (Midnight):** Christmas Eve Mass (Church)  
**\*No Confession\***

### Thursday December 25

**8:00am:** Christmas Day Mass (Church)  
**9:30am:** Christmas Day Mass (Church)  
**11:00am:** Christmas Day Mass (Church)  
**12:30pm:** Christmas Day Mass (Church)

### Friday December 26

**9:00am:** Mass (Church)  
**\*No Confession\***

### Saturday December 27

**9:00am:** Mass (Church)  
**11:00am:** Baptism (Church)  
**5:00pm:** Mass (Church)  
**\*No Confession\***

## December 28 - January 3

### Sunday December 28

Sunday Masses: **8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm**

### Monday December 29

**8:00am:** Mass (Church)

### Tuesday December 30

**8:00am:** Mass (Church)  
**1:45pm:** Legion of Mary (Council Room)

### Wednesday December 31

**5:00pm:** New Year's Eve Mass (Church)  
**7:00pm:** New Year's Eve Mass (Church)  
**\*No Confession\***

### Thursday January 1

**9:00am:** New Year's Day Mass (Church)  
**11:00am:** New Year's Day Mass (Church)  
**12:30pm:** New Year's Day Mass (Church)

### Friday January 2

**8:00am:** Mass (Church)  
**8:30am:** Adoration (Church)  
**8:30am:** Confession (Church)

### Saturday January 3

**9:00am:** Mass (Church)  
**4:00pm:** Confession (Church)  
**5:00pm:** Mass (Church)



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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.

### Ministry of Hospitality

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