



St. Bernadette Catholic Church

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2026

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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 Saturday
Vigil, and Sunday morning
Masses

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear friends,

As we celebrate Labour Day Weekend, we give thanks for the gift of work and for the many people whose daily labour—often unnoticed—contributes to the well-being of our families, our community, and our parish. May this weekend also provide an opportunity for rest, gratitude, and time with those we love.

Next weekend, we joyfully celebrate our Welcome Back Weekend at St. Bernadette's! After the quieter rhythm of summer, it is time to reconnect as a parish family and begin an exciting new ministry year together.

Join us for our BBQ on Saturday, breakfast following the Sunday morning Masses, and especially our Parish Ministry EXPO, where you can discover the many wonderful ministries that make our parish vibrant and welcoming.

I encourage everyone to visit the EXPO—even if you are not yet ready to volunteer. Come and see what is happening, meet fellow parishioners, and perhaps discover where God may be inviting you to take another step in your faith.

There is much to look forward to this fall. Welcome back—and let us continue growing together in faith!

In friendship with Christ,

Fr. Chris

PARISH TEAM

Pastor:	Father Chris Lemieux	pastor@stbernajax.com
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Office Administrator:	Aquilia D'Costa	office@stbernajax.com
Family Life Coordinator:	Monika Matelski	family@stbernajax.com
Youth Minister:	Stacey Leitmann	youth@stbernajax.com
Administrative Assistant:	Marva Thomas	office3@stbernajax.com

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.

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

Christian Initiation of Young People: For young people ages 7 to 16. Age-appropriate classes 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, Sylvia Mondal, and Peter Dwyer.**

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Francia Bartolome.**

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our faithful parishioner, **Francia Bartolome**, who passed away on Aug 22. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday September 9, at 11:00am** at

St. Bernadette Parish.

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:

Sep 1	Ron & Ada Larock	(43 yrs)
Sep 4	Marcia & Bruno De Jesus	(5 yrs)
Sep 4	Harry & Sylvia Prabhu	(49 yrs)
Sep 6	Janet Lee Martell & Terence Winter	(1 yr)
Sep 9	Deo & Che Cruz	(31 yrs)
Sep 9	Maria & Anesley Seevaratnam	(20 yrs)
Sep 22	Carlos & Maria Da Silva	(42 yrs)
Sep 23	Kresstine Fernando & Nirmal Patel	(9 yrs)

WELCOME BACK WEEKEND!



SEPT 12TH — 13TH



Our Welcome Back Weekend is almost here! We invite everyone to join us next weekend **September 12 & 13** to launch our parish fall season.

Come and visit our **Ministry Expo**, meet ministry coordinators and members, and discover the many ways you can become involved in parish life. Enjoy **BBQ** after the Saturday 5pm Mass, **Breakfast** after the Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am and Noon Masses, and a **Coffee Social** after the Sunday 5pm Mass.

As we begin the new parish season, take some time to think of the many ways you can help our parish grow and flourish. The Welcome Back Weekend and Ministry Expo offer a glimpse of the many opportunities to come!

A suggested donation of \$8 per person or \$20 per family for the BBQ or Breakfast is appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 5

5:00pm + Casmiro & Esperance Menezes

Sunday, September 6

8:30am ~ David & Denise Carson

12:00pm Missa Pro Populo

5:00pm + Ann Welsh

7:00pm ~ In thanksgiving for Faith Aruwa

Monday, September 7 – LABOUR DAY

9:00am + Lourdes Sazon

Tuesday, September 8

8:00am + Joseph De Caires

Wednesday, September 9

7:30pm + Julian Ireland

+ Diman & Koda

+ Abdulahad Hanna

+ Marie McCarthy

~ Sakeh family

Thursday, September 10

8:00am + Russell Ferreira

Friday, September 11

8:00am + Marion Aguiton

Saturday, September 12

9:00am + Roberto & Adela Sarmiento

+ Luis Lopez

~ Romeo & Erlinda Paguio

~ Lincoln Sebastian

SOUBIROUS CAFÉ OPENS SEPT 20



We are pleased to launch our **Soubirous Café** on **Sunday September 20**, after 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses, in the Parish Hall. Building on the spirit of our Coffee Sundays, the café offers a welcoming place for faith, fellowship, and community.

The café will be open most Sundays, except on holiday weekends. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and juice are complimentary, with a small fee for treats.

Stay a little longer after Mass, enjoy a refreshment, and connect with fellow parishioners.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – SEP 7

The Parish Office will be closed on Labour Day, Monday September 7.

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.

HURONIA HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



Saturday September 26, 2026

Join us for a pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs' Shrine as we celebrate the Shrine's 100th anniversary and 400 years since St. Jean de Brébeuf arrived in Huronia. Includes visits to see Martyrdom sites, Mass and free time at Martyrs' Shrine.

7:45am departure | 6:30pm return | \$50 per person
Register and pay at the Parish Office or Welcome Desk.

Pilgrimage Parking Notice: Please note that the school parking lot will be closed on Saturday, September 26 due to a fundraiser. Pilgrims are asked not to park in the school lot. The lot is expected to reopen around 4:30 – 5:00pm.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS



At the end of all Masses this weekend **September 5 & 6**, we will be offering a special Back-to-School Blessing for all students and staff preparing to return this Fall. We look forward to a spirit-filled Fall with our parish family!

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS



This weekend, **September 5 & 6**, our second collection taken at the time of the Offertory, is for the **Parish Building & Maintenance Fund**. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

THAT MAN IS YOU!



The Revelation of the Father calls men to discover the heart of God the Father reflected in their own hearts. Through food, fellowship, and faith, men are invited to grow in heroic love, faithful commitment, and spiritual fatherhood. Join us **Saturday mornings starting September 19, from 7:30am to 9:00am** in the Parish Hall. Scan the QR code to register. For questions, contact David Ellis at 647-992-8524 or davidfellis2012@gmail.com. All men are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY



THE BOOK OF JOB is a 7-week Bible Study, held on **Wednesdays at 9:30am, beginning September 23** and runs through November 4, in the Parish Hall. Join us as we explore suffering, faith, trust, and God's wisdom through the Book of Job. Each session includes a Video by Fr. Tim Peters, Small-group discussion, and Faith sharing and reflection. Optional Study Guide: \$15. All are welcome! Contact: susangkennedy@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

INFORMATION SESSIONS & REGISTRATION

Registration for the Sacraments **is now open**. Parents **must** attend an Information Session held in the parish hall. Registration should be completed with **all the requirements** submitted at the same time (preferably at the Information Sessions). Registration forms are now available on our parish website, Welcome Desk, and the parish office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFO SESSIONS

Thurs. Oct. 1 at 6pm

Sat. Oct. 3 at 10am

Requirements:

- Registration Form
- Baptism Certificate
- Registration Fee \$60

CONFIRMATION INFO SESSIONS

Thurs. Oct. 1 at 7:30pm

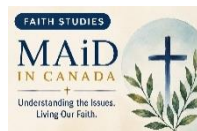
Sat. Oct. 3 at 11:30am

Requirements:

- Registration Form
- Baptism Certificate
- First Holy Communion Certificate
- Registration Fee \$100

All questions may be directed to Monika Matelski at family@stbernajax.com or 905-683-1533 X-203.

FAITH STUDIES



A Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) session will be held on **Monday, September 14 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall. Join us for a presentation and discussion on the Catholic Church's teaching, exploring the dignity of human life, conscience, compassion, and the Church's call to accompany those who suffer. All are welcome.

SHALOM WORLD AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Jesus Heals | Thursday Sept. 17 | 7:00–9:00pm

Join us for an evening of Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, a spiritual talk, and special prayers for healing and blessing of the sick, led by Fr. Julian Studden. All are welcome!

Come & See | Saturday Sept. 19 | 9:00am–12:00pm

Discover Shalom World's media mission and resources to help your family grow in a Christ-centered life. The morning includes Holy Mass, worship, talks, food and fellowship. For more info: <https://conferences.shalomworld.org/>

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

There is a place for everyone at St. Bernadette Parish! Interested in learning more? Contact the Parish Office, visit us at the Welcome Desk, or complete our [Volunteer Form](#). Our Volunteer Coordinator will follow up with you to answer questions, connect you with ministries and groups, and help you find a place that best matches your interests.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers	Baptism Coordinators
Choir – Saturday 5:00pm	Communion to the Homebound – Private Homes
Choir – Sunday 8:30am	Communion to Retirement & Long-Term Care
Choir (Children) – Sunday 10:15am	Eucharistic Ministers
Choir – Sunday 12:00pm	Lectors
Choir – Sunday 5:00pm	Ministry of Hospitality
Choir – Sunday 7:00pm	Wedding Coordinators

Faith Formation Ministries

Bible Study	Confirmation
Faith Studies	First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
Christian Initiation of Adults	Marriage Preparation
Christian Initiation of Young People	

Youth Ministries

Jr. EDGE Youth Ministry	SUMMIT Teen Ministry
EDGE Youth Ministry	Jesus Youth
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Children's Liturgy

Faith, Family, Fellowship & Service

Catholic Mom's Group	Legion of Mary
Catholic Women's Group	Parish Vitality
Collection Counters	Quo Vadis
Flowers & Decorating	Rosary Makers
Funeral Receptions	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Gardening Committee	Soubirous Café
Helping Hands	That Man Is You
Hope & Life for Widows	Volunteer Screening
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ST. BERNADETTE PARISH

WELCOME BACK WEEKEND!

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MINISTRY EXPO

COME, SEE & GET INVOLVED!



SATURDAY BBQ

FOLLOWING THE 5 PM MASS



SUNDAY BREAKFAST

FOLLOWING THE MORNING MASSES



COFFEE SOCIAL

FOLLOWING THE 5 PM MASS

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$8 PER PERSON | \$20 PER FAMILY

Donations will be collected at the entrance to the hall.

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