



## **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-9:30am  
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 9:30am-12:00pm

**WELCOME DESK:**  
Before and after all weekend  
Masses

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2026

# **St. Bernadette Catholic Church**

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## **From the Pastor's Desk**



Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Each of us has been uniquely created by God, with gifts meant not only for ourselves, but for the good of others. Our parish flourishes when those gifts are shared.

Volunteering is not simply about filling roles – it is answering God's invitation to serve.

Whether your strengths lie in hospitality, organization, listening, teaching, or simply being present, there is a place for you here. Sometimes people hesitate, thinking they don't have enough time or talent. But even a small commitment, offered with love, can make a meaningful difference.

Stewardship invites us to move from being observers to participants in the life of the Church. When we share our gifts, we grow in faith, deepen our relationships, and help create a welcoming community for all.

If you are discerning how you might serve, I encourage you to take that first step.

To our many volunteers: thank you for your faithfulness and quiet service. And to all our parishioners, thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and support of St. Bernadette's.

Yours appreciatively in the Lord,

*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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## 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.

## Parish Announcements

Parish tax receipts will be available by mid-February. At that time, we will also include our Stewardship Report with the bulletin.

Thank you for your faithful support and continued commitment to our parish community.

## 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.

### **For the month of February, we celebrate with:**

Feb 9	Sneha & Heflin Valentine	(29 years)
Feb 13	Beatrice and Robert	(41 years)
Feb 14	Aquilia & Rahul	(10 years)
Feb 23	Gerardo & Marlene Delicano	(35 years)
Feb 28	Cheryl & Gord Nash	(51 years)
Feb 28	Lynne & Brian Lobo	(21 years)

## Coffee Sunday

We invite you to join us this weekend for **Coffee Sunday - February 7 and 8**, after the Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, and 5:00pm Masses in the Parish Hall. Our Youth Ministry will also be holding a fundraiser throughout Coffee Sunday. Come for the coffee, stay for the fellowship, and help support the faith and leadership growth of our youth.

Next Coffee Sunday: **February 22**



Our Youth Ministries will be hosting a Paczki (Polish Donut) Fundraiser during **Coffee Sunday on February 7 and 8**. We invite you to stop by the bake stand in the Parish Hall, where our young people will be offering freshly made Paczki as part of this special fundraiser. Thank you for supporting the youth of St. Bernadette's.

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday February 7**

500pm + William Houghton

### **Sunday February 8 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

830am ~ Ron & Rita Vaz

1200pm Missa Pro Populo

500pm ~ In thanksgiving for the Bonto family

700pm + Mary George

### **Monday February 9**

800am ~ Jim & Mary Psihogios

### **Tuesday February 10 - St. Scholastica**

800am + Edith Elenjikel

### **Wednesday February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes**

730pm + Marta Vallesteros

+ Joel Abaloyan

+ Sheila Canning

+ David Chan-A-Sue

~ Amadeo Guzzo-Foliaro

### **Thursday February 12**

800am + Veronica Ego-Aguirre

### **Friday February 13**

800am + Phyl Birch

### **Saturday February 14 - St. Cyril**

900am + Teadora & Joaquim Branco

+ Alfonso Espiritu

+ Vidal Plaza

+ Jonathan Patulot

~ In thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Aquilia & Rahul

## Finance Council

Periodically, Father Chris looks for active parishioners with special gifts and talents to serve as part of the three Stewardship (Advisory) Councils—Finance, Pastoral, and Building. If you work in finance and can assist, please contact our Finance Council Vice-Chair, Mrs. Denise Carson, at [dtfcarson@gmail.com](mailto:dtfcarson@gmail.com)



St. Bernadette Parish is hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance on **Saturday February 14, at 6:00pm** in the Parish Hall. Join us for an evening of love and celebration, dinner, and dancing as we gather in the spirit of friendship and community.

Tickets: \$50 per person | \$100 per couple | \$25 for kids  
For more information, please contact:

Linda Sarang: 416-523-2062, [linda4791@gmail.com](mailto:linda4791@gmail.com)

Julia Beattie: 905-683-1373

## Ash Wednesday - February 18

MASS & SERVICE (LOCATION)	TIMES
Parish Mass <b>(Church)</b>	8:00am
Notre Dame Secondary <b>(At the School)</b>	8:30am
Chartwell Harwood LTC Communion Service <b>(At Chartwell)</b>	9:15am
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary <b>(At the School)</b>	9:45am
Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary <b>(At the School)</b>	10:00am
Ballycliffe LTC Communion Service <b>(At Ballycliffe)</b>	10:00am
Lakeridge Gardens LTC Communion Service <b>(At Lakeridge Gardens)</b>	11:00am
Harwood Manor Apartments Communion Service <b>(At Harwood Manor)</b>	12:00pm
St. James Elementary <b>(At the School)</b>	12:30pm
St. Bernadette Elementary <b>(Church)</b>	2:00pm
Parish Mass <b>(Church)</b>	7:30pm

**Please Note: No Confessions on Ash Wednesday**

## For Our Young People

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

Next Jr. EDGE Night: Monday February 9

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

Next EDGE Night: Friday February 13

### SUMMIT (Grades 9-12) | 6:00pm-8:30pm

Next Summit Night: Sunday February 8

## Upcoming Summer Camps 2026

### EDGE CAMP (Grades 5-8)

Dates: August 19-23, 2026

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Registration opens March 1, 2026 | early-bird \$500

### HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CAMP (Grades 9-12)

Dates: August 19-23, 2026

Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

Registration opens March 1, 2026

## Stations of the Cross

As we begin the holy season of Lent, we invite you to join us on a meaningful journey through the Stations of the Cross, starting **Friday, February 20 at 7:30pm**. Together, we will walk with Christ through His Passion each Friday evening throughout Lent, opening our hearts to prayer, reflection, and renewal.

## Faith Studies

*Fr. Augustus Tolton - From Slavery to Sainthood*

Join us on **Monday, February 9 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall for a video and discussion on the life and witness of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first recognized Black Catholic priest in the United States. All are welcome!

*The Crucifixion: A Priestly and Nuptial Act*

Join us on **Monday, February 23 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall for a video presentation by Dr. John Bergsma on how St. John's Gospel reveals the Crucifixion as both Christ's priestly sacrifice and His self-giving love as Bridegroom. Discussion to follow. All are welcome!

## Your Parish Needs You!

There are many ways to share your gifts at St. Bernadette's. Your time and talents strengthen our parish and shine Christ's love to others. Discover where God may be calling you to serve. Below are our immediate volunteer needs. For more opportunities to serve, see our complete ministry listing page or stop by the Welcome Desk for more information.

### Ministry of Hospitality

The Ministry of Hospitality serve the Liturgy by establishing a climate of welcome, by helping people find a seat, and by receiving the collection! They assist the assembly with practical details so that the Liturgy can be celebrated with ease and grace. The Hospitality Ministers are essential as even one smile can make a huge difference to everyone who enters our parish for Mass.

### Eucharistic Ministers

Our Eucharistic Ministers help bring the Body and Blood of Christ to our community during Mass. This ministry is a profound way to serve and share in the heart of our worship.

### Lectors

Our Lectors proclaim the Word of God and help make Scripture come alive for our parish, allowing the assembly to hear and reflect on the Scriptures that nourish our faith and guide our lives.

**Let's Connect**



# Discover Your Ministry, Share Your Gifts

At St. Bernadette's, there are many ministries where you can serve as a volunteer or participate as a member. Below is a list of our ministries, from liturgical roles that are part of the Mass, to opportunities for deepening and sharing your faith, to groups centered around fellowship and social connection.

To serve as a volunteer, join a group or simply learn more, please contact the Parish Office, stop by the Welcome Desk, or [click here to fill in our Volunteer Form](#). Our Volunteer Coordinator will follow-up with you to answer questions, connect you with ministry leaders, or help you find a ministry that best matches your interests and skills.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:

**Altar Servers** - Children and youth assisting at Mass  
**Baptism Coordinator** - Assist to organize and set up for Baptisms  
**Choir/Music Ministry** - Choirs at Masses, funerals, weddings & \*the children's choir  
**\*Collection Counters** - Assist in the secure counting of weekly offerings  
**\*Communion Outreach** - Bring Communion to the sick or homebound  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Assist in distributing the Body of Christ at Mass  
**Lectors** - Proclaim the Word of God at Mass  
**Ministry of Hospitality** - Greet and welcome all who join together for Mass  
**Wedding Coordinator** - Assist couples on their special day

## FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES:

**The Alpha Course** - Explore the basics of Christian faith  
**Bible Study** - Journey deeper into Scripture and grow in understanding.  
**Faith Studies** - Focused on faith and our parish family  
**Marriage Prep Course** - Help couples prepare for a lifelong commitment  
**Christian Initiation for Adults** - Help adults preparing for Baptism  
**\*Christian Initiation for Young People** - Help children (7-17yrs) preparing for Baptism  
**\*Sacramental Preparation Assistant** - Help with FHC and/or Confirmation classes

## CHILDREN & YOUTH:

**\*Altar Servers** - Children and youth assisting at Mass  
**\*Children's Liturgy/Sunday School Catechists** - Sharing the Word of God in a child-friendly way.  
**\*Choir Sunday 10:15am (Children)** - Children's voices lifting praise to God  
**\*EDGE Youth Group (Grades 5-8)** - Faith, fun, and fellowship for middle schoolers  
**\*Jr. EDGE (Grades 1-4)** - Building a foundation of faith for younger students  
**\*Jesus Youth** - Youth growing together in spirit and service  
**\*Summit Teen Ministry** - Chosen for More. Climbing with Purpose. Elevating a faith life for teens

## FAITH, FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE:

**Catholic Women's Group** - Social and service opportunities for women  
**Coffee Sundays** - Fellowship after Mass with coffee and conversation  
**Craft Group** - Creative fellowship - knitting for the homeless  
**Flowers & Decorating** - Help beautify the church for seasons and liturgies  
**Funeral Receptions** - Hospitality for grieving families  
**Gardening Committee** - Keep our church grounds beautiful  
**Helping Hands** - Supports those experiencing homelessness in our community  
**Hope & Life for Widows** - Support and community for women who have lost a spouse  
**Knights of Columbus** - Catholic men in service and fraternity  
**Legion of Mary** - Evangelization through prayer and service  
**Livestreaming Team** - Help broadcast Masses and events online  
**Meditation** - Come find peace in Christ through contemplative prayer  
**Parish Vitality Ministry** - Supports community life organizing social events that bring people together  
**\*Rosary Apostolate** - Foster devotion to Our Lady through prayer  
**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** - Serving those in need with compassion. Food bank and other resources

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### Notes:

**Parental/Guardian consent is required for youth under the age of 18**

**\* May require a vulnerable sector/police check**

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# Around the Parish

## **Sunday, February 8**

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

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

**Polish Donut (Paczki!) Youth Fundraiser after Masses 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm**

10:15am Children's Liturgy (Hall)  
12:30pm Christian Initiation of Adults - Breaking Open the Word (Council Room)  
6:00pm Summit Night (Hall)

## **Monday, February 9**

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Faith Studies (Hall)  
6:30pm Junior EDGE (Hall)  
7:00pm KOC Officers Meeting (Council Room)

## **Tuesday, February 10**

8:00am Mass  
1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)  
6:00pm Confirmation Class (Hall)  
7:30pm Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall)

## **Wednesday, February 11**

8:40am Archbishop Denis O'Connor CSS (School)  
9:30am Bible Study (Hall)  
6:00pm First Holy Communion Class (Hall)  
6:15pm Confession  
7:00pm CWG - Executive Meeting (Council Room)  
7:30pm Mass

## **Thursday, February 12**

8:00am Mass  
10:00am Archbishop Denis O'Connor CSS  
Grade 9 Retreat (Hall)  
6:15pm Choir Practice - 12pm Mass (Church)  
6:30pm Alpha (Hall)

## **Friday, February 13**

8:00am Mass  
8:30am Adoration  
8:30am Confession  
2:30pm Communion Outreach Mass (Bally Cliffe Lodge)  
7:00pm EDGE Night (Hall)

## **Saturday, February 14**

7:30am St Joseph Men's Prayer (Hall)  
9:00am Mass  
9:30am Christian Initiation of Young People Class (Hall)  
11:00am Baptism  
11:00am First Holy Communion Class (Hall)  
1:00pm Confirmation Class (Hall)  
3:45pm Confession  
5:00pm Mass  
**6:00pm Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance (Hall)**

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