



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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel from Matthew, we hear Jesus say, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." The disciples immediately leave their nets and follow Him. They don't just hear His call—they respond, step forward, and become part of something greater than themselves.

This Gospel reminds us that following Jesus always leads us into relationship and mission. We are called not only to walk with Him, but to help bring others along the journey. In our parish today, one of the simple ways we can do this is by staying connected and helping spread the good news through modern means.

I encourage you once again to **connect and "friend" us on our official parish Facebook page** - [St Bernadette Parish Ajax](https://www.facebook.com/StBernadetteParishAjax). It has quickly become a vibrant way for us to share parish life—upcoming events, photos, reflections, reminders, and moments of faith that inspire and unite us. By liking and sharing our posts, you help extend our parish community far beyond these walls and invite others to discover Christ through us.

Just as the first disciples were called to cast their nets wide, so too are we. Let us use every good tool available to share faith, build community, and stay connected with one another. Thank you for being part of this parish family and for helping us grow—both in person and online.

God's blessings,

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

First Confession/Communion – Please speak to Robert or email LPA@stbernajax.com

Confirmation – Please speak to Robert or email 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

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

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

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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.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Venetia Baldsing, Fred Chafe, and Eva Zabudan.**

If you would like to be prayed for, please email us at office@stbernajax.com, or call the office.

Parish Announcements

Parish tax receipts will be issued mid-February. A Stewardship Report will be distributed with the mid-February bulletin.

Thank you for your support and 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 January, we celebrate with:

Jan 1	Jose George & Swati Jose	(20 years)
Jan 2	John & Ogochukwu Aruwa	(7 years)
Jan 5	Martha & Rudy Thomas	(46 years)
Jan 7	Joseph & Juliet Rupin	(31 years)
Jan 17	Jose & Linia Shaji	(27 years)
Jan 17	Arlene & Joel Valdez	(25 years)
Jan 17	Patrick & Angharad Samuel	(27 years)
Jan 27	Santos & Mary Bartolata	(35 years)
Jan 31	Mike & Lois Sims	(50 years)

Coffee Sunday

Come and enjoy fellowship, coffee and refreshments on **Sunday January 25** after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses in the Parish Hall! Coffee Sundays help us stay connected and strengthen our community at St. Bernadette's.

Next Coffee Sunday: **February 8.**



We're gathering photos from our parish events throughout this year and would love to include your favourite moments of our community in action. If you have photos you'd like to share, **and for which proper consent has been given**, please email them to:

office3@stbernajax.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday January 24 - St. Francis de Sales

500pm + Irene Gonsalves

Sunday January 25

830am ~ Julia & Don Beattie

500pm + Philomena Doyle

700pm ~ In Thanksgiving for the Coelho & Rodrigues Family

Monday January 26 - St. Timothy & St. Titus

800am + Kathleen Snook

Tuesday January 27 - St. Angela Merici

800am ~ The McGarry Family

Wednesday January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

730pm + Neeta Francis

+ Mercedes Dela Cruz

+ Matthew Wayne Miller

+ Armando Navarrete Sr.

~ In Thanksgiving for the Wedding Anniversary of Thomas & Emilia D'Souza

Thursday January 29

800am + Natalia Jakubiak

Friday January 30

800am ~ Gary & Molet Powers

Saturday January 31 - St. John Bosco

900am + Ramon Dominguez

~ Tim Plaus

~ Mike & Lois Sims

~ Deborah & Michael Roach

Finance Council

Periodically, Father Chris looks for active parishioners with special gifts and talents to serve as part of the three Stewardship (Advisory) Councils of the Parish - the Finance Council, the Pastoral Council and the Building Council. If you work in finance and might be able to help us, please contact the Vice-Chair of our Finance Council, Mrs. Denise Carson - dtfcarson@gmail.com

For Our Young People

Our Youth Ministry at St. Bernadette's offers programs for all age groups. Here are the upcoming dates:

JUNIOR EDGE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30pm-8:00pm
Next Jr. EDGE Night: Monday January 26

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 January 25

Upcoming Summer Camps 2026

EDGE CAMP (Grades 5-8)

Dates: August 19-23, 2026

Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

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

Faith Studies

Wives Do What?

Join us on **Monday, February 2 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall for a video talk by Dr. Brant Pitre on the often-misunderstood passage from Ephesians 5. Dr. Pitre explains its true meaning, revealing Christ-centered love and mutual self-giving in marriage. All are welcome!

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!

Ash Wednesday Schedule

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

Please Note: No Confessions on Ash Wednesday

Your Parish Needs You!

There are many ways to share your time and talents at St. Bernadette's. Your involvement helps strengthen our parish community and bring Christ's love to others. Above all, becoming a volunteer allows you to answer God's call by using the gifts he has entrusted you with. Explore the opportunities below and consider how you can make a difference this year. For a complete list, see our Ministry Page, or come 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.

Welcome Desk

Our Welcome Desk plays an important role in parish life. It is where we welcome new parishioners, help people connect with ministries, and assist visitors and parishioners with finding what they need.

Ready to Make a Difference?

If you feel called to serve as a parish volunteer and have a friendly spirit and enjoy helping others, we'd love for you to get involved as a parish volunteer! If you are interested but do not know which ministry you are called towards, you can still reach out to us! Sign up online, stop by the Welcome Desk, or contact the Parish Office for more information!

LET'S STAY CONNECTED

Website: www.stbernajax.com

Facebook: [St Bernadette Parish Ajax](https://www.facebook.com/St-Bernadette-Parish-Ajax-101500000000000/)

YouTube: [St Bern YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/stbernajax)

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 - Small group sessions designed to build discipleship
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

Notes:

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

* May require a vulnerable sector/police check

AROUND THE PARISH

January 25 - January 31

Sunday January 25

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

Coffee Sunday in the Hall after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses

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

Monday January 26

8:00am: Mass
9:30am: Faith Studies (Hall)
6:30pm: Junior EDGE (Hall)

Tuesday January 27

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

Wednesday January 28

7:30am: Notre Dame CSS Chapel Mass (School)
9:30am: Bible Study (Hall)
9:45am: St. Teresa of Calcutta CES Mass (School)
6:00pm: First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
6:15pm: Confession
7:30pm: Mass
7:30pm: Daughters of Isabella (Council Room)

Thursday January 29

8:00am: Mass
6:15pm: Choir Practice - 12pm Mass (Church)
6:30pm: Alpha (Hall)
6:30pm: Vitality Ministry Meeting (Council Room)
7:00pm: Catholic Women's Group (Stage Side)

Friday January 30

8:00am: Mass
8:30am: Adoration
8:30am: Confession
10:30am: Outreach Mass at Chartwell (Old Harwood Rd)

Saturday January 31

7:30am: St Joseph Men's Prayer (Hall)
9:00am: Mass
9:30am: Christian Initiation of Young People Class (Hall)
11:00am: First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
1:00pm: Confirmation Class (Hall)
3:00pm: Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall)
3:45pm: Confession
5:00pm: Mass

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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