



3rd SUNDAY of EASTER April 14, 2024
St. Bernadette Catholic Church

21 Bayly Street East, Ajax, Ontario L1S 1P2
Phone: 905-683-1533

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm Sunday 8:30am 10:15am 12:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Early Morning Masses – Wednesday 6:30am
Morning Masses – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:00am :: Saturday 9:00am
Evening Masses – Wednesday 7:30pm

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm Fridays 8:30am-9:30am Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm
**Also, by appointment with the clergy*

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays of month 8:30am-12:00pm (Angelus at Noon) All other Fridays 8:30am-9:30am

PARISH OFFICE

PARISH STAFF

Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor*
Father Kevin Adriano, *Associate Pastor*
Aquila D’Costa, *Parish Secretary*
Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate*
Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator*
Marva Thomas, *Administrative Assistant*
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9:00am to 12:30pm
1:30pm to 4:30pm
Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1:30
Saturday & Sunday
9:30am to 2:30pm
OFFICE CLOSED to Walk-ins on FRIDAY

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms – every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class (via Zoom) and completed registration with required forms required. Please call the Parish Office or email office@stbernajax.com
First Confession/Communion – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com
Confirmation – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – Adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com
Christian Initiation for 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 SCHOOLS

Archbishop Denis O’Connor Secondary	Jim MacNeil, <i>Principal</i>	Tim Lee Loy, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-427-6667
Notre Dame Secondary	Sonya Melim, <i>Principal</i>	Jeannine Henry, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-686-4300
St. Bernadette Elementary	Diana Assenza, <i>Principal</i>	Agnes Sararus, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-683-0571
St. James Elementary	Geraldine Borg, <i>Principal</i>	Elise Arbic, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-242-7256
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	Sheena Paul, <i>Principal</i>	Linda Sarang, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-426-7065

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: <https://stbernajax.com>
YouTube: [@st.bernadetteparishajax3761](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstbernajax3761)
Twitter: [@stbernajax](https://twitter.com/stbernajax)
Facebook: [St. Bernadette Church, Ajax](https://www.facebook.com/St.BernadetteChurchAjax)

From the Pastor's Desk



My dear fellow Parishioners,

Each week, we meet each other at the Sacred Table of the Lord, the Holy Altar – where just like at the Last Supper, and in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus meets us and makes Himself known to us in the Breaking of the Bread. Why? He loves us more than we will ever know and wants us to be nourished and sustained by that love. What for? So that, strengthened and nourished by that love – we give that love away to those we are blessed to have in our lives and those whom we will meet, and those who do not already know the Life of Christ and that love. Friends, on Sundays, when we meet each other at Coffee Sunday, I hope that we continue to meet Jesus in each other and with the help of the many disciples we have here in the parish, I am always looking for new ways to build community and to meet each other.

Dear friends, you matter so very much to Jesus, and you are an important part of this community; let us continue to find ways to meet each other in fellowship, to support each other and those whom we will meet throughout this week.

Your servant in the Lord,

Father Chris

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:

Carmen Flores, Desmond Vieira, Luisa Matthias, Kevin Sims, Helen Holmes, Anne Sinclair, Dylan Furo, Frederick Chafe, Caitlin Smith, Jaime Villafuerte, Maureen MeLong & Symone DeBellotte.

We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing. We pray especially for Connie Ferrara.

As of next Sunday, we will include prayers in the Prayers of the Faithful for parishioners who are seriously ill for three weeks, and we will remember parishioners who have died for three weeks as well. If you would like us to pray for people, please email Father Chris directly.

April Anniversaries

It is always important that our community celebrates and experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!

Apr 27th Mike & Edna Dietz (20 years)

Apr 30th Roman & Vesna Zakrajsek (19 years)

Our Weekly Offerings



Thank **you** all for your continued generosity, with your time, your talents, and your treasures! This is what was shared of your treasures this week:

LAST WK'S OFFERTORY (incl PAG):	\$	9,059.00
LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND:	\$	8,385.25
BUILDING FUND TOTAL:	\$	333,524.66

****Thank You****



Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to express their heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the Archbishop Denis O'Connor CSS Community for their generous donation to help women in need. Pictured here are Robert, Sharron Monk, and Chaplain Tim.

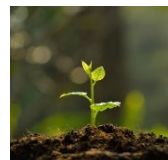
Parish Happenings & Events

Coffee Sunday

Meet old friends, and new ones too! Fellowship is an important part of being a Christian – knowing others who share and live the same faith you do. We begin again our Coffee Sundays, hoping you can join us! We gather after the 8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm Masses, in the Parish Hall. These will be very informal gatherings with coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Upcoming dates are:

****April 14 & April 28****

Starting Point



We invite you to join us for our next **Starting Point** on Sunday April 28th @1:30pm. This is where you will meet our clergy and some of our parish team. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our parish, register for baptisms, make inquiries about other sacraments and get involved in one of our ministries. Please register to attend by clicking this link: <https://bit.ly/3PSrDL1> or register from our parish website: www.stbernajax.com

Parish Breakfast



Come and join us for breakfast and fellowship **on Sunday April 21st** following the 8:30am and 10:15am Masses. Lots of food: bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, tea coffee and juice. The breakfast is \$10 per person, and \$5 for children under 10. All proceeds go towards the Parish Building Fund. For tickets please contact Linda Sarang 416-523-2062 or Julia Beattie 905-683-1373

Father Kevin Reassigned



This weekend, our beloved Associate Pastor, Father Kevin will announce to the parish that he has been reassigned, and on June 26, 2024, will leave us to take on his new assignment as Associate Pastor at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. As many will remember, Fr. Kevin came to St.

Bernadette's as a transitional deacon in September 2021 the final days of his formation and was ordained a priest among us on November 5, 2021. Fr. Kevin has been a much-cherished part of our community, serving the entire community but most especially our young people. He brought many gifts of youth ministry with him and I am sure will be greatly missed! He will also be a great blessing for St. Mike's. But alas, we have him with us for two more months!

Our Parish Picnic, (normally the last Sunday of June), will be Sunday June 23rd after the Noon Mass, where we will say goodbye to Father Kevin as a parish community!

Farewell to Samuel Vail

This weekend will be the final weekend for Sam Vail who has been with us on select weekends, a second-year theology seminarian from the Diocese of Charlottetown. We have enjoyed Sam's friendly disposition and presence, and he has most certainly enjoyed the experience of being a part of the community. We wish Sam well and look forward to hearing how he is doing as he returns to PEI for the summer and onward to Parish Internship next year!

For Our Young People

Family Edge Night



We invite our EDGE & Junior EDGE families to our family night on Friday April 26th, 7pm-

9pm at our parish. This night will feature prayer & worship, a spotlight on the importance of child & youth ministry, and a potluck meal! Let's celebrate our children in their faith! Please RSVP to Monika: youth@stbernajax.com

EDGE Camp Registration



Registration is open for EDGE Summer camp with early bird pricing of \$500/child for EDGE camp at Camp White Pine in Haliburton. EDGers in grades 5-8 are invited to join this epic adventure August 25-29, 2024. See the promo: <https://youtu.be/P3NYgDsyCRM> For Edge Camp information & registration, please email: youth@stbernajax.com

Totus Tuus



Totus Tuus Summer Camp registration is now open!

To register, please submit one form per child here: <https://bit.ly/48YHhvh>

Dates:

Day camp for grades 1-6 is July 22-26 9am-2:30pm

Evening Camp for grades 7-12 is July 21-25 6pm-9:00pm

Cost:

Day camp is \$100.00 per camper (additional siblings are \$65 per camper). The evening camp is \$30.00 per camper

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate



One of our own, parishioner Ronald Vaz has been called to Sacred Orders and will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday May 25, 2024, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. More information on that will come in future bulletins. Canon Law requires that prior to ordination, banns be published in the parishes the man to be ordained serves in, and if anyone is aware of any impediments to Sacred Orders, they reveal this to the pastor or the bishop. **Please keep Ron close to you in prayer.**

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.

From among our most dedicated volunteers, the Pastor selects and appoints parishioners to our three Stewardship Councils. These councils are special advisory committees to help the pastor in the important decisions he makes administering the parish. We are always looking for parishioners with special skills for these councils.

The Alpha Course	Robert LeBlanc
Altar Servers	Lianson Wilson
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Ferdinand
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Bingo	Anne Marie Dennis
Catholic Mom’s Group	Cathy Haynes
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson
	Julia Beattie
Children’s Liturgy	Robert Zuzarte
Saturday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 830am Choir	Tatjana Smrekar
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	Monika Matelski
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte
Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Knights of Columbus	John Kelley
Daughters of Isabella	Sandra Kolsteren
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	Valeria Chovancova
Livestreaming Team	Desiree Plaus
Understanding Our Faith	Susan Kennedy
Meditation	Trevor Pereira
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
Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Young Adult Ministry	Father Kevin

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism	Father Chris
Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Marriage Preparation	Dax Magsisi
Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc

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	PARISH OFFICE
Ajax-Pickering Hospital	PARISH OFFICE
Lakeridge Gardens	PARISH OFFICE

School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sararus
St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O’Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

**** Your Parish Needs You ****

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We continue to look for the generosity and gifts of our people (YOU) and ask that you consider volunteering in one of our parish ministries.

Signing up is easy!! Take a few moments to fill in our form at <https://bit.ly/45ds0og>

OR EMAIL US at stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com

Around the Parish This Week

Sunday April 14 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Coffee Sunday After 830am, 1015am, & 1200pm Mass

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses

Monday April 15

800am Mass
930am Understanding Our Faith (Hall)
630pm Knights of Columbus-General (Council Rm)
700pm Bingo (Kitchen Side)

Tuesday April 16

800am Mass
200pm Legion of Mary (Council Rm)
730pm RCIA (Stage Side)

Wednesday April 17 – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

630am Mass
930am Bible Study (Stage Side)
630pm Parish Confessions
730pm Mass
730pm Bible Study (Stage Side)

Thursday April 18 – Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin

800am Mass
930am Ladies Craft Group (Stage Side)
700pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Council Rm)
700pm Property & Building Council Meeting (Hall)

Friday April 19

800am Mass
830am Adoration
830am Parish Confessions
930am PA Mass for Teachers
930am Rosary Makers (Stage Side)
1100am Staff Planning Meeting (Hall)
700pm Bereavement Ministry (Council Rm)

Saturday April 20

900am Mass
930am Meditation (Council Rm)
1000am Confirmation Retreat (Hall)
1100am Baptism (Church)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Mass

Sunday April 21 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Parish Breakfast after 830am and 1015am Masses

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday April 13

500pm + Graeme Woods

Sunday April 14

830am + Artemio Mazzarolo
500pm + Hilda Cadena
700pm + Nora Fitzgerald

Monday April 15

900am + Veronica Ego-Aquirre

Tuesday April 16

800am + Maria Delgado

Wednesday April 17

730pm + Herman Navarra
+ Justino Aranita
+ Betsy Vanden Helm
~ Levi Juno Jeon

Thursday April 18

800am + Souls in purgatory

Friday April 19

800am ~ Gerry O'Connor

Saturday April 20

900am + Raul Unay
+ Judith Unay
+ Jasmin Gonda
+ Souls in purgatory
~ Living & deceased members of the Militia
of the Immaculata

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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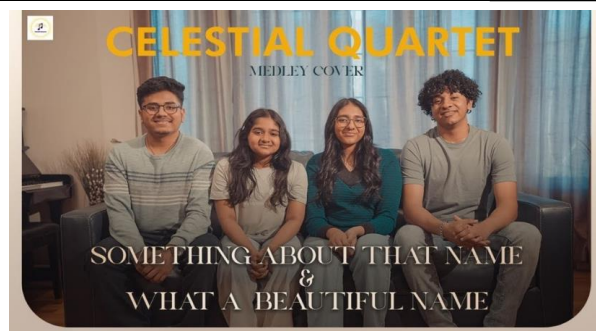


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The Celestial Quartet are the Rodrigo Family who offer us music at the Sunday 7:00pm Mass (as well as at other times). Pictured are Adrian, Gia, Amy & Jeremy Rodrigo. Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1PgqJK6Gis>