



Third Sunday of Lent [B] March 3, 2024
St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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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

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*
 Aquilia 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 Friday
 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

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>	Marisa Hall, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-427-3327
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> Twitter: [@stbernajax](https://twitter.com/stbernajax)
 YouTube: [@st.bernadetteparishajax3761](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstbernadetteparishajax3761) Facebook: [St. Bernadette Church, Ajax](https://www.facebook.com/St.BernadetteChurchAjax)

From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Friends in Christ,

It can be challenging to engage our RCIA Catechumens (now Elect) in the life of the parish, but I ask us all this weekend, when we realize that we are hearing the Year A Gospels (instead of Year B) to say a prayer for the ten members of our community who will be fully received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year.

We must remind ourselves that this is the Church of Jesus Christ, that amid the many distractions and allurements of the world we live in, the scandals that seem to plague the Catholic Church as the media purports (even still one scandal, is one too many), men and women still desire to become a part of our community of believers. As they undergo, tomorrow at Noon, the First Scrutiny let us pray for ongoing conversion for them and for us all!

Your servant in the Lord,

Father Chris

NEW to our PARISH??



We strongly encourage everyone who attends St. Bernadette's on a regular basis to consider registering. It's easy – either click on this link: [I'm New](#) or contact the Parish Office and we will help you out. For urgent matters, please call the office and leave us a message or email us at office@stbernajax.com

OUR NEW PARISH SECRETARY



We continue to welcome our new Parish Secretary, **Aquilia D'Costa**. Aquilia came to us with an extensive customer service and administration background. She is a parishioner and mother of one and before joining us, a lunchtime supervisor at St. Bernadette CES.

During our office closure, Aquilia volunteered some of her time to helping us out in the Parish Office. C'mon by the office to meet her, and in the weeks ahead she will join us for our Coffee Sundays and our next Starting Point, to get to know you! We are very excited to welcome Aquilia to the St. Bernadette Parish Office Team!

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, Helen Holmes, Anne Sinclair, Kevin Sims, Dylan Guro, Frederick Chafe, Caitlin Smith, Jaime Villafuerte & Maureen Melong.

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

March Anniversaries

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

Mar 19th Marciana & Robert Nagtalon (50 years)

Mar 27th Isobel & James Montague (56 years)

Mar 27th Bert & Patricia Connelly (58 years)

Parish Happenings & Events

Lenten Day of Reflection

His Wounds – Our Woundedness. Meditating on the crucifix, we will reflect on the wounds Christ suffered on the Cross for us and how our own fallen nature plays a role in Jesus' redemptive suffering. Come join us on **Saturday March 16th** – beginning with Mass, followed by our time of recollection.

Register to attend at: <https://bit.ly/3P0uwcx>

Understanding Our Catholic Faith

Come join us on **Monday March 18, 9:30am** for "The Jewish Roots of Holy Week". This DVD led talk by Dr. Brant Pitre, will unveil the mysteries of the most sacred and solemn week of the entire year: "Holy Week". We look forward to seeing you there.

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):	\$	16,757.00
LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND:	\$	258.00
BUILDING FUND TOTAL:	\$	317,327.76

If your tax receipt was INCORRECT – please contact us right away! The new archdiocesan software has glitches and we can AND WILL rectify things as soon as possible

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:

**** March 10**

**** March 24 [STARTING POINT @130pm]**

Lent at St. Bernadette's Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross – 7:30PM Fridays of Lent

Friday February 16 – led by Knights of Columbus
Friday February 23 – led by EDGE Youth Group
Friday March 1 – led by our Altar Servers
Friday March 8 – led by Various Volunteers
Friday March 15 – led by Understanding Our Faith group
Friday March 22 – led by St. Vincent de Paul Society
Friday March 29 (Good Friday) **at 9:00AM** – Outdoor Stations of the Cross led by Father Chris & Knights of Columbus.

Extra Lenten Confessions

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Thursday March 21st – 700pm to 900pm

Good Friday Confessions

730am to 830am 400pm to 500pm

Confessional will close promptly at 830am and 500pm and will not reopen until after Easter.

Holy Week & Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

8:00pm

(Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in Parish Hall). Adoration until Midnight.

Good Friday Services

9:00am Stations 11:00am 1:00pm 3:00pm

Easter Vigil

8:00pm

Easter Sunday Masses

8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 12:30pm

**** No 5pm or 7pm Masses on Easter Sunday**

IMPORTANCE of RCIA & SCRUTINIES

The Second Vatican Council took place from 1962-1965 under the leadership of Pope St. John XXIII and Pope St. Paul VI, brought the bishops, theologians, and Catholic leaders together – its goal to refresh, renew and return the Catholic Church to her Mission given by Jesus Christ. One of the most significant “developments” was the way adults especially were welcomed, received, renewed, returned and prepared as the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) was established. When we celebrate the many various rites and rituals, they should not be seen as an inconvenience, but a CALL for all of us to pray for and discern with our newest members, but also a time to reflect on our own faith development – whether we are adult converts or “cradle Catholics”, we are one in faith which we hope develops through a lifetime.

Our ten members will experience the First Scrutiny this weekend. We will hear of the woman at the well, her personal encounter with Jesus, Son of God. It changed her life. The Elect will prayerfully reflect on their lives through each of the Scrutinies, asking the Lord to purify them and bring them closer to that day they will enter the waters of baptism, of joining us in full communion at Easter. Easter will be for them as Christians, the MOST significant event of their Christian lives and the Scrutinies help ready them for it – let us reflect that we are ready to grow in our faith too.

For Our Young People



We continue to welcome **new EDGers** in grades 5-8 to join our second semester called

“MAPP MY LIFE” with a focus on the Eucharist: if your child is interested and not registered yet, please register, and join the fun: <http://bit.ly/3tIXWd6>

JR. EDGE Night: **Monday Mar. 4** “Road Trip”

6:30pm-8:00pm

EDGE Night: **Friday Mar 8**, “Point of Interest”

7:00pm-8:30pm

Email Monika for more info: youth@stbernajax.com

EDGE CAMP Registration

Registration opened on Feb. 15 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

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.

ADVISORY COUNCILS

Property/Building Mark-André Simard, Vice-Chair

Finance Denise Carson, Vice-Chair

Pastoral Jennifer Del Monte, Vice-Chair

Volunteers Tim & Desiree Plaus

Councils are appointed advisory committees to the Pastor who assist him 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	Monika Matelski
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	Marisa Hall
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O’Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

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

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 March 3 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses
1230pm RCIA-Breaking Open the Word (Council Rm)
200pm Handmaids of the Lord (Council Rm)

Monday March 4 – St. Casimir

800am Mass
930am Understanding Our Faith (Hall)
630pm Junior Edge (Hall)
700pm Society of St. Vincent De Paul (Council Rm)

Tuesday March 5

800am Mass
200pm Legion of Mary (Council Rm)
600pm Confirmation Class (Stage Side)
730pm RCIA (Hall)

Wednesday March 6

630am Mass
930am Bible Study (Stage Side)
600pm FHC-Reconciliation Class (Hall)
630pm Parish Confessions
700pm Marriage Prep Class (Council Rm)
730pm Mass
730pm Bible Study (Stage Side)

Thursday March 7 – St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

800am Mass
930am Ladies Craft Group (Stage Side)
1000am Hope & Life for Widows (Kitchen Side)
630pm Alpha (Hall)

Friday March 8 – St. John of God

800am Mass
830am Adoration
830am Parish Confessions
930am Rosary Makers (Stage Side)
630pm EDGE (Parish Hall)
730pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 9 – St. Frances of Rome

900am Mass
930am Meditation (Council Rm)
1100am Baptism (Church)
1100am FHC Reconciliation Class (Hall)
100pm Confirmation Class (Stage Side)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Mass

Sunday March 10 – 4th Sunday of Lent

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

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses
1230pm RCIA-Breaking Open the Word (Council Rm)

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday March 2

900am + Erman Mazzarolo
+ Nicolas M. Ortiz Jr.
~ The Sanchez-Cavanaugh Families
~ Evila Sanchez
~ Yira Chavez
500pm + Cecil Williams

Sunday March 3

830am + Matthew Moore
500pm + Lina Coelho
700pm + Iris Nazareth

Monday March 4

800am + Lawrence Nunes

Tuesday March 5

800am + Florentina Florie Valbuena

Wednesday March 6

730pm + Gloria E. Tagalog
~ Seran Sinanon
~ Lucy Mijung Lee
~ Rita, Antonela & Jamil Sakeh

Friday March 8

800am + Marly Olandria

Saturday March 9

900am + Paul Jongsun Lee
500pm + Lucius Bhagan

Sunday March 10

830am + Frank Tanfara
500pm + Hilda Cadena
700pm + Nazario & Olga Pereira

Special Prayers for Our Newest Family Members

Please pray for the Elect of our Parish who will be entering the Scrutinies next weekend and then will be fully received into the Church at the Easter Vigil (Saturday March 30, 2024). Please remember in prayer in a special way:

Laura Espley
Laura McGovern
Jodi Leonard
Kajan Nanda
Sula Vametheaven

Rinalben Prajapati
Guillermo Quintanilla
Ralph Reyes
Azita Campbell
Joseph Sardath

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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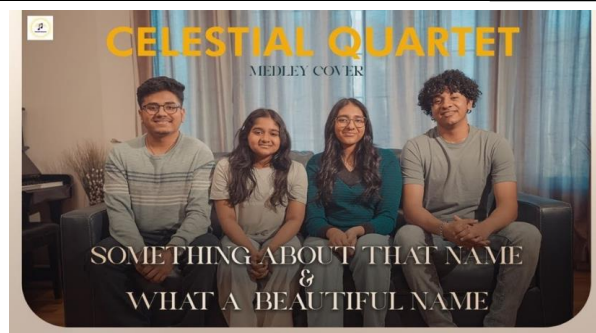


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The Celestial Quartet are the Rodrigo Family who offer us music at the Sunday 7:00pm Mass (as well as at other times). Pictured are Adrian, Gia, Amy & Jeremy Rodrigo. Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music:

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