



Sunday March 20, 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

900am -12:30pm 1:30pm-3:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 9:30am to 1:30pm

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 8:15am Wednesday 7:30pm

Saturday 9:00am (Begins with Devotions to St. Bernadette)

WEEKEND MASSES:

WEEKDAY MASSES:

PARISH CONFESSIONS Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm Fridays 9:00-9:45am Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm

PARISH STAFF

Father Chris Lemieux, Pastor

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SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Mandatory Baptism Preparation offered virtually at this time.

Sacrament of Marriage ~ contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance and a priest will make an appointment with you.

Sacrament of the Sick ~ contact the Parish Office right away.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Elementary

Penny Delaney, Principal 905-683-0571

Agnes Sararus, Parish Rep 647-970-1978

St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary

Sheena Paul, Principal 905-426-7065

Linda Sarang, Parish Rep 416-523-2062

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...from Our Pastor...



Dear Friends,

What makes a Christian different than other people, especially when life is hard, is difficult, when life doesn't go the way we expect or how we thought it would? What makes us different and why? We have a model and example in God Himself that sets us free; yes, free from sin of course, but free from being a sum total of our mistakes or shortcomings – God loves us, and generously forgives us and CALLS US to pick ourselves up and keep going! In fact, He models it for us! How many times does Jesus fall on His Way to the Cross. And those around Him help Him! Friends, let's help each other as we fall to get back up and keep going! That's the essence of the Christian Life! May God bless your week!

I remain, faithfully yours...

Fr. Chris

For Our New Parishioners

If you are just joining our community, please click on "I'm New" on our parish website, come to the parish office or email office@stbernajax.com to set up a time to stop by. Our pastoral team members want to welcome you!

Keeping Our Community Together in Worship, Prayer & Fellowship

ALL ARE WELCOME

We welcome everyone who wishes to come for the Lord's Day (Sunday) Masses. We require you to:

- † DO NOT come if you feel unwell in any way or have been exposed to COVID-19
- † Wear a face mask covering your mouth, nose and chin
- † Frequently sanitize your hands

UPDATED PANDEMIC PRECAUTIONS

Please note our updated guidelines:

- † We MUST follow health & safety guidelines, but we welcome everyone back to Mass!!
- † We will continue livestreaming our Sunday Mass.

FOLLOW on YOUTUBE (or Facebook)

Livestreamed Masses can be found on the link below
The link: <https://bit.ly/2HqxVRO>

[MARCH 20 – Sunday Livestream – 1015am](#)

[MARCH 27 – Sunday Livestream – 1200pm](#)

Praying for Our People



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, in particular for *Helen Clarke, Joan & Bert Leung, Roman & Vesna Zakrajsek, Nigel Boos, and Jean Villafuerte*.

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died from our parish, especially *Erman Mazzarolo, Maurice Ferreira and Herman Navarra*.

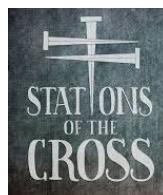
March Anniversaries

March 4th Carmen & Rudy de Vera (50 years)

March 27th Isobel & James Montague (55 years)

Upcoming Events in the Parish

Stations of the Cross



Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with us, the Stations of the Cross being held on Friday evenings during Lent. Please note the following ministries will be leading the Stations of the Cross:

- ⊕ March 18 @ 730pm – Legion of Mary
- ⊕ March 25 @ 730pm – Edgers
- ⊕ April 1 @ 700pm – Altar Servers
- ⊕ April 8 @ 730pm – RCIA and leaders
- ⊕ April 15 @ 930am – Good Friday (Stations of the Cross will be outdoors) with the Clergy, the Knights of Columbus, and the Altar Servers

Lenten Recollection Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to low registration with only one week to go, the Parish Lenten Recollection has been cancelled. Father Chris thanks all of those who considered attending this event. For those who may wish the time to pray and recollect in a special way for Lent, we will offer in place of the Recollection next Saturday March 26 from 9:30am until 2:30pm – a special time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the Saturday morning Mass. Sign-up for this will be made available after Saturday (March 19) Mass.

Special Mass in Solidarity with Pope Francis

On Friday March 25, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, we will offer an additional Mass at Noon in solidarity with Pope Francis, who will consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in St. Peter's Basilica at that time. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 8:15am Mass, as usual on Friday and will conclude just before the Noon Mass.

Coffee with Andy



COFFEE with ANDY: Many of us are homebound right now, as we try to help curb the spread of the coronavirus, as well colds and the various flu virus and to try to maintain our health and the health of others. We know that many members of our parish community aren't feeling comfortable to be in the church right now, and for this reason, we've started up "Coffee with Andy." It will be held every Friday morning from 11:15am to 12:00pm. It is a virtual community gathering where we just get together and share faith and fellowship with one another. Thanks to a tech-savvy parishioner, we offer THIS LINK, which will remain the same for each Friday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkc-GrqTMpGN1pDx2YAt3oFdancOl4jdAK>

Meeting ID: 859 4837 8329

The Alpha Course



ALPHA (Coming Soon): On **Thursday March 24, 2022**, we will welcome the ALPHA program to St. Bernadette's.

Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space, in person, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about life, faith, and Jesus. Since some of the pandemic restrictions have been lifted, **we will meet in-person on March 24**. We'd like to welcome parishioners and non-parishioners alike to this sharing of faith and friendship. There is no obligation or expectation here to become Catholic, but we simply desire to share our faith in Jesus as a community of disciples. We will also continue to ask for help from parishioners to facilitate this wonderful program! Please speak to Father Chris for more information.

Lenten Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important tool to help us grow spiritually during Lent. Here are some highlights of our availability of confession during Lent.

Parish Day of Confessions

Wednesday April 6 9:00am to 7:00pm – a priest will be available all day to hear confessions!

All Wednesdays 6:30pm to 7:15pm (before Mass)

All Fridays 9:00am to 9:45am (additionally, First Friday also 6:30pm to 7:15pm)

All Saturdays 4:00pm to 4:45pm (before Mass)

St. Bernadette Youth & Young Adult Ministries Pints with Padre (For our Young Adults)



PINTS with PADRE (Virtual Young Adults' Gathering): Friday March 18, 2022 at 7:00pm was our first virtual gathering for our Young Adults group, called "Pints with Padre". Our priests

host these gatherings every other Friday for our young adults to chat about faith and issues important to young people in the world today. Please mark this event in your calendar and stay tuned for more information in the bulletins and on the website. We are currently meeting virtually and will meet in-person when there is a consensus to do that.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErCQrrTotE9a1_qG8-2rUfMnY4Z3f_W2P

[Meeting ID: 856 7333 1792](#)



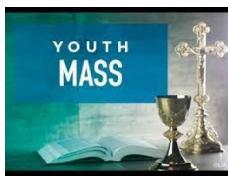
On Friday March 25, grades 5-8 youth are invited to our EDGE Night called: "The Gateway: Why do we go to Mass?" where we discover the outpouring of grace at each Mass as God's gift to us. Come for some great activities and opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross together. We meet in the parish hall at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Monika Matelski youth@stbernajax.com.



On Monday March 28, we launch Junior Edge aimed for children in

grades 3 & 4! Our program will feature games, a teaching on how superheroes show us the fruits of the Holy Spirit, and exciting activities that aim to foster community and a witness of faith for our Junior EDGers! For any parents who wish to register their child or join our leadership team, please contact Monika Matelski: youth@stbernajax.com.

Sunday 700pm Mass



The Sunday Mass at 700pm has been "transformed." The Mass is geared towards our younger parishioners. Our young people are an important part of our parish and not a segment.

We will always encourage our youngest members to serve in every way possible in the parish, but as we continue to look for new ways to develop and bring people closer to Jesus Christ, this will be one of the important steps our parish will take. We hope to see you there!

Parish Happenings... Fund Raising



St. Bernadette's Fund-Raising Committee is busy and working hard. We continue to move forward with repairs and important maintenance and upgrade work to our parish building, property, and assets. Our Fund-Raising Committee is looking for creative ways given the pandemic restrictions to raise funds and bring us together as a parish community. We thank them for their important service to the community! Please email Faizul & Vinette Rahim at faizulvinette64@gmail.com

Holy Week Celebrations

Palm Sunday – regular Sunday Mass schedule
 Chrism Mass – *livestreamed from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica*
 Holy Thursday (April 14) Mass with Washing of the Feet at **5:00pm and 7:00pm**.
 ** *The Blessed Sacrament is processed from the church to the Parish Hall (Altar of Repose) and Adoration will continue until 9:30pm. (Church and Hall closed to the public)*

Good Friday

9:30am Outdoor Stations of the Cross
 Good Friday Services
11:00am 1:00pm 3:00pm

Easter Vigil at 8:00pm on Saturday April 16

Easter Sunday Masses

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

St. Bernadette Faith Formation



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA has now resumed its in person meetings and our catechumens continue their journey towards full initiation into the Catholic Church. For the time being, the Breaking Open the Word will remain virtual. **We continue to welcome new members ALWAYS!** If you are over the age of sixteen and are seriously considering becoming a Catholic Christian, please contact us. Please contact the Parish Office or email our RCIA Coordinator Marty Lam directly at drciaajax@gmail.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People

Andy, our Seminarian Assistant and a team of dedicated volunteers began the RCIA for Young People program to help prepare those under the age of sixteen to receive sacraments. Classes continue every Saturday from 10am until Noon and will continue until Saturday April 9th and then candidates will receive their sacraments on Saturday April 16th at the Easter Vigil. For anyone who missed registration but wishes to receive the Sacraments, please contact Father Chris directly.



This week, we continue our sacramental preparation by looking deeply into the Liturgy of the Eucharist and learning more about the truthfulness of the Eucharist. We meet with the candidates during their online scheduled sessions.

We also welcome our Confirmandi to their Enrollment Masses which will take place on March 20, March 27, and April 3, during the 700pm Youth & Young Adult Mass. The Confirmandi will receive their Confirmation crosses, as well as the letters they wrote at the beginning of the preparation program.

Around the Parish This Week...

Saturday March 19 – Saint Joseph

900am Mass
1000am Meditation (Virtual)
1000am Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People (V)
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Virtual)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday March 20 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

830am, 1015am, 1200pm (RCIA 1st Scrutiny), 500pm, 700pm
– Sunday Masses

Monday March 21

815am Mass
930am Theology of the Body (Virtual)
600pm Baptism Preparation Class (Virtual)
715pm Knights of Columbus- Membership Meeting
(Hall)

Tuesday March 22

815am Mass
1030am Mass at Archbishop Denis O'Connor
645pm Legion of Mary (Council room)
730pm RCIA (Hall)

Wednesday March 23 – Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

930am Bible Study (Virtual)
630pm Parish Confessions
730pm Mass – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday March 24

815am Mass
630pm Alpha (Hall)
730pm Choir practice for 830am Mass
800pm Catholic Mom's Group (Virtual)

Friday March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord

815am Mass and Adoration
900am Parish Confessions
900am Book Club (Virtual)
1115am Coffee with Andy (Virtual)
700pm Edge (Hall)
730pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 26

900am Mass
1000am Apologetics (Virtual)
1000am Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People (V)
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Virtual)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday March 27 – 4th Sunday of Lent

830am, 1015am (RCIA 2nd Scrutiny, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm
– Sunday Masses
200pm Baptisms

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday March 19

500pm Repose of the soul of Jimmy Gaza

Sunday March 20

830am Repose of the soul of Alan Yue
1015am Repose of the soul of Nelly Ayache
1200pm Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
500pm Repose of the soul of Marcelo Ines
700pm Repose of the soul of Shafiq Ghandour

Monday March 21

815am Repose of the soul of Lucy Nicome

Tuesday March 22

815am Repose of the soul of Robert Joseph Saptel

Wednesday March 23

730pm ~ Repose of the soul of Artemio Mazzarolo
~ Repose of the soul of Janet McCartan
~ Repose of the soul of Richard Pedrozo
~ Repose of the soul of Richard A. Casiello
~ For the intention of Peter Anthony Smith

Thursday March 24

815am For the intention of Noreen Pierre

Friday March 25

815am Repose of the souls of Petra & Domingo
Espiritu

Saturday March 26

900am ~ Repose of the soul of Gino Romano
~ Repose of the soul of Ananias Lim
~ Repose of the soul of Julia Musngi-Comte
~ For the intention of Venetia Baldsing for her
85th Birthday
500pm Repose of the souls of Rita & Fawzi Sebeh

Sunday March 27

830am Alistair & Dorothy Hinshelwood
1015am Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
1200pm For the intention of Erica Ambrose
500pm Repose of the soul of Pietro Abbate
700pm Repose of the soul of Edgardo M. Herrera



Parish Ministries Fair Page

The Parish is open, and we look forward to being with one another again in person when that is possible. Many of our ministries operate virtually now and will gather as soon as that is possible. In the meantime, we are dedicating a page to an ongoing Ministry Fair. Please consider getting involved!

St. Bernadette's Book Club



For those who enjoy reading, as a group, we reflect upon good Catholic books, with an emphasis on Catholic belief, practice, spirituality, and history. This can help us to grow spiritually, evangelize and understand our faith as well. Hopefully, we share our experience and faith with others who help us see things differently.

We will be reading *Reclaiming Vatican II: What it (really) Said, What it means, and How it Calls Us to Renew the Church*, by Fr. Blake Britton. Starting on March 25 for six sessions to April 29 from 900am to 1100am on Zoom. Cost of the book \$30 dollars. This is an important book, and it fosters a richer experience of being in the Church.

Contact Susan or Tom Kennedy 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Altar Servers



"Not only a duty but a great honour, a true holy service" (St. Pope John Paul II)

The altar server ministry is a great place for young people to begin a life of service, of Christian Discipleship. It is a wonderful gift of service to your community, for your parents, relatives, and friends.

For the past few months, our altar servers have been doing a magnificent job. They have been given the necessary training and have been serving at our masses, but we still need more boys and girls. If you have received your First Holy Communion, you can be an altar server.

If you are interested in becoming an altar server or have any questions, please speak to the priests, or email Mark Sarang at mark7119@gmail.com. Thank you!

Bible Study



"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Why study the Bible?

- To learn who God is and recognize his voice
- To know Jesus Christ, to see and follow Him
- To gain wisdom and love the Lord

St. Bernadette's Bible Study is held on Wednesday mornings from 930am to 1130am. At the present time we are studying, "The Great Adventure Series" (Ascension Press), with one study in September and another in January, finishing around Easter. Study Guides are important to these courses as they help prepare for each session, but optional. We meet in small groups, after which we gather together to watch a Video presentation on the topic at hand.

One member stated that "Now I understand what is going on during the Scripture readings at Mass." What a blessing!!

For more information contact: Susan Kennedy – 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus



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