

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends,

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus reminds His disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." These words are an invitation into deeper discipleship for each of us – Jesus teaching us that love is never simply a feeling—it is lived, chosen, and it is expressed in the way we follow Him each day. The beautiful promise of this Gospel is that we're not left to do this alone. Jesus assures us that He sends the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to remain with us.

This is our hope: the Lord never calls us without also giving us the grace we need for the calling – we see this beautifully lived out in motherhood!

As a parish family, we continue to grow as missionary disciples—people receiving God's love and then sharing it in our prayer, service, and stewardship. Stewardship isn't first about resources; it's about discipleship. It is the grateful response of a heart that recognizes everything we have is a gift from God.

This weekend we offer you our Stewardship Report and celebrate all that God is doing among us, may each of us ask: How is the Lord calling me to love more deeply, serve more generously, and follow more faithfully?

Christ is with us. The Spirit is guiding us. And our future is filled with hope. Happy Mother's Day to our moms.

May God bless you,

Fr. Chris

PARISH TEAM

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: A mandatory Baptism class must be attended, and all required registration forms must be completed. Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email at office@stbernajax.com

First Confession/Communion, Confirmation: Please contact our Lay Pastoral Associate.

Christian Initiation of Adults: For adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church, please contact our Lay Pastoral Associate.

Christian Initiation of Young People: For young people ages 7 to 16. Age-appropriate classes are offered to help young people receive all Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact our Lay Pastoral Associate.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office one year in advance. One of the priests will arrange an appointment with you.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office immediately.



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 9:00am-12:00pm

WELCOME DESK:

Before and after Saturday
Vigil, and Sunday morning
Masses

REGISTER AT OUR PARISH

Welcome to St. Bernadette's! Register to fully participate, access sacraments, connect with our community, and help us serve you better. [Click here to register](#) today!

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 soul of **Anthony Lawlor.**

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

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.

This month, we celebrate with:

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| May 5 | Michael & Prasadi | (14 yrs) |
| May 7 | David & Dianne Valentim | (32 yrs) |
| May 8 | Anne & Frank Bakermans | (44 yrs) |
| May 12 | Father Chris Lemieux | (14 yrs) |
| May 13 | Father Sean Jacob | (3 yrs) |
| May 14 | John & Anne Nazareth | (54 yrs) |
| May 16 | Manuel & Evelyn Umali | (56 yrs) |
| May 18 | Arlene & Rufino Malabanan | (18 yrs) |
| May 18 | Denise & Bill Fox | (52 yrs) |
| May 22 | Grant & Suzanne Andrews | (61 yrs) |
| May 23 | Julian & Sylvia Benedict | (27 yrs) |
| May 25 | Kaweem & Marisa Hall | (14 yrs) |
| May 29 | Egbe & Kelvin Omoregie | (5 yrs) |
| May 30 | Dezwig & Bapsy Fernandes | (62 yrs) |

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



This Sunday, we celebrate the beautiful gift of motherhood. To all mothers, those with us each day, those we carry in our hearts, and those who have gone before us, we offer our deepest gratitude. Thank you for your love, sacrifice, and steadfast support that shape families and strengthen our parish community.

May God bless you abundantly today and always. Happy Mother's Day!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 9

500pm + Connie D'costa

Sunday May 10

830am + Kelly Anne

1200pm Missa Pro Populo

500pm + George Mathew

700pm + Rita Browne

Monday May 11

800am ~ Dezwig Fernandes

Tuesday May 12

800am + Maria Matias

Wednesday May 13

730pm + Egbert Lashley

+ Gloria Coates

+ Anthony Lawlor

+ Donna Murphy

~ Rita's Family

Thursday May 14

8:00am + Veronica Ego-Aguirre

Friday May 15

8:00am + Joseph Thomas Fernandes

Saturday May 16

9:00am + Jamie Villafuerte

+ Susan Conte

~ In thanksgiving for the Lily Antony Family

~ Olive Mark

~ The Mayo Family

SENIOR'S LUNCHEON



The Catholic Women's Group will be hosting a Senior's Luncheon on **Tuesday May 26, at 12:00pm**. Come out for a lovely afternoon of fellowship and fun. Enjoy a 3-course meal, Bingo fun, a 50/50 draw, door prizes, and lots more fun activities.

Tickets cost \$10 per person; it includes one Bingo card. Purchase your tickets at the Welcome Desk or Parish Office. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend!

CAN YOU HELP US?

If you have a gently used laptop computer that we might use for our Parish PowerPoints or at the Welcome Desk—and would like to donate it, as we are trying to cut some of the expenses from our Parish Operating Budget. Please email Father Chris or contact the parish office!

FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

JUNIOR EDGE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30pm-8:00pm
Monday May 25 – The Final Battle

EDGE (Grades 5-8) | 7:00pm-8:30pm
Friday May 22 – Radiate

SUMMIT (Grades 9-12) | 6:00pm-8:30pm
Sunday May 24 – I am the Bread of Life (Pt. 2)

SUMMER CAMPS 2026

PARISH SUMMER CAMP



This July, we launch a new Parish SUMMER CAMP which features two weeks of camp faith-filled fun! CAMP EMMAUS features a walk with Jesus as His disciples

with large group games, stem-based activities, crafts, no-bake cooking, outdoor play, and more! Choose one week or both weeks – each week features a different curriculum!

Summer Camp & Dates:

Day Program for Grades 1-6

WEEK ONE: July 6-10 | 9am-3pm

WEEK TWO: July 20-24 | 9am-3pm

Evening Program for Grades 7-12

WEEK ONE: July 6-10 | 6pm-9pm

WEEK TWO: July 20-24 | 6pm-9pm

Participant Registration fees:

Day Program | Register here: <https://bit.ly/4IPdI7I>

ONE WEEK: \$100/child | \$70 for additional siblings

BOTH WEEKS: \$170/child | \$140 for additional siblings

Evening Program | Register here: <https://bit.ly/3PsjQGJ>

ONE WEEK: \$30/youth

TWO WEEKS: \$60/youth

Payment may be made by cash, cheque (payable to St. Bernadette Parish), or credit/debit at the Parish Office.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Everyone is invited to take part in the March for Life in Ottawa on **Thursday May 14**. Transportation by coach will be provided, departing from Holy Family Church at 6:45am.

Cost: \$40 per person.

To purchase tickets or for more information, please email Ives Mazzarolo: imazz2000@yahoo.com or Ron Larock: larockrm@gmail.com

AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday, May 10 * MOTHER'S DAY *

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

10:15am Children's Liturgy (Hall)

6:00pm Summit Night (Hall)

Monday, May 11

8:00am Mass

6:30pm Junior Edge (Hall)

7:00pm KOC Officers Meeting (Council Room)

Tuesday, May 12

8:00am Mass

9:30am Notre Dame CSS Retreat (Hall)

1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)

Wednesday, May 13

9:45am St. Teresa of Calcutta CES Easter Mass (School)

6:15pm Confession

7:00pm Catholic Women's Group – Executive Meeting (Council Room)

7:30pm Mass

Thursday, May 14

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Confirmation

Friday, May 15

8:00am Mass

8:30am Adoration

8:30am Confession

2:30pm Mass at Lakeridge Gardens (Lakeridge)

Saturday, May 16

9:00am Mass

1:00pm Confirmation

3:45pm Confession

5:00pm Mass

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