

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

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends,

In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus gives His disciples a command that is both simple and challenging: "Love one another as I have loved you." This is at the heart of Christian discipleship. To be a disciple of Jesus is not simply to know His teachings or attend Mass on Sunday—it's to allow His love to shape the way we live each day.

The world often measures greatness by success, status, or influence. Jesus measures it by love—patient love, forgiving love, sacrificial love. The kind of love that listens before speaking, that reaches out to someone who feels forgotten, that chooses mercy over judgment, and service over self-interest.

As your pastor, I want to encourage each of us this week to ask: How am I living as a disciple of Jesus? In our homes, our workplaces, our schools, and here in our parish, may others come to recognize Jesus not simply by what we say—but by the way we love.

Thank you for the faith, generosity, and witness you continue to bring to our parish family. Let us keep walking together as disciples of hope, joy, and love.

Yours in the Lord,

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.



Dear friends,

As we enter May, and we continue a wonderful and robust parish schedule I want to take this opportunity to thank so many of you who do so much for our parish community and for each other. At the end of May, we will honour our many volunteers, and Father Sean and I will continue to call upon you to serve – we are blessed by our volunteers, and the vibrancy and joyful welcome of our parish depends upon it. If you do not know where or how you would like to serve, might I invite you to consider the Parish Vitality Ministry, whom I ask to serve in so many different ways – there might be something there for you!

As we continue to look for ways to be more efficient and good stewards of the generosity of our parishioners, our Parish Office and Welcome Desk hours will change on the weekends starting Saturday May 16. On Saturdays, the Parish Office will open at 9:00am and close at Noon. The Welcome Desk will be available before and after the Saturday Vigil Mass. On Sundays the Welcome Desk will be available after the 8:30am Mass and until 1:30pm. It will not be open before or after the Sunday 5:00pm or 7:00pm Masses.

May has started out busier than expected (which is a great thing), but I also ask for your patience as our First Annual Stewardship Report has been delayed a little longer – we are hoping to have this exciting and dynamic report ready for you for next week. Our staff (Marva in particular) has been taken up with other things as well and it was my decision to delay its release to ensure we provide you with the best report we can.

Our Catholic Women’s Group really need our support this weekend, as they host a Plant and Bake Sale in the Parish Hall in conjunction with Coffee Sunday. Our Catholic Women’s Group will be hosting their first Senior’s Social and Bingo. This sale is their first fund-raiser – please come and support them!

Finally, we invite our young men in high school to consider joining Quo Vadis: Young Men’s Prayer Group meeting on the following Saturdays until the end of June and resuming in September. The group is largely small-group discussion based with a short talk given at the beginning by me, and conversation led within the groups themselves. We meet from 10:00am to 11:00am on the following Saturday mornings.

Upcoming Quo Vadis Meeting Dates:

- Saturday, May 23
- Saturday, June 13
- Saturday, June 27 (we will then break for July and August)

Once again, thank you all for making the Parish of Saint Bernadette a special place indeed.

Yours affectionately in the Lord,

Father Chris

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 souls of **Anthony Lawlor, and Jose DeMello.**

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

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.

This month, we celebrate with:

May 5	Michael and Prasadi	(14 yrs)
May 7	David & Dianne Valentim	(32 yrs)
May 8	Anne & Frank Bakermans	(44 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 25	Kaweem & Marisa Hall	(14 yrs)
May 29	Egbe & Kelvin Omoregie	(5 yrs)
May 30	Deswig & Bapsy Fernandes	(62 yrs)

COFFEE SUNDAY



Everyone is invited to join us this weekend, **Sunday May 3**, after the Sunday Masses: 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please stop by for coffee, treats, and friendly conversation.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S GROUP



The Catholic Women’s Group invites all parishioners to their Mother’s Day Plant and Bake Sale this **Sunday May 3**, after all morning Masses. Come out and enjoy a delicious selection of homemade baked goods, along with beautiful plants and flowers to choose from, the perfect gifts to celebrate Mother’s Day. We look forward to seeing you there.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 2

500pm + Frank Browne

Sunday May 3

830am ~ Faye Marechal

1200pm Missa Pro Populo

500pm + John D'Costa

700pm + Adolfo Faldas sr.

Monday May 4

800am ~ Abigail Duarte-Monteiro

Tuesday May 5

800am + Martin Rodrigues

Wednesday May 6

730pm + Benedicta Mingi

+ Ernest Titus

+ Mate Kapular

~ Healing for Sheila Ferreira

~ In thanksgiving for Leonor Jimsun

Thursday May 7

8:00am ~ Mike and Lois Sims

Friday May 8

8:00am + June Hariri

Saturday May 9

7:00am + Lily Lai Jane Tam

~ Luis Lopez

~ In thanksgiving for Mateo Chovanec

~ In thanksgiving for Noah Chovanec

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!

PRAYING FOR OUR NEW PRIESTS

Please join us this **Friday May 8, at 7:00pm** as we come together to pray for the four new deacons who will be ordained to the priesthood on May 9. We will have the opportunity to intercede in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, supporting these new labourers as they go out into the Lord's harvest and begin their service in our Archdiocese.

MASS TIME CHANGE

Due to the Ordination, the **Saturday May 9 morning Mass** will be **celebrated at 7:00am**.

There will be **no 9:00am Mass that day**.

FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

JUNIOR EDGE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30pm-8:00pm

Monday May 11 – Heroic Deeds

EDGE (Grades 5-8) | 7:00pm-8:30pm

Friday May 8 – Firewall

SUMMIT (Grades 9-12) | 6:00pm-8:30pm

Sunday May 10 – I am the Bread of Life (Pt. 1)

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/4IPdl7l>

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 3

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

**Coffee Sunday after Masses 8:30am, 10:15am,
12:00pm**

Catholic Women's Group Plant & Bake Sale after
Masses 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm (Hall)

10:15am Children's Liturgy (Hall)

Monday May 4

8:00am Mass

**Catholic Education Week Mass + Award presentation
& Reception**

4:30pm Mass in Church

5:30pm Award Presentations in Church

6:00pm Reception in Parish Hall

7:00pm Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting
(Council Room)

Tuesday May 5

8:00am Mass

1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)

Wednesday May 6

6:15pm Confession

7:30pm Mass

Thursday May 7

8:00am Mass

8:15am Notre Dame CSS Grade 12 Mass &
Breakfast (School)

10:00am Archbishop Denis O'Connor Grade 10
Retreat (Hall)

10:00am St. James CES Mass (Church)

10:00am Hope & Life (Council Room)

6:30pm Choir Practice – 12:00pm (Church)

Friday May 8

8:00am Mass

8:30am Adoration

8:30am Confession

2:30pm Mass at Ballycliffe Lodge (Ballycliffe)

7:00pm Ordination Prayer Vigil (Church)

7:00pm EDGE Night (Hall)

Saturday May 9

7:00am Mass

3:45pm Confession

5:00pm Mass

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 - Focused on faith and our parish family

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**

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