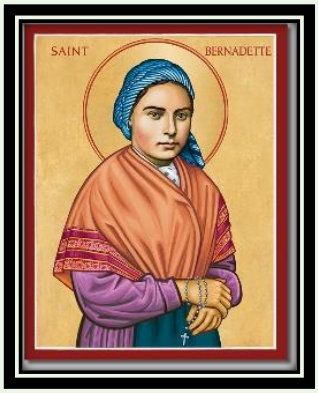


Parish Mass Schedule

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-9:15am
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

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From The Pastor's Desk



My Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the talents, reminding us that God has entrusted each of us with gifts—not simply for our own benefit, but to be shared generously with others.

One of the wonderful blessings of St. Bernadette Parish is the many ways our parishioners put their gifts to good use, often through simple acts of kindness, hospitality, and service.

Our Parish Breakfasts are a beautiful example of this! They offer us much more than a delicious meal. They provide an opportunity to spend time together, renew friendships, meet someone new, and strengthen the bonds that make us a parish family. I am especially grateful to the volunteers who generously give their time and energy to make these gatherings possible.

The Gospel reminds us that we don't need extraordinary gifts to make an extraordinary difference. Sometimes a warm welcome, a friendly conversation, or a willingness to serve is all it takes to help someone feel that they belong.

As we continue building a joyful, welcoming, and faith-filled parish, may we never underestimate what God can accomplish through the gifts we share with one another.

Joyfully 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 completed. Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email at office@stbernajax.com

First Confession/Communion, Confirmation: Please contact the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: For adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation of Young People: For young people ages 7 to 16. Classes designed for their age group are offered to help young people receive all Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Praying For Our People



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, for: **Violet Azavedo, Anne Sinclair, Albertina Caruso, Maura D'Costa, and Sylvia Mondal.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Peter Dwyer, Kevin Castanheiro, and Anne Hausdorf.**

Anniversaries

If you are a registered member of St. Bernadette's, we would love to celebrate and witness the anniversary of your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office or Welcome Desk, with your anniversary dates.

This month we celebrate with:

Nov 1	Margaret & Druce Ayres	(57 yrs)
Nov 8	Wilfred & Noreen Pierre	(57 yrs)
Nov 14	Dianne & Don Paulin	(56 yrs)
Nov 22	Saji Parapilly & Raina Varghese	(28 yrs)
Nov 25	Oishee & Peter Halder	(10 yrs)
Nov 27	Cheryl & Carlisle Gomes	(33 yrs)
Nov 27	Rui & Filomena Ribeiro	(55 yrs)
Nov 29	Joseph & Afra D'Lima	(40 yrs)
Nov 29	Joseph & Ida D'Souza	(57 yrs)

OCIA Candidate Info Session

This Sunday November 15 at 1:00pm | Parish Hall

Anyone interested in exploring the Catholic faith and beginning the OCIA journey is welcome to attend.

Parish Breakfast



Everyone is invited to attend our Parish Breakfast on this **Sunday November 15**, in the Parish Hall following the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00pm Masses. A full breakfast will be served which includes sausage, scrambled eggs, toast, pancakes, tea, and coffee. Adults $10, and Children (*6-10 years*) $5. Tickets can be purchased at the Hall.

2026-2027 Missals

The 2026–2027 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase this weekend, **November 14/15**, and next weekend, **November 21/22**, at $7 each. They may be purchased after all weekend Masses at the Welcome Desk and during the week at the Parish Office.

Second Collection



This weekend, **November 14/15**, our second collection taken at the time of the Offertory, is for the **Shepherd's Trust.** Thank you for your continuous generosity.

It Takes A Parish To Welcome A New Disciple!

Our OCIA Parish Initiative — An Invitation to Everyone!

We've all heard the expression, "It takes a village to raise a child." Perhaps we could offer a variation of that familiar saying: "It takes a parish to welcome and nurture a new disciple of Jesus Christ!"

This is very much at the heart of what the Church teaches us about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Welcoming new members into the Catholic Church is not simply the responsibility of the priest, a catechist, or a small group of volunteers. It is the responsibility—and wonderful privilege—of the entire parish community! At St. Bernadette's, we want to take this calling seriously.

This year, we are introducing a renewed approach to OCIA, one that places particular emphasis on faith, fellowship, friendship, and belonging. Beginning in late November, our inquirers and catechumens will gather on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. for a shared meal, conversation, faith formation, and an opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. We need YOU to help make this happen!

We are inviting parishioners to participate in several meaningful ways:

- Share a Meal: Help prepare or contribute food to our Sunday potluck gatherings. Hospitality is one of the simplest and most beautiful expressions of Christian love.
- Share Your Faith and Friendship: Sign up to join us for lunch! Sit with our newest members, get to know them, listen to their stories, and share something of your own journey of faith.
- Become a Sponsor or Mentor: Accompany someone on their journey toward becoming Catholic, offering friendship, encouragement, prayer, and a living witness of Christian discipleship.
- Pray for Our Newest Members: Keep our Inquirers in your daily prayers as they discern God's invitation.

You don't need to be a theologian or have all the answers. You simply need a welcoming heart and a willingness to share your faith.

Our hope is that those exploring the Catholic faith will discover something beautiful at St. Bernadette's: not simply a place to attend Mass, but a spiritual home, a family of faith, and a community where they truly belong.

After all, it takes a parish to make a disciple feel at home. And that parish is YOU!

Please contact the Parish Office to learn how you can participate.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 14
5:00pm + Mary Spillane

Sunday, November 15
8:30am + Paul Dominic Vu
12:00pm Missa Pro Populo
5:00pm + Jaime Villafuerte
7:00pm + Andre Boutin

Monday, November 16
8:00am + Barbara Dodsworth

Tuesday, November 17
8:00am + Linda Palillo

Wednesday, November 18
7:30pm + Julian Patrick Ireland
+ Abdulahad & Saeeda Hanna
+ Peter Dwyer
~ Susan Dulny
~ In thanksgiving for Jamil & family

Thursday, November 19
8:00am + Verónica Ego-Aguirre

Friday, November 20
8:00am ~ Julia Salcedo

Saturday, November 21
9:00am + Jose & Consuelo Madrid
+ Peter Dwyer
+ David Fernando & Shereen McDonald
+ All Souls
~ In Thanksgiving for Henzy Dasan Antony

Youth Ministry

JUNIOR EDGE |Grades 1-4 | Click here to register!
2nd & 4th Monday, 6:30-8:00PM | NEXT Session: Nov 23

EDGE | Grades 5-8 | Click here to register!
2nd & 4th Friday, 6:30-8:30PM | NEXT Session: Nov 27

SUMMIT | Grade 9-12 | Click here to register!
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm | NEXT Session: Nov 19

For more info, contact Stacey at youth@stbernajax.com

Youth Ministry - Calling All Chefs!

Do you enjoy cooking and want to support our parish youth? We're looking for volunteers to prepare simple meals for SUMMIT, our teen ministry.

SUMMIT meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month. Choose a night that works for you! Email Stacey at youth@stbernajax.com to sign-up for a night.

SVdP Christmas Giving

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding its annual Christmas Collection for our Neighbours in Need next weekend, **November 21/22**. Envelopes will be available in the pews. Please remember to include your name on the envelope.

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping bring Christmas joy to those in need within our community.

Coffee Sunday - Soubirous Café



Join us next **Sunday November 22,** for Coffee Sunday after the 8:30am, 10:15am and 12 noon Masses, in the Parish Hall. Let's all take a little time to make new connections, get to know one another and continue to build our parish community.

Blessing Of The Crèche



Join us on **Friday November 27, at 10:30am**, for the Blessing of the Crèche as we begin the Advent season together as a parish community. Special thanks to the students at Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School for their time and effort in constructing the crèche. Everyone is invited to attend.



Sunday, December 6 | Parish Hall
After the 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses
Our Parish Vitality Ministry invites all parishioners to attend our annual Christmas Bake Sale for delicious homemade treats, perfect for gifting or enjoying with your family and friends. Parishioners are also welcome to bake and donate items for the sale. For more information, please contact Julia Beattie: 905-683-1373 or Linda Sarang: 416-523-2062, Linda4791@gmail.com

Faith Studies



Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary
December 7 at 9:30 in the Parish Hall
Why do Catholic say that Mary was sinless, when the Bible says that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"? And how can they believe that Mary was assumed into heaven, when the Bible says nothing about it? Most important of all, why do Catholics give Mary so much honor? Is the Catholic veneration of Mary really "idolatry"? These questions and more answered by Brant Pitre. Everyone is invited to attend.

AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday November 15

Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm
Parish Breakfast after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00pm Masses

10:15am Children's Liturgy (Hall)
1:00pm OCIA Candidate Info Session (Hall)

Monday November 16

8:00am Mass
9:30am Faith Studies (Hall)
6:00pm Baptism Prep Class (Hall)
7:00pm KoC Council Meeting (Hall)

Tuesday November 17

8:00am Mass
9:30am Notre Dame CSS Grade 9 Retreat (Hall)
1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)
5:30pm Confirmation Sacramental Tues. Session 3 (Hall)

Wednesday November 18

7:30am Notre Dame CSS Chapel Mass (School)
9:30am Bible Study (Hall)
6:00pm FHC Sacramental Wed. Session 5 (Hall)
6:15pm Confession
7:00pm Daughters of Isabella (Council Room)
7:30pm Mass

Thursday November 19

8:00am Mass
6:30pm SUMMIT (Hall)

Friday November 20

8:00am Mass
8:30am Adoration
8:30am Confession
9:30am Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall)
2:30pm Mass at Lakeridge Gardens
7:00pm Jesus Youth (Hall)

Saturday November 21

7:30am That Man Is You (Hall)
9:00am Mass
9:45am Altar Servers' Training (Church)
10:00am FHC Sacramental Sat. Session 6 (Hall)
10:00am Quo Vadis (Council Room)
11:30am Confirmation Sacramental Sat. Session 3 (Hall)
3:45pm Confession
5:00pm Mass

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Get answers to those burning questions and more...

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Join Us for Fellowship and a Delicious Meal



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

After the 8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm Masses
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