



Christ the King November 23, 2025

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 MASS:

Wednesday 6:30am

MORNING MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday 8:00am
Saturday 9:00am

EVENING MASS:

Wednesday 7:30pm

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays

6:30pm-7:15pm

Fridays

8:30am-9:30am

Saturdays

4:00pm-4:45pm

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday

6:15pm-7:15pm

Friday

8:30am-9:30am

(Note: There will be no
Adoration on Wednesdays
and Fridays during Advent)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9am-4:30pm
Wednesday
9am-4:30pm, 6pm-9pm
Friday 9am-4:30pm for
Phone calls only
(Weekdays closed for lunch
12:30-1:30pm)

WEEKENDS:

Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm
Sunday 9:00am-1:30pm

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Gospel reminds us that Christ's kingship is unlike any other. He does not rule through force or fear, but through the strength of His love, His mercy, and His self-gift on the Cross. His Kingdom is built whenever hearts are opened to Him and whenever His people respond generously to His call.

I am deeply grateful to see this spirit alive in our parish community. Throughout the year, so many of our ministries quietly and faithfully make Christ's kingship visible through their service. From those who welcome and accompany newcomers, to our youth ministers helping young people grow in faith; from our Sacramental prep teams and RCIA leaders, to those involved in our liturgical ministries, hospitality, outreach, and the care of our buildings—each of you help build up the Kingdom of God here at St. Bernadette's.

Your acts of service—seen and unseen—are windows through which others experience the compassion of Christ our King. As we approach Advent, I encourage all of us to renew our commitment to letting Christ reign more fully in our homes, our families, and our parish life. When He is at the center, our community becomes a place of welcome, joy, and hope.

Thank you for all you do. May Christ the King continue to guide, bless, and strengthen our parish family.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Chris

Sacraments

Baptisms - every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class must be attended and required registration forms completed. Please call the Parish Office or email office@stbernajax.com

First Confession/Communion - Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Confirmation - Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Christian Initiation of Adults - Adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Christian Initiation of 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 Staff

Father Chris Lemieux
Father Sean Jacob
Deacon Ron Vaz
Aquila D'Costa
Robert LeBlanc
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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. If you live outside of our parish boundaries but worship here, registration is key for official requests.

[Click here to register](#) today!

BISHOP'S VISIT

Bishop Vincent Nguyen, Eastern Pastoral Region Bishop & Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto will spend three days with us next week - **Friday November 28th to Sunday November 30th.** Bishop Nguyen will be visiting our parish schools, meeting with various groups in the parish throughout Friday and Saturday and will preach at all the Masses on the weekend. We will have our usual Coffee Sunday (after the 830am, 1015am and Noon Masses) which might be an opportunity to meet the Bishop.

Father Chris' Advent Message

As we approach the beginning of Advent, we 'change gears' liturgical as well. Here are a few changes you will notice in the liturgical and sacramental celebrations as of the First Sunday of Advent (we begin Year A in the readings again):

- No Gloria will be sung at Mass
- An Advent Penitential Rite will be used at Mass
- Our Memorial Acclamation will be **"Save us Saviour of the World, for by Your Cross and Resurrection, You have set us free"**
- There will be no Adoration on Wednesdays and Fridays during Advent. Instead, Fr. Chris will provide a short Advent Reflection Series on Wednesdays: December 3rd, 10th, and 17th, from 7:00pm to 7:20pm.
- We welcome families from the parish for the Advent Family Mass, with pre-Mass carolling and concert starting at 6pm, Mass at 7pm and a social gathering at 8pm
- We will gather for our Advent Day of Recollection - Saturday December 13th starting with the 9am Mass and concluding at 2pm
- Our Altar and Sanctuary will be adorned simply
- We will gather as a community for the Pre-Dawn Novena Masses at 5:30am each morning, starting Tuesday December 16th with the last Mass on Christmas Eve

We hope to see as many of you through the Advent season. May the Lord continue to bless you all.

Fr. Chris

Mass Intentions

Sunday November 23rd - Christ the King

830am + Maria Dang Thi Chat
500pm + Rodolfo Coros
700pm + Kendrick Galano

Monday November 24th - St. Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions

800am ~ Marva Claxton

Tuesday November 25th - St Catherine of Alexandria

800am + Jesuraj Vyagulam

Wednesday November 26th

730pm + Erman Mazzarolo
+ Harold Peters
+ Segundo Ballea
+ Inestema Sumibcay
+ Ocita Fajardo

Thursday November 27th

800am + Lualhati Bautista Garcia

Friday November 28th

800am + Fernando Family

Saturday November 29th - Our Lady's Saturday

900am + Ramon Dominguez
+ Austin & Veronica Frank
+ Wilfred Bonnair
+ Norma Bonnair
+ Tommy Fleming
500pm + Carma Caloura

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, and Anne Sinclair.**

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Felicidad (Phyl) Birch.**

Please let us know if you would like to be prayed for. Email us at office@stbernajax.com, or call the office.

SVdP Christmas Giving



St. Vincent de Paul is having their yearly Christmas Giving Fundraising, for our Neighbours-in-Need this weekend **November 22nd and 23rd.** We thank you for your Precious Gifts of love and generosity towards those who need it most. May God shower you with blessings during this season of Giving!



Coffee Sunday

We warmly invite you to join us next weekend for **Coffee Sunday - November 30**, following the 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. This will also be an opportunity to meet Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen, during his visit.

Next Coffee Sunday - December 14.

Advent Family Mass



We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for our Advent Family Mass on **Thursday, December 4**. Come early and enjoy carolling at 6:00pm, a beautiful way to enter into the spirit of the season. **Mass will begin at 7:00pm**, followed by a social gathering in the Parish Hall.

Bring your family, friends, and neighbours as we gather in hope and joy to prepare our hearts for Advent. We look forward to celebrating with you!



Hosted by our Parish Vitality Ministry

BUS TOUR - FESTIVAL OF LIGHT - NIAGARA FALLS

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$120 per person

Come join us for a day of fun and excitement! Pickup and drop-off at St. Bernadette Church

Trip includes:

- Festival of Light - Niagara Falls
- Dinner in Niagara
- Visit to the Casino
- Endless shopping at the Outlet Mall

To purchase tickets, please contact:

Linda Sarang: 416-523-2062 | linda4791@gmail.com

or Julia Beattie: 905-883-1373

or visit us at the Parish Office or Welcome Desk

Alpha: Who Will You Invite?



"Come and See!" is how Jesus invited the first disciples. "Come and See!" is how we can invite others to experience Jesus through the faith and fellowship of Alpha.

Who will you invite to "Come and See!"? For more information please visit: www.stbernajax.com/alpha



Hosted by our Parish Vitality Ministry

Sunday, November 30th

After the 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses

Our Vitality Ministry invites all parishioners to stop by our annual Christmas Bake Sale for delicious homemade treats, perfect for gifting or enjoying with family. Parishioners are also welcome to bake and donate items for the sale.

For more information or to donate baked goods, please contact:

Julia Beattie - 905-683-1373 or

Linda Sarang - 416-523-2062



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

Next JUNIOR EDGE Night: Monday November 24

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

Next EDGE Night: Friday November 28

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

Next SUMMIT Night: Sunday November 30

Faith Studies

Why was St. Justin Martyr so important?

Saint Justin Martyr was important because he defended Christianity with reason, linked faith to philosophy, gave early witness to the Eucharist and worship, and sealed his testimony by dying for Christ.

Join us in the Parish Hall on **November 24 at 9:30am**, for Video and Small Group Discussion.

Bible Study

Galatians: Set Free to Live on **Wednesday January 7, at 9:30am**. Runs for 8 weeks - Video and Small Group Discussion.

Let's explore Paul's powerful letter to the Galatians! Learn how Christ's gift of salvation transforms our lives and how we're called to live in the freedom of God's love as His children. Study Guide \$40 (optional). For more information contact Susan at 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Around the Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 23 - November 29

Sunday November 23

Sunday Masses: **8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm**
10:15am - Children's Liturgy (Hall)
12:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults - Breaking Open the Word (Council Room)

Monday November 24

8:00am - Mass
9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall)
6:30pm - Junior EDGE (Hall)

Tuesday November 25

8:00am - Mass
1:45pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)
6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)
7:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall)

Wednesday November 26

6:30am - Mass
7:30am - Notre Dame CSS Chapel Mass (School)
9:30am - Bible Study (Hall)
9:45am - St. Teresa of Calcutta CES School Mass (School)
6:00pm - First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
6:15pm - Adoration (Church)
6:30pm - Confession (Church)
7:30pm - Mass

Thursday November 27

8:00am - Mass
6:30pm - Alpha (Hall)

Friday November 28

8:00am - Mass
8:30am - Adoration (Church)
8:30am - Confession (Church)
10:00am - Archbishop Denis O'Connor CSS Grade 10 Retreat (Hall)
10:30am - Communion Outreach Mass (Harwood Place)
11:45am - Creche (Manger) Assembly
7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)

Saturday November 29

7:30am - St. Joseph's Men Prayer Group (Hall)
9:00am - Mass
9:30am - Christian Initiation of Young People Class (Council Room)
11:00am - First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)
4:00pm - Confession (Church)
5:00pm - Mass

November 30 - December 6

Sunday November 30

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

[Coffee Sunday and Fundraising Bake Sale in the Hall after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses](#)

10:15am - Children's Liturgy (Hall)
12:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults - Breaking Open the Word (Council Room)
6:00pm - Summit Teen Ministry Night (Hall)

Monday December 1

8:00am - Mass
9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall)
6:00pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Hall)
7:00pm - Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Council Room)

Tuesday December 2

8:00am - Mass
1:45pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)
7:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall)

Wednesday December 3

6:30am - Mass
8:15am - Notre Dame CSS Confessions (School)
9:30am - Bible Study (Hall)
10:30am - Communion Outreach Mass (Lakeridge Gardens)
6:00pm - First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
6:00pm - Confirmation Discussion Group (Council Room)
6:30pm - Confession (Church)
7:00pm - Advent Reflection Series (Church)
7:30pm - Mass

Thursday December 4

8:00am - Mass
10:00am - Hope & Life: Widow's Ministry (Hall)
6:00pm - Pre-Mass Carolling & Concert (Church)
7:00pm - Advent Family Mass
8:00pm - Social Gathering (Hall)

Friday December 5

8:00am - Mass
8:30am - Confession (Church)

Saturday December 6

7:30am - St. Joseph's Men Prayer Group (Hall)
9:00am - Mass
9:00am - Festival of Light- Bus Tour (Niagara Falls)
9:30am - Christian Initiation of Young People Class (Council Room)
11:00am - First Reconciliation (Church)
4:00pm - Confession (Church)
5:00pm - Mass



Advent, Christmas & New Year's

Special Schedule of Masses and Confessions

Advent Family Mass

Thursday December 4

Pre-Mass Carolling & Concert at 6:00pm

Mass at 7:00pm

Social to follow

Advent Day of Recollection

Saturday December 13 at 9:00am - 2:00pm

(Church & Hall)

Pre-Dawn Novena Masses

5:30am (Church opens at 5:00am)

Tuesday December 16 - Wednesday December 24

Light breakfast social to follow

Advent Reconciliation Service and Confession

Thursday December 18 at 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Advent Healing Mass

Saturday December 20 at 9:00am

(Attendees may receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick)

Advent Day of Confession

Tuesday December 23 at 10:00am - 1:00pm and 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday December 24 - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm 12:00am (*Midnight Mass*)

Thursday December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

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

Wednesday December 31 - Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:00pm 7:00pm

Thursday January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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

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Ministry Volunteers Needed - inquire at the parish office or welcome desk

Visiting & Communion Outreach

The Visiting & Communion Outreach Ministries bring the love and presence of Christ to the sick, elderly, and homebound by offering prayer, companionship, and the gift of Holy Communion. Volunteers extend the care and engagement of the parish community to those unable to attend Mass, reminding them they are not forgotten.

Parish Vitality Ministry

The Parish Vitality Ministry supports community life by organizing parish breakfasts, dinners, and social events that bring people together. Rooted in Christian fellowship, this ministry helps strengthen the bonds of faith and friendship among parishioners, fostering a more vibrant, welcoming, and connected parish community.

Ministry of Hospitality

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