



28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 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

Wednesdays

6:15pm-7:15pm

First Fridays

8:30am-12:00pm

All other Fridays

8:30am-9:30am

## 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 brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we gather this weekend, we are reminded that Thanksgiving is more than a holiday—it is a posture of our hearts. Gratitude is at the very center of our Christian life. We give thanks first to God, the Giver of all good gifts, who blesses us with the gift of life and the gift of faith.

This weekend, I invite you to reflect on three particular blessings. First, the unique gifts you personally hold—your talents, your faith, your capacity to love. Second, the gift of family—whether large or small, near or far—those who have shaped us, supported us, and walked with us through life. Third, the gift of our parish family here at St. Bernadette's.

Together we share in the Eucharist, the great prayer of thanksgiving, and together we support, encourage, and lift one another up in faith.

In a world that can so often dwell on what we lack, let us be people who remember and rejoice in what we have been given. Gratitude not only changes our perspective, it draws us closer to Christ and to one another.

From my heart to yours, please know how deeply grateful I am for each of you. It is a joy and privilege to serve as your pastor. May this Thanksgiving be filled with peace, joy, and the warmth of family and friends.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving!

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](mailto:office@stbernajax.com)

**First Confession/Communion** - Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Confirmation** - Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## 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, Jaime Villafuerte, and Faye Marechal.**

*We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing.*

**We pray especially for Althea Gear.**

Please let us know if you would like to be prayed for. Email us at [office@stbernajax.com](mailto: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:**

|        |                             |            |
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| Oct 1  | Brendan & Kate McKnight     | (14 years) |
| Oct 6  | Neville & Raakel Barbeito   | (24 years) |
| Oct 7  | Manuel Magtibay & Chua Ruby | (35 years) |
| Oct 10 | Andrew & Priscilla Limgenco | (15 years) |
| Oct 10 | Odette & Albin Mendonca     | (43 years) |
| Oct 11 | John & Maria Cardinale      | (50 years) |
| Oct 12 | Helene & Alfred Blakeley    | (62 years) |

## Harvest Dinner



The parish fund raising committee will be hosting a Harvest Dinner on **Saturday October 25 @ 6pm.** Tickets are now available at the Parish Office and Welcome Desk.

**Cost:** Adults \$25, and Kids \$15 (ages of 5-10 years old).

For more information, please contact:

Linda Sarang @ 416-523-2062, [linda4791@gmail.com](mailto:linda4791@gmail.com)  
or Julia Beattie @ 905-683-1373

## Baptism Coordinators

### **\*Volunteers Needed\***

We are looking for parishioners to serve as **Baptism Coordinators.** Volunteers assist by preparing for the celebration (*setting up of candles, pew signs, towels, etc.*), welcoming families, and supporting the liturgy. Training and guidance will be provided.

If you would like to help families celebrate this beautiful sacrament, [click here to fill in our Volunteer Form](#), or contact the Parish Office or stop by the Welcome Desk.

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Jose Torres  
500pm + Honorio Santos  
700pm + Faldas family

### Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Day

900am + Emma St. Denis

### Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup> - St. Callistus I

800am + Veronica Ego-Aguirre

### Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup> - St. Teresa of Jesus

730pm + Souls in purgatory  
~ D'Lima family  
~ Chelsy Ambal  
~ Teresa Siby  
~ Daniel Jose

### Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup> - St. Marguerite d'Youville

800am + Carmine Vigilante

### Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Ignatius of Antioch

800am ~ Jordan Celestine

### Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> - St. Luke

900am + Ben Serrano  
+ Valeriana Serrano  
+ Piedade Tiago  
~ Rita Faraj  
~ In thanksgiving for the Rivamonte family  
500pm + Richard Oshea

## Coffee Sunday



We warmly invite you to join us at our next Coffee Sunday **October 19**, following the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00 noon Masses in the Parish Hall.

Enjoy light refreshments, catch up with friends, and help us greet new faces as we continue to grow together at St. Bernadette's.

**Join us again on November 9! All are welcome!**

## Happy Thanksgiving



As we gather with family and friends to give thanks, may we be reminded of the many blessings God has given us. Let us carry hearts of gratitude and share the joy with others, especially those in need. **Wishing everyone a**

**blessed and joyful Thanksgiving!**

The Parish Office will be **closed, Monday, October 13.** Mass will begin at **9:00am.**

## THANK YOU



The St. Vincent de Paul Society extends its sincere thanks to all parishioners for your ongoing generosity and support of our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your donations, prayers, and kindness make it possible for us to assist families and individuals in need within our community.

May God bless you for your compassion and care.

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## Help out with Alpha



Breaking bread together is one of the ways Jesus shared life with people, so every Alpha session begins with a meal to build community over casual conversation.

Alpha at St. Bernadette's is looking for parishioners to help by cooking a casserole for one of our Thursday evening meals. Recipes will be provided, and meals can be dropped off during the week to be re-heated when needed.

If you can prepare 1 casserole over the next 10 weeks, please contact Robert [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

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## Youth Ministry Launch Dates

**Jr. Edge & EDGE Registration is open:**

<http://bit.ly/45RGtdU>

\$40/youth or \$35/youth for 2 or more from same household for the whole year. All youth ministries run October to June.

**Junior Edge (Grades 1-4)**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month

6:30pm-8pm in the Parish Hall

**LAUNCH DATE: Monday October 27, 2025**

**EDGE (Grades 5-8)**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month

7:00pm-8:30pm in the Parish Hall

**LAUNCH DATE: Friday October 24, 2025**

**SUMMIT Teen Ministry Registration is open:**

<http://bit.ly/3VjfDEY>

Suggested fee for the year is \$40/youth.

**SUMMIT TEEN MINISTRY (Grades 9-12)**

Bi-weekly Sundays (see bulletin board)

6:00pm-8:00pm in the Parish Hall

**LAUNCH DATE: Sunday October 19, 2025**

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## Becoming Catholic

### **Christian Initiation for Adults**

The Christian Initiation of Adults is for individuals who wish to become Catholic; and have not received some or any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). **This group meets on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9pm from October through May.**

For more information, please contact Robert, our Lay Pastoral Associate: [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

### **Christian Initiation of Young People**

The Christian Initiation of Young People is for children aged 7 through 17 who have not received some or any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). **This program will run from mid-October to mid-December.**

For more information, please contact Robert, our Lay Pastoral Associate: [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

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## Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass



A Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Mass will be held on **Friday October 17 at 6:30pm, for the deceased.** We welcome all those who have registered for this Mass along with their guests. The Candlelight Vigil begins at 6:30pm followed by the Memorial Mass at 7:00pm. Each registered member may offer a maximum of eight (8) names.

The Vigil will begin with meditative instrumental music and conclude with special prayers. The Celebrant will offer Mass for all the intentions listed, at the beginning of the Mass. Celebrating the life of family members and friends is an important way to stay connected to those for whom we pray and who pray for us. We ask for a suggested donation of \$25 for the commemorative candle that is yours to keep!

**For more information, please visit us at the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office.**

## St. Joseph's Men's Prayer

### ~That Man Is You~

**THAT MAN IS YOU!** is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

This program will run weekly on **Saturdays 7:30am to 9:00am, starting October 25.** All men of our parish are invited to attend. [Click here to Register for THAT MAN IS YOU!](#)

## New Parish Vitality Ministry

### **Building Fellowship, Strengthening Community, Deepening Faith**

One of the greatest gifts of parish life is the sense of belonging to a faith-filled community. At St. Bernadette's, we are called not only to worship together, but to grow together – as brothers and sisters in Christ.

This new ministry will take the lead in organizing parish breakfasts, dinners, socials, and special seasonal gatherings. But more than simply planning events, the ministry will focus on creating spaces where relationships can grow, where newcomers feel welcomed, and where longtime parishioners deepen their sense of community.

### How Will This Ministry Help Our Parish Grow?

- ✚ **Welcoming Atmosphere:** By creating regular opportunities to gather, especially after Mass, we give people a chance to connect and feel at home.
- ✚ **Engagement Pathways:** These gatherings serve as gentle entry points for parishioners who are not yet involved in ministries or faith formation.
- ✚ **Support for Other Ministries:** Fellowship events strengthen relationships that ripple out into deeper ministry participation and cooperation across parish life.
- ✚ **Celebrating Milestones Together:** From feast days to parish anniversaries, this ministry helps us celebrate as a family of faith.
- ✚ **Evangelization Through Hospitality:** Inviting friends and neighbors to parish meals and socials is a low-barrier way to share the joy of our faith.

### How Can I Help?

We are looking for joyful, welcoming, and creative parishioners to help form this new ministry. Training, support, and guidance will be provided. **If this sounds like you, stop by the Parish Office or Welcome Desk to sign-up.**

## PA DAY CAMP

### October 20



Children in grades JK – grade 6 are invited to the first PA DAY Camp of the school year on **Monday Oct. 20!** Our program will be based on the miracles of Jesus and will include games, Bible skits, movie & snack, and crafts. The camp costs \$20/child and runs **9am-3pm** in the parish hall. Registration is open: <http://bit.ly/48P0Tp4>

## ALL SAINTS DAY Party



This year our All Saints Day Party will be held on **Sunday Oct. 26 from 2pm-4pm** in the parish hall. We invite our children to dress up as their favourite Saints and enjoy the carnival games, snacks & potluck, and the Saints showcase. Please register for this free family event: <http://bit.ly/4o5cuFc>

## 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!](#)

## Secondary Collection

There will be a secondary collection next weekend **October 18 and 19, for World Mission Sunday.**

## House Blessings

If you would like to request a house blessing, please contact the parish office and we will be happy to arrange a time that works for the clergy and your family. Email us at [office@stbernajax.com](mailto:office@stbernajax.com), or call the office.

## Ministry Volunteers Needed

If you feel called to serve in any of these ministries, please follow the link:



- ✚ Rosary Apostolate
- ✚ Communion Outreach
- ✚ Parish Vitality Ministry

[Click here to fill in our Volunteer Form](#)

## Around the Parish

| UPCOMING EVENTS | October 12-18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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|                 | <b><u>Sunday October 12</u></b><br>Sunday Masses: <b>8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm</b><br><b>10:15am</b> - Children's Liturgy<br><br><a href="#">Monday October 13 - Thanksgiving Day</a><br><b>9:00am</b> - Mass<br><b>Parish Office Closed</b><br><br><b>Tuesday October 14</b><br><b>8:00am</b> - Mass<br><b>1:45pm</b> - Legion of Mary (Council Room)<br><b>7:00pm</b> - KOC Officers Meeting (Council Room)<br><b>7:30pm</b> - Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b><u>Wednesday October 15</u></b><br><b>6:30am</b> - Mass<br><b>9:30am</b> - Bible Study (Hall)<br><b>10:00am</b> - St. James CES School Mass (Church)<br><b>6:00pm</b> - First Holy Communion Class (Hall)<br><b>6:15pm</b> - Adoration (Church)<br><b>6:30pm</b> - Confessions (Church)<br><b>7:00pm</b> - Marriage Prep Course (Hall)<br><b>7:30pm</b> - Mass<br><b>7:30pm</b> - Daughters of Isabella (Council Room)<br><br><b><u>Thursday October 16</u></b><br><b>8:00am</b> - Mass<br><b>9:45am</b> - St. Teresa of Calcutta CES - Bible Blessing (School)<br><b>6:30pm</b> - Alpha (Hall)<br><b>7:00pm</b> - Finance Council Meeting (Boardroom) | <b><u>Friday October 17</u></b><br><b>8:00am</b> - Mass<br><b>8:30am</b> - Adoration (Church)<br><b>8:30am</b> - Confessions (Church)<br><b>1:00pm</b> - Wedding Ceremony of Justin & Fallon (Church)<br><b>6:30pm</b> - Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass (Church)<br><b>6:30pm</b> - Edge Core Team Training (Hall)<br><br><b><u>Saturday October 18</u></b><br><b>9:00am</b> - Mass<br><b>9:30am</b> - Christian Initiation of Young People Class (Council Room)<br><b>11:00am</b> - First Holy Communion Class (Hall)<br><b>4:00pm</b> - Confessions (Church)<br><b>5:00pm</b> - Mass                                                                |
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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.

### Sunday School Catechists Help Launch - Sunday School

We're seeking faith-filled adults and responsible teens from our parish to help launch our Sunday School program during Mass. Share Bible stories, faith, and fun with young children—no experience needed! Training and materials will be provided. Help plant seeds of faith in the hearts of our youngest parishioners. Join this joyful ministry today!

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