



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 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

First Fridays of month  
8:30am-12:00pm (Angelus at Noon)  
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, 3pm-6pm  
Sunday  
9:00am-1:30pm, 4pm-8pm



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Sacrifice is an important part of the Lenten experience; we reflect upon the sacrifices we make both in what we give up and what we take on. This Lent, we in the parish office are working hard to develop opportunities for new parishioners to volunteer and get involved in the parish community. Being a community, a family of faith is one of the most important reasons we come together. This is why our Coffee Sundays, Parish Breakfasts and other gatherings are so important - it is important that we support each other, encourage one another and pray as a community for each other, especially those in need.

Stay tuned to our future bulletins and "Around the Parish" and we encourage you to "get involved".

On this Lenten journey with you,

*Father 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** - with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Confirmation** - with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** - 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 for 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	Pastor	<a href="mailto:pastor@stbernajax.com">pastor@stbernajax.com</a>
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Sue McGee	Parish Bookkeeper	<a href="mailto:admin@stbernajax.com">admin@stbernajax.com</a>

## Registering is Important

Registering in our Catholic parish allows you to fully participate in our community, access sacraments, and benefit from parish services. It's a way to contribute to the life of the Church, build meaningful connections with fellow parishioners, and help us plan for future activities to better serve you.

If you worship with us but live outside the parish boundaries, registration is especially important for official requests or sacramental needs. If you're not yet registered, please take this simple step today: [Click here to register](#)

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## Public Prayer Requests

In keeping with government mandates and the purpose of our prayer requests, names to be listed in our Parish Bulletin, must:

- ✚ Be requested (preferably) by the individual themselves
- ✚ Secondarily a spouse or child

Those listed in the bulletin will be listed for three weeks consecutively and then removed. Renewed requests will need to be made to Parish Office - indefinite requests will need to be made directly to Father Chris.

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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.*

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## Coffee Sunday



Please join us this weekend for Coffee Sunday **March 23**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. Enjoy fresh coffee, hot chocolate, juice & treats.

It's a great opportunity to connect with friends and meet others in our church community. **The next Coffee Sunday - April 13.**

## The Gift of Parish Giving



Jesus reveals to us the importance of our gift of giving. Two examples He offers us are the stories of the Good Samaritan and the Widow's Mite. Tithing is important for us all and should never be thought of "just giving money". It is about a Christian community of Disciples sharing with one another, giving for one another. For Fr. Chris as the pastor - it is also important that he and the staff and Parish Finance Council provide as much transparency as we can so that we, as a community are aware that your hard-earned and generous gift is used well.

<b>Offertory for (March 16)</b>	<b>\$ 8,171.00</b>
<b>Building Fund Total</b>	<b>\$ 430,022.67</b>

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## Welcome Desk & Office Kiosk

Starting Sunday, April 5 & 6, we will be moving our Parish Office to the Narthex of the Church before and after Sunday Masses, and to the Parish Hall during community gatherings. This will be our "Welcome Desk & Office Kiosk".

One of the things we love to hear is how welcoming people find St. Bernadette's Parish. This Welcome Desk is another way to help more of our parishioners and visitors who join us for worship. Here are some of the services you can access at the desk:

- Register as a Parishioner
- Register for Bulletins
- Book Mass Intentions
- Pre-register for Baptisms
- Sign up for Volunteering & Ministries

We will continue to develop and expand the services offered at the Welcome Desk.

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## The Scrutinies

As we prepare to welcome the Elect into our Church, we will be celebrating the Scrutinies over the next three weekends, using Year A readings. This is a special time for the Elect, let us keep them in our prayers.

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## March Anniversaries

It is always important that our community celebrates and experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!

This month we celebrate with:

Mar 19	Marciana & Robert Nagtalon	(52 years)
Mar 27	Isobel & James Montague	(57 years)
Mar 27	Bert & Patricia Connelly	(60 years)

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

900am + Ignacia La Madrid  
+ Michael McGuire  
+ Marcelo Ines  
500pm ~ Joaquin Katzman

### Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> - The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

830am + Artemio Mazzarolo  
500pm + Bernard Blakeley  
700pm + The Roxas Family

### Monday March 24<sup>th</sup>

800am ~ Special Intentions

### Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> - The Annunciation of the Lord

800am ~ Artie Dubrie

### Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>

730pm + Carlos Oliveira  
+ Nicholas Canizares  
+ Catharina Schut  
+ The De Claro Family

### Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup>

800am + Gino Romano

### Friday March 28<sup>th</sup>

800am + Felice Falcone

## HSLC EAST 2025

**Registration is open!!!** Click the link to register:  
<https://edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com>  
(please select "High School Leadership 2025 - East")

Dates: August 16 - August 20, 2025  
Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton ON  
Who can go: youth in grades 9-12  
Cost: \$530.00 per camper  
Please submit \$100 non-refundable deposit to the parish office or Monika Matelski (cash or cheque)

## TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP

**Registration is open!** Register: <https://bit.ly/41ClSQt>

### **Summer Camp Dates:**

July 14-18, 2025 | 9:00am - 2:30pm (DAY PROGRAM for grades 1-6)

July 13-17, 2025 | 6:00pm - 9:00pm (EVENING PROGRAM for grades 7-12)

### **Participant Registration fees:**

\$100/child | \$65 for additional siblings (DAY PROGRAM)

\$30/youth (EVENING PROGRAM)

Cash or cheque (written out to "St. Bernadette Parish") to be brought to parish office.

## EDGE CAMP EAST 2025

**Registration is open.** Click the link below to register:  
<https://edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com>  
(please select "Edge Camp East 2025")

Dates: August 16 - August 20, 2025  
Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton ON  
Who can go: EDGE youth in grades 5-8  
Cost: \$500.00 per camper until April 30, afterwards the cost will be \$575.00  
Please submit \$100 non-refundable deposit to the parish office or Monika Matelski (cash or cheque)

EDGE CAMP Parent Information Meeting:  
Monday April 7 | 7:30pm in parish hall



**JUNIOR EDGE** (grades 1-4)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Semester begins Monday March 24 | 6:30pm-8pm

**EDGE** (grades 5-8)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Semester begins on Friday March 28 | 7pm-8:30pm  
(including Stations of the Cross)

## Catholic Mom's Group

St. Bernadette Catholic Mothers' Group meets again on **Thursday, March 27** at 8:00 pm. This month, we welcome Dr. Julia Cataudella, MD, NFPMC - Fertility Care Medical Consultant. Dr. Julia will be on hand to discuss and answer medical questions related to our fertility and general health. Calling all moms to attend! Contact Cathy Haynes for location and details.  
[haynes.cathy@gmail.com](mailto:haynes.cathy@gmail.com)

## PA Day with St. Bernadette!

Children in JK - grade 6 are welcome to spend their PA DAY on **Monday March 31** at our parish for the third PA DAY in a special series called "St. Bernadette teaches us the virtues!" We will have games, activities, outdoor play time (weather permitting), and a movie. Grade 7/8 siblings and high school teens are welcome to volunteer. Please contact Monika: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com)

Registration is \$20/child for the day which will run 9am-3pm in the parish hall. Please pack a lunch and one snack for your child!

Register for the March 31 PA Day with St. Bernadette:  
[bit.ly/4kbheYu](https://bit.ly/4kbheYu)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring  
2025

March 23-29		
<p><b>Sunday March 23</b> After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p><b>Monday March 24</b> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr. EDGE (Hall)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday March 25</b> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - Lenten Penance Service 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES - Library)</p> <p><b>Wednesday March 26</b> 10:00am - Lenten Day of Confessions 4:30pm - Lenten Day of Confessions 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p>	<p><b>Thursday March 27</b> 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall) 7:00pm - Building Council Meeting (Boardroom)</p> <p><b>Friday March 28</b> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Stage Side) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall) 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p>
March 30-April 5		
<p><b>Monday March 31</b> 9:00am - PA DAY (Hall)</p> <p><b>Tuesday April 1</b> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES - Library)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday April 2</b> 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p> <p><b>Thursday April 3</b> 10:00am - Hope &amp; Life (Kitchen Side) 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p><b>Friday April 4</b> 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p><b>Saturday April 5</b> 9:00am - Lenten Day of Recollection 9:00am - Confirmation Retreat (Ajax Rec Centre - Commodore Room)</p>
April 6-12		
<p><b>Monday April 7</b> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:00pm - Baptism Prep Class (Hall) 7:00pm - SSVP Meeting (Council Room) 7:30pm - EDGE Camp Info Session (Hall)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday April 8</b> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - CWG Planning Meeting (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p><b>Wednesday April 9</b> 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p>	<p><b>Friday April 11</b> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Stage Side) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall) 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p><b>Saturday April 12</b> 9:00am - RCIA Day of Recollection (Hall)</p>
April 13-19		
<p><b>Sunday April 13</b> After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p><b>Monday April 14</b> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr. EDGE (Hall) 7:00pm - K of C Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday April 15</b> 10:00am - DOC Retreat (Hall) 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Stage Side)</p> <p><b>Wednesday April 16</b> 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p>	<p><b>Thursday April 17 - Holy Thursday</b> 10:00am - DOC Liturgy/Stations (School)</p> <p><b>Friday April 18 - Good Friday</b> 9:00am - Stations of the Cross (Outdoor)</p> <p><b>Saturday April 19 - Holy Saturday</b> 9:30am - Blessing of Easter Baskets (Hall)</p>



# *Lent & Easter Parish Schedule*

## **Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm**

(each Friday of Lent)

Led by select parish ministries

## **Lenten Penance Service**

**Tuesday March 25**

7:00pm - 9:00pm

## **Lenten Day of Confession Wednesday**

**March 26**

10:00am - 1:00pm & 4:30pm – 7:00pm

## **Lenten Jubilee Day of Recollection**

**Saturday April 5**

9:00am - 2:00pm (starts with Mass)

## **RCIA Day of Recollection Saturday**

**April 12**

9:00am - 2:00pm (starts with Mass)

## **Confessions – Wednesday April 16**

6:00pm to 7:15pm

# *Holy Week & Easter*

## **Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)**

**Thursday April 17 at 8:00pm**

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration  
in the Chapel of Repose - Parish Hall (until midnight)

## **Good Friday - Friday April 18**

**Outdoor Stations of the Cross – 9:00am (rain or shine)**

**Good Friday Services** - 11:00am | 1:00pm | 3:00pm

## **Holy Saturday - Saturday April 19**

**Blessing of Easter Baskets – 9:30am SHARP in the Parish Hall**

Easter Rehearsals & Decorating – starts at 9:00am

Church closed to public all day

## **Easter Vigil starts at 8:00pm**

(come early for seating and Parish Hall overflow)

## **Easter Masses - Sunday April 20**

Masses at 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am | 12:30pm

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The Celestial Quartet are the Rodrigo Family who offer us music at the Sunday 7:00pm Mass (as well as at other times). Pictured are Adrian, Gia, Amy & Jeremy Rodrigo.

Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music: <https://bit.ly/3U3Rpxi>



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