

Sunday May 22, 2022 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday to Friday**

900am -12:30pm 1:30pm-3:00pm

**Saturday & Sunday 9:30am to 1:30pm**

## PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

**WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm – Sunday 8:30am 10:15am 12:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm**

**WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 8:15am Wednesday 7:30pm**

**Saturday 9:00am (Begins with Devotions to St. Bernadette)**

**PARISH CONFESSIONS Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm Fridays 9:00-9:45am Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm**

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## SACRAMENTS

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

*Baptisms every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Mandatory Baptism Preparation offered virtually at this time.*

**Sacrament of Marriage** ~ contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance and a priest will make an appointment with you.

**Sacrament of the Sick** ~ contact the Parish Office right away.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

### **St. Bernadette Elementary**

Penny Delaney, Principal 905-683-0571

Agnes Sararus, Parish Rep 647-970-1978

### **St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary**

Sheena Paul, Principal 905-426-7065

Linda Sarang, Parish Rep 416-523-2062

### **St. James Elementary**

Manuela Michelin, Principal 905-427-3327

Jennifer Del Monte, Parish Rep 289-660-1810

### **Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary**

John Di Vizio, Principal 905-427-6667

Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain 905-427-6667

### **Notre Dame Secondary**

Sonya Melim, Principal 905-686-4300

Jeannine Henry, Chaplain 905-686-4300

## ...from Our Pastor...



Dear Friends,

Our First Reading begs the question, “who’s church is it”? Friends, the answer to this question is simple – it’s yours. If you’re reading this, the church is only as good as the good works, the last good thing you did for it. Most of us wait for others to do the “first things” when we all have been given the mission and we should look at things we can do to bring Jesus Christ within reach of others – everyone. Summer is around the corner and we’ll be switching gears but my hope and

prayer is that more members of our parish community consider getting involved in ministry (again) here at the parish as we help each other to spread the Good News! I remain, faithfully yours...

*Fr. Chris*

## For Our New Parishioners

If you are just joining our community, please click on "I'm New" on our parish website, come to the parish office or email [office@stbernajax.com](mailto:office@stbernajax.com) to set up a time to stop by. Our pastoral team members want to welcome you!

## Keeping Our Community Together in Worship, Prayer & Fellowship

We welcome everyone to full capacity in the church once again! For those who are not quite ready for this and wish to maintain social distancing, please consider attending Mass with the community in the Parish Hall (livestreamed); just let one of the Ministers of Hospitality know you will be there!

## Sunday Mass on YouTube

Livestreamed Masses can be found on the link below  
The link: <https://bit.ly/2HqxVRO>

[MAY 22 – 1015am](#)

[MAY 29 – 1200pm \(NOON\)](#)

[JUNE 5 – 1015am](#)

[JUNE 12 – 1200pm \(NOON\)](#)

## Praying for Our People



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, in particular for *Nigel Boos, Jean Villafuerte, Carmen Flores, Ida-Mae Haynes & Connal Hanna*.

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died from our parish, especially *Joe Dickson, Jim Dulny, Dominic Nunes, Charles McGrath, Rose Boucher & Junior Oliver O'Reggio*.

## May Anniversaries

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tito & Estrelita Caguada (53 years)
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lasantha & Prasadi Wijethunge (10 years)
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fr. Chris Lemieux [ordination] (10 years)
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	John & Anne Nazareth (50 years)
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel & Rosemary Walo (50 years)
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Stan & Lovina Rodrigo (25 years)

## Upcoming Events in the Parish

### Pasta Dinner May 28th



Our Fund-Raising Committee is hosting a Parish Pasta Dinner on Saturday May 28, 2022 at 600PM in the Parish Hall. All proceeds from this dinner will go towards our Parish Building Fund. Thank you to all those who have purchased tickets, the event is now sold out. If you wish to volunteer and help out, please email Faizul or Vinette Rahim @ [faizulvinette64@gmail.com](mailto:faizulvinette64@gmail.com)

### The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul "Bundle Up" Collection June 4-5, 2022

We will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes, and linens to support our neighbours in need on the weekend of June 4-5, 2022.

Please bring your donation and help others in our community. We will assist with the loading before and after each Saturday and Sunday Mass. Thank you for your support!

## Parish Picnic

### Sunday June 26 @ 1:00pm

Join us for BBQ, fun and games at our annual St. Bernadette's parish picnic. It will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 100pm. in the parking lot, following the Sunday noon Mass. More details to come in upcoming bulletins.

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a couple of virtual presentations on "Creating Financial Strategies" around the use of Life Insurance. Parishioners are welcome to join on Wednesdays May 25 & June 15 at 7:00pm. For further information and to register please see the Knight's bulletin board in the Narthex.

## Gardening

We are looking for volunteers to help create and maintain garden space on the property and grounds of St. Bernadette's. If you are interested, please contact Rosina Ego-Aguirre at [rosina.ego-aguirre@sympatico.ca](mailto:rosina.ego-aguirre@sympatico.ca).

# The Youth of St. Bernadette



On Friday May 27, we meet in the parish hall at 700pm for our next EDGE Night. The Night is called "Into the Ages: How does the Mass change the world?" We continue to explore the importance of Holy Mass through a dynamic program which includes group games, reflection, group discussions, and prayer. For more information, please contact Monika Matelski [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com).



On Monday May 30 we meet with our students in grades 3 & 4 for another JUNIOR EDGE Night. Come and meet new friends and our awesome team of volunteers at 630pm-800pm in the parish hall! We have games, activities, and crafts ready for you! For any parents who wish to register their child, please contact Monika Matelski: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com).

## Totus Tuus



Our Parish is hosting a dynamic summer camp called Totus Tuus for our children and youth in grades 1-12. Young adult missionaries will be coming to our parish

in order to facilitate a program that focuses on the sacramental life through games, group activities, time with Scripture, daily Mass, and the whole lot of fun of a summer camp!

**DAY CAMP** grades 1 to 6: July 25-29 (900am - 230pm)

**EVENING CAMP** grades 7-12: July 24-28 (645pm-900pm)

**COST:** Day camp is \$75.00 (additional siblings \$50.00) & evening camp is \$20.00.

Prices are per camper and for the whole week! Please contact Monika Matelski as registration is open and spots are limited: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com).

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## First Communion

We look forward to welcoming our candidates and their families for the First Holy Communion Masses which will be held on Saturday May 21 and Saturday May 28. We remind parents to pick up their tickets at the parish office for all guests attending these Masses.

## Camp for High School Students

There will be an overnight camp experience for our High School youth run by HopeStone Catholic Formation. The High School Leadership Camp is an overnight summer camp for students in grades high school, which combines fun and faith in an exciting camp experience. Activities include ziplining, kayaking/canoeing, swimming, ropes courses, archery, a giant swing, daily Mass & an intentional program to foster discipleship and leadership through a personal faith response.

Dates: August 20 – August 24, 2022

Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton ON

Cost: \$450.00. Register by June 30.

To register, please contact Monika Matelski [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com).

## Totus Tuus Parish Volunteers

During the week of July 24-29, our parish is hosting TOTUS TUUS Missionaries who will be running an engaging summer camp for our children and youth. We are looking for volunteers from our parish to assist in the set-up/clean-up, welcoming, general organization, and care of our participants. If you are interested in joining this week of faith and fun, please contact Monika Matelski [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com). Volunteer screening must be completed before the camp.

## St. Bernadette's Young Adult Group

We are inviting all young adults to join us build community and grow in faith. Join in person for **Pints with Padre** where we meet somewhere local to share our faith over pints. Join on our private Discord server to always be kept in the loop (<https://discord.gg/N7QECVgEVG>)!



If you have any questions or would like more information, please e-mail Fr. Kevin – [associate@stbernajax.com](mailto:associate@stbernajax.com)



Come celebrate St. Bernadette 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a new pictorial directory led by IPC Canada!

Each photographed family receives a **FREE DIRECTORY** and **FREE 8" x 10"** colour portrait. Additionally, you will also have the opportunity to purchase various packages from IPC's Memories Collection.

#### When

- Registration is **OPEN!** Available dates June 13<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> (Sundays excluded)

#### Session time

- Approx. 30-45 minutes

#### How to book

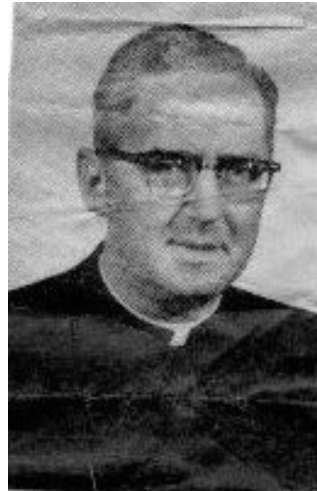
- Please go online to the booking site [www.ipcphoto.ca](http://www.ipcphoto.ca)
- On the top row select **Appointments** and enter the password: **myphoto**, press **GO**
- Click on **St. Bernadette's Parish, Ajax** and you will be taken to the **Online Scheduling System**
- Once you have clicked your desired time, completed the requested information
- Click on **Finalize Photo Sitting Appointment**
- You will receive a confirmation email from [Stbernajax2@gmail.com](mailto:Stbernajax2@gmail.com)

#### NOTE

- The system will not allow same day booking so please book your appointment early
- We encourage those that are retired or have work schedules that allow daytime flexibility to sign up for appointments between 1:30pm -5:00pm. This will allow those that work during the week and/or with school-aged children to sign up for Saturday and evenings
- For those of you who are unable to book online, please email [Stbernajax2@gmail.com](mailto:Stbernajax2@gmail.com) and we will assist in the booking process.
- If you are unable to send an email, Denise Carson and the working group will be available to help in the narthex after all weekend Masses on **May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please note we are seeking volunteers for the photography sessions from June 13<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to volunteer by spending some time at the registration desk during these photography sessions., please send an email to [Stbernajax2@gmail.com](mailto:Stbernajax2@gmail.com)

**OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!** We are very excited to offer this lasting keepsake with our parishioners, to share with future generations and build and strengthen our faith community! So, let us get together and participate in this wonderful St. Bernadette's initiative!



## St. Bernadette's Days of Yore...

I came from a town in England that was billed the most bombed during WWII. In these conditions there was no way for a church wedding, so mom and dad were married in the town hall. Mom never felt right about this.

After coming to Canada and settling in Ajax mom suddenly announced to dad one day after work that he was to get changed because they were going to get married in a church. He looked at her, went and got changed and then my brothers Danny, Lloyd and me (Denise wasn't born yet) got into the car and went to St. Bernadette's Mission Church.

They got married that day, December 14, 1953 by Fr. M. J. Darby who was St. Bernadette's first pastor. All was happy after that. Mom and Dad were one of the first few couples to be married in the new parish of St. Bernadette.

There are many wonderful stories of growing up in this parish, but this is the most romantic story I know.

By Shirley Anne Washburn

This is just one of many happy stories connected with our first pastor, Fr. Matthew Darby pastor at St. Bernadette's Parish from 1952 to 1964.

## **Around the Parish This Week...**

### **Saturday May 21 – Saint Eugene de Mazenod**

900am Mass  
1000am Meditation (Council Room)  
1100am First Holy Communion  
1130am Ministry Coordinators Meeting (Hall)  
100pm First Holy Communion  
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Council Room)  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

### **Sunday May 22 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses  
200pm Baptisms

### **Monday May 23 – Victoria Day (parish office closed)**

900am Mass  
930am Theology of the Body (Virtual)  
700pm St. Vincent de Paul (Council Room)

### **Tuesday May 24 – Blessed Louis- Zéphirin Moreau**

815am Mass

### **Wednesday May 25 – Saint Bede the Venerable**

630pm Parish Confessions  
730pm Mass – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### **Thursday May 26 – Saint Philip Neri**

815am Mass  
930am Craft ladies (Hall stage side)  
1100am Funeral  
630pm Alpha (Hall)  
645pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)  
730pm Choir practice for 830am Mass

### **Friday May 27 – Saint Augustine of Canterbury**

815am Mass  
900am Parish Confessions  
915am – 100pm Adoration  
600pm EDGE (Hall)

### **Saturday May 28**

900am Mass  
1000am Apologetics (Council Room)  
1100am First Holy Communion  
100pm First Holy Communion  
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Council Room)  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass  
600pm Parish Pasta Dinner (Hall)

### **Sunday May 29 – The Ascension of the Lord**

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses

## **Mass Intentions This Week**

### **Saturday May 21**

500pm Repose of the souls of Virginia & Thomas Hovorka

### **Sunday May 22**

830am Repose of the soul of Juana Paus  
1015am Missa pro populo (mass for the people)  
1200pm Repose of the soul of Ceferino De Villa  
500pm Repose of the soul of Jim Dulny  
700pm Repose of the soul of Josefina R. Trinidad

### **Monday May 23**

900am Repose of the soul of Robert Joseph Saptel

### **Tuesday May 24**

815am Repose of the souls of Mavis & Mario Bonnie

### **Wednesday May 25**

730pm ~ Repose of the soul of Ann Noel  
~ Repose of the soul of Jim Dulny  
~ Repose of the soul Kurt Charles  
~ Repose of the soul of Chermali Singh  
~ For the intention of the Diman & Hanna families

### **Thursday May 26**

815am For the intention of John Kelley

### **Friday May 27**

815am Repose of the soul of Jim Dulny

### **Saturday May 28**

900am ~ For the intention of Fr. Chris for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination  
~ In thanksgiving for the children & grandchildren  
~ Repose of the soul of Jim Dulny  
~ Repose of the soul of Ann Noel  
~ For the intention of baby Tambasco  
500pm For the intention of Agnese Ambrosi

### **Sunday May 29**

830am Repose of the soul of Jim Dulny  
1015am Missa pro populo (mass for the people)  
1200pm Repose of the soul of Dylan Gilmour  
500pm Repose of the soul of Jim Dulny  
700pm For the intention of Stan & Lovina for their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary



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