



PALM SUNDAY [B] March 24, 2024
St. Bernadette Catholic Church

21 Bayly Street East, Ajax, Ontario L1S 1P2
 Phone: 905-683-1533

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Early Morning Masses – Wednesday 6:30am
Morning Masses – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:00am :: Saturday 9:00am
Evening Masses – Wednesday 7:30pm

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm Fridays 8:30am-9:30am Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm
**Also, by appointment with the clergy*

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

PARISH STAFF

Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor*
 Father Kevin Adriano, *Associate Pastor*
 Aquilia D’Costa, *Parish Secretary*
 Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate*
 Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator*
 Marva Thomas, *Administrative Assistant*
 Sue McGee, *Parish Bookkeeper*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
 9:00am to 12:30pm
 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1:30
Saturday & Sunday
 9:30am to 2:30pm
OFFICE CLOSED to Walk-ins on FRIDAY

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms – every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class (via Zoom) and completed registration with required forms required. Please call the Parish Office or email office@stbernajax.com

First Confession/Communion – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Confirmation – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email 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

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

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 SCHOOLS

Archbishop Denis O’Connor Secondary	Jim MacNeil, <i>Principal</i>	Tim Lee Loy, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-427-6667
Notre Dame Secondary	Sonya Melim, <i>Principal</i>	Jeannine Henry, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-686-4300
St. Bernadette Elementary	Diana Assenza, <i>Principal</i>	Agnes Sararus, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-683-0571
St. James Elementary	Geraldine Borg, <i>Principal</i>	Elise Arbic, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-242-7256
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	Sheena Paul, <i>Principal</i>	Linda Sarang, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-426-7065

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: <https://stbernajax.com>
 YouTube: [@st.bernadetteparishajax3761](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstbernajax3761)
 Twitter: [@stbernajax](https://twitter.com/stbernajax)
 Facebook: [St. Bernadette Church, Ajax](https://www.facebook.com/St.BernadetteChurchAjax)

From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin our journey through Holy Week, we are called to ask ourselves who and where we are in the crowd. Are we celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, only to abandon Him when life gets tough and it seems the Lord isn't listening? This is a week to pray and then decide what kind of followers of Christ we are and are going to be. During this busy week of prayer, liturgies, and ceremonies, let us not lose sight of what we are remembering, celebrating, and talking part in. As we begin this most holy of weeks, may Jesus be our constant friend and companion. May we enter in the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection with faith and hope.

Your servant in the Lord,

Father Chris

** PARISH OFFICE UPDATE **



Our Parish Office is closed to the public on Fridays, but staff will be here to return phone calls and important emails. This will be an Administrative Day, to keep our office operating well. While phone calls will be returned, staff reachable – Mass Intention Bookings should be planned on other days of the week.

Our Office will be closed on Good Friday, open 9:00am to 1:00pm on Holy Saturday and closed on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

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:

Carmen Flores, Desmond Vieira, Luisa Matthias, Kevin Sims, Helen Holmes, Anne Sinclair, Frederick Chafe, Caitlin Smith, Jaime Villafuerte & Maureen Melong.

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

March Anniversaries

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

Mar 19th Marciana & Robert Nagtalon (51 years)

Mar 27th Isobel & James Montague (56 years)

Mar 27th Bert & Patricia Connelly (58 years)

Our Weekly Offerings



Thank **you** all for your continued generosity, with your time, your talents, and your treasures! This is what was shared of your treasures this week:

LAST WK'S OFFERTORY (incl PAG):	\$	9,681.00
LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND:	\$	5,648.85
BUILDING FUND TOTAL:	\$	322,976.61

Parish Happenings & Events

Coffee Sunday

Meet old friends, and new ones too! Fellowship is an important part of being a Christian – knowing others who share and live the same faith you do. We begin again our Coffee Sundays, hoping you can join us! We gather after the 8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm Masses, in the Parish Hall. These will be very informal gatherings with coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Upcoming dates are:

March 24

April 14th

Special Prayers for Our Newest Family Members

Please pray for the Elect of our Parish who will be fully received into the Church at the Easter Vigil (Saturday March 30, 2024). Please remember in prayer in a special way:

Laura Espley
Laura McGovern
Jodi Leonard
Kajan Nanda
Sula Vametheaven

Rinalben Prajapati
Guillermo Quintanilla
Ralph Reyes
Azita Campbell
Joseph Sardath

IMPORTANCE of HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is an important time for Christians throughout the world. Holy Week, the final week of Lent, begins on Palm Sunday, and ends on Easter when we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection and where and we celebrate the beginning of Jesus' (and our) gift of new and eternal life. It is a time when Catholics gather to remember and participate in the Passion of Jesus Christ. The Passion was the final period of Christ's life in Jerusalem. It spans from when He arrived in Jerusalem to when He is crucified.

Four special ceremonies commemorate the events of Christ's Passion from His entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in His path, through His arrest on Holy Thursday and Crucifixion on Good Friday, to Holy Saturday, the day that Christ's body lay in the tomb. The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are (a) Mass of the Lord's Supper, (b) Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (c) Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Lent at St. Bernadette's

Holy Week & Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

8:00pm

(Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in Parish Hall). Adoration until Midnight.

Good Friday Services

Stations of the Cross – Friday March 29 at 9:00am

(Good Friday) – Outdoor Stations of the Cross led by Father Chris & Knights of Columbus.

11:00am 1:00pm 3:00pm

Good Friday Confessions

730am to 830am 400pm to 500pm

Confessional will close promptly at 830am and 500pm and will not reopen until after Easter.

Easter Vigil

8:00pm

Easter Sunday Masses

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

**** No 5pm or 7pm Masses on Easter Sunday**

For Our Young People



We continue to welcome **new** EDGers in grades 5-8 to join. To register, and join the fun: <http://bit.ly/3t1XWd6>

JR. EDGE Night: **Monday Mar 25** "Scenic View"

6:30pm-8:00pm

EDGE Night: **Friday April 12**, "Share Your Location"

7:00pm-8:30pm

Email Monika for more info: youth@stbernajax.com

FAMILY EDGE NIGHT

We invite our EDGE & Junior EDGE families to our family night on Friday April 26th, 7pm-9pm at our parish. This night will feature prayer & worship, a spotlight on the importance of child & youth ministry, and a potluck meal! Let's celebrate our children in their faith! Please RSVP to Monika: youth@stbernajax.com



EDGE CAMP Registration

Registration is open for EDGE Summer camp with early bird pricing of \$500/child for EDGE camp at Camp White Pine in Haliburton. EDGers in grades 5-8 are invited to join this epic adventure August 25-29, 2024. See the promo: <https://youtu.be/P3NYgDsyCRM> For Edge Camp information & registration, please email: youth@stbernajax.com

Totus Tuus



Totus Tuus Summer Camp registration is now open!

To register, please submit one form per child here: <https://bit.ly/48YHhvh>

Dates:

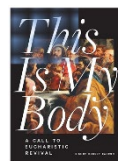
Day camp for grades 1-6 is July 22-26 9:00am-2:30pm

Evening Camp for grades 7-12 is July 21-25 6:00pm-9:00pm

Cost:

Day camp is \$100.00 per camper (additional siblings are \$65 per camper). The evening camp is \$30.00 per camper

Catholic Book Club



Join Bishop Robert Barron's "This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival" study, exploring the Eucharist's significance in three aspects: sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence. Sessions will be held on Mondays: April 8 to April 15, 9:30am-11:30am. Book \$5.

To register and receive materials contact Susan Kennedy at 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Parish Ministries Serving All

There are many ways big and small to “get involved” around St. Bernadette’s. These are some of the ways and our ministries continue to evolve and give life to new ministries too. The Ministry Coordinator (leaders) are listed but please call/email the Parish Office for more details on our various ministries.

ADVISORY COUNCILS

Property/Building Mark-André Simard, Vice-Chair

Finance Denise Carson, Vice-Chair

Pastoral Jennifer Del Monte, Vice-Chair

Volunteers Tim & Desiree Plaus

Councils are appointed advisory committees to the Pastor who assist him in the important decisions he makes administering the parish. We are always looking for parishioners with special skills for these councils.

The Alpha Course	Robert LeBlanc
Altar Servers	Lianson Wilson
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Ferdinand
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Bingo	Anne Marie Dennis
Catholic Mom’s Group	Cathy Haynes
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson
	Julia Beattie
Children’s Liturgy	Robert Zuzarte
Saturday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 830am Choir	Tatjana Smrekar
Sun 1015am Choir (children)	Michelle Kirkwood
Sunday 1200pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 700pm Choir	Stan Rodrigo
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte
Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Knights of Columbus	John Kelley
Daughters of Isabella	Sandra Kolsteren
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno
Hope & Life for Widows	Jeanette Pinto
Horizons of Hope	Eleanor Lee
Legion of Mary	Valeria Chovancova
Livestreaming Team	Desiree Plaus

Understanding Our Faith	Susan Kennedy
Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Ministry of Hospitality	Faizul & Vinette Rahim
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Street Patrol	Desiree Plaus
Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Truth & Reconciliation	Rose Gomme
Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Young Adult Ministry	Father Kevin

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism	Father Chris
Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Marriage Preparation	Dax Magsisi
Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc

Communion Outreach

Please contact the Parish Office, as staff coordinate most of our outreach ministries. Special training is required.

Communion to Homebound	Denise Carson
Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Harwood Manor	Susan Falcone
Ballycliffe	PARISH OFFICE
Ajax-Pickering Hospital	PARISH OFFICE
Lakeridge Gardens	PARISH OFFICE

School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sararus
St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O’Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

**** Your Parish Needs You ****

We continue to look for the generosity and gifts of our people (YOU) and ask that you consider volunteering in one of our parish ministries.

Signing up is easy!! Take a few moments to fill in our form at <https://bit.ly/45ds0og>

OR EMAIL US at stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com

Around the Parish This Week

Sunday March 24 – Passion (Palm) Sunday

Coffee Sunday After 830am, 1015am, & 1200pm Mass

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses
1230pm RCIA-Breaking Open the Word (Council Rm)

Monday March 25

800am Mass
630pm Junior Edge (Hall)

Tuesday March 26

800am Mass
200pm Legion of Mary (Council Rm)

Wednesday March 27

630am Mass
630pm Parish Confessions
700pm Marriage Prep Class (Kitchen Side)
730pm Mass

Thursday March 28 – Holy Thursday

800pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday March 29 – Good Friday

730am Parish Confessions
900am Stations of the Cross - Outdoor
1100am Good Friday Service
100pm Good Friday Service
300pm Good Friday Service
400pm Parish Confessions

Saturday March 30 – Easter Vigil

800pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday March 31 – Easter Sunday

800am Easter Sunday Mass
930am Easter Sunday Mass
1100am Easter Sunday Mass
1230pm Easter Sunday Mass

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday March 23

900am ~ Betty Bujold
500pm + Dylan Gilmour

Sunday March 24

830am ~ Mendoza Family
500pm + Marciano Villena
700pm ~ Cordeiro-D'Costa Family

Monday March 25

800am ~ Ziva Dan

Tuesday March 26

800am + Gino Romano

Wednesday March 27

730pm + Felice Falcone
+ Carlos Olivera
+ Jonas Maniliho
~ Thanksgiving
~ Thanksgiving of Family

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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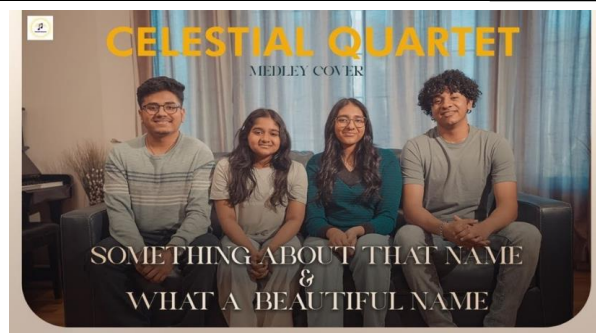


Realtor Services

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real estate/property?



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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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1PgqJK6Gis>