



5th SUNDAY of LENT

March 26, 2023

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

Saturdays 9:30am-10:15am

Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm

First Fridays 9:00am-9:45am

|| 6:30pm-7:15pm

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Mandatory Baptism meeting, Zoom class and registration forms before scheduling Baptism.

FIRST COMMUNION ~ *Starts end of September & January*

CONFIRMATION ~ *Starts end of October*

MARRIAGE ~ *contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of when You wish to get married. A priest will make an appointment with you.*

SACRAMENT of the SICK ~ *contact the Parish Office right away.*

From Your Pastor...



Dear Friends,

Lazarus is raised in our Gospel this weekend; Jesus reveals to us the Power of God, and offers us all a reminder that in bodily death, "life is changed, not ended". Friends, look around you at Mass this weekend.

The community we are, the family we are; the families we are from that join you and share faith with you – we will be with the Lord and with each other in Paradise when our time here on this earth comes

to an end. How great is that? It also lends itself to reflect on how we treat each other day in and day out and how generously we forgive one another too. Many of us have family and friends who have departed this life; in the end, was there anything that bothered us, angered us, caused us pain or sadness, that was really worth hanging on to. We know Jesus doesn't ask us to forgive others and let go for them, but rather for us. The benefit for others is that true forgiveness is a powerful witness of our faith. Let us all consider what our faith, love and mercy means to us in these final days of Lent.

In your service,

Father Chris

For Our New Parishioners

If you are just joining our community, please click on "I'm New" on our parish website – stbernajax.com – (under **Parish Info**), come to the parish office or email office@stbernajax.com to set up a time to stop by.

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:

Nigel Boos, Carmen Flores, Carol Fletcher, Anne Sinclair, Maureen Wheaton, Desmond Viera, Chandrika Puvilingam & Lynda Donson.

We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing. **We pray this week for the repose of the soul of Mirek Bialy.**

Please Pray for Our Elect

Let us pray in an intentional way for the 5 members of this year's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults who have entered the final stages of preparation. They will undergo the Third Scrutiny this Sunday. They are:

Cheryl Nash, Amanda Guedez, Vaneeta Harrison, Ilona Toth & Michele Redmond

March Anniversaries

Let us know of your anniversary by contacting the Parish Office. Also, let us know if you're celebrating a special year! For those who wish to allow our priests to honour you with a special anniversary blessing at the end of one of the Sunday Masses, please let us know at the beginning of Mass. It is important that our community experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!

March 19	Marciana & Robert Nagtalon (50 years)
March 27	Isobel & James Montague (56 years)
March 27	Bert & Patricia Connolly (58 years)

Fund - Raising Breakfast



Our Fund-Raising Committee is hosting two Parish Breakfasts **after 8:30am and 10:15am Masses this Sunday.** Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids ages 5 to 12 and can still

be purchased! Breakfast will include sausage, bacon, eggs and pancakes and all proceeds will go towards our Parish Building Fund.

Worship at St. Bernadette's

STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm each Friday of Lent. Our Outdoor Stations of the Cross will be at 9:30am on Good Friday.

PARISH LENTEN DAY of RECOLLECTION

Our Parish Day of Recollection for Lent will be led by Father Chris. This mini retreat is **Saturday April 1st beginning at 9:00am** with Mass and will be accompanied by Adoration (following Mass), concluding at 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Please register by calling Parish Office or online through Eventbrite <http://bit.ly/3IyhJLY>

FRIDAYS in ADORATION

Adoration following the Friday morning Mass with Benediction at 11:45am. We need parishioners to sign up for this for each week. (NEW) We will also have a **½ hour of confessions before the Stations of the Cross (7pm to 7:30pm)**

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE (Confession) SERVICE

All are welcome to our Lenten Penance Service on **Thursday March 30 from 7pm to 9pm**, as we invite many priests from the area to help us. This is an opportunity for as many of us as possible to go to confession before Easter.

Holy Week at the Parish

MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER (Holy Thursday)

Thursday April 6: Mass at 7:00pm followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament (throughout the church) with Adoration & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at an Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall. Adoration will conclude at 10:00pm. The Parish Hall will be open if seating in the church is full.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

Friday April 7: Father Chris & the Knights of Columbus will lead our annual Outdoor Stations of the Cross (rain or shine) at 9:30am. Good Friday Eucharistic Services and Veneration of the Cross will take place at 11:00am, 1:00pm and 3:00pm. The church will also be open from 6:00pm to 7:30pm for private praying of the Stations of the Cross.

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday April 8: The Easter Vigil will commence at 8:00pm. As the Roman Missal offers us, "this is the greatest and most noble of all Solemnities". Our RCIA Candidates will be received into the church, as is customary tonight. There will be a parish celebration in the Parish Hall to follow.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday April 9: Please note the changes in the Easter Sunday Mass times: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm.
No Mass at 5:00pm or 7:00pm on Easter Sunday.

CELEBRATION of the FEAST of ST. BERNADETTE

Saturday April 15: As a parish community we will celebrate our Parish Feast of St. Bernadette (which is officially April 16th). At the beginning of Mass, we will be offering as a parish community, the official Prayer to St. Bernadette. After Mass, please join us in the Parish Hall for a showing of *Bernadette*. The celebration will conclude with a light lunch and a cake to commemorate this important feast day for our parish.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday April 16: The Second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In addition to all of the Masses celebrated in honour of this, our Knights of Columbus will be hosting a viewing of "*The Face of Mercy*" an hour-long video produced by the Knights of Columbus. Around 3:00pm, they will lead us in prayer and the Chaplet. A commemorative chaplet rosary is being given, if a small donation is possible, please consider.

CONFESSION NOTICE

After Easter, we will be returning to **Friday morning confessions**, as there has been a low turnout for the Saturday morning time. Confessions will be 9:00am to 9:45am. We WILL have confessions on Wednesday April 5th (before the Evening Mass) but this will be the last chance for confessions before Easter. **Confessions on Saturday April 1 are cancelled.**

FRIDAYS after EASTER

After Easter, we will return to our Friday morning Café in the Parish Hall, gathering for coffee and conversation on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. The 1st, 3rd (and 5th) Fridays we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass and until 11:45am. *Please note: in the event of a funeral, the Café or Adoration may have to be cancelled.*

Faith Formation

SACRAMENTS for ADULTS

This program is for adults who wish to become Catholic; and have not received the Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). This group meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. **Please contact the Parish Office for more information about this.**

SACRAMENTS for TEENS & CHILDREN OVER 7 YEARS

This program is for students aged 7 through 17 who have not received **some or any** the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). This program is running February through until April. **The next program begins in October and runs through to early December.**

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Our next classes are March 29, 31 & April 1 (Session 10 in the Chosen workbook & have researched and have ready the story of a Saint). Please email pastor@stbernajax.com if you have any questions.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Preparation classes this week on Tuesday March 21 at 6pm and Saturday March 25 at 10:30am. The registration deadline is closed.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

The first step in having your child baptized is to speak to either Father Chris or Father Kevin at the end of Mass, who will give you a baptism package which will provide all the details for the next steps.

LAUGH & LEARN (THEOLOGY of the BODY)

The "Seven Deadly Sins" are patterns of dysfunction that keep us separated from God and ultimately lead to unhappiness in our lives. Join us as we embark on Fr. Robert Barron's exploration of these seven sinful patterns and also learn how practicing countervailing virtues can help us break the cycle of sin.

On Monday March 27 from 9:30 to 11:30, *Laugh & Learn* will show the *Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues* video, followed by small group discussion. A great preparation for the Sacrament of Confession later in the week.

Bingo

Please note that there will be Bingo in the Parish Hall, Monday March 27th, 7:00pm to 9:45pm. Cost is \$5.00 per pkg. Join us for a night of fun and socializing with friends.

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.

Property/Building Council **Mike Sims, Vice-Chair**
Finance Council **Denise Carson, Vice-Chair**
Pastoral Council **Father Chris, Chair**
Volunteer Screening **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	Trevor Pereira
Altar Servers	Mark Sarang
Apologetics	Trevor Pereira
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Persaud Ferdinand
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Bingo	Anne Marie Dennis
Bridge League	Ada Larock
Catholic Mom's Group	Cathy Haynes
Coffee Fridays	Julia Beattie
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson
	Julia Beattie
Children's Liturgy	Robert Zuzarte
Saturday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 830am Choir	Noreen Pierre
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	Father Kevin
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Father Kevin
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte
	Yvonne Gonzalves
Rosary Makers	Yvonne Gonzalves
Cursillo	Gabriel Ferdinand
Knights of Columbus	John Kelley
Daughters of Isabella	Monique Beaudoin
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	Lisa Parades
Livestreaming/ Tech Team	Desiree Plaus
	John McGrath
Ministry for Maturing Adults	Anne Nazareth
Laugh & Learn	Susan Kennedy
(formerly Theology of the Body)	
Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Militia of the Immaculata	Rosemary Lubin
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
Travelling Euchre	Anne Marie Dennis
Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Young Adult Ministry	Father Kevin

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism	Father Chris
Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
First Communion	Father Kevin
Confirmation	Father Chris
Marriage Preparation	Dax Magsisi
Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Marty Lam
Initiation for Young People	Father Kevin

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 (soon)	Parish Office
Ajax-Pickering Hospital (soon)	Parish Office
Lakeridge Gardens (soon)	Parish Office

School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sarasus
St. James Elementary	Marisa Hall
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O'Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

Special Thank You

A very special thank you to our Ministry Coordinators and leaders, past and present; those who coordinate and lead our many parish ministries. We, as a parish community appreciate you!

Around the Parish This Week

Saturday March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord

900am Mass
930am Parish Confessions
1000am Apologetics (Council room)
1030am First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
230pm RCIA for Young People (Hall)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday March 26 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Church Breakfast After 8:30am & 1015am Masses

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm- Masses
830am THIRD SCRUTINY (RCIA Elect)
1015am Children's Liturgy (Council room)
200pm Baptisms

Monday March 27

815am Mass
930am Laugh & Learn (Hall)
630pm Junior EDGE (Stage side)
700pm Bingo (Kitchen side)

Tuesday March 28

815am Mass
700pm RCIA (Hall)

Wednesday March 29

930am Bible Study (Hall)
600pm Confirmation Class (Hall)
630pm Parish Confessions
730pm Bible Study (Hall)
730pm Parish Mass

Thursday March 30

815am Mass
645pm Legion of Mary (Council room)
700pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

Friday March 31

815am Mass & Adoration
600pm Confirmation Class (Hall)
700pm Fundraising Committee (Council room)
700pm Parish Confessions
730pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 1

900am Mass, followed by Lenten Day of Recollection
1000am Meditation (Council room)
100pm Confirmation Class (Council room)
230pm RCIA for Young People (Hall)
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday April 2 – Passion (Palm) Sunday

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm- Masses
830am Breaking Open the Word (Council room)
1015am Children's Liturgy (Council room)

Mass Intentions this week

Saturday March 25

900am + Angela Emond
+ Edgardo M. Herrera
+ Petra & Domingo Espiritu
+ Emilia Cruz Navarro
~ Intention of Ziva Dan
500pm ~ Intention of Peter Anthony Smith

Sunday March 26

830am ~ Intention of Venetia Baldsing
1015am ~ Intention of Joe Hovorka
1200pm ~ Missa pro populo
500pm + Joseph Karingeam
700pm ~ Intention of Nora Zadoyan

Monday March 27

815am + Gino Romano

Tuesday March 28

815am + Felice Falcone

Wednesday March 29

730pm + Carlos Oliveira
~ Intention of the Knights of Columbus
~ Intention of the Zakrajsek family

Thursday March 30

815am + The Melia Family

Friday March 31

815am ~ Intention of Shamina Begum

Saturday April 1

900am + Mirek Bialy
+ Romillo Alomoninia
~ For the souls in purgatory
~ Intention of Natalie Moi
500pm + Peter Tomeljak

Sunday April 2

830am + Manuel Branco
1015am + Gretta Hickman
1200pm ~ Missa pro populo
500pm + Raul Unay
700pm ~ No intention

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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