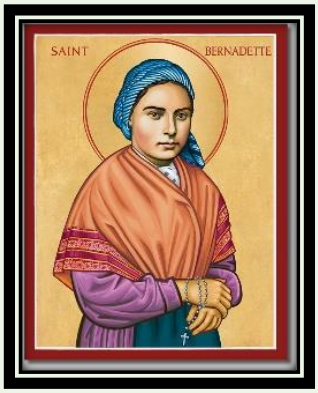


Parish Mass Schedule

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

Weekday Masses

Morning Masses
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00am
Saturday 9:00am

Evening Mass
Wednesday 7:30pm

Parish Confessions
Wednesdays
6:15pm-7:15pm
Fridays
8:30am-9:15am
Saturdays
3:45pm-4:45pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Fridays
8:30am-12:00pm

All Other Fridays
8:30am-9:30am

Parish Office Hours

Weekdays
Monday - Thursday
9:00am-4:30pm

Friday
9:00am-4:30pm
(Phone calls only)

Weekdays closed for lunch 12:30-1:30pm

Weekends
Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

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Before and after all weekend Masses

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From The Pastor's Desk



My Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the ten bridesmaids who are waiting for the arrival of the bridegroom. Five are prepared, with oil for their lamps, while the others find themselves unprepared when he arrives.

At first glance, this might seem like a Gospel about being caught off guard. But I think Jesus offers us something much more beautiful: an invitation to live each day with joyful expectation and hope.

As Christians, we are not simply waiting for something to happen. We wait for Jesus to come and get us, He who loves us and desires to share eternal life with us.

And how do we keep our lamps burning? Through prayer, acts of kindness, forgiveness, generosity, and the many little ways we choose to love God and one another. We don't need to live in fear of tomorrow. We are invited to live today with purpose, gratitude, and joy.

My hope is that St. Bernadette's will always be a community of people whose faith shines brightly—encouraging one another, welcoming others, and helping each other grow closer to Christ.

May our lamps always burn brightly with faith, love, and hope!

Joyfully in the Lord,

Fr. Chris

Parish Team

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Administrative Assistant:	Marva Thomas	office3@stbernajax.com

Sacraments

Baptisms: A mandatory Baptism class must be attended, and all required registration forms completed. Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email at office@stbernajax.com

First Confession/Communion, Confirmation: Please contact the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: For adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation of Young People: For young people ages 7 to 16. Classes designed for their age group are offered to help young people receive all Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office one year in advance. One of the priests will arrange an appointment with you.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office immediately.

PRAYING FOR OUR PEOPLE



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, for: **Violet Azavedo, Anne Sinclair, Albertina Caruso, Maura D'Costa, and Sylvia Mondal.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Nicole Gilmour, Peter Dwyer, and Kevin Castanheiro.**

ANNIVERSARIES

If you are a registered member of St. Bernadette's, we would love to celebrate and witness the anniversary of your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office or Welcome Desk, with your anniversary dates.

This month we celebrate with:

Nov 1	Margaret & Druce Ayres	(57 yrs)
Nov 8	Wilfred & Noreen Pierre	(57 yrs)
Nov 22	Saji Parapilly & Raina Varghese	(28 yrs)
Nov 25	Oishee & Peter Halder	(10 yrs)
Nov 27	Cheryl & Carlisle Gomes	(33 yrs)
Nov 29	Joseph & Afra D'Lima	(40 yrs)
Nov 29	Joseph & Ida D'Souza	(57 yrs)

COFFEE SUNDAY - SOUBIROUS CAFÉ



Join us this **Sunday November 8,** in the Parish Hall after the 8:30am, 10:15am and 12 noon Masses. Enjoy coffee and goodies, and fellowship. Everyone is invited!



CANDLELIGHT VIGIL & MEMORIAL MASS

A Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Mass for the deceased will be held on **Tuesday November 10**. The Vigil begins at 6:30pm with meditative music and a prayer for the deceased displayed on the overhead screen, followed by Memorial Mass at 7:00pm.

Registration is required to have names included in the Mass intentions. Each registrant may submit up to eight names, which will be remembered during the Mass. A suggested donation of $25 is requested for a commemorative candle bearing the names submitted, yours to take home.

Everyone is invited to attend this special evening of remembrance. **Please visit the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office to register. Last weekend to register.**

OCIA CANDIDATE INFO SESSION

Sunday November 15 at 1:00pm | Parish Hall

Anyone interested in exploring the Catholic faith and beginning the OCIA journey is welcome to attend. For more info, contact the Parish Office: office@stbernajax.com

IT TAKES A PARISH TO WELCOME A NEW DISCIPLE!

Our OCIA Parish Initiative — An Invitation to Everyone!

We've all heard the expression, "It takes a village to raise a child." Perhaps we could offer a variation of that familiar saying: "It takes a parish to welcome and nurture a new disciple of Jesus Christ!"

This is very much at the heart of what the Church teaches us about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Welcoming new members into the Catholic Church is not simply the responsibility of the priest, a catechist, or a small group of volunteers. It is the responsibility—and wonderful privilege—of the entire parish community! At St. Bernadette's, we want to take this calling seriously.

This year, we are introducing a renewed approach to OCIA, one that places particular emphasis on faith, fellowship, friendship, and belonging. Beginning in late November, our inquirers and catechumens will gather on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. for a shared meal, conversation, faith formation, and an opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. We need YOU to help make this happen!

We are inviting parishioners to participate in several meaningful ways:

- Share a Meal: Help prepare or contribute food to our Sunday potluck gatherings. Hospitality is one of the simplest and most beautiful expressions of Christian love.
- Share Your Faith and Friendship: Sign up to join us for lunch! Sit with our newest members, get to know them, listen to their stories, and share something of your own journey of faith.
- Become a Sponsor or Mentor: Accompany someone on their journey toward becoming Catholic, offering friendship, encouragement, prayer, and a living witness of Christian discipleship.
- Pray for Our Newest Members: Keep our Inquirers in your daily prayers as they discern God's invitation.

You don't need to be a theologian or have all the answers. You simply need a welcoming heart and a willingness to share your faith.

Our hope is that those exploring the Catholic faith will discover something beautiful at St. Bernadette's: not simply a place to attend Mass, but a spiritual home, a family of faith, and a community where they truly belong.

After all, it takes a parish to make a disciple feel at home. And that parish is YOU!

Please contact the Parish Office to learn how you can participate.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 7
5:00pm + John Schucroft

Sunday, November 8
8:30am + John & Annie Fernandes
12:00pm Missa Pro Populo
5:00pm + Ignacia La Madrid
7:00pm + Issac Maricar

Monday, November 9
8:00am + Jose & Edorda Oliveira

Tuesday, November 10
8:00am ~ Matthew Duarte-Monteiro

Wednesday, November 11
7:30pm + Vincent Noronha
+ Suzanne Andrews
+ Gloria Arevalo
+ Barbara Dodsworth
+ Armando Caruso

Thursday, November 12
8:00am + Alfonso Espiritu

Friday, November 13
8:00am + Gino Romano

Saturday, November 14
9:00am + Peter Quittenton
+ Barbara Dodsworth
+ Edgar Arieta
+ David & Victoria Bonto
~ Sarah Victor

Ministry Of Hospitality Training

Interested in joining the Ministry of Hospitality, or already serving in this ministry? Join us for training/refresher session in the church on **Thursday, November 12 at 7pm** or **Saturday, November 14 at 1pm**. All are welcome!

Parish Breakfast



Everyone is invited to attend our Parish Breakfast on **Sunday November 15**, in the Parish Hall following the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00pm Masses. A full breakfast will be served which includes sausage, scrambled eggs, toast, pancakes, tea, and coffee.
Cost: Adults $10, and Children (*6-10 years*) $5. For more information, please contact Linda Sarang at 416-523-2062, or email: Linda4791@gmail.com. Tickets can be purchased at the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.

Youth Ministry

JUNIOR EDGE |Grades 1-4 | Click here to register!
2nd & 4th Monday, 6:30-8:00PM | NEXT Session: Nov 9

EDGE | Grades 5-8 | Click here to register!
2nd & 4th Friday, 6:30-8:30PM | NEXT Session: Nov 13

SUMMIT | Grade 9-12 | Click here to register!
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm | NEXT Session: Nov 19

For more info, contact Stacey at youth@stbernajax.com

Youth Ministry - Calling All Chefs!

Do you enjoy cooking and want to support our parish youth?

We're looking for volunteers to prepare simple meals for SUMMIT, our teen ministry.

SUMMIT meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month. Choose a night that works for you! Email Stacey at youth@stbernajax.com to sign-up for a night.

Bible Study



THE FOUR GOSPELS: AN INTRODUCTION **Wednesdays, November 11, 18, and 25**, 9:30am in the Parish Hall. Why do we have four Gospels? Who wrote them, and what does each one reveal about Jesus? Join us for a three-session Bible Study featuring Dr. Brant Pitre as we explore the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Everyone is welcome!
Have questions? Email: susangkennedy@gmail.com



Children in grades JK – grade 6 are invited to our parish PA DAY Camp on **Friday November 13**! Our program will have games, activities, movie & snacks, and crafts. The camp costs $20/child and runs from 9am-3pm in the Parish Hall. Please click the link below to register https://bit.ly/4yRytnY

Blessing Of The Crèche



Join us on **Friday November 27, at 10:30am**, for the Blessing of the Crèche as we begin the Advent season together as a parish community. Special thanks to the students at Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School for their time and effort in constructing the crèche. Everyone is invited to attend.

AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday November 8

Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm
Coffee Sunday - Soubirous Café after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00pm Masses

10:15am Children's Liturgy (Hall)

Monday November 9

8:00am Mass
9:30am Faith Studies (Hall)
6:30pm JUNIOR EDGE Launch (Hall)
7:00pm KoC Executive Meeting (Council Room)

Tuesday November 10

8:00am Mass
9:30am Notre Dame CSS Grade 9 Retreat (Hall)
1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)
5:30pm Confirmation Sacramental Tues. Session 2 (Hall)
6:30pm Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass

Wednesday November 11

8:45am Archbishop Denis O'Connor Chapel Mass (School)
9:30am Bible Study (Hall)
11:00am Funeral - Kevin Castanheiro
6:00pm FHC Sacramental Wed. Session 4 (Hall)
6:15pm Confession
7:00pm Marriage Prep Course (Hall)
7:30pm Mass

Thursday November 12

8:00am Mass
7:00pm Ministry of Hospitality Training (Church)

Friday November 13

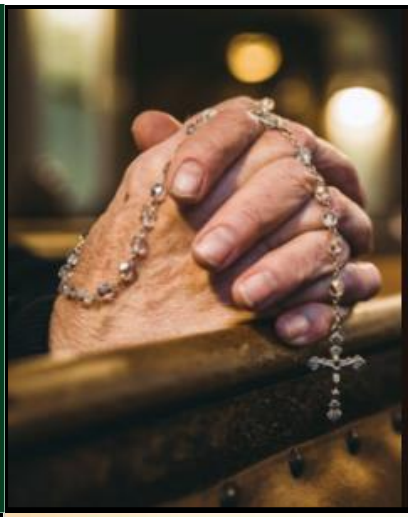
8:00am Mass
8:30am Adoration
8:30am Confession
9:00am PA DAY CAMP (Hall)
2:30pm Mass at Ballycliffe Lodge
6:30pm EDGE (Hall)

Saturday November 14

7:30am That Man Is You (Hall)
9:00am Mass
10:00am FHC Sacramental Sat. Session 5 (Hall)
10:00am Quo Vadis (Council Room)
11:00am Baptisms
11:30am Confirmation Sacramental Sat. Session 2 (Hall)
1:00pm Ministry of Hospitality Training (Church)
3:45pm Confession
5:00pm Mass

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