



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2025

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

21 Bayly Street East, Ajax, Ontario L1S 1P2

Phone: 905-683-1533 | Email: office@stbernajax.com | www.stbernajax.com

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

Wednesdays

6:15pm-7:15pm

First Fridays

8:30am-12:00pm

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

Sunday 9:00am-1:30pm

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

This past Wednesday afternoon, our parish had the joy of hosting a first meeting between some of our parishioners and our two high school chaplains (Tim and Jeannine). The meeting was hosted by Fr. Sean. It was a hopeful and Spirit-filled conversation about how we as a parish community, with our

parish schools might do something to serve our sisters and brothers here, on the streets of Ajax.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks of turmoil, challenges, and uncertainty, yet He tells us: "Do not be terrified" and promises us, "that our endurance will gain our souls and the souls of others." In a world that often feels unstable, these small but real steps of collaboration we take as a parish community, are signs that the Lord is at work, planting seeds of faith and hope in the lives of our young people.

Looking ahead, we also prepare to welcome Bishop Nguyen for his Pastoral Visit to our parish the last weekend of November (please see inside the bulletin). This is a beautiful opportunity for us to gather as a community with our regional bishop, to give thanks for the faith we share, and to renew our commitment to witness to Christ with courage and perseverance.

Let us continue to pray for our students, chaplains, and schools, and for the grace to endure faithfully in our own daily lives.

With love and prayers,

Fr. 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

First Confession/Communion - Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Confirmation - Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Christian Initiation of Adults - Adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Christian Initiation of 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 Staff

Father Chris Lemieux

Father Sean Jacob

Deacon Ron Vaz

Aquila D'Costa

Robert LeBlanc

Monika Matelski

Marva Thomas

Sue McGee

Pastor

Associate Pastor

Deacon Assistant

Office Administrator

Lay Pastoral Associate

Youth Coordinator

Administrative Assistant

Parish Bookkeeper

pastor@stbernajax.com

associate@stbernajax.com

deacon@stbernajax.com

office@stbernajax.com

lpa@stbernajax.com

youth@stbernajax.com

office3@stbernajax.com

admin@stbernajax.com

Register at our Parish

Welcome to St. Bernadette's! Register to fully participate, access sacraments, connect with our community, and help us serve you better. If you live outside of our parish boundaries but worship here, registration is key for official requests.

[Click here to register](#) today!

BISHOP'S VISIT

Bishop Vincent Nguyen, Eastern Pastoral Region Bishop & Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto will spend three days with us next week - Friday November 28th to Sunday November 30th. Bishop Nguyen will be visiting our parish schools, meeting with various groups in the parish throughout Friday and Saturday and will preach at all the Masses on the weekend. We will have our usual Coffee Sunday (after the 830am, 1015am and Noon Masses) which might be an opportunity to meet the Bishop.

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, and Jaime Villafuerte.**

We pray for **Felicidad (Phyl) Birch.**

Please let us know if you would like to be prayed for. Email us at office@stbernajax.com, or call the office.

Funeral Announcement

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of longtime parishioner Felicidad (Phyl) Birch on Wednesday October 29th at her home. Phyl was well known by many, as a leader and member of the Funeral Choir, the Rosary Makers, and was a member of various Choirs, the Parish Decorating Team and Collection Counters until recently - just to name a few of the things Phyl did around the parish. Phyl's Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled at St. Bernadette's on **Tuesday November 18th at 11:00am** and there will be a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. We pray for the repose of Phyl's soul and for her family and friends who mourn her.

Coffee Sunday



We warmly invite you to join us for **Coffee Sunday - November 30**, following the 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy refreshments, meet fellow parishioners, and help us grow our community here at St. Bernadette's.

Next Coffee Sunday - December 14.

Mass Intentions

Sunday November 16th - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Paul Dominique Vu Trung Than
500pm ~ In thanksgiving for favours received
700pm + Sagayam Donald

Monday November 17th - St. Elizabeth of Hungary 800am + Robert Rogers

Tuesday November 18th - Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul 800am + Santo Nania

Wednesday November 19th 730pm + Gilberto Montes + Linda Montes + Carlos Oliveira + Joseph Savarittu ~ The Sakeh family

Thursday November 20th 800am + Mary Mathews

Friday November 21st - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 800am + Ester Espiritu

Saturday November 22nd - St. Cecilia 900am + The Mark family + The Redhead family + Priscilla Munro + Sybil Smith ~ Olivia Hunter 500pm + Ruth Nicholls

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are a registered member of St Bernadette's and will be celebrating a wedding anniversary we would love to celebrate and witness your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office with your names and upcoming anniversary dates.

This month we celebrate with:

Nov 1	Druce & Margaret Ayres	(56 years)
Nov 8	Wilfred & Noreen Pierre	(56 years)
Nov 14	Don & Dianne Paulin	(55 years)
Nov 16	Kamal & Gabriella Dan	(26 years)
Nov 27	Carlisle & Cheryl Gomes	(32 years)
Nov 29	Joseph & Ida D'Souza	(56 years)

Missals 2026

Sunday Missals for 2026 are still available for purchase at \$7 each. You may pick up a copy from the Welcome Desk before and after all weekend Masses, or from the Parish Office during the week.

SVdP Christmas Giving



St. Vincent de Paul is having their yearly Christmas Giving Fundraising, for our Neighbours-in-Need next weekend **November 22nd and 23rd**. The SVdP Christmas Envelopes will be available in the pews this weekend. We thank you for your Precious Gifts of love and generosity towards those who need it most. May God shower you with blessings during this season of Giving!



Hosted by our Parish Vitality Ministry

Sunday, November 30th

After the 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses

Our Vitality Ministry invites all parishioners to stop by our annual Christmas Bake Sale for delicious homemade treats, perfect for gifting or enjoying with family. Parishioners are also welcome to bake and donate items for the sale.

For more information or to donate baked goods, please contact:

Julia Beattie - 905-683-1373 or

Linda Sarang - 416-523-2062



Hosted by our Parish Vitality Ministry

BUS TOUR - FESTIVAL OF LIGHT - NIAGARA FALLS

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$120 per person

Come join us for a day of fun and excitement! Pickup and drop-off at St. Bernadette Church

Trip includes:

- Festival of Light - Niagara Falls
- Dinner in Niagara
- Visit to the Casino
- Endless shopping at the Outlet Mall

To purchase tickets, please contact:

Linda Sarang: 416-523-2062 | linda4791@gmail.com

or Julia Beattie: 905-883-1373

or visit us at the Parish Office or Welcome Desk



Jr. Edge & EDGE Registration <http://bit.ly/45RGtdU>
\$40/youth or \$35/youth for 2 or more from same household for the whole year. All youth ministries run October to June.

Junior Edge (Grades 1-4) | 6:30pm-8pm

Next Jr. Edge Night: Monday Nov. 24

EDGE (Grades 5-8) | 7:00pm-8:30pm

Next Edge Night: Friday Nov. 28

SUMMIT Teen Registration: <http://bit.ly/3VjfDEY>

Suggested fee for the year is \$40/youth.

SUMMIT TEEN (Grades 9-12) 6:00pm-8:00pm

Next Summit Night: Sun. Nov. 16

Faith Studies

Beyond No: What the Catholic Church Has to Say About Same-Sex Attraction - Video talk by Fr. Mike Schmitz.

For many people, the stance of the Catholic Church on same-sex attraction is perceived as intolerant, narrow and even hateful. But is this true? What does the Church offer men and women for whom this is a daily reality?

Join us in the Parish Hall on **Nov. 17 at 9:30am**, for Video and Discussion.

Bible Study

Galatians: Set Free to Live on **Wed Jan. 7, at 9:30am**.
Runs for 8 weeks - Video and Small Group Discussion.

Let's explore Paul's powerful letter to the Galatians! Learn how Christ's gift of salvation transforms our lives and how we're called to live in the freedom of God's love as His children. Study Guide \$40 (optional). For more information contact Susan at 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Christmas Family Storytime

Our Catholic Women's Group (in partnership with the Ajax Library) is hosting:

Christmas Family Storytime

Saturday December 6, 10:00am - 11:30am

at Ajax Library Main Branch

Discover the true meaning of Christmas. Join us for a joyful celebration featuring the Nativity Story, carol singing, nativity wheel craft, nativity puzzle, cookies, hot chocolate and Christmas themed photo booth. Register early to secure your spot: <https://ajaxlibrary.ca/node/3395>

Around the Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16-22

Sunday November 16

Sunday Masses: **8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm**
10:15am - Children's Liturgy (Hall)
12:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults - Breaking Open the Word (Council Room)
6:00pm - Summit Teen Ministry Night (Hall)

Monday November 17

8:00am - Mass
9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall)
6:00pm - Baptism Prep Class (Hall)
7:00pm - KOC Meeting (Hall)

Tuesday November 18

8:00am - Mass
11:00am - Funeral: Phyl Birch
1:45pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)
6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)
7:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall)

Wednesday November 19

6:30am - Mass
9:30am - Bible Study (Hall)
10:20am - St. Bernadette School Mass (Church)
6:00pm - First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
6:00pm - Confirmation Discussion Group (Council Room)
6:15pm - Adoration (Church)
6:30pm - Confession (Church)
7:15pm - Catholic Women's Group Meeting (Hall)
7:30pm - Mass

Thursday November 20

8:00am - Mass
10:00am - Archbishop Denis O'Connor CSS Grade 9 Retreat (Hall)
6:30pm - Alpha (Hall)

Friday November 21

8:00am - Mass
8:30am - Adoration (Church)
8:30am - Confession (Church)
9:45am - Notre Dame CSS Grade 10 Retreat (Hall)
6:00pm - Lectors Christmas Potluck (Hall)
7:00pm - Jesus Youth (Hall)

Saturday November 22

7:30am - St. Joseph's Men Prayer Group (Hall)
9:00am - Mass
9:30am - Christian Initiation of Young People Class (Council Room)
11:00am - Baptism (Church)
11:00am - First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)
4:00pm - Confession (Church)
5:00pm - Mass

November 23-29

Sunday November 23

Sunday Masses: **8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm**
10:15am - Children's Liturgy (Hall)
12:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults - Breaking Open the Word (Council Room)

Monday November 24

8:00am - Mass
9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall)
6:30pm - Junior EDGE (Hall)

Tuesday November 25

8:00am - Mass
1:45pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)
6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)
7:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall)

Wednesday November 26

6:30am - Mass
7:30am - Notre Dame CSS Chapel Mass (School)
9:30am - Bible Study (Hall)
9:45am - St. Teresa of Calcutta CES School Mass (School)
6:00pm - First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
6:15pm - Adoration (Church)
6:30pm - Confession (Church)
7:30pm - Mass

Thursday November 27

8:00am - Mass
6:30pm - Alpha (Hall)

Friday November 28

8:00am - Mass
8:30am - Adoration (Church)
8:30am - Confession (Church)
10:00am - Archbishop Denis O'Connor CSS Grade 10 Retreat (Hall)
10:30am - Communion Outreach Mass (Harwood Place)
11:15am - Creche (Manger) Assembly
7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)

Saturday November 29

7:30am - St. Joseph's Men Prayer Group (Hall)
9:00am - Mass
9:30am - Christian Initiation of Young People Class (Council Room)
11:00am - First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)
4:00pm - Confession (Church)
5:00pm - Mass



Advent, Christmas & New Year's

Special Schedule of Masses and Confessions

Advent Family Mass

Thursday December 4 at 6:00pm

****Social to follow****

Advent Day of Recollection

Saturday December 13 at 9:00am – 2:00pm

(Church & Hall)

Pre-Dawn Novena Masses

5:30am (Church opens at 5:00am)

Tuesday December 16 - Wednesday December 24

****Light breakfast social to follow****

Advent Reconciliation Service and Confession

Thursday December 18 at 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Advent Healing Mass

Saturday December 20 at 9:00am

(Attendees may receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick)

Advent Day of Confession

Tuesday December 23 at 10:00am – 1:00pm and 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday December 24 - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm 12:00am (*Midnight Mass*)

Thursday December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

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

Wednesday December 31 - Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:00pm 7:00pm

Thursday January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



Qdine Japanese & Thai Fusion

676 Monarch Ave Unit 12, Ajax, ON L1S4S2

Hours: Wed-Mon: 12-9pm, Tues: CLOSED

Phone: 905-428-8282



Place an online order by
scanning this QR code



Adrian Joseph, CPA, CGA, TEP

Adrian Joseph CPA Professional Corporation

T: 905-995-3650 | F: 1-866-353-2295 | adrian@adrianjosephcpa.com

1315 Pickering Parkway, 3rd Floor, Unit #308

Pickering, ON, L1V 7G5

www.adrianjosephcpa.com

Ministry Volunteers Needed - inquire at the parish office or welcome desk

Visiting & Communion Outreach

The Visiting & Communion Outreach Ministries bring the love and presence of Christ to the sick, elderly, and homebound by offering prayer, companionship, and the gift of Holy Communion. Volunteers extend the care and engagement of the parish community to those unable to attend Mass, reminding them they are not forgotten.

Parish Vitality Ministry

The Parish Vitality Ministry supports community life by organizing parish breakfasts, dinners, and social events that bring people together. Rooted in Christian fellowship, this ministry helps strengthen the bonds of faith and friendship among parishioners, fostering a more vibrant, welcoming, and connected parish community.

Ministry of Hospitality

Greet and welcome all who join together for Mass.

Lectors

Proclaim the Word of God at Mass.

Rosary Apostolate

Foster devotion to Our Lady through prayer.

Complete Handyman & Home Renos

Mario Ruberto

647-867-3067

Painting, drywall, plumbing
basic electrical, home renos
and much more.

marioruberto@rogers.com

Ajax, ON

Free quotes-seniors discount



Interested in purchasing
advertising space?

Email: office3@stbernajax.com



BENEDICT'S
-PIZZERIA-
61 BAYLY STREET
WEST, AJAX, ON,
L1S 7K7
905-239-4992

**BRING THE FLYER
GET**

**15%
OFF**

MIN SPEND \$25

CELESTIAL
QUARTET
I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS



Celestial Quartet: Our Sunday 7pm Mass Choir
- The Rodrigo Family -

Subscribe CELESTIAL QUARTET on YouTube!

<https://bit.ly/4khTaCV>



Interested in purchasing
advertising space?

Email:

office3@stbernajax.com

Realtor Services



AL EDWARD BASILIO

Real Estate Agent



100
Years of Real Estate Service
Celebrating 100 Years

Cell: 289-892-3981

email: aledwardbasilio@gmail.com

web: albasilio.ca