



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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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

First Fridays of month
8:30am-12:00pm (Angelus at Noon)
All other Fridays
8:30am-9:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9am-4:30pm
Closed for lunch 12:30-1:30pm
Office is CLOSED TO
WALK-INS on FRIDAYS

Saturday & Sunday

9:30am-2:30pm

Website:

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From the Pastor's Desk

My dear friends,

In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus gives His Disciples their mission - our mission - to bring others to the Lord! As a parish community, we must continue to see the important role we all play in the mission Jesus Christ has given us; the mission of the Church. This is not just a call to volunteer for things, but to prayerfully discern what we might do and the part we might play in building the Church and bringing more faithful members to the Lord! We must all pray for the grace to see our own unique and important place as Christians in the Catholic Christian Church, and especially in our own parish community!

May God bless you,

Father 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 - 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 Staff

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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, Helen Holmes, Anne Sinclair, Fred Chafe, Jaime Villafuerte, Margaret Ayers, Roland Gregory, Clarette Escobar, Dora Jerry, Faye Marechal, Heather Machado, Rachelle Mendoza and Esperanza Thorne.

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

The Gift of Parish Giving



Throughout this year, 2025, we will be highlighting and showcasing other special projects that we will be doing around the Parish Facility. Our time, talents and treasures are all important parts of the way that we give back to the Lord and to one another. Next Sunday, we will highlight our stewardship in this way.

Jesus reveals to us the importance of our gift of giving. Two examples He offers us are the stories of the Good Samaritan and the Widow's Mite. Tithing is important for us all and should never be thought of "just giving money". It is about a Christian community of Disciples sharing with one another, giving for one another. For Fr. Chris as the pastor - it is also important that he and the staff and Parish Finance Council provide as much transparency as we can so that we, as a community are aware that your hard-earned and generous gift is used well.

This week's Sunday Offertory: \$9,485.00
This week's Building Fund Donation: \$4,749.21

February Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

Feb 4	Glory Roset & Kevin Nobel	(1 year)
Feb 13	Beatrice & Robert Zuzarte	(40 years)
Feb 20	Rosemarie & Charmeon Mangaser	(31 years)
Feb 28	Cheryl & Gord Nash	(50 years)

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 8th - St. Jerome Emiliani

900am + Patrick Murphy
+ Antonieta Pereira
+ Emmylou Eborra Villanueva
~ Sheila Lang
~ Shiven Daniel Jayasekera
500pm + Marcella Malone

Sunday February 9th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am ~ Michael Magana
500pm + Anne Mary Guilmette
700pm ~ In celebration of the wedding anniversary of Sean and Rachel Foley

Monday February 10th - St. Scholastica

800am + Connie Mendes

Tuesday February 11th - Our Lady of Lourdes

800am + The Richardson-Grieve Family

Wednesday February 12th

730pm + Rosario Aranita
~ Fatima La Madrid
~ Ann Wilkinson
~ Shiven Daniel Jayasekera
~ Ann McGarry

Thursday February 13th

800am + Gregory Mclane

Friday February 14th - St. Cyril & St Methodius

800am + Veronica Ego-Aguirre

Saturday February 15th

900am + Teddy Cletty Joel Drego
+ Christopher Pestano
+ Paul Jongsun Lee
+ The Faldas Family
+ Souls in purgatory
500pm + Marcella Malone

Coffee Sunday



Please join us this weekend for Coffee Sunday on **February 9th**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. Enjoy a warm cup of coffee or tea, delicious pastries, and great conversation with friends, old and new! It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, build relationships, and grow together in faith. **The next Coffee Sunday - February 23rd.**

Marian Pilgrimage – June 2025



June 2-5, 2025, join us on a bus pilgrimage to Ottawa, Trois-Rivières, Quebec City, and Montreal as we visit Marian sites such as the Grotte de Notre Dame de Lourdes, Our Lady of the Cape, St. Anne de Beaupré, and St. Joseph's Oratory. Cost is \$1330 pp/double occupancy (\$315 single supplement - \$350 deposit w/ registration), which includes deluxe motor coach, hotel, 3 breakfasts & 3 dinners. For more information contact Robert - lpa@stbernajax.com

Bundle Up Sunday



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes, and linens to support our neighbours in need this weekend **February 8 - 9**.

Please bring your donation and help others in our community. We will assist with the loading before and after each Mass. Please don't leave items by the truck.

Thank you for your support!

EDGE CAMP



Registration coming soon!

Dates: **August 16 - August 20, 2025**
Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton ON
Who can go: EDGE youth in grades 5-8
Cost: \$500.00 per camper (until April 30, afterwards the cost will be \$575.00)

Registration will open on **March 1**. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is required at the time of registration (cheque made out to "St. Bernadette Parish") along with completion of the online registration to hold and guarantee a spot (the link to the portal will be shared when registration opens on March 1st)

For more information on Edge Camp 2025, please email: youth@stbernajax.com

Click to view last year's EDGE CAMP promotional video: [Edge Camp 2024 - Promo - YouTube](#)

Catch a glimpse of the activities: [Summer Camp Activities List - Camp White Pine](#)



JUNIOR EDGE (grades 1-4)
Night #8: Feel the Pressure
Monday Feb 10 6:30pm-8pm
EDGE (grades 5-8)
Night #7: Art Show
Friday Feb 14 7pm-8:30pm

Upcoming Summer Camps

TOTUS TUUS Parish Summer Camp

Day Program (gr. 1-6): July 14-18, 2025
Evening Program (gr. 8-12): July 13-17, 2025

SUMMER CAMPS (Camp White Pine, Haliburton)

EDGE CAMP (gr. 5-8): August 16-20, 2025
High School Leadership
Camp (gr. 9-12): August 16-20, 2025

Fundraising Breakfast



We, the Altar Servers Ministry is a very vibrant, enthusiastic group of young people who serve our parish with dedication and passion. We would like to invite you to attend our first (and certainly not last) Altar Servers Fundraising Breakfast on **Sunday, February 16th**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses in the parish hall. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast along with fellowship and fun! Tickets cost \$10 each, children between ages 5-10 cost \$5. All proceeds will go toward purchasing new liturgical items and Altar Server essentials. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Hope to see you there!

Catholic Women's Guild

Join us as we celebrate Christ as the Light of the World and a time of renewal!

- Votive Holder Decorating - A creative way to reflect on the light of Christ and create a personal light for prayer
- Candlemas Around the World - Discover how this feast is celebrated in different cultures
- Lourdes Healing Water Blessing - Receive a special blessing of healing and grace

Ladies, please join us for the Catholic Women's Guild meeting on **Tuesday February 18, at 7:15pm** in the parish Hall. All are welcome!



Pilgrims of Hope Celebrating the Jubilee Year

To live in hope - for all of us today, we need (now more than ever) to be people of hope. And so, we as a global Church celebrate hope in this Jubilee Year. Here in the Durham Region, our pilgrim church is St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church 194 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa, ON.

At St. Bernadette's, Father Chris will lead the Lenten Jubilee Day of Recollection on **Saturday April 5, 2025**, starting with Mass at 9:00am, followed by a series of reflections on hope, small group discussion as well as time for personal prayer and reflection and concluding at 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided, registration required so we can plan for lunch and for the day. Father Daniel will offer confession, so that those who attend and wish to receive the Jubilee Indulgence may do so. Please contact the parish office to register and reserve your spot.

Jubilee Indulgence

The Jubilee Indulgence is a plenary indulgence which thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy. It may also be sought for oneself. It is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. During a Jubilee Year, which normally happens every 25 years, all other indulgences previously granted remain in force and may be obtained by the faithful.

It is obtained in the same manner as any plenary indulgence. One who is truly repentant and free from any attachment to or desire for sin, moved by a spirit of charity, must perform a prescribed act to be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. The person must also go to Confession (within several days before or after the prescribed act), receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Pope (specifically praying 1 Our Father and 1 Hail Mary). The Jubilee Indulgence may be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory, which is a most commendable act of mercy itself.

Parish Faith Study

Jesus and the End Times: A Catholic View of the Last Days

Join us for an eye-opening exploration of the End Times from a truly Catholic perspective! In this engaging video talk by Dr. Brant Pitre, discover the REAL meaning behind biblical prophecies and gain deeper insight into these important questions:

- What does the number 666 mean?
- Who is the Anti-Christ?
- What about the so-called Rapture?

Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your faith and understanding of Scripture. All are welcome! Starting **Monday March 17** to April 7 at 9:30 in the Parish Hall.

2024 Income Tax Statements



In the coming weeks, we will be issuing your 2024 Tax Receipts. For those who gave in 2024 directly to the parish through PAG, donations including donation envelopes, we will be providing you a Pastor's Letter, a Financial Report and your statement. For those who gave through the Archdiocese of Toronto [DONATE NOW] or Canada Helps, they will issue your statement. We thank you for your generosity. We are hoping to have everything mailed by February 21st.

New Parish Office Hours

The parish office will be open for walk-ins and phone calls on **Wednesday evenings between 6pm-9pm**, during the month of February. These extended hours are being offered on a trial basis only. Our extended Wednesday evenings began on **February 5th**.

Also, beginning this weekend **February 8th**, the parish office hours on Saturdays and Sundays will be as follows:

Saturdays	Office Open	9:00am - 1:00pm
Sundays	Office Open	9:00am - 1:30pm

We hope these parish office hours will better serve your needs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER
2025

February 2-8		
<p>Monday February 3rd 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 7:00pm - SSVF Meeting (Council Room)</p> <p>Tuesday February 4th 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p>Wednesday February 5th 9:30am - Bible Study (Stage Side) 6:00pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall)</p> <p>Thursday February 6th 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday February 7th 6:30pm - Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass</p> <p>Saturday February 8th 9:30am - RCIC Class (Hall) 11:00am - Baptism 11:00am - First Communion Class (Hall) 12:00am - Hospitality New Members Training (Church) 1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)</p>
February 9-15		
<p>Sunday February 9th After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday February 10th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:30pm - Junior EDGE (Hall) 7:00pm - KOC Meeting (Council Room)</p> <p>Tuesday February 11th 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:00pm - Catholic Women's Guild Planning Meeting (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p>Wednesday February 12th 9:30am - Bible Study (Stage Side) 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Hall) 8:00pm - Parish Teen Ministry (Hall)</p> <p>Thursday February 13th 10:00am - Dennis O'Connor Grade 10 Retreat (Hall) 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday February 14th 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday February 15th 9:30am - RCIC Class (Council Room) 10:00am - St. Joseph Prayer Breakfast (Hall) 11:00am - First Communion Class (Council Room) 1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)</p>
February 16-22		
<p>Sunday February 16th After all morning Masses - Altar Servers Fundraising Breakfast (Hall)</p> <p>Monday February 17th - FAMILY DAY</p> <p>Tuesday February 18th 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Stage Side) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES)</p>	<p>Wednesday February 19th 9:30am - Bible Study (Stage Side) 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Hall) 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side)</p> <p>Thursday February 20th 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday February 21st 9:30am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - Jesus Youth (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday February 22nd 8:30am - Alpha Retreat (Hall) 9:30am - RCIC Class (Council Room) 11:00am - Baptism 11:00am - First Communion Class (Council Room)</p>
February 23-March 1		
<p>Sunday February 23rd After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday February 24th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:30pm - Junior EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Tuesday February 25th 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p>Wednesday February 26th 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Stage Side) 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side)</p> <p>Thursday February 27th 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday February 28th 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday March 1st 9:30am - RCIC Class (Hall) 10:00am - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side) 11:00am - First Communion Class (Hall)</p>

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Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music:

<https://bit.ly/3U3Rpxi>

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.

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