



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

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

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-9:30am
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 9:30am-12:00pm

WELCOME DESK:

Before and after all weekend
Masses

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,



At St. Bernadette's, we are more than individuals who gather for Sunday Mass – we are a parish family. And like any family, our life together depends on each person sharing their gifts.

Stewardship begins with recognizing that everything we have comes from God: our time, our talents, and our resources. When we offer even a small part of these back to Him through service, something beautiful happens. Our parish becomes more welcoming, more vibrant, and more alive.

There are many ways to be involved: greeting parishioners at the Welcome Desk, assisting as an usher or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, helping behind the scenes, or supporting one of our many ministries. Every role matters, and every contribution makes a difference.

If you have not yet found your place of service, I encourage you to prayerfully consider how God may be inviting you to participate more fully in parish life.

I am deeply grateful to all who already give so generously of their time and energy. Your dedication sustains our parish. Thank you to every volunteer and parishioner for your faithfulness and generosity.

God bless you always,

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

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Father Sean Jacob
Deacon Ron Vaz
Aquila D'Costa
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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: **Violet Azavedo, Anne**

Sinclair, and Albertina Caruso.

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Eva Zabudan.**

If you would like to be prayed for, please email us at office@stbernajax.com, or call the office.

Parish Announcements

Parish tax receipts will be issued in mid-February. At that time, we will also distribute our Stewardship Report with the bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our parish community.

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.

For the month of February, we celebrate with:

Feb 9	Sneha & Heflin Valentine	(29 years)
Feb 14	Aquila & Rahul	(10 years)
Feb 23	Gerardo & Marlene Delicano	(35 years)
Feb 28	Cheryl & Gord Nash	(51 years)

Coffee Sunday



You are warmly invited to join us for fellowship and community time at our next **Coffee Sunday, February 8**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am and Noon Masses in the Parish Hall. Coffee Sundays remind us that our life as disciples extends beyond the liturgy, as we build one another up in faith and grow together as a community rooted in Christ.

Next Coffee Sunday: **February 22**

Share Your Parish Moments!



We're gathering photos from our parish events throughout this year and would love to include your favourite moments of our community in action. If you have photos you'd like to share, **and for which**

proper consent has been given, please email them to: office3@stbernajax.com

From the Pews



Meet Aquilia, Rahul and Xena

My family and I have been parishioners of St. B's for the past four years, and from the moment we first walked through the doors, the warm smiles and welcoming spirit of the Ministers of Hospitality left a lasting impression on us. This beautiful parish has drawn us closer to the Lord and has deepened our devotion to St. Bernadette in a very special way.

We share in parish life by attending usually the 10:15am Mass supported with the Children's liturgy and Children's Choir. My daughter is currently enrolled in the First Communion program and actively participates in Jr. EDGE nights, which she eagerly looks forward to each week. Our parish continually offers meaningful opportunities to grow in faith, and I am deeply grateful to our Pastor, Associate Pastor, and Deacon for their guidance and care. We love to participate in wonderfully hosted parish events, dinners and activities that foster fellowship with one another. Events such as Coffee Sunday highlight the strong sense of community that makes St. B's so special. Being part of this vibrant parish is truly a privilege.

I am also blessed to serve our parish as the Office Administrator, which allows me to meet and interact with many of you regularly. I witness firsthand the dedication of so many volunteers who work tirelessly, many behind the scenes to support our parish community. I am continually inspired by your generosity, kindness, and acts of love, and I am truly grateful to be part of such a faith-filled family.



St. Bernadette Parish is hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance on **Saturday February 14, at 6:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

Join us for an evening of love and celebration, dinner, and dancing as we gather in the spirit of friendship and community.

Ticket Price: \$50 per person | \$100 per couple

For more information, please contact:

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

Julia Beattie: 905-683-1373

Mass Intentions

Saturday January 31- St. John Bosco

500pm ~ The Dorego family

Sunday February 1- 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Jose & Maria Machado

500pm + Matthew Maher

700pm ~ Dennis Kivlahan

Monday February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

800am ~ In thanksgiving for Don & Julia Beattie

Tuesday February 3 - St. Blaise

800am + Rolando Marasigan

Wednesday February 4

730pm + Sheila Canning

+ Mary Regina Mariathas

~ Linda Sarang

Thursday February 5 - St. Agatha

800am ~ Heather Machado

Friday February 6

800am + Michael Fox

Saturday February 7

900am + Tom Devonport

+ Anna Marie Laviolette

+ Prax Valley

+ Matthew Miller

+ Moira Coffey

Ash Wednesday - February 18

MASS & SERVICE (LOCATION)	TIMES
Parish Mass (Church)	8:00am
Notre Dame Secondary (At the School)	8:30am
Chartwell Harwood LTC Communion Service (At Chartwell)	9:15am
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary (At the School)	9:45am
Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary (At the School)	10:00am
Ballycliffe LTC Communion Service (At Ballycliffe)	10:00am
Lakeridge Gardens LTC Communion Service (At Lakeridge Gardens)	11:00am
Harwood Manor Apartments Communion Service (At Harwood Manor)	12:00pm
St. James Elementary (At the School)	12:30pm
St. Bernadette Elementary (Church)	2:00pm
Parish Mass (Church)	7:30pm
Please Note: No Confessions on Ash Wednesday	

For Our Young People

JUNIOR EDGE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30pm-8:00pm

Next Jr. EDGE Night: Monday February 9

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

Next EDGE Night: Friday February 13

SUMMIT (Grades 9-12) | 6:00pm-8:30pm

Next Summit Night: Sunday February 8

Upcoming Summer Camps 2026

EDGE CAMP (Grades 5-8)

Dates: August 19-23, 2026

Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

Registration opens March 1, 2026 | early-bird \$500

HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CAMP (Grades 9-12)

Dates: August 19-23, 2026

Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

Registration opens March 1, 2026

Finance Council

Periodically, Father Chris looks for active parishioners with special gifts and talents to serve as part of the three Stewardship (Advisory) Councils—Finance, Pastoral, and Building. If you work in finance and can assist, please contact our Finance Council Vice-Chair, Mrs. Denise Carson, at dtfcarson@gmail.com

Faith Studies

Wives Do What?

Join us on **Monday, February 2 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall for a video talk by Dr. Brant Pitre on the often-misunderstood passage from Ephesians 5. Dr. Pitre explains its true meaning, revealing Christ-centered love and mutual self-giving in marriage. All are welcome!

Fr. Augustus Tolton - From Slavery to Sainthood

Join us on **Monday, February 9 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall for a video and discussion on the life and witness of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first recognized Black Catholic priest in the United States. All are welcome!

The Crucifixion: A Priestly and Nuptial Act

Join us on **Monday, February 23 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall for a video presentation by Dr. John Bergsma on how St. John's Gospel reveals the Crucifixion as both Christ's priestly sacrifice and His self-giving love as Bridegroom. Discussion to follow. All are welcome!

Let's Connect



Discover Your Ministry, Share Your Gifts

At St. Bernadette's, there are many ministries where you can serve as a volunteer or participate as a member. Below is a list of our ministries, from liturgical roles that are part of the Mass, to opportunities for deepening and sharing your faith, to groups centered around fellowship and social connection.

To serve as a volunteer, join a group or simply learn more, please contact the Parish Office, stop by the Welcome Desk, or [click here to fill in our Volunteer Form](#). Our Volunteer Coordinator will follow-up with you to answer questions, connect you with ministry leaders, or help you find a ministry that best matches your interests and skills.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:

Altar Servers - Children and youth assisting at Mass
Baptism Coordinator - Assist to organize and set up for Baptisms
Choir/Music Ministry - Choirs at Masses, funerals, weddings & *the children's choir
***Collection Counters** - Assist in the secure counting of weekly offerings
***Communion Outreach** - Bring Communion to the sick or homebound
Eucharistic Ministers - Assist in distributing the Body of Christ at Mass
Lectors - Proclaim the Word of God at Mass
Ministry of Hospitality - Greet and welcome all who join together for Mass
Wedding Coordinator - Assist couples on their special day

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES:

The Alpha Course - Explore the basics of Christian faith
Bible Study - Journey deeper into Scripture and grow in understanding.
Faith Studies - Focused on faith and our parish family
Marriage Prep Course - Help couples prepare for a lifelong commitment
Christian Initiation for Adults - Help adults preparing for Baptism
***Christian Initiation for Young People** - Help children (7-17yrs) preparing for Baptism
***Sacramental Preparation Assistant** - Help with FHC and/or Confirmation classes

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

***Altar Servers** - Children and youth assisting at Mass
***Children's Liturgy/Sunday School Catechists** - Sharing the Word of God in a child-friendly way.
***Choir Sunday 10:15am (Children)** - Children's voices lifting praise to God
***EDGE Youth Group (Grades 5-8)** - Faith, fun, and fellowship for middle schoolers
***Jr. EDGE (Grades 1-4)** - Building a foundation of faith for younger students
***Jesus Youth** - Youth growing together in spirit and service
***Summit Teen Ministry** - Chosen for More. Climbing with Purpose. Elevating a faith life for teens

FAITH, FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE:

Catholic Women's Group - Social and service opportunities for women
Coffee Sundays - Fellowship after Mass with coffee and conversation
Craft Group - Creative fellowship - knitting for the homeless
Flowers & Decorating - Help beautify the church for seasons and liturgies
Funeral Receptions - Hospitality for grieving families
Gardening Committee - Keep our church grounds beautiful
Helping Hands - Supports those experiencing homelessness in our community
Hope & Life for Widows - Support and community for women who have lost a spouse
Knights of Columbus - Catholic men in service and fraternity
Legion of Mary - Evangelization through prayer and service
Livestreaming Team - Help broadcast Masses and events online
Meditation - Come find peace in Christ through contemplative prayer
Parish Vitality Ministry - Supports community life organizing social events that bring people together
***Rosary Apostolate** - Foster devotion to Our Lady through prayer
Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Serving those in need with compassion. Food bank and other resources

Notes:

Parental/Guardian consent is required for youth under the age of 18
*** May require a vulnerable sector/police check**

AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday, February 1

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, February 2

8:00am Mass
9:30am Faith Studies (Hall)
7:30pm SSVP Meeting (Council Room)

Tuesday, February 3

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

Wednesday, February 4

9:30am Bible Study (Hall)
10:30am Communion Outreach Service
(Lakeridge Gardens)
6:00pm First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
6:00pm Confirmation Preparation Pilot Discussion
Group (Council Room)
6:15pm Confession
7:30pm Mass

Thursday, February 5

8:00am Mass
10:00am Hope & Life Ministry (Hall)
6:15pm Choir Practice - 12pm Mass (Church)
6:30pm Alpha (Hall)

Friday, February 6

8:00am Mass
8:30am Adoration
8:30am Confession
1:00pm Funeral - Eva Zabudan

Saturday, February 7

7:30am St Joseph Men's Prayer (Hall)
9:00am Mass
9:30am Christian Initiation of Young People Class
(Hall)
11:00am First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
1:00pm Confirmation Class (Hall)
3:00pm Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall)
3:45pm Confession
5:00pm Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Supporting our Parish Community

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