



21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

August 25, 2024

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

21 Bayly Street East, Ajax, Ontario L1S 1P2
Phone: 905-683-1533

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

Saturday & Sunday

9:30am-2:30pm

Website:

<http://stbernajax.com>

From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Friends in Christ,

As we prepare for the year ahead, there are many of our parish ministries returning and looking for new members. In conjunction with the work our staff will be doing in the weeks to come on the parish website, we will be showcasing and featuring some of our important ministries and focusing on the way new members can get involved.

We thank you for the prayers you offered for our parish staff as we gathered for some time of prayerful retreat and reflection as well as team building. Our staff work very hard to serve you and their mental health and spiritual wellness are important for us all as our parish grows and we seek to do the Lord's work together.

And I thank YOU for being part of our parish community. I will be offering a pastoral letter after Labour Day as many of you return after (hopefully) a summer of rest, rejuvenation and renewal.

Your servant together in the Lord,

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 Schools

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary Jim MacNeil, Principal | Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain 905-427-6667

Notre Dame Secondary Sonya Melim, Principal | Jeannine Henry, Chaplain 905-686-4300

St. Bernadette Elementary John Linhares, Principal | Agnes Sararus, Parish Rep 905-683-0571

St. James Elementary Geraldine Borg, Principal | Elise Arbic, Parish Rep 905-242-7256

St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary Sheena Paul, Principal | Linda Sarang, Parish Rep 905-426-7065

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, Frederick Chafe, Jaime Villafuerte, Margaret Ayers and Roland Gregory.

We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing - we pray in a special way for Marie Genore and Kathleen Sullivan.

August Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

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| Aug 1 st | Victoria & Alex Ferreira (4 yrs) |
| Aug 3 rd | Anderson & Michelle Mendonca (11 yrs) |
| Aug 12 th | Rich & Trina Duhaney (18yrs) |
| Aug 14 th | Tim & Cathy Haynes (24 yrs) |
| Aug 15 th | Jose & Kathie Murphy-Gonzalez (15yrs) |
| Aug 16 th | Pat & Marie McCarthy (66 yrs) |
| Aug 16 th | Jean & Paul Cameron (43 yrs) |
| Aug 23 rd | Mary & Jim Psihogios (55 yrs) |
| Aug 23 rd | Elizabeth & Vince Mariglia (55 yrs) |
| Aug 24 th | Michelle & Dale MacMillian (22yrs) |
| Aug 25 th | Gad & Rinnette Hamak (11 yrs) |
| Aug 27 th | John & Sheila Canning (57 yrs) |

Our Weekly Offerings



Thank **you** all for your continued generosity, with your time, your talents, and your treasures! This is what was shared of your treasures this week:

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| LAST WK'S OFFERTORY (incl PAG): | \$ 7,522.00 |
| LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND: | \$ 434.00 |
| BUILDING FUND TOTAL: | \$ 379,501.75 |

Mass Intentions

Saturday August 24 - St Bartholomew

900am + Mary Carson
+ Roosevelt Colaco
+ Maureen Edgar
~ Emily Jakins
~ McCarthy Family
500pm + Remedios Quinon

Sunday August 25 - St Louis

500pm + Karen and John Brady
700pm + Emmanuel Xavier

Monday August 26

800am + Desmond Grieve

Tuesday August 27 - St Monica

Wednesday August 28 - St Augustine

730pm + Natalio Bassetto
+ Leopold Lobo
+ Carlos Oliveira

Thursday August 29 - St John the Baptist

800am + Grace Matelska

Friday August 30

800am + Joseph Hovorka Sr.

Saturday August 31

500pm + Antonio DeCastro

Welcome Back Breakfasts & After

Mass Socials

On Sunday September 15th we look forward to welcoming everyone back with our Welcome Back breakfasts at 9:30am and 11:15am in the Parish Hall, inviting all parishioners to attend. We will be charging a nominal fee of \$5.00, which will go towards the Parish Building Fund.

At the breakfasts as well as the Coffee/Cider socials (after all other Masses this weekend) we will have many of our parish ministries on display on the peripheries of the Parish Hall.

Parish Sound System

Our sound system has served us well for 20 years, but recent malfunctions and outdated components mean repairs are no longer viable. We need to replace the system at a cost of around \$50,000. Fortunately, our speakers are still in good condition. Beginning mid-September, we will explore fund raising for the system upgrades as well as installing a permanent projector for music, devotions, and more.

Connecting with Your Priests

Our priests, Father Chris and Father Daniel work hard to serve all the parishioners of St. Bernadette's to the best of their abilities, but we recognize that there are several people dropping by the office expecting to find a priest available in his office. Unfortunately, much of their work is away from their desks. To serve parishioners better, they both will schedule time in the office when possible, for parishioners who wish to speak to them by phone one day a week.

Father Chris will try his best to be available on **Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm** and Father Daniel on **Tuesday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm**.

Please note: These times **cannot always be guaranteed**. Please call ahead to the office. We ask that your calls during this time be no more than 10 minutes in duration and if a further or longer conversation or an in-person meeting is required, the priests will determine that in speaking with you.

Edge Camp

This week is EDGE CAMP! From Sunday Aug. 25 to Thursday August 29, 22 young people from our parish will gain the opportunity to celebrate their Catholic faith with peers and other participants at Camp White Pine in Haliburton. Please pray for our EDGers who will discover what it means to be "set apart" as disciples of Christ!



Bible Study

Fall Bible Study "A Deep Dive into the Gospel of Luke" begins Wednesday September 11 and runs for 20 weeks. Study sessions will be held Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. The study guide can be purchased (optional) for \$35. Please contact Susan to register or for more information at: susangkennedy@gmail.com or 905-427-6137.

New Catholic Women's Guild

We're excited to launch St Bernadette's new Catholic Women's Guild, bringing together women of all ages for prayer, fellowship and service. This group offers a space to grow in faith, connect with others, and live out our Catholic values.

Join us for our first gathering on Tuesday September 17, @7pm in the parish hall to be a part of a supportive community of women dedicated to deepening their relationship with Christ. Come and meet us at the Welcome Back Breakfast on September 15.

Faith Studies

Experience a transformative journey through the Scriptures with Bishop Barron's DVD presentation, Priest, Prophet, King. In this engaging series, we will discover Jesus as the Anointed One, the ultimate Priest, Prophet, and King, as foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Through small group discussions, we will deepen our understanding and learn how we too are called to serve as Priests, Prophets, and Kings in our own lives. Starts on Monday September 16, @9:30am in the parish hall.

Huronia Holy Land Pilgrimage



We will once again be making a Parish Pilgrimage to the Huronia Holy Lands, visiting the little known and yet significant sites where our Catholic Christian faith traditions began here in Canada! This pilgrimage will be led by Father Chris, assisted by Amanda Wetmore & Pat Fowler. The pilgrimage leaves St. Bernadette's the morning of Saturday September 21st and will return in the evening. The cost will be \$52 per person. Please contact Amanda at 647-283-1593 or Email at amandajoanwetmore@gmail.com

Book Sale

On Sunday September 29, our parish will be hosting a book & media sale in the parish hall during Coffee Sunday after each morning Mass. A variety of books & DVDs will be available based on pay-what-you-can donations.

If you would like to donate any books or DVDs towards this event, please contact Monika Matelski: youth@stbernajax.com or 905-683-1533 Ext. 204. All proceeds will go towards the parish building fund.

Parish Ministries

There are many ways big and small to “get involved” around St. Bernadette’s. Below are our parish ministries along with the ministry coordinators. If you would like to get involved, it’s easy!! Take a few moments to fill in our form at <https://bit.ly/46kDIFm>. You will be contacted for a short virtual meet and greet with the Ministry Coordinator and Volunteer Screening Team. They will begin the screening process, which is usually completed within a week. You can also email us: stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com. For more information on our ministries, please contact the Parish Office.

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| The Alpha Course | Robert LeBlanc | Handmaids of the Lord | Rhea Nazareno |
| Altar Servers | Lianson Wilson | Legion of Mary | Exal Montes |
| Bereavement Ministry | Shanti Ferdinand | Meditation | Trevor Pereira |
| Bible Study | Susan Kennedy | Ministry of Hospitality | Faizul & Vnette Rahim |
| Bingo | Anne Marie Dennis | Society of St. Vincent de Paul | Sharron Monk |
| Catholic Mom’s Group | Cathy Haynes | Rosary Apostolate | Susan Dulny |
| Coffee Thursdays | Julia Beattie | Wedding Coordinators | Marisa Hall |
| Coffee Sundays | Denise Carson & Julia Beattie | Young Adult Ministry | Father Daniel Lee |
| Children’s Liturgy | Elise Arbic | Sacramental Preparation | |
| Choir Saturday 5:00pm | Ronnie Pasajol | Baptism | Father Chris |
| Choir Sunday 8:30am | Tatjana Smrekar | Baptism Coordinators | Father Chris |
| Choir Sun 10:15am (children) | Michelle Kirkwood | First Communion | Robert LeBlanc |
| Choir Sunday 12:00pm | Ronnie Pasajol | Confirmation | Robert LeBlanc |
| Choir Sunday 5:00pm | Ronnie Pasajol | Marriage Preparation | Mark & Linda Sarang |
| Choir Sunday 7:00pm | Stan Rodrigo | Adult Initiation (RCIA) | Robert LeBlanc |
| Collection Counters | Catherine Sheridan | Initiation for Young People | Robert LeBlanc |
| EDGE Youth Group | Monika Matelski | Communion Outreach | |
| Junior EDGE Youth Group | Elisa Barbeito | Communion to Homebound | Denise Carson |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Karen Takacs | Harwood Place | Mark-Andre Simard |
| Euchre | Pat Fowler | Harwood Manor | Susan Falcone |
| Lectors (readers) | Jennifer Del Monte | Ballycliffe | Deacon Ron Vaz |
| Craft Group | Beatrice Zuzarte | Ajax-Pickering Hospital | Deacon Ron Vaz |
| Rosary Makers | Phyl Birch | Lakeridge Gardens | Deacon Ron Vaz |
| Knights of Columbus | Ron Larock | School Council Parish Liaisons | |
| Daughters of Isabella | Monique Beaudoin | St. Bernadette Elementary | Agnes Sararus |
| Faith Studies | Susan Kennedy | St. James Elementary | Elise Arbic |
| Flowers & Decorating | Catherine Sheridan | St. Teresa of Calcutta | Linda Sarang |
| Funeral Receptions | Julia Beattie | Denis O’Connor Secondary | Cathy Haynes |
| Parish Staff | | | |
| Father Chris Lemieux, Pastor | | pastor@stbernajax.com | |
| Father Daniel Lee, Associate Pastor | | associate@stbernajax.com | |
| Deacon Ron Vaz, Parish Deacon | | deacon@stbernajax.com | |
| Aquila D’Costa, Parish Secretary | | office@stbernajax.com | |
| Robert LeBlanc, Lay Pastoral Associate | | lpa@stbernajax.com | |
| Monika Matelski, Youth Coordinator | | youth@stbernajax.com | |
| Marva Thomas, Administrative Assistant | | office3@stbernajax.com | |
| Sue McGee, Parish Bookkeeper | | admin@stbernajax.com | |

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 25th - SEPTEMBER 2nd

25th - 8am
Bus departs to EDGE Camp

27th - 2pm
Legion of Mary
(Council Room)

29th - 2:30pm
Bus arrives from EDGE Camp

2nd - All Day
Labour Day

SEPTEMBER 3rd - 12th

10th - 6:30pm
RCIA Catechist Team Meeting
(In Parish Hall)

12th - 7pm
Finance Council
(Boardroom)

SEPTEMBER 13th - 22nd

15th - 8am
Welcome Back Breakfast
(In Parish Hall)

17th - 6:30pm
RCIA Sponsor Workshop

21st - 7am
Huron Holy Land Bus Pilgrimage

22nd - All Day
OCY Teen Training

SEPTEMBER 23rd - 30th

24th - 5:30pm
Confirmation Team Training
(In Parish Hall)

25th - 5:30 pm
FHC Team Training
(In Parish Hall)

26th - 6pm
FHC Parent Info Meeting
(Church)

26th - 7pm
Pastoral Council Meeting
(Boardroom)

26th - 7:30pm
Confirmation Parent Info Meeting
(Church)

28th - 10am
FHC Parent Info Meeting
(Church)

**FALL
2024**

29th - 7am
Coffee Sunday
(In Parish Hall)

30th - 6pm
Baptism Preperation Class
(In Parish Hall)

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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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