



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent April 6, 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

### 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, 3pm-6pm

Sunday

9:00am-1:30pm, 4pm-8pm

## From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, Lianson Wilson, one of our Office Assistants will be speaking to us at the end of Mass about the importance of volunteering and being involved/getting involved in our parish and parish community. Lent is a season when we regroup and renew ourselves as Christians, and Easter is a season that having worked on (spiritual) growth and development we begin again. I ask you to consider the ways you contribute to our community; the gift of your stewardship (time, treasure and talents). My hope is that Spring and Easter bring a sense of renewed commitment and strength of faith to us all; some of that shared with our family - your family here at St. Bernadette's.

Yours faithfully 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](mailto:office@stbernajax.com)

**First Confession/Communion** - with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Confirmation** - with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Daniel Lee

Deacon Ron Vaz

Aquilia D'Costa

Robert LeBlanc

Monika Matelski

Marva Thomas

Sue McGee

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## Registering is Important

Registering at St Bernadette's allows you to fully participate in our community, access sacraments, and benefit from parish services. It's a way to contribute to the life of the Church, build meaningful connections with fellow parishioners, and help us plan for future activities to better serve you.

If you worship with us but live outside the parish boundaries, registration is especially important for official requests or sacramental needs. If you're not yet registered, please take this simple step today: [Click here to register](#)

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## April Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

Apr 27 Mike & Edna Dietz (21 years)  
Apr 30 Roman and Vesna Zakrajsek (20 years)

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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, Jaime Villafuerte, and Faye Marechal.**

*We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing. We remember Salvatore Rodrigues.*

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## Coffee Sunday



Please join us this weekend for Coffee Sunday **April 6**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. Enjoy fresh coffee, hot chocolate, juice & treats.

It's a great opportunity to connect with friends and meet others in our church community.

Please note that there will be no Coffee Sunday on Mother's Day. We look forward to seeing you at the next one.

### **Upcoming Coffee Sundays:**

April 27  
May 4

## Parish Building & Maintenance Fund



We continue to include among our second collections, the Building & Maintenance Fund collection, the first Sunday of each month, this weekend collection: April 5 & 6. We will continue to prioritize improvements to our parish.

- Parish Office improvements
- Rectory reconstruction and development
- New blinds for the Parish Hall
- Landscaping work (Phase II)
- Sidewalk improvements

**Offertory for (March 30) \$ 6,386.00**  
**Building Fund Total \$ 431,074.37**

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## Welcome Desk & Office Kiosk

Starting this weekend, we will be moving our Parish Office to the Narthex of the Church before and after Sunday Masses, and to the Parish Hall during community gatherings. This will be our "Welcome Desk & Office Kiosk".

One of the things we love to hear is how welcoming people find St. Bernadette's Parish. This Welcome Desk is another way to help more of our parishioners and visitors who join us for worship. Here are some of the services you can access at the desk:

- Register as a Parishioner
- Register for Bulletins
- Book Mass Intentions
- Pre-register for Baptisms
- Sign up for Volunteering Opportunities

We will continue to develop and expand the services offered at the Welcome Desk.

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## The Scrutinies

This weekend we will be celebrating our third and final Scrutiny for the Elect. Next weekend we will resume Year B liturgical readings. We will continue to keep the Elect in our prayers.

Jack Valerio  
Kayla Andrew  
Tracy Hudson  
Jessica Paniuta  
Taras Paniuta  
Emily Hinkson  
Veronica Bryant  
Jeff Rankine  
Bonita Gordon  
Blake Langford

Colin Veecock  
Madison R  
Cali R  
Jayden H  
Dayna-Rae J  
Dakoda L  
Bailee L  
Blakelee L  
Ayanna M

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> - St. Vincent Ferrer

900am + Peter Quittenton  
+ Silvestre Plaza  
+ Gil Gomez  
+ Tony Beirne  
~ Edelweiss Mendoza  
500pm ~ Marlene Katzman

### Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

8:30am ~ Ann McGarry  
500pm + Anthony Ironside  
700pm ~ Martin Katzman

### Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> - St. John Baptist de la Salle

800am + Fr. Peter Ryan

### Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>

800am + Lorna Taliwaga

### Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>

730pm + Rolito General  
+ Michael McGuire  
+ Paul Chater  
+ Carole Anne Isnor  
+ Connie Ferrara

### Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>

800am + Zenaida Pagarigan

### Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>

900am + Roosevelt Colaço  
+ Joanna Constand  
+ Godofredo M. Alcabao  
+ Esperanza Thorne Marasigan  
500pm + Diane Tanfara Burns

## Volunteering in the Parish

These ministries are open and welcoming new members. Please stop by our Welcome Desk to SIGN-UP!

|                         |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| The Alpha Course        | Flowers & Decorating           |
| Altar Servers           | Lectors (readers)              |
| Catholic Women's Guild  | Live Streaming                 |
| Children's Liturgy      | Rosary Apostolate              |
| Choir - Saturday 5:00pm | Society of St. Vincent de Paul |
| Choir - Sunday 8:30am   | Wedding Coordinators           |
| Choir - Sunday 10:15am  | Baptism Coordinators           |
| Choir - Sunday 12:00pm  | First Communion                |
| Choir - Sunday 5:00pm   | Confirmation                   |
| Choir - Sunday 7:00pm   | Marriage Preparation           |
| Coffee Sundays          | Ballycliffe                    |
| Collection Counters     | Communion to Homebound         |
| EDGE Youth Group        | Harwood Place                  |
| Junior EDGE Youth Group | Lakeridge Gardens              |
| Eucharistic Ministers   |                                |

## TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP

**Registration is open!** Register: <https://bit.ly/41Cl5Qt>

### **Summer Camp Dates:**

July 14-18, 2025 | 9:00am - 2:30pm (DAY PROGRAM for grades 1-6)

July 13-17, 2025 | 6:00pm - 9:00pm (EVENING PROGRAM for grades 7-12)

### **Participant Registration fees:**

\$100/child | \$65 for additional siblings (DAY PROGRAM)

\$30/youth (EVENING PROGRAM)

Cash or cheque (written out to "St. Bernadette Parish") to be brought to parish office.

## Lent & Easter Parish Schedule

### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays of Lent at 7:30pm  
(led by select parish ministries)

### **RCIA Day of Recollection**

Saturday April 12, 9:00am - 2:00pm (starts with Mass)

### **Confessions**

Wednesday April 16, 6:00pm - 7:15pm

### **Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Thursday April 17, 8:00pm

(Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration in the Chapel of Repose - Parish Hall until midnight)

### **Good Friday - Friday April 18**

Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 9:00am (rain or shine)

**Good Friday Services** 11:00am | 1:00pm | 3:00pm

### **Holy Saturday - Saturday April 19**

Easter Rehearsals & Decorating - 9:00am

Blessing of Easter Baskets - 9:30am (Parish Hall)

(Church closed to the public all day)

### **Easter Vigil - Saturday April 19, 8:00pm**

(come early for seating and Parish Hall overflow)

### **Easter Masses - Sunday April 20**

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

Please note, there will be a parish celebration following the Easter Vigil in the Parish Hall - all are welcome!



New participants are welcome to join both Junior Edge and EDGE as we begin a new semester!

Registration: <https://bit.ly/4emdssa>

**JUNIOR EDGE** (grades 1-4)

Monday April 28 | 6:30pm-8pm

**EDGE** (grades 5-8)

Friday April 11 | 7pm-8:30pm

# UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING  
2025

| April 6-12   |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <p><b>Sunday April 6</b><br/>After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p><b>Monday April 7</b><br/>9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall)<br/>6:00pm - Baptism Prep Class (Hall)<br/>7:30pm - EDGE Camp Info Session (Hall)</p>                                      | <p><b>Tuesday April 8</b><br/>2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)<br/>7:00pm - CWG Planning Meeting (Council Room)<br/>7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p><b>Wednesday April 9</b><br/>7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p>               | <p><b>Friday April 11</b><br/>9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Stage Side)<br/>7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)<br/>7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p><b>Saturday April 12</b><br/>9:00am - RCIA Day of Recollection (Church &amp; Hall)</p>   |
| April 13-19  |   |   |
| <p><b>Sunday April 13 - Palm Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Monday April 14</b><br/>9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall)<br/>6:00pm - Holy Thursday Rehearsal (Church &amp; Hall)<br/>7:00pm - Good Friday Rehearsal (Church &amp; Hall)<br/>7:00pm - K of C Meeting (Council Room)</p> | <p><b>Tuesday April 15</b><br/>10:00am - DOC Retreat (Hall)<br/>2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)<br/>7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Stage Side)</p> <p><b>Wednesday April 16</b><br/>7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p>           | <p><b>Thursday April 17 - Holy Thursday</b></p> <p><b>Friday April 18 - Good Friday</b><br/>9:00am - Stations of the Cross (Outdoor)</p> <p><b>Saturday April 19 - Holy Saturday</b><br/>9:30am - Blessing of Easter Baskets (Hall)<br/>10:00am - Easter Vigil Rehearsal (Church)<br/>10:00pm - Easter Reception (Hall)</p> |
| April 20-26  |   |   |
| <p><b>Sunday April 20 - Easter Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Monday April 21 - Easter Monday</b><br/><i>Mass starts at 9am</i></p>  | <p><b>Tuesday April 22</b><br/>2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)<br/>6:00pm - K of C Membership Meeting (Ajax Public Library)<br/>7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p><b>Wednesday April 23</b><br/>7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p> | <p><b>Thursday April 24</b><br/>7:00pm - Confirmation Mass</p> <p><b>Friday April 25</b><br/>9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Stage Side)<br/>6:30pm - EDGE Family Easter Event (Hall)</p> <p><b>Saturday April 26</b><br/>10:00am - Confirmation Mass<br/>1:00pm - Confirmation Mass</p>                        |
| April 27-May 3   |   |   |
| <p><b>Sunday April 27</b><br/>After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)<br/>2:00pm - Divine Mercy Event (Hall)</p> <p><b>Monday April 28</b><br/>9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall)<br/>6:30pm - Jr. EDGE (Hall)</p>  | <p><b>Tuesday April 29</b><br/>2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)<br/>7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p><b>Thursday May 1</b><br/>10:00am - Craft Group (Stage Side)<br/>10:00am - Hope and Life for Widows (Kitchen Side)</p>                    | <p><b>Saturday May 3</b><br/>11:00am - First Holy Communion Mass</p>  |

# Lenten Day of Confessions

Durham Regional Zone 11 - Eastern Pastoral Region

| <i>Parish</i>                   | <i>Date</i> | <i>Times</i>                                     | <i>Other Languages</i>               |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Ajax</i>                     |             |  |                                      |
| St. Bernadette                  | March 26    | 10:00am-1:00pm<br>4:30pm-7:00pm                  |                                      |
|                                 | April 16    | 6:00pm-7:15pm                                    |                                      |
| St. Francis de Sales            | April 8     | 7:00pm-10:00pm                                   |                                      |
| <i>Beaverton</i>                |             |  |                                      |
| St. Joseph's                    | April 10    | 11:00am-1:00pm<br>2:00pm-3:00pm                  |                                      |
| <i>Oshawa</i>                   |             |  |                                      |
| Assomption de Notre-Dame Parish | March 30    | 10:45am-12:00pm                                  | English, French, Italian and Spanish |
|                                 | March 31    | 10:00am-12:00pm<br>2:00pm-7:00pm                 |                                      |
|                                 | April 1     | 2:00pm-7:00pm                                    |                                      |
|                                 | April 5     | 2:00pm-6:00pm                                    |                                      |
| Holy Cross                      | April 3     | 9:30am-11:00am<br>5:00pm-7:00pm                  |                                      |
| St. Gertrude's                  | April 5     | 9:15am-4:45pm                                    |                                      |
| St. Gregory the Great           | April 4     | 3:00pm-6:45pm                                    |                                      |
| St. Hedwig's                    | April 5     | 4:00pm-4:50pm                                    | Polish                               |
|                                 | April 7     | 6:00pm-6:55pm                                    |                                      |
|                                 | April 8     | 6:00pm-6:55pm                                    |                                      |
|                                 | April 9     | 6:00pm-8:00pm                                    |                                      |
| St. Joseph the Worker           | April 10    | 9:45am-12:00pm<br>7:00pm-9:00pm                  |                                      |
| St. Mary of the People          | April 2     | 9:00am-11:00am<br>2:00pm-4:00pm<br>6:00pm-8:00pm |                                      |
| St. Philip the Apostle          | March 30    | 9:00am-9:25am                                    | French, Italian and Spanish          |
|                                 | April 1     | 3:30pm-6:00pm                                    |                                      |
|                                 | April 4     | 2:00pm-6:30pm                                    |                                      |
| <i>Pickering</i>                |             |  |                                      |
| St. Isaac Jogues                | April 8     | 7:00pm until finish                              |                                      |
| <i>Uxbridge</i>                 |             |  |                                      |
| Sacred Heart                    | March 29    | 10:00am-12:00pm                                  |                                      |
|                                 | April 2     | 6:00pm-7:30pm                                    |                                      |
|                                 | April 8     | 5:30pm-6:45pm                                    |                                      |
|                                 | April 9     | 6:00pm-7:30pm                                    |                                      |
|                                 | April 18    | 4:00pm-5:00pm                                    |                                      |
| <i>Whitby</i>                   |             |  |                                      |
| Holy Family                     | April 2     | 8:00pm   |                                      |
| St. John the Evangelist         | April 1     | 9:30am-11:30am<br>2:00pm-4:00pm<br>7:00pm-8:30pm | Spanish                              |

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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.

Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music: <https://bit.ly/3U3Rpxi>



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