

Sunday May 1, 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

900am -12:30pm 1:30pm-3:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 9:30am to 1:30pm

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm – Sunday 8:30am 10:15am 12:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 8:15am Wednesday 7:30pm

Saturday 9:00am (Begins with Devotions to St. Bernadette)

PARISH CONFESSIONS Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm Fridays 9:00-9:45am Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm

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SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Mandatory Baptism

Preparation offered virtually at this time.

Sacrament of Marriage ~ contact the Parish Office at least one

year in advance and a priest will make an appointment with you.

Sacrament of the Sick ~ contact the Parish Office right away.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Elementary

Penny Delaney, Principal 905-683-0571

Agnes Sararus, Parish Rep 647-970-1978

St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary

Sheena Paul, Principal 905-426-7065

Linda Sarang, Parish Rep 416-523-2062

St. James Elementary

Manuela Michelin, Principal 905-427-3327

Jennifer Del Monte, Parish Rep 289-660-1810

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John Di Vizio, Principal 905-427-6667

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Notre Dame Secondary

Sonya Melim, Principal 905-686-4300

Jeannine Henry, Chaplain 905-686-4300

...from Our Pastor...



Dear Friends,

God so loved the world He gave us His Son, who from the beginning came to give Himself totally and completely for each and every one of us! We celebrate that each and every day of our Christian lives but especially in the Easter season. As we start the month of May, there are so many physical signs of “new life” all around us. New grass, new leaves as many of the trees have buds on them, new flowers – the list goes on. Let us then stop for a moment or two this week, and consider our

faith. As we celebrate the “newness” of our faith that comes to us in Easter, may that newness include more faith, a deeper sense of hope and thus commitment, and love. May we share that newness with everyone whom we meet.

I remain, faithfully yours...

Fr. Chris

For Our New Parishioners

If you are just joining our community, please click on "I'm New" on our parish website, come to the parish office or email office@stbernajax.com to set up a time to stop by. Our pastoral team members want to welcome you!

Keeping Our Community Together in Worship, Prayer & Fellowship

We welcome everyone to full capacity in the church once again! For those who are not quite ready for this and wish to maintain social distancing, please consider attending Mass with the community in the Parish Hall (livestreamed); just let one of the Ministers of Hospitality know you'll be there!

Sunday Mass on YouTube

Livestreamed Masses can be found on the link below
The link: <https://bit.ly/2HqxVRO>

[MAY 1 – 1200PM \(NOON\)](#)

[MAY 8 – 10:15am](#)

[MAY 15 – 12:00PM \(NOON\)](#)

[MAY 22 – 10:15am](#)

Praying for Our People



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, in particular for *Helen Clarke, Joan & Bert Leung, Roman & Vesna Zakrajšek, Nigel Boos, Jean Villafuerte, Carmen Flores, Ray Khan & Theresa Noonan*

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died from our parish, especially *Joe Dickson*.

May Anniversaries

May 3rd Tito & Estrelita Caguada (53 years)
May 12th Fr. Chris Lemieux [ordination] (10 years)
May 14th John & Anne Nazareth (50 years)
May 28th Stan & Lovina Rodrigo (25 years)

Parish Fund Raising Committee

Faizul & Vinette Rahim, Betty Bujold, Julia Beattie, Linda Sarang, Denise Carson, Victoria Ferreira, Ron & Susana Munarriz, Roy & Rhea Nazareno, Pat McCarthy

Upcoming Events in the Parish

Celebrating Our Parish



This year is the 70th Anniversary of St. Bernadette's Parish.

We are looking for suggestions on how you would like to see our parish's milestone celebrated. Also, if you have any archived material or photos that you would like to see included in the celebration in some way please let us know.

Please contact Suzanne Cloutier at scloutier@bell.net or phone 905-619-8014 with your ideas and suggestions.

In honour of our 70th Anniversary, a photo directory will be created to commemorate this celebration. All families and parishioners will be invited to have their pictures taken. This will take place from mid to the end of June 2022. An announcement with the specific schedule will be made in our next bulletin. Come and join us and be part of our parish community!

Altar Servers



"Not only a duty but a great honour, a true holy service" (St. Pope John Paul II)

The altar server ministry is a great place for young people to begin a life of service, of Christian Discipleship. It is a wonderful gift of service to your community, for your parents, relatives, and friends.

For the past few months, our altar servers have been doing a magnificent job. They have been serving at our masses, but we still need more boys and girls. If you have received your First Holy Communion, you can be an altar server.

If you are interested in becoming an altar server or have any questions, please speak to the priests, or email Mark Sarang at mark7119@gmail.com. Thank you!

St. Bernadette's Young Adult Group

If you've been looking for a sign to get out more and hang out with new people, well, this is it. St. Bernadette's Parish is reviving the Young Adults Group! We are inviting all young adults to join us build community and grow in faith. Join us in person for **Pints with Padre** where we meet somewhere local to share our faith over pints. Join our growing community on our private Discord server to always be kept in the loop (<https://discord.gg/N7OECVgEVG>)! If you have any questions or would like more information, please e-mail Fr. Kevin at associate@stbernajax.com.



The Youth of St. Bernadette



On Friday May 13, we meet in the parish hall at 7:00pm for our next EDGE Night. The Night is called "QUANTUM LEAP: Why Do I Have to Stand and Kneel So Much?" We continue to explore the importance of Holy Mass through a dynamic program which includes group games, reflection, group discussions, and prayer. For more information, please contact Monika Matelski youth@stbernajax.com.



On Monday May 9 we meet with our students in grades 3 & 4 for another JUNIOR EDGE

Night. Come and meet new friends and our awesome team of volunteers at 630pm-800pm in the parish hall! We have games, activities, and crafts ready for you! For any parents who wish to register their child, please contact Monika Matelski: youth@stbernajax.com.

Totus Tuus



SPOTS ARE QUICKLY FILLING UP! Our Parish is hosting a dynamic summer camp called Totus Tuus for our children and youth in grades 1-12. Young

adult missionaries will be coming to our parish in order to facilitate a program that focuses on the sacramental life through games, group activities, time with Scripture, daily Mass, and the whole lot of fun of a summer camp!

DAY CAMP grades 1 to 6: July 25-29 (900am - 230pm)

EVENING CAMP grades 7-12: July 24-28 (645pm-900pm)

COST: Day camp is \$75.00 (additional siblings \$50.00) & evening camp is \$20.00.

Prices are per camper and for the whole week!

Please contact Monika Matelski as registration is open and spots are limited: youth@stbernajax.com.



Father Chris has scheduled the dates for the Holy Communion Masses which will take place on Saturday May 21 and Saturday May 28. We look forward to this special day! Tickets for guests are available for pick-up at the parish office.

Thank you to all parents and Confirmation sponsors who attended the online retreat which was held on two dates, April 23 and April 30. As we look forward to the Confirmation Masses on May 7, Fr. Chris is meeting with the Confirmandi online this upcoming week.

Community Pasta Dinner

Our Fund-Raising Committee is hosting a Parish Pasta Dinner on Saturday May 28, 2022 at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. All proceeds from this dinner will go towards our Parish Building Fund. Please see the bulletin boards for more information. **Tickets can be purchased from the Parish Fund Raising Team or at the Parish Office.** Please email Faizul or Vinette Rahim @ faizulvinette64@gmail.com



Girl Talk: A Mother-Daughter Tea & Presentation

Saturday May 14: For girls Grades 6 to 8 & their Mom's

(or guardian, aunt, mentor....) This event will run from 10 am to 1:00 pm with a \$10 (covers cost of food, drinks and a book). Our hope & desire is to help support mothers in their task of educating their daughters in Christian sexuality.

The presentation includes videos & activities, along with handouts for further information. And includes a copy of the book, *How to Find Your Soulmate*, by Jason and Crystalina Evert.

Join us for a faith-filled look at what it means to be a girl in today's society.

Contact: Rose Heron; rose.heron@mailo.com or 905-683-9055 or Susan susangkennedy@gmail.com 905-427-6137



St. Bernadette's Days of Dore...

By Suzanne Cloutier

My earliest childhood memory is being in church at the old mission church of St. Bernadette Parish. The church was housed in a wartime building belonging to Defence Industries Limited (DIL).

My father lifted me onto the kneeler so that I would be able to see the altar and the priest. I know that I must have been very young because my chin just rested on the pew ahead of me.

Often Mrs. Azzopardi played the organ (which was once in the DIL recreational hall) and there was one key that squeaked. Mass was said in Latin and the ladies of the parish were required to wear a hat in church.

St. Bernadette's parish didn't stay many years in this building, only until the new church, our present church was built.

Do you have any memories or photos from the beginning of our parish? Please send me your stories or phone me and we'll share them!

Suzanne Cloutier 905-619-8014 or scloutier@bell.net

Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, Ontario L1X 1V4
<http://www.manresa-canada.ca/>

Saturday, May 7, 2022

9:30am – 5:00pm

"Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?"

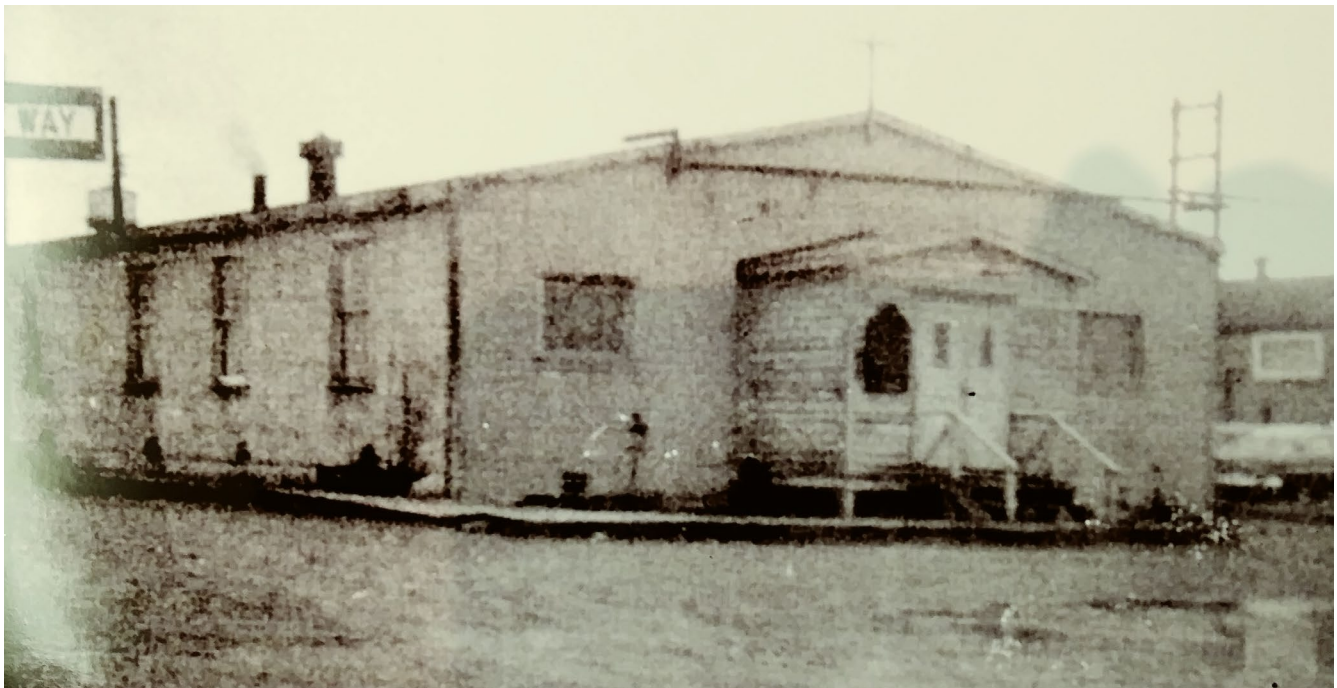
Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith.

At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.

Facilitated by: Sr Claire Marchal and Mary Hyland

Suggested offering: \$50 (includes lunch)

Please contact: Mary Hyland – (905)441-0957



Around the Parish This Week...

Saturday April 30 – Saint Marie of the Incarnation

900am Mass
930am Confirmandi Parents & Sponsors Retreat (Virtual)
1000am Apologetics (Virtual)
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Council room)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday May 1 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses

Monday May 2 – Saint Athanasius

815am Mass
930am Theology of the Body (Virtual)
430pm DCDSB Board Wide Mass & reception

Tuesday May 3 – Saint Philip & Saint James

815am Mass
645pm Legion of Mary (Council room)
730pm RCIA (Hall)

Wednesday May 4 – Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis

1100am Funeral
630pm Daughters of Isabella (Hall Kitchen Side)
630pm Parish Confessions
730pm Mass – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday May 5

815am Mass
630pm Alpha (Hall)
730pm Choir practice for 830am Mass
800pm Catholic Mom's Group (Virtual)

Friday May 6 – Saint François de Laval, Patron of the

Bishops of Canada

815am Mass
900am Parish Confessions
915am – 700pm Adoration
730pm Mass

Saturday May 7

900am Mass
1000am Meditation (Virtual)
1100am Confirmation
100pm Confirmation
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Council room)
300pm Confirmation
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday May 8 – 4th Sunday of Easter

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses
230pm Baptisms

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday April 30

500pm Repose of the soul of Alfred Francis Browne

Sunday May 1

830am Repose of the souls of Mireille & Torcom Zadoyan
1015am Repose of the soul of Kate Hudson
1200pm Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
500pm Repose of the soul of Marlene Diorio
700pm For the intention of Richard Allen

Monday May 2

815am Repose of the soul of Mary Ruocco

Tuesday May 3

815am In thanksgiving for Tito & Estrelita Caguada's 53rd wedding anniversary

Wednesday May 4

730pm ~ Repose of the soul of Richard Pedrozo
~ Repose of the soul of Edward Vanattan
~ Repose of the soul of Barbara Leonard
~ Repose of the soul of Patrick Sullivan
~ In thanksgiving for Mahendra Ranasuriya Family

Thursday May 5

815am Repose of the soul of Genoveva Morales

Friday May 6

815am For the intention of the Militia of Immaculata members
730pm No Intention

Saturday May 7

900am No Intention
500pm Repose of the soul of Rita Louise Browne

Sunday May 8

830am For the deceased members of the Senior & Hovorka Families
1015am Repose of the soul of Ed Ounjian
1200pm Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
500pm No Intention
700pm No Intention



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