



2nd Sunday of Easter April 27, 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

In Loving Memory of Pope Francis

Dear Friends,

This week we mourn the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Even in his final days, he lived the faith he proclaimed – embracing his suffering with the same hope and trust he taught us to have in Christ.

Pope Francis was a man of deep prayer, authentic joy, and courageous hope. He constantly reminded us that Christian joy is not fake happiness, but a deep trust in the Risen Lord, even in life's struggles. His visit to Canada showed us his heart for reconciliation and healing, urging us always to walk the path of mercy and compassion.

I was blessed to meet him nine years ago. His kindness, simplicity, and closeness to people left a lasting impression on me, as it did on the whole Church. He called us to live as pilgrims of hope, a mission we now carry forward.

We give thanks for Pope Francis' witness of faith, and we pray that we may honor his legacy by living with the same joy, hope, and love that he showed us.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

In Christ,

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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Father Daniel Lee

Deacon Ron Vaz

Aquila D'Costa

Robert LeBlanc

Monika Matelski

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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](#)

Wedding Anniversaries

It's a true blessing to witness and celebrate the joy of wedding anniversaries. These moments are a beautiful reminder of the love and commitment that strengthen not only your marriage but our entire parish community.

If you are a [registered member of St Bernadette's](#) and will be celebrating a wedding anniversary, whether it's your first year or a milestone anniversary, such as your 10th, 25th, 50th, or any other special year, please let us know.

Contact the Parish Office with your names and date of your anniversary before the month of your celebration.

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.

Coffee Sunday



Please join us this weekend for Coffee Sunday on **April 27**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. 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.

Upcoming Coffee Sundays:

May 4 | May 25

Parish Building & Maintenance Fund



We continue to include among our second collections, the Building & Maintenance Fund collection, the first Sunday of each month. 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 (April 20)

\$ 11,461.00

Building Fund Total

\$ 439,735.62

(our goal is \$600,000)

Welcome Desk & Office Kiosk

We're excited to announce that our **Welcome Desk & Office Kiosk** will be back in action at all Sunday Masses this weekend! You'll find us in the Narthex before and after Mass, and also in the Parish Hall during Coffee Sunday.

Our team is continuously working to improve these services to better support our parish community.

Services Available at the Welcome Desk:

- Register as a parishioner
- Sign up to receive parish bulletins
- Book Mass intentions
- Pre-register for baptisms
- Learn about and sign up for volunteer opportunities

We look forward to welcoming you and assisting you at the Welcome Desk!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us this weekend for Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 27, at 2:00pm** in the parish hall.

"Girl Talk"

Mothers and guardians of girls in Grades 6-8 are invited to a special "Girl Talk" workshop and Mother/Daughter Tea, on **Saturday, May 10, from 9:30am to 2:00pm** in the Parish Hall. This faith-based event includes conversation, activities, and video clips to help young girls navigate their identity and relationships in today's world. The cost is \$15 per family, refreshments included. To register or for more info, contact Susan Kennedy (905) 427-6137 or Rose Heron at (905) 683-9055 or roseheron@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday April 26th

900am + Frank Browne
+ Nicolas M. Ortiz Jr.
+ Calixta Nicolas
+ Crispina Abaloyan
~ In thanksgiving for the Mendoza family
500pm ~ Shanti Persad-Ferdinand

Sunday April 27th - the 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30am + Rev. Fr. Jose Carlos Endaya
500pm + Victoria Arockiya Mary
700pm ~ Aviva Katzman

Monday April 28th - St. Peter Chanel

800am + Rosita Montes

Tuesday April 29th - St. Catherine of Siena

800am + Jerry Beckett Jr.

Wednesday April 30th - St. Marie of the Incarnation

730pm + Armando Mayo
+ Sean Bridge
+ Bob Hsu
+ Jan Renton
+ Romeo Ocbina

Thursday May 1st - St. Joseph the Worker

800am + Martin Rodrigues

Friday May 2nd - St. Athanasius

800am + Carmelo Di Mauro

Volunteering in the Parish

These ministries are actively looking for new members. There's a place for everyone to share their gifts and grow in faith. Stop by our **Welcome Desk** to get SIGNED UP, or take a few moments to fill in our volunteer form at <https://bit.ly/46kDIFm>.

The Alpha Course	Eucharistic Ministers
Altar Servers	Flowers & Decorating
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
Coffee Sundays	Marriage Preparation
Collection Counters	Communion & Visiting Ministries
EDGE Youth Group	Junior EDGE Youth Group

Process of Electing a New Pope

When a pope dies or resigns, the cardinals gather in Rome for 'General Congregation' to pray, discuss, and prepare. Church law requires the conclave—the election—to start between 15 and 20 days after the vacancy.

Before entering the conclave, the cardinals celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, invoking the Holy Spirit's guidance. Only cardinals under 80 years of age, called 'cardinal electors', may vote. They then process into the Sistine Chapel, take an oath of secrecy, and the conclave formally begins once the chapel is sealed.

Inside, the cardinals discuss potential candidates, considering their holiness, leadership, wisdom, and ability to lead the Church. Although any baptized Catholic male could technically be elected, the choice almost always comes from among the cardinals.

Voting is by secret ballot. Each cardinal writes a name, and a two-thirds majority is needed to elect a pope. If no one is chosen, the ballots are burned with chemicals to produce black smoke, signaling to the world that no decision has been made. Voting continues—up to four rounds per day—until one candidate reaches the required majority.

When a new pope is elected and accepts, white smoke rises, bells ring, and great joy spreads through Rome and beyond. The new pope chooses a papal name and dons white for the first time. Finally, the Cardinal Protodeacon steps onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica and proclaims, Habemus Papam! ("We have a pope!"), presenting the new Holy Father to the world.



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 May 12 | 6:30pm-8pm

EDGE (grades 5-8)

Friday May 9 | 7pm-8:30pm

HSLC EAST 2025

Registration is open!!! Click the link to register:

<https://edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com>

(please select "High School Leadership 2025 - East")

Dates: August 16 - August 20, 2025

Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton ON

Who can go: youth in grades 9-12

Cost: \$530.00 per camper

Please submit \$100 non-refundable deposit to the parish office or Monika Matelski (cash or cheque)

Parish Ministries

St. Bernadette's is a vibrant and active parish, blessed with a variety of ministries that help grow and strengthen our faith community. Whether you're looking to serve, connect, or grow spiritually, there's a place for you here. Below is our full list of ministries along with their coordinators. If you're interested in joining one of our ministries and require more information, we'd love to hear from you! Contact the parish office or fill out our volunteer form at <https://bit.ly/46kDIFm>. Our volunteer coordinator will be in touch with you within 2 weeks.

The Alpha Course	Robert Leblanc	Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Altar Servers	Brayden Sarang	Ministry of Hospitality	Anissa Voisin, Victoria Ferreira & Antoinette Sullivan
Catholic Mom's Group	Cathy Haynes	Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Catholic Women's Guild	Susan Kennedy	Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Children's Liturgy	Elise Arbic	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Choir - Saturday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Choir - Sunday 8:30am	Tatjana Smrekar	Faith Formation	
Choir - Sunday 10:15am (Children)	Michelle Kirkwood	Baptism	Father Chris
Choir - Sunday 12:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
Choir - Sunday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Choir - Sunday 7:00pm	Stan Rodrigo	Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie	Marriage Preparation	Mark & Linda Sarang
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson & Julia Beattie	Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan	Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte	Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski	Faith Studies	Susan Kennedy
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito	Communion Outreach	
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs	Ballycliffe	Deacon Ron
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan	Communion to Homebound	Deacon Ron
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie	Harwood Manor	Deacon Ron
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno	Chartwell Harwood	Deacon Ron
Hope & Life	Susan Dulny	Lakeridge Gardens	Deacon Ron
Horizons of Hope	Eleanor Lee	School Council Parish Liaisons	
Knights of Columbus	Ron Larock	St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic & Lisa Veecook
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer DelMonte & Karl Leitmann	Denis O'Connor Secondary	Agnes Sarasus
Legion of Mary	Exal Montes	Parish Schools	
Live Streaming	John McGrath & Desiree Plaus	Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary	905-427-6667 Jim MacNeil, Principal Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain
		Notre Dame Secondary	905-686-4300 Shawnn O'Connor, Principal Jeannine Henry, Chaplain
		St. Bernadette Elementary	905-683-0571 John Linhares, Principal
		St. James Elementary	905-427-3327 Geraldine Borg, Principal
		St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	905-426-7065 Sheena Paul, Principal

What's Happening at the Parish!

UPCOMING EVENTS	April 27-May 3		
	<p><u>Sunday April 27</u> After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall) 2:00pm - Divine Mercy Event</p> <p><u>Monday April 28</u> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr. EDGE (Hall)</p>	<p><u>Tuesday April 29</u> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p><u>Thursday May 1</u> 10:00am - Craft Group (Stage Side) 10:00am - Hope and Life for Widows (Kitchen Side)</p>	<p><u>Saturday May 3</u> 11:00am - First Holy Communion Mass</p>
	May 4-10		
	<p><u>Sunday May 4</u> After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p><u>Monday May 5</u> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 7:00pm - SSVP Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p><u>Tuesday May 6</u> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - First Communion Mass 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p><u>Friday May 9</u> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p><u>Saturday May 10</u> 9:30am - Girl Talk (Hall) 11:00am - Baptism</p>
	May 11-17		
	<p><u>Monday May 12</u> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:00pm - Baptism Prep Class (Church) 6:30pm - Jr. EDGE (Hall) 7:00pm - K of C Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p><u>Tuesday May 13</u> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - CWG Planning Meeting (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p><u>Thursday May 15</u> 7:00pm - Finance Council (Board Room)</p>	<p><u>Friday May 16</u> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers 7:00pm - Jesus Youth (Hall)</p>
	May 18-24		
	<p><u>Monday May 19 - Victoria Day</u> Mass starts at 9:00am</p>	<p><u>Tuesday May 20</u> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - K of C Membership Meeting (Ajax Public Library) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Stage Side)</p> <p><u>Thursday May 22</u> 7:00pm - Building Council (Board Room)</p>	<p><u>Friday May 23</u> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p><u>Saturday May 24</u> 9:30am - St. Joseph's Men's Breakfast 11:00am - Baptism (Church)</p>
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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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