



4th Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

21 Bayly Street East, Ajax, Ontario L1S 1P2

Phone: 905-683-1533 | Email: office@stbernajax.com | www.stbernajax.com

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)

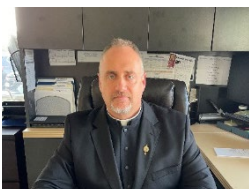
WEEKENDS:

Saturday

9:00am-1:00pm, 3pm-6pm

Sunday

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



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

We hear in the Gospel this weekend, the all-familiar story of the Prodigal Son, depicting a reflective and remorseful son (often us) and a loving, welcoming, embracing and merciful father (God). This weekend's message is one we all need to hear - God loves us so much, there's nothing He won't forgive us for, nothing that can keep us away from Him - and while HE WILL reach out to us and welcome us, we must always want to seek Him. In this Lenten season, we should find a way to receive His forgiveness, His mercy, His unimaginable love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, through confession. The pastors in the Durham Region coordinated and are offering an easy schedule to help you find this beautiful Sacrament at a time to suit you. Consider this during these last few weeks of Lent.

God bless you,

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

Father Chris Lemieux

Pastor

pastor@stbernajax.com

Father Daniel Lee

Associate Pastor

associate@stbernajax.com

Deacon Ron Vaz

Parish Deacon

deacon@stbernajax.com

Aquilia 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

Registering is Important

Registering in our Catholic parish 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](#)

Lent Parish Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent at 7:30pm

(led by select parish ministries)

Lenten Jubilee Day of Recollection

Saturday April 5, 9:00am - 2:00pm (starts with Mass)

RCIA Day of Recollection

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

Confessions

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

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 at our next Coffee Sunday **April 27**, 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. **The next Coffee Sunday - May 11.**

ShareLife Sunday

This Sunday marks the 1st of three ShareLife Sunday collections. ShareLife donations help many archdiocesan and local Catholic faith community initiatives. The goal the ShareLife office has given us this year is \$82,500.00. This is based on what we have raised as a faith community in past years.

Parish Building & Maintenance Fund



We continue to include among our second collections, the Building & Maintenance Fund collection, the first Sunday of each month (next collection: April 5 & 6). We have raised \$ 430,786.66 and 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

Welcome Desk & Office Kiosk

Starting **Sunday, April 5 & 6**, 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 & Ministries

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

The Scrutinies

As we prepare to welcome the Elect into our Church, we will be celebrating the Scrutinies over the next three weekends, using Year A readings. This is a special time for the Elect, let us keep them in our prayers.

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 29th

900am ~ The Ferdinand family
500pm + John Dcosta

Sunday March 30th - 4th Sunday of Lent

900am + Adiba Dawood
500pm + The Branco family
700pm + Samuel Seevaratnam

Monday March 31st

800am ~ In thanksgiving for the Pasco family

Tuesday April 1st

800am ~ In thanksgiving for wedding anniversary

Wednesday April 2nd - St. Francis of Paola

730pm + Mena D'Lima
+ Tomasa Felicidad Espeleta
+ Reynaldo Dimaandal
+ Claudio Ilagan
+ Marcelina Ilagan

Thursday April 3rd

800am + Manuel Branco

Friday April 4th - St. Isidore

800am + Lucas Nunes

March Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

Mar 19	Marciana & Robert Nagtalon	(52 years)
Mar 27	Isobel & James Montague	(57 years)
Mar 27	Bert & Patricia Connelly	(60 years)

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.

Pilgrims of Hope Celebrating the Jubilee Year



Father Chris will lead the Lenten Jubilee Day of Recollection on **Saturday April 5, 2025**, starting with Mass at 9:00am, followed by a series of reflections on hope, small group discussion as well as time for personal prayer and reflection and concluding at 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided, registration required so we can plan for lunch and for the day. Father Daniel will offer confession, so that those who attend and wish to receive the Jubilee Indulgence may do so. Please [click here to register](#) or contact the parish office to reserve your spot.



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

JUNIOR EDGE (grades 1-4)
Monday April 28 | 6:30pm-8pm

EDGE (grades 5-8)
Friday April 11 | 7pm-8:30pm

HSLC EAST 2025

Registration is open!!! Click the link to register: <https://edgencamp.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)

Parent Info Meeting: Monday April 7 | 7:30pm (Hall)

PA Day with St. Bernadette!

Children in JK - grade 6 are welcome to spend their PA DAY on **Monday March 31** at our parish for the third PA DAY in a special series called "St. Bernadette teaches us the virtues!" We will have games, activities, outdoor play time (weather permitting), and a movie. Grade 7/8 siblings and high school teens are welcome to volunteer. Please contact Monika: youth@stbernajax.com Registration is \$20/child for the day which will run 9am-3pm in the parish hall. Please pack a lunch and one snack for your child!

Register for the March 31 PA Day with St. Bernadette: bit.ly/4kbheYu

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring
2025

March 30-April 5		
<p>Monday March 31 9:00am - PA DAY - Day of Hope (Hall) 7:00pm - SSVF Meeting (Council Room)</p> <p>Tuesday April 1 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p>Wednesday April 2 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p> <p>Thursday April 3 10:00am - Hope & Life (Kitchen Side) 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday April 4 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday April 5 9:00am - Lenten Day of Recollection 9:00am - Confirmation Retreat (Ajax Rec Centre - Commodore Room)</p>
April 6-12		
<p>Monday April 7 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:00pm - Baptism Prep Class (Hall) 7:30pm - EDGE Camp Info Session (Hall)</p>	<p>Tuesday April 8 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - CWG Planning Meeting (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday April 9 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p>	<p>Friday April 11 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Stage Side) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall) 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday April 12 9:00am - RCIA Day of Recollection (Church & Hall)</p>
April 13-19		
<p>Sunday April 13 - Palm Sunday</p> <p>Monday April 14 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:00pm - Holy Thursday Rehearsal (Church & Hall) 7:00pm - Good Friday Rehearsal (Church & Hall) 7:00pm - K of C Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p>Tuesday April 15 10:00am - DOC Retreat (Hall) 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Stage Side)</p> <p>Wednesday April 16 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p>	<p>Thursday April 17 - Holy Thursday</p> <p>Friday April 18 - Good Friday 9:00am - Stations of the Cross (Outdoor)</p> <p>Saturday April 19 - Holy Saturday 9:30am - Blessing of Easter Baskets (Hall)</p>
April 20-26		
<p>Sunday April 20 - Easter Sunday</p> <p>Monday April 21 - Easter Monday <i>Mass starts at 9am</i></p>	<p>Tuesday April 22 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - K of C Membership Meeting (Ajax Public Library) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday April 23 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p>	<p>Thursday April 24 7:00pm - Confirmation Mass</p> <p>Friday April 25 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Stage Side) 6:30pm - EDGE Family Easter Event (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday April 26 10:00am - Confirmation Mass 1:00pm - Confirmation 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 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 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 2:00pm-7:00pm	
	April 1	2:00pm-7:00pm	
	April 5	2:00pm-6:00pm	
Holy Cross	April 3	9:30am-11:00am 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 7:00pm-9:00pm	
St. Mary of the People	April 2	9:00am-11:00am 2:00pm-4:00pm 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 2:00pm-4:00pm 7:00pm-8:30pm	Spanish

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



Interested in purchasing advertising space?

Email: office3@stbernajax.com



Adrian Joseph, CPA, CGA, TEP

Adrian Joseph CPA Professional Corporation

T: 905-995-3650 | F: 1-866-353-2295 | adrian@adrianjosephcpa.com

1315 Pickering Parkway, 3rd Floor, Unit #339

Pickering, ON, L1V 7G5

www.adrianjoseph.com



11 Harwood Ave S,
Ajax, ON, L1S 2B9
T: 905-239-9889
C: 647-760-5069

PEDICURE AND MANICURE
NAILS, WAXING,
EYELASH EXTENSION AND MORE



Affordable, Professional, Personable

Kale Trinier

437 297-3828

email: eastwayplumbingandheating@gmail.com

website: eastwayplumbingandheating.ca



Interested in purchasing advertising space?

Email: office3@stbernajax.com



Visit us at 268 Kingston Road E Ajax, ON L1Z 1G1
Order online at ca.jollibeefoods.com



Interested in purchasing advertising space?

Email: office3@stbernajax.com



**BRING THE FLYER
GET**

**15%
OFF**

MIN SPEND \$25

BENEDICT'S
- PIZZERIA -
61 BAYLY STREET
WEST, AJAX, ON,
L1S 7K7
905-239-4992



Realtor Services

Are you planning to
Buy, Sell, Rent
real estate/property?



Al Basilio, Sales Representative
Right at Home Realty Brokerage
Cell: 289-492-3981
email: albasilio@gmail.com
web: albasilio.ca



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>



Interested in purchasing advertising space?

Email: office3@stbernajax.com



**Boodle Fight • Party Food Trays •
Event Place • Live Band • Karaoke**

Estacion Filipino Food

190 Station St Unit 9, Ajax
Call us at 905 239-7000

