

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

Wednesday
6:15pm-7:15pm
Friday
8:30am-9:30am
**(Note: There will be no
Adoration on Wednesdays
and Fridays during Advent)**

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
Sunday 9:00am-1:30pm

2nd Sunday of Advent [A]

December 7, 2025

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

This Sunday we hear the story of John the Baptist, the great herald of Advent, calling us all to "prepare the way of the Lord." At first, his voice can seem stern, even unsettling. Yet beneath his powerful words lies a deep message of hope. St. John reminds us that God is not distant—He is drawing near. The One who comes is stronger than our sins, greater than any of our fears, and more faithful than we ever will be in return.

In this Jubilee Year, we are invited to rediscover hope with confidence that God is at work, even when we cannot yet see the full picture. Advent teaches us that God enters real human history—messy, uncertain, imperfect—and transforms it from within. He does the same for us as individuals.

John's call to repentance is not a warning meant to discourage, but an invitation to clear away whatever dims our hope. Every small turning of the heart allows Christ to come more fully into our lives.

May this Advent renew in us the conviction that God is doing something new, in our parish and in each of us. Let us prepare a place for Him with hope-filled expectation.

With love and prayers,

Fr. 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 – Please speak to Robert or email ipa@stbernajax.com

Confirmation – Please speak to Robert or email ipa@stbernajax.com

Christian Initiation of Adults – Adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Robert or email ipa@stbernajax.com

Christian Initiation of 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 ipa@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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Register at our Parish

Welcome to St. Bernadette's! Register to fully participate, access sacraments, connect with our community, and help us serve you better. If you live outside of our parish boundaries but worship here, registration is key for official requests.

[Click here to register](#) today!

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 and Albertina Caruso.**

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Jaime Villafuerte**. If you would like to be prayed for, please email us at office@stbernajax.com, or call the office.

Pre-Dawn Novena Masses



Starting **Tuesday December 16th at 5:30am**, join us each morning for this Pre-Dawn Novena Mass, continuing daily through **Wednesday, December 24th**. Each Mass will be followed by a light refreshment in the Parish Hall. These Novena Masses are a beautiful devotion, giving us the opportunity to make a small sacrifice as we prepare our hearts to welcome the Messiah.

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are a registered member of St Bernadette's and will be celebrating a wedding anniversary we would love to celebrate and witness your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office with your names and upcoming anniversary dates.

Month of December we celebrate with:

Dec 4	Salome & Donald Thomas	(40 years)
Dec 6	Malou & Jun Reyes	(50 years)
Dec 14	Raphael & Patience Ehiawaguan	(12 years)
Dec 17	Cynthia & Rogelio Sih	(31 years)
Dec 28	Carmel & John Grieve	(58 years)
Dec 30	John & Tania McGrath	(25 years)

Coffee Sunday



Please join us for our final Coffee Sunday of the year on **Sunday December 14**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses in the Parish Hall. Enjoy light refreshments and fellowship with our parish community as we journey through this season of Advent. Next Coffee Sunday: **January 11**.

Mass Intentions

Sunday December 7 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

830am + Ignacio Endaya Sr.
500pm + Elsa Tirona Mistica Lao
700pm + David Coates

Monday December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

800am + Concepcion Mandujano

Tuesday December 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

800am + Connie Brazil

Wednesday December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto

730pm + Chris Montes
+ Jul Montes
+ Terrance Dalgado
+ Dwayne Cameron
~ Patricia Goehring-Hovorka

Thursday December 11 - St. Damasus I

800am ~ Antoinette Pierre

Friday December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

800am + Louella Abad

Saturday December 13 - St. Lucy

900am + Valeriana Serrano
+ Ben Serrano
+ Marie Madeleine Ng
+ The Legardo Family
+ The Piamonte Family
500pm + The Bialy Family



JUNIOR EDGE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30pm-8pm

December 8: Church Camp

December 15: Christmas Party!

EDGE (Grades 5-8) | 7:00pm-8:30pm

December 12: Kindling

December 19: Christmas Social!

SUMMIT (Grades 9-12) 6:00pm-8:00pm

December 14: Christmas Party and Potluck!

2026 Donation Envelopes

Your 2026 Sunday donation envelopes are now available for pickup in the Parish Hall.

If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. Please do not use the 2026 envelopes until January 1. Please continue to use the 2025 envelopes to the December 28. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Office Christmas Hours

Dec 24

Office Open 9:00am - 4:00pm

Dec 25 - Jan 4

Office Closed

Jan 5

Resumes Regular Office Hours

AROUND THE PARISH

December 7 - December 13		
<p>Sunday December 7 Sunday Masses: 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm</p> <p>10:15am - Children's Liturgy (Hall) 12:00pm - Christian Initiation of Adults - Rite of Acceptance (Church) 12:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults - Breaking Open the Word (Council Room)</p> <p>Monday December 8 8:00am - Mass 6:30pm - JUNIOR EDGE Night (Hall) 7:00pm - Knights of Columbus - Officers Meeting (Council Room)</p> <p>Tuesday December 9 8:00am - Mass 9:30am - Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving (Hall) 10:00am - St. James CES Advent Mass (School) 1:45pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall)</p>	<p>Wednesday December 10 6:30am - Mass 8:40am - Archbishop Denis O'Connor CSS Chapel Mass (School) 10:00am - Communion Outreach Mass (Ballycliffe Lodge) 10:20am - St. Bernadette CES Advent Mass (Church) 6:30pm - Confession (Church) 7:00pm - Advent Reflection Series (Church) 7:00pm - Catholic Women's Group - Executive Meeting (Council Room) 7:30pm - Mass</p> <p>Thursday December 11 8:00am - Mass 10:00am - Archbishop Denis O'Connor CSS Advent Mass (School) 6:30pm - Alpha (Hall) 7:00pm - Finance Council Meeting (Boardroom)</p>	<p>Friday December 12 8:00am - Mass 8:30am - Confession (Church) 9:45am - Notre Dame CSS Grade 10 Retreat (Hall) 7:00pm - EDGE Night (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday December 13 7:30am - St. Joseph's Men Prayer Group (Hall) 9:00am - Mass 9:00am - Advent Day of Recollection (Church and Hall) 11:00am - Baptisms (Church) 4:00pm - Confessions (Church) 5:00pm - Mass</p>
December 14 - December 20		
<p>Sunday December 14 Sunday Masses: 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm</p> <p>Coffee Sunday in the Hall after the 8:30am, 10:15am and Noon Masses</p> <p>10:15am - Children's Liturgy (Hall) 12:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults - Breaking Open the Word (Council Room) 6:00pm - SUMMIT Night Christmas Social (Hall)</p> <p>Monday December 15 8:00am - Mass 6:30pm - Junior EDGE Night Christmas Social (Hall)</p> <p>Tuesday December 16 5:30am - Pre-Dawn Novena Mass (Church) 8:00am - Mass 1:45pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall)</p>	<p>Wednesday December 17 5:30am - Pre-Dawn Novena Mass (Church) 9:45 am - St. Teresa of Calcutta CES Advent Mass (School) 6:30pm - Confession (Church) 7:00pm - Advent Reflection Series (Church) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Group (Hall) 7:30pm - Daughters of Isabella Meeting (Council Room) 7:30pm - Mass</p> <p>Thursday December 18 5:30am - Pre-Dawn Novena Mass (Church) 8:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Advent Reconciliation Service (Church and Hall)</p>	<p>Friday December 19 5:30am - Pre-Dawn Novena Mass (Church) 8:00am - Mass 8:30am - Confession (Church) 7:00pm - EDGE Night Christmas Social (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday December 20 5:30am - Pre-Dawn Novena Mass (Church) 7:30am - St. Joseph's Men Prayer Group (Hall) 9:00am - Advent Healing Mass (Church) 10:00am - Jesus Youth Christmas Gathering (Hall) 11:00am - Altar Servers-Training (Church) 4:00pm - Confessions (Church) 5:00pm - Mass</p>

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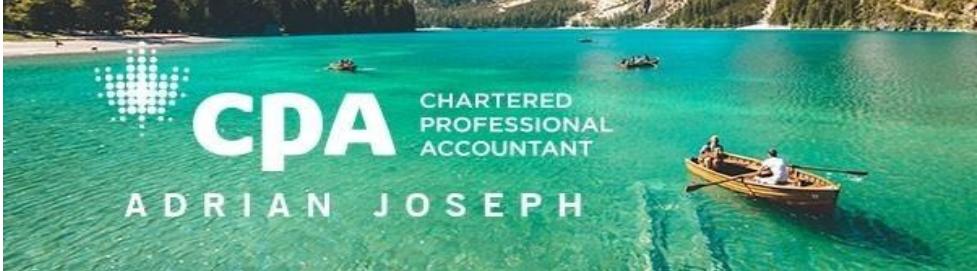
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Ministry Volunteers Needed - inquire at the parish office or welcome desk

Visiting & Communion Outreach

The Visiting & Communion Outreach Ministries bring the love and presence of Christ to the sick, elderly, and homebound by offering prayer, companionship, and the gift of Holy Communion. Volunteers extend the care and engagement of the parish community to those unable to attend Mass, reminding them they are not forgotten.

Parish Vitality Ministry

The Parish Vitality Ministry supports community life by organizing parish breakfasts, dinners, and social events that bring people together. Rooted in Christian fellowship, this ministry helps strengthen the bonds of faith and friendship among parishioners, fostering a more vibrant, welcoming, and connected parish community.

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