

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

Wednesdays

6:15pm-7:15pm

First Fridays

8:30am-12:00pm

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 Sunday 9:00am-1:30pm 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2025

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,



This Sunday's Gospel gives us the sobering parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). The rich man lives in comfort, while Lazarus suffers outside his gate, longing for even a scrap of food. After death, their roles are reversed: Lazarus is comforted in heaven, and the rich man experiences torment.

Jesus isn't condemning wealth itself – He is warning us about spiritual blindness. The rich man's greatest sin was not his riches, but his failure to see and respond to the suffering of the one at his door.

As followers of Christ, we are called to see the "Lazaruses" around us – the poor, the lonely, the shut-ins, the grieving, the forgotten. We are invited to notice, to act, and to share our blessings: our time, our compassion, our resources.

Our parish has many ways to put this Gospel into action: visiting the sick, supporting our St. Vincent de Paul Society, reaching out to those who are isolated, and simply offering a listening ear or a kind word.

This week, ask the Lord to open your eyes and soften your heart. Who is sitting at your "gate"? How can you bring Christ's love to them?

Let us be a parish that notices, cares, and acts – so that together we may live out the mercy of God.

Your servant, I remain,



Sacraments

<u>Baptisms</u> - 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 <u>office@stbernajax.com</u>

First Confession/Communion - Please speak to Robert or email pa@stbernajax.com

Confirmation - Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

<u>Christian Initiation of Adults</u> - Adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Robert or email <u>lpa@stbernajax.com</u>

<u>Christian Initiation of Young People</u> - 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 <u>lpa@stbernajax.com</u>

<u>Marriage</u> - Contact the Parish Office <u>one year in advance</u> 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.

<u>Click here to register</u> today!

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are <u>a registered member of St Bernadette's</u> 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.

This month we celebrate with:

Oct 1	Brendan & Kate McKnight	(14 years)
Oct 6	Neville & Raakel Barbeito	(24 years)
Oct 7	Manuel Magtibay & Chua Ruby	(35 years)
Oct 10	Andrew & Priscilla Limgenco	(15 years)
Oct 10	Odette and Albin Mendonca	(43 years)
Oct 11	John and Maria Cardinale	(50 years)
Oct 12	Helene &Alfed Blakeley	(62 years)

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 pray especially for Madonna Dwyer.

Please let us know if you would like to be prayed for. Email us at office@stbernajax.com, or call the office.

Life Chain

On <u>Sunday October 5</u>, from 2pm-3pm - we will gather as a community to pray in silence for a greater awareness of all to Dignity of Life issues we hold dear as Catholic Christians, from conception through life into death. We will assemble in front of St. Bernadette's, at the corner of Bayly & Harwood.

Join us in the parish hall immediately after for a fellowship gathering with light refreshments.

Mass Intentions

Sunday September 28th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am ~ For family 500pm + Juanita Aquino 700pm + Mario De Simone

Monday September 29th - St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

800am + Ramon Dominguez

Tuesday September 30th - St. Jerome

800am + Rev. James Adams

Wednesday October 1st - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

730pm + Carlos Oliveira

+ Gisela Ciar Manzanilla + The Senior family

+ The Hovorka family

Thursday October 2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels

800am ~ Gerard Jade Umali

Friday October 3rd

800am ~ The Champa family

Saturday October 4th - St. Francis of Assisi

900am + Brian Anthony Orgias

+ Alfonso Espiritu + Corazon Plaza

+ Lurthama Karunathirajah

+ Brian Orgias

500pm + Victoria Fuoco

Coffee Sunday



We warmly invite everyone to our first fall Coffee Sunday this weekend September 28, following the 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, and 12:00 Noon

Masses in the Parish Hall. Come enjoy refreshments, reconnect with friends, and help us welcome new faces into the St. Bernadette's church community.

Join us again on October 5! All are welcome!

October Mass Prayer

For the month of **October**, in honour of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, we will recite one **Hail Mary** at the end of all Masses

Thanksgiving Food Drive



Our St Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting a Thanksgiving food drive the weekend before Thanksgiving: October 4th & 5th and need your assistance to replenish depleted supplies. Food bins will be placed outside the main church

doors for your donations before and after **All weekend Masses.** Volunteers will be available to collect donations at that time. <u>Please **do not** drop items off</u> outside or around the church at other times.

The following items are most frequently requested by our neighbours in need:

- ** Canned Soups
- ** Canned Vegetables
- ** Canned Fruit
- ** Kraft Dinner
- ** Pasta
- ** Pasta Sauce

- ** Coffee & Tea
- ** Jam
- ** Canned Tuna
- ** Peanut Butter
- ** Kids snacks & cookies
- ** Rice

Help out with Alpha



Breaking bread together is one of the ways Jesus shared life with people, so every Alpha session begins with a meal to build community over casual conversation.

Alpha at St. Bernadette's is looking for parishioners to help by cooking a casserole for one of our Thursday evening meals. Recipes will be provided, and meals can be dropped off during the week to be re-heated when needed.

If you can prepare 1 casserole over the next 10 weeks, please contact Robert |pa@stbernajax.com

Summit Teen Ministry **In need of Volunteers**

On **Sunday October 19**, our parish inaugurates a new **Teen Ministry called Summit** which will care for our teens in high school. As part of this ministry, we will be offering dinner & fellowship nights, and are looking for parishioners to join us, as part of our kitchen crew. We're also looking for food donations (*frozen lasagnas, meatballs, etc*) for our nights.

Contact Monika if you could assist with this ministry: youth@stbernajax.com

Youth Ministry Launch Dates

Jr. Edge & EDGE Registration is open: http://bit.ly/45RGtdu

\$40/youth or \$35/youth for 2 or more from same household for the whole year. All youth ministries run October to June.

Junior Edge (Grades 1-4)

Every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month 6:30pm-8pm in the Parish Hall LAUNCH DATE: Monday October 27, 2025

EDGE (Grades 5-8)

Every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Parish Hall LAUNCH DATE: Friday October 24, 2025

SUMMIT Teen Ministry Registration is open:

http://bit.ly/3VjfDEY

Suggested fee for the year is \$40/youth.

SUMMIT TEEN MINISTRY (Grades 9-12)

Bi-weekly Sundays (see bulletin board) 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Parish Hall LAUNCH DATE: Sunday October 19, 2025

Becoming Catholic

Christian Initiation for Adults

The Christian Initiation of Adults is for individuals who wish to become Catholic; and have not received some or any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). This group meets on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9pm from October through May.

For more information, please contact Robert, our Lay Pastoral Associate: lpa@stbernajax.com

Christian Initiation of Young People

The Christian Initiation of Young People is for children aged 7 through 17 who have not received some or any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). **This program will run from mid-October to mid-December.**

For more information, please contact Robert, our Lay Pastoral Associate: lpa@stbernajax.com

Rosary Rally



All are invited to join in a Rosary Rally on Saturday October 11th at 1:30pm

We will assemble at the St. Bernadette's monument at the front of the church. This Rally is sponsored by the Canada Needs

Our Lady Society. **Everyone is welcome to attend!**

<u>Candlelight Vigil &</u> <u>Memorial Mass</u>



A Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Mass will be held on **Friday October 17 at 6:30pm**. We welcome all those who have registered for this Mass along with their guests. The Candlelight Vigil begins at 6:30pm followed by the Memorial Mass at 7:00pm. Each registered member may offer a maximum of eight (8) names.

The Vigil will begin with meditative instrumental music and conclude with special prayers. The Celebrant will offer Mass for all the intentions listed, at the beginning of the Mass. Celebrating the life of family members and friends is an important way to stay connected to those for whom we pray and who pray for us. We ask for a suggested donation of \$25 for the commemorative candle that is yours to keep!

For more information, please visit us at the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office.

Blessing of Pets



On **Sunday October 5**, between **2:00pm and 3:00pm**, Father will be offering blessings of pets. This will be done in the parking lot, near the rectory garage door. Please ensure pets are leashed and supervised.

Rosary Apostolate



We invite all parishioners interested in being part of the St. Bernadette's Rosary Apostolate to join us for a meeting on Thursday October

9th, @7:00pm. We will bring together our current **Rosary Apostolate** and **Rosary Makers** groups, and are looking for new members, as we unite our efforts to deepen devotion to Our Lady.

There are many ways to get involved and help strengthen our parish's commitment to guiding others to Jesus through Mary. If you feel called, we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

St. Joseph's Men's Prayer

~That Man Is You~

THAT MAN IS YOU! is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

This program will run weekly on **Saturdays 7:30am to 9:30am, starting October 25, 7:30am**. All men of our parish are invited to attend.

New Parish Vitality Ministry

Building Fellowship, Strengthening Community, Deepening Faith

One of the greatest gifts of parish life is the sense of belonging to a faith-filled community. At St. Bernadette's, we are called not only to worship together, but to grow together – as brothers and sisters in Christ.

This new ministry will take the lead in organizing parish breakfasts, dinners, socials, and special seasonal gatherings. But more than simply planning events, the ministry will focus on creating spaces where relationships can grow, where newcomers feel welcomed, and where longtime parishioners deepen their sense of community.

How Will This Ministry Help Our Parish Grow?

- Welcoming Atmosphere: By creating regular opportunities to gather, especially after Mass, we give people a chance to connect and feel at home.
- **Engagement Pathways**: These gatherings serve as gentle entry points for parishioners who are not yet involved in ministries or faith formation.
- ♣ Support for Other Ministries: Fellowship events strengthen relationships that ripple out into deeper ministry participation and cooperation across parish life.
- ♣ Celebrating Milestones Together: From feast days to parish anniversaries, this ministry helps us celebrate as a family of faith.
- **Evangelization Through Hospitality**: Inviting friends and neighbors to parish meals and socials is a low-barrier way to share the joy of our faith.

How Can I Help?

We are looking for joyful, welcoming, and creative parishioners to help form this new ministry. Training, support, and guidance will be provided. If this sounds like you, stop by the Parish Office or Welcome Desk to sign-up.

	September 28-October 4			
	Sunday Sep 28	Tuesday Sept 30	Thursday October 2	
	Coffee Sunday in the Hall after the	1:45pm - Legion of Mary	10:00am - Hope and Life (Kitchen Side)	
	8:30am, 10:15am and noon Masses	(Council Room)	10:00am - Ladies Craft Group (Stage Side)	
	Monday Sept 29	Wednesday October 1	6:30pm - Alpha (Hall)	
	9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall)	9:30am - Bible Study (Hall)		
	6:00pm - Baptism Prep Class	7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course	Saturday October 4	
	(Stage Side)	(Stage side)	7:30am - St. Joseph's Men's Prayer	
10			Breakfast (Hall)	
EVENTS		October 5-11		
	Sunday October 5	Tuesday October 7	Thursday October 9	
	Coffee Sunday in the Hall after the	1:45pm - Legion of Mary	6:30pm - Alpha (Hall)	
	8:30am, 10:15am and noon Masses	(Council Room)	6:30pm - Wedding Coordinator Meeting	
	2:00pm - Blessing of Pets (Parking Lot,	7:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults	(Church)	
	near rectory)	(Hall)	(Gharen)	
	2:00pm - Life Chain (Front of the Church)	(Hatt)	Friday October 10	
		Wadnesday October 9	1 -	
	3:00pm - Life Chain Refreshments (Hall)	Wednesday October 8	7:00pm - Jesus Youth (Hall)	
	6:00pm - Summit Teen Ministry Core	9:30am - Bible Study (Hall)	0-1	
4	Team Meeting (Hall)	7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course	Saturday October 11	
C	Manual and Gardeline G	(Stage side)	7:30am - St. Joseph's Men's Prayer	
	Monday October 6	7:00pm - Catholic Women's Guild -	Breakfast (Hall)	
7	9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall)	Executive Meeting (Council Room)	11:00am - Baptism (Church)	
	6:00pm - Baptism Prep Class		1:30pm - Rosary Rally	
	(Stage Side)			
5	7:00pm - SSVP meeting (Council Room)			
UPCOMING	October 12-18			
	Monday October 13 - Thanksgiving Day Wednesday October 15 Friday October 17			
	Parish Office Closed	9:30am - Bible Study (Hall)	6:30pm - Candlelight Vigil & Memorial	
		11:45am - Catholic Women's Guild	Mass (Church)	
	Tuesday October 14	Potluck (Hall)	6:30pm - Edge Core Team Training (Hall)	
	1:45pm - Legion of Mary	6:00pm - First Holy Communion Class	,	
	(Council Room)	(Kitchen Side)	Saturday October 18	
	7:00pm - K of C Meeting (Council Room)	7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage	7:30am - St. Joseph's Men's Prayer	
	7:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults	Side)	Breakfast (Hall)	
	(Hall)	7:30pm - Daughters of Isabella (Council	9:30am - Christian Initiation of Young	
		Room)	People Class (Council Room)	
		,	11:00am - First Holy Communion Class	
		Thursday October 16	(Hall)	
		6:30pm - Alpha (Hall)	(* *****)	
		7:00pm - Finance Council Meeting		
		(Boardroom)		
	October 19-25			
	Sunday October 19	Wednesday October 22	Friday October 24	
	Coffee Sunday in the Hall after the	9:30am - Bible Study (Hall)	7:00pm - EDGE Night Launch (Hall)	
	8:30am, 10:15am and noon Masses	6:00pm - First Holy Communion Class		
	6:00pm - Summit Teen Ministry	(Kitchen Side)	Saturday October 25	
	LAUNCH! (Hall)	7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage	7:30am - St. Joseph's Men's Prayer	
		Side)	Breakfast (Hall)	
	Monday October 20		9:30am - Christian Initiation of Young	
	9:00am - PA Day Camp (Hall)	Thursday October 23	People Class (Council Room)	
	6:30pm - Junior EDGE (Kitchen Side)	6:30pm - Alpha (Hall)	11:00am - Baptism (Church)	
FALL	7:00pm - K of C Meeting (Stage Side)	7:00pm - Property & Building Council	11:00am - First Holy Communion Class	
2025		Meeting (Boardroom)	(Hall)	
	Tuesday October 21		1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)	
	1:45pm - Legion of Mary		5:00pm - Fundraising Dinner (Hall)	
	(Council Room)			
	6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)			
	7:00pm - K of C Exemplification			
	Ceremony Reception (Council Room)			
	7:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults			
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	(Hall)			

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners





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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, homebound by offering 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.

Sunday School Catechists Help Launch - Sunday School

We're seeking faith-filled adults and responsible teens from our parish to help launch our Sunday School program during Mass. Share Bible stories, faith, and fun with young children-no experience needed! Training and materials will be provided. Help plant seeds of faith in the hearts of our youngest parishioners. Join this joyful ministry today!

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