

#### 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**

**Monday to Friday** 

9am-4:30pm Closed for lunch 12:30-1:30pm Office is CLOSED TO WALK-INS on FRIDAYS

**Saturday & Sunday** 9:30am-2:30pm

Website: http://stbernajax.com

31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME November 3, 2024

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# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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# From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus affirms for the faithful people asking the Lord's most important commandments; to love God with all our heart, mind and soul and next to it, to love our neighbour as we do ourselves. These two commandments were the recited

prayers of the people. He starts them there, and they must grow from there. The same as us - our faith is never a stagnate or fully formed faith, not for any of us. Our Christian faith in God is ultimately and always a relationship and so just like any relationship - it only gets better the more effort and work we put into it. Obviously in every human relationship, two people have to work at it - God is always going to be the better half, but if we do our part with sincerity and desire, God will bring us the rest of the way.

Yours in Christ,



# **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 office@stbernajax.com

<u>First Confession/Communion</u> - with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email <u>lpa@stbernaiax.com</u>

<u>Confirmation</u> - 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 <a href="mailto:lpa@stbernaiax.com">lpa@stbernaiax.com</a>

<u>Christian Initiation for 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 |pa@stbernajax.com

<u>Marriage</u> - 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 Father Daniel Lee Deacon Ron Vaz Aquilia D'Costa Robert LeBlanc Monika Matelski Marva Thomas Sue McGee

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# **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:

Carmen Flores, Desmond Vieira, Luisa Matthias, Helen Holmes, Anne Sinclair, Frederick Chafe, Jaime Villafuerte, Margaret Ayers and Roland Gregory.

We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing - we pray especially for Adam De Thomasis.

# **November Anniversaries**

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

This month we celebrate with:

Nov 1	Druce & Margaret Ayres	(55 years)
Nov 1	Chris & Rebecca Tavares	(10 years)
Nov 8	Wilfred & Noreen Pierre	(55 years)
Nov 16	Kamal & Gabriella	(25 years)
Nov 29	Joseph & Afra D'Lima	(37 years)
Nov 29	Ida & Joseph D'Souza	(54 years)

# Our Weekly Offerings



Thank you all for your continued generosity! This week, we will begin raising funds for the sound system upgrades that we will need to start very

Your tithing and sharing with our parish community, for these special projects as well as our operating costs is very much appreciated.

Last Week's Offertory (incl. PAG): \$ 7,415.00 **Last Week's Building Fund:** 949.00 \$ **Building Fund Total:** 401,466.36

# **Coffee Sunday**

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, November 10th**, for Coffee Sunday, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. Come and experience the joy of fellowship with your St Bernadette's community and make new friends. Fellowship is an important part of our Christian journey, allowing us to connect with others who share the same faith. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be served along with light delicious refreshments. You are encouraged to bring a friend to join our community we look forward to seeing you all there. Next Coffee Sunday - November 24th.

### **Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday November 2nd - All Souls' Day

#### Sunday November 3rd - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Montes Family

500pm + Emilio Latoza Pascual 700pm + Margaret Fernandes

#### Monday November 4th - St. Charles Borromeo

800am + The Souls in Purgatory

#### Tuesday November 5th

800am + Manuel & Maria Medeiros

#### Wednesday November 6th

~ Astor Trotter 730pm

- ~ Wilfred & Noreen Pierre 55th Anniversary
- + Max Ferdinand
- + Rose Samzco
- + Flourentina Comandante

#### Thursday November 7th

800am + Wilson Chua

#### Friday November 8th

800am + Jose & Eduarda Oliveira

#### Saturday November 9th - The Dedication of the **Lateran Basilica**

900am ~ In thanksgiving of Matthew Duarte-Monteiro

- ~ Valeria & Jaroslav Chovancova
- ~ Richard Allan
- ~ Mary Mathews & Family
- + Maria Youngsuh Seo

500pm + Andrew McGaw

# **All Saints Day Party**

We welcome you to attend the St. Bernadette Parish All Saints Day party this weekend, hosted by our parish Catholic Moms Group. This free family event will take place on **Sunday November 3, from 2-4pm** in the parish hall. There will be many carnival-style games, prizes, and treats. We welcome children and adults to come dressed as your favourite saint!

For parishioners who would like to donate nut-free candy or treats, please drop off your donations at the parish office. To RSVP, please contact Cathy Haynes: haynes.cathy@gmail.com

# Parish Faith Study

Faith Studies presents: <u>St. Polycarp</u> from the Early Church Fathers Series. Polycarp was educated by the Apostles and lived with many of those who had seen the Lord. Studying St. Polycarp can deepen our understanding of the early Church's struggles and triumphs, offering a powerful example of faith, courage, and leadership that continues to inspire Christians today. Join us on <u>Monday November 4</u>, from 9:30am to 11:30am in the parish hall for video talk and a small group discussion.

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**Next Study**: Join us for "Becoming an Intentional Disciple" with Jeff Cavins! Explore the journey of becoming a true disciple of Christ in today's world. In this engaging and insightful talk, Jeff Cavins will guide us in discovering the path to deepening our faith, living with purpose, and growing in our spiritual life.

Don't miss this opportunity to transform your relationship with Christ and embrace a life of intentional discipleship. All are welcome! On **Monday November 11**, at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall.



We invite our grade students to the launch of the highly anticipated youth ministry experience in our parish!

Registration is now open and can be accessed here: <a href="https://bit.ly/4emdssa">https://bit.ly/4emdssa</a>

**EDGE** (grades 5-8) Theme: SINGLE SHEET

**Friday Nov. 8** | 7pm-8:30pm

**Jr. EDGE** (grades 1-4) Theme: Praying with the Trinity **Monday Nov. 11** | 6:30pm-8pm

Jr. Edge & EDGE run in the parish hall by a dedicated core team of adults & teens. For all inquiries, please contact Monika Matelski | <a href="mailto:youth@stbernajax.com">youth@stbernajax.com</a> | 905-683-1533 X-204

### **RCIA**

Do you enjoy growing and sharing your Catholic faith? Do you like to help others deepen their relationship with Jesus through fellowship? Have you ever considered being an RCIA Sponsor for someone coming into the Catholic Church?

St. Bernadette's RCIA program is looking for Sponsors to act as spiritual mentors for individuals seeking to enter the Catholic Church. If you would like to become a Sponsor, contact Robert at <a href="mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com">lpa@stbernajax.com</a>

### Catholic Women's Guild

#### Next Meeting date: November 19th at 7pm

Remembrance Day reminds us of Service & Sacrifice. This month, we will break into small groups to discuss the *Power of Sacrifice and Serving*, followed by an activity to grow in our spirit of service. We will also listen to a special Cultural Sharing presentation, on insights into Dutch heritage. A great opportunity for fellowship, learning, and connection. For more information contact us at: <a href="mailto:step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://step://st

# **Christmas Bake Sale**

The Parish Fundraising Committee is hosting a Christmas Bake Sale on <u>Sunday November 24</u> in the Parish Hall after the 8:30, 10:15 and noon Masses. For more information contact:

Julia Beattie 905-683-1373 | Linda Sarang 416-523-2062

# St. Joseph Prayer Breakfasts

Starting in January 2025 - the second week of each month, on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, Father Chris and Father Daniel invite the men of our parish (and their friends) to join us for our St. Joseph's Prayer Breakfasts - an opportunity for men to come together, for fraternity, fellowship, conversation and faith-sharing.

We will start with Mass (Wednesday 6:30am & Saturday 9:00am) followed by breakfast in the Parish Hall. During breakfast we will watch a video and engage in small-group table discussion. We will be using the series "Into the Breech" a 12-part series that includes short videos.

Wednesday January 15 & Saturday January 18, 2025 Wednesday February 12 & Saturday February 15, 2025 Wednesday March 12 & Saturday March 15, 2025 Wednesday April 9 & Saturday April 12, 2025

### Join Our Parish Office Team

We are actively seeking part-time assistants to join our parish office team. The successful candidates will: assist with day-to-day parish office administration, handle special assignments, and take on a leadership role as a parish volunteer coordinator. Candidates should possess relevant experience and training and have the flexibility to work daytime, evenings and/or weekends. Preference will be given to candidates who meet the above criteria.

If you are interested in applying, email Father Chris: <u>pastor@stbernajax.com</u>, or call the parish office to leave him a message.

# **Parish Ministries**

There are many ways big and small to "get involved" around St. Bernadette's. Below are our parish ministries along with the ministry coordinators. If you would like to get involved, it's easy!! Take a few moments to fill in our form at <a href="https://bit.ly/46kDlFm">https://bit.ly/46kDlFm</a>. You will be contacted for a short virtual meet and greet with the Ministry Coordinator and Volunteer Screening Team. They will begin the screening process, which is usually completed within a week. For more information on our ministries, please contact the Parish Office.

| The Alpha Course                                 | Pohort LoPlana                         |                         | Handmaids of the Lord          | Rhea Nazareno              |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| •                                                | Robert LeBlanc                         |                         |                                |                            |  |  |  |
| Altar Servers                                    | Lianson Wilson                         |                         | Hope & Life                    | Susan Dulny                |  |  |  |
| Bereavement Ministry                             | Shanti Ferdinand                       |                         | Legion of Mary<br>Meditation   | Exal Montes Trevor Pereira |  |  |  |
| Bible Study                                      | Susan Kennedy                          |                         |                                |                            |  |  |  |
| Bingo                                            | TBD                                    |                         | Ministry of Hospitality        | TBD                        |  |  |  |
| Catholic Mom's Group                             | Cathy Haynes                           |                         | Society of St. Vincent de Paul | Sharron Monk               |  |  |  |
| Catholic Women's Guild                           | Susan Kennedy                          |                         | Rosary Apostolate              | Susan Dulny                |  |  |  |
| Coffee Thursdays                                 | Julia Beattie                          |                         | Wedding Coordinators           | Marisa Hall                |  |  |  |
| Coffee Sundays                                   | Denise Carson & Julia Beattie          |                         | Young Adult Ministry           | Father Chris               |  |  |  |
| Children's Liturgy                               | Elise Arbic                            |                         | Sacramental Preparation        |                            |  |  |  |
| Choir Saturday 5:00pm                            | Ronnie Pasajol                         |                         | Baptism                        | Father Chris               |  |  |  |
| Choir Sunday 8:30am                              | Tatjana Smrekar                        |                         | Baptism Coordinators           | Father Chris               |  |  |  |
| Choir Sun 10:15am (children) Michelle Kirkwood   |                                        | First Communion         | Robert LeBlanc                 |                            |  |  |  |
| Choir Sunday 12:00pm                             | Ronnie Pasajol                         |                         | Confirmation                   | Robert LeBlanc             |  |  |  |
| Choir Sunday 5:00pm Ronnie Pasajol               |                                        | Marriage Preparation    | Mark & Linda Sarang            |                            |  |  |  |
| Choir Sunday 7:00pm Stan Rodrigo                 |                                        | Adult Initiation (RCIA) | Robert LeBlanc                 |                            |  |  |  |
| Collection Counters                              | Catherine Sheridan                     |                         | Initiation for Young People    | Robert LeBlanc             |  |  |  |
| EDGE Youth Group Monika Matelski                 |                                        | Communion Outreach      |                                |                            |  |  |  |
| Junior EDGE Youth Group                          | Junior EDGE Youth Group Elisa Barbeito |                         | Communion to Homebound         | Denise Carson              |  |  |  |
| Eucharistic Ministers                            | aristic Ministers Karen Takacs         |                         | Harwood Place                  | Mark-Andre Simard          |  |  |  |
| Euchre                                           | Pat Fowler                             |                         | Harwood Manor                  | Susan Falcone              |  |  |  |
| Lectors (readers)                                | Jennifer Del Monte                     |                         | Ballycliffe                    | Father Daniel              |  |  |  |
| Craft Group                                      | Beatrice Zuzarte                       |                         | Ajax-Pickering Hospital        | Father Daniel              |  |  |  |
| Rosary Makers                                    | Phyl Birch                             |                         | Lakeridge Gardens              | Father Daniel              |  |  |  |
| Knights of Columbus                              | Ron Larock                             |                         | School Council Parish Liaisons |                            |  |  |  |
| Daughters of Isabella                            | Monique Beaudo                         | oin                     | St. James Elementary           | Elise Arbic & Lisa Veecook |  |  |  |
| Faith Studies Susan Kenn                         |                                        |                         |                                |                            |  |  |  |
| Flowers & Decorating Catherine Sh                |                                        | lan                     |                                |                            |  |  |  |
| Funeral Receptions                               | Julia Beattie                          |                         |                                |                            |  |  |  |
| Parish Schools                                   |                                        |                         |                                |                            |  |  |  |
| Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary 905-427-6667 |                                        |                         | Jim MacNeil, Principal         | Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain      |  |  |  |
| Notre Da                                         | me Secondary                           | 905-686-4300            | Sonya Melim, Principal         | Jeannine Henry, Chaplain   |  |  |  |
| St. Bernadette Elementary 905-683-05             |                                        |                         | John Linhares, Principal       |                            |  |  |  |
| St. Jam                                          | nes Elementary                         | 905-427-3327            | Geraldine Borg, Principal      |                            |  |  |  |
| St. Teresa of Calcu                              | tta Elementary                         | 905-426-7065            | Sheena Paul, Principal         |                            |  |  |  |
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#### Wednesday November 6th Friday November 8th Sunday November 3rd **2pm** - All Saints Day Party (Hall) 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) (Hall) **7pm** - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side) 7pm - EDGE (Hall) Monday November 4th 9:30pm - Faith Studies (Hall) 6pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Hall) Thursday November 7th Saturday November 9th 7:30pm - SSVP Meeting (Council Room) 10am - Hope & Life (Hall-Kitchen side) 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage side) 11am - Baptism 11am - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) Tuesday November 5th 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St. Bernadette CES -Library) November 10-16 Tuesday November 12th Sunday November 10th Friday November 15th After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee **2pm** - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers Sunday (Hall) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall) **7pm -** Jesus Youth (Hall) Monday November 11th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) Wednesday November 13th Saturday November 16th 6:30pm - Jr EDGE (Hall) 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 11am - First Communion Class (Hall) 6pm - First Communion Class (Hall) 1pm - First Reconciliations (Church) DCOMING 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) November 17-23 Monday November 18th Wednesday November 20th Friday November 22nd 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers 7pm - Knights of Columbus (Hall) 6pm - First Communion Class (Hall) (Council Room) 7pm - EDGE (Hall) Tuesday November 19th 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) Saturday November 23rd 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 7pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Hall-Stage 11am - Baptism 11am - First Communion Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St. Bernadette CES -1pm - First Reconciliations (Church) Library) 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) November 24-30 Sunday November 24th Tuesday November 26th Friday November 29th 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers Sunday & Fundraising Bake Sale (Hall) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall) 6pm - Lectors' Dinner (Hall) Monday November 25th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) Wednesday November 27th Saturday November 30th **6:30pm -** Jr EDGE (*Hall* ) 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 6pm - First Communion Class (Hall) 11am - First Communion Class (Hall) 1pm - First Reconciliations (Church) Thursday November 28th 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 10:00am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall) December 1-7 Monday December 2nd Wednesday December 4th Friday December 6th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 10:00am - SSVP Christmas Giving Days (Hall) 7:00pm -SSVP Meeting (Council Room) 10:00am - Advent Day of Confessions (Church) 6:00pm - Candlelight Vigil Mass (Church) 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Hall) **FALL** Tuesday December 3rd Saturday December 7th 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) Thursday December 5th 9:00am - Marian Celebration (Hall) 2024 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St. Bernadette CES -10:00am - DOC grade 10 retreat (Hall) 9:30am - RCIC (Council Room) Library) 10:00am - Hope & Life (Council Room) 11:00am - First Communion Class (Council 7:00pm - Lector Training/Refresher (Church) Room)

November 3-9

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