



24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

# 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 Masses – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6:30am  
Morning Masses – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9:00am  
Evening Masses – Wednesday 7:30pm

## PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm      Fridays 9:30am-10:30am      Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm  
*\*Also, by appointment with the clergy*

## ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays of the month 9:30am-3:00pm      All other Fridays 9:30am-10:30am

## PARISH OFFICE

### PARISH STAFF

Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor*  
Father Kevin Adriano, *Associate Pastor*  
Myrna Hentrich, *Parish Secretary*  
Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate*  
Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator*  
Marva Thomas, *Administrative Assistant*  
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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
9:00am to 12:30pm  
1:30pm to 4:00pm  
*Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1:30*  
Saturday and Sunday  
9:30am to 2:00pm

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** – every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class (via Zoom) and completed registration with required forms required. Please speak to Myrna or email [office@stbernajax.com](mailto:office@stbernajax.com)

**First Confession/Communion** – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Confirmation** – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 SCHOOLS

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary	Jim MacNeil, <i>Principal</i>	Tim Lee Loy, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-427-6667
Notre Dame Secondary	Sonya Melim, <i>Principal</i>	Jeannine Henry, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-686-4300
St. Bernadette Elementary	Diana Assenza, <i>Principal</i>	Agnes Sararus, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-683-0571
St. James Elementary	Geraldine Borg, <i>Principal</i>	Marisa Hall, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-427-3327
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	Sheena Paul, <i>Principal</i>	Linda Sarang, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-426-7065

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: <https://stbernajax.com>  
YouTube: [@st.bernadetteparishajax3761](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstbernajax3761)

Twitter: [@stbernajax](https://twitter.com/stbernajax)  
Facebook: [St. Bernadette Church, Ajax](https://www.facebook.com/St.BernadetteChurchAjax)

## From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Friends in Christ,  
Our Gospel this weekend reminds us of the courage and strength of character required of a Christian.

Peter asks a question, a question about how much he needs to forgive, how often he needs to forgive. The courage and strength we need to have is to ask these questions of God and ourselves, knowing He has an answer for us – and knowing if and when we have the answer, we need to live by it. Going forward in his life, Peter knew He ALWAYS had to forgive. Are we (are you) ready to ask God the tough questions, knowing that once we have the answers, we (all of us) need to amend our life, our ways, and live according to God's will for us?

Your servant in the Lord,

*Father Chris*

## For Our New Parishioners

If you are just joining our community, please click on "I'm New" on our parish website – [stbernajax.com](http://stbernajax.com) – (under Parish Info), come to the parish office or email [office@stbernajax.com](mailto:office@stbernajax.com) to set up a time to stop by.

## 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, Chandrika Puvilingham, Desmond Vieira, Luisa Matthias, Ryan Brown, Kevin Sims & John Lefebvre.*

**We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing; we pray for Michelle Daigle, Jeanne Foxwell, Antonio De Castro, Jim Kelly & Alice Hein.**

*All of those whom we pray for will now be posted at the back of the church. Please add these names to your prayers.*

## September Anniversaries

Let us know of your anniversary by contacting the Parish Office (by email or phone). Also, let us know if you're celebrating a special year! For those who wish to allow our priests to honour you with a special anniversary blessing at the end of one of the Sunday Masses, we welcome you to speak to the priest before the Mass you attend on the closest weekend for a special public blessing – a great witness for others! **It is important that our community experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!**

Sep 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ada & Ron Larock (40 years)
Sep 4 <sup>th</sup>	Harry & Sylvia Prabhu (46 years)
Sep 10 <sup>th</sup>	Frances & Erhiyoma Akpomughe (12 years)
Sep 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Michele Faux (44 years)
Sep 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Carlos & Maria Da Silva (39 years)
Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	Susana & Danny O'Shea (24 years)

## \* Please Consider Volunteering \*

Each week, we will feature one of our many ministries in need of volunteers! We continue to build and rebuild parish ministries within the parish community – AND NEED YOUR HELP!

### Ministry of Hospitality

We desperately need ministers for this ministry for all the Masses! In order to greet and welcome people into the parish, to help during Mass take up the collection and provide a welcoming environment for us all – THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT and VITAL MINISTRY. New ministers will be a part of the team under the direction of a Mass Captain (experienced minister and team leader). We require 5 or 6 ministers at most Masses. Please email or contact the Parish Office right away and thank you in advance!

## Upcoming Funerals

We will continue to remember in our prayers, praying for the repose of the soul of our sister Alice Hein. Alice's funeral will be held at St. Bernadette's Parish on Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

We will continue to remember in our prayers, praying for the repose of the soul of our brother Jim Kelly. Jim's funeral was held at St. Bernadette's Parish on Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

# Around the Parish

## Welcome Back Breakfasts

Our Welcome Back Breakfasts will be held after the 8:30am, 10:15am and Noon Masses on Sunday October 15 (not October 8<sup>th</sup> as was previously announced). This breakfast will be hosted by the Fund-Raising Committee and the Knights of Columbus and will be a free breakfast (although please consider a small donation to offset the costs of the food) – the most important thing is that we come together.

## Coffee Sunday

Our first Coffee Sunday will be the following weekend: Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 8:30am, 10:15am and Noon Masses – hope to see you there!

## Ministry of Giving



THANK YOU all for your continued generosity, in all ways! The financial support you offer is so important to the operation and outreach of our parish.

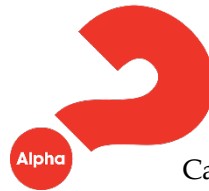
**The Offertory:** Your weekly contributions help supports the operation of our Parish Office, pays the salaries of the staff, provides for the operational costs of our weekly liturgies, some of the basic needs of our parish ministries (many ministries raise money for their own needs). Of our Offertory, 15% is given to the Archdiocese of Toronto to support the diocesan needs (which also help us too).

**Parish Building Fund:** We continue to work towards reaching our goal of \$500,000 by December 2023. Our HVAC (heating & air conditioning systems in the Parish Hall and Church), repairs and renovations in the Parish Office and Rectory, and upgrades to our sound systems in church and hall as well. We are no longer moving forward with the pitched roof, and are looking a simpler gardening and landscaping plan.

Last Week's Offertory	\$ 9,135.00
September Building Fund	\$ 3,495.65
Building Fund Total	\$ 267,152.06

**\* 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on September 24<sup>th</sup> is for the Needs of the Church in Canada**

## ALPHA



On Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>, we will begin the Alpha Course at St. Bernadette's. a recent Angus Reid study showed only 29% of religiously committed people in

Canada view evangelism positively. 80% of guests attend Alpha because of a personal invitation from someone they know and keep attending because of the relationships they develop during Alpha.

Evangelism is always relational and not just informational. This relational dimension of Alpha is what speaks loudest to a culture that suffers from increasing feelings of loneliness and social isolation, where the primary question is no longer "What do I believe?" but "Where do I belong?". **For more information, please speak to Father Chris or Trevor Pereira.**

## Faith Formation

### SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Registration for children in grade 7 or 8 wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation has begun. Parents **MUST** attend **one** of two information sessions at the Church: **Thursday September 28 @7:30-8:30pm OR Saturday September 30 @11:30am-12:30pm.**

Register through the link: <https://bit.ly/44JlPrS>

Please email Robert for more info: [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**\*Note:** If your child is in grade 2 or higher and is not baptized, please email Robert.

### FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION

Registration for children in grade 2 or 3 wishing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion has begun. Parents **MUST** attend **one** of two information sessions at the Church:

**Thursday September 28 @ 6-7pm OR Saturday September 30 @ 10-11am.**

Register through the link: <https://bit.ly/45InNtR>

Please email Robert for more info: [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

This program is for adults who wish to become Catholic; and have not received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). This group meets on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9pm, October through May. Please email Robert for more info: [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Young People

This program is for children aged 7 through 17 who have not received some or any the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). It runs mid-October to mid-December. Please email Robert for more info: [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

# Parish Ministries Serving All

There are many ways big and small to “get involved” around St. Bernadette’s. These are some of the ways and our ministries continue to evolve and give life to new ministries too. The Ministry Coordinator (leaders) are listed but please call/email the Parish Office for more details on our various ministries.

## ADVISORY COUNCILS

**Property/Building** Mark-André Simard, Vice-Chair

**Finance** Denise Carson, Vice-Chair

**Pastoral** Jennifer Del Monte, Vice-Chair

**Volunteers** Tim & Desiree Plaus

*Councils are appointed advisory committees to the Pastor who assist him in the important decisions he makes administering the parish. We are always looking for parishioners with special skills for these councils.*

The Alpha Course	Fr. Chris & Trevor Pereira
Altar Servers	Mark Sarang
Apologetics	Trevor Pereira
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Persaud Ferdinand
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Bingo	Anne Marie Dennis
Catholic Mom’s Group	Cathy Haynes
Coffee Fridays	Julia Beattie
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson
	Julia Beattie
Children’s Liturgy	Robert Zuzarte
Saturday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 830am Choir	Tatjana Smrekar
Sun 1015am Choir (children)	Michelle Kirkwood
Sunday 1200pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 700pm Choir	Stan Rodrigo
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte
Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Cursillo	Gabriel Ferdinand
Knights of Columbus	John Kelley
Daughters of Isabella	Monique Beaudoin
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno
Hope & Life for Widows	Jeanette Pinto
Horizons of Hope	Eleanor Lee

Legion of Mary	Lisa Parades
Livestreaming/ Tech Team	Desiree Plaus
	John McGrath
Ministry for Maturing Adults	TBD
Understanding Our Faith (formerly Theology of the Body)	Susan Kennedy
Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Militia of the Immaculata	TBD
Ministry of Hospitality	Faizul & Vinette Rahim
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Street Patrol	Desiree Plaus
Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Truth & Reconciliation	Rose Gomme
Travelling Euchre	Anne Marie Dennis
Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Young Adult Ministry	Father Kevin

## Sacramental Preparation

Baptism	Father Chris
Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Marriage Preparation	Dax Magsisi
Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc

## Communion Outreach

*Please contact the Parish Office, as staff coordinate most of our outreach ministries. Special training is required.*

Communion to Homebound	Denise Carson
Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Harwood Manor	Susan Falcone
Ballycliffe	Ian & Sharon Pinto
Ajax-Pickering Hospital	Ian & Sharon Pinto
Lakeridge Gardens	Ian & Sharon Pinto

## School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sararus
St. James Elementary	Marisa Hall
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O’Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

## Special Thank You

**A very special thank you to our Ministry Coordinators and leaders, past and present; those who coordinate and lead our many parish ministries. We, as a parish community appreciate you!**

## **Around the Parish This Week**

### **Saturday September 16 – Saint Cornelius**

900am Mass  
930am Meditation (Council Room)  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Mass

### **Sunday September 17 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm - Masses

### **Monday September 18**

630am Mass  
900am Mass  
630pm Junior EDGE CORE Training (Stage Side)

### **Tuesday September 19 – Saint Januarius**

900am Mass  
700pm RCIA Preparation Session (Stage Side)

### **Wednesday September 20 –**

### **Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions**

630am Mass  
630pm Parish Confessions  
730pm Mass

### **Thursday September 21 – Saint Matthew**

900am Mass  
630pm ALPHA CORE & Support Team Meeting

### **Friday September 22**

630am Mass  
900am Mass  
930am Adoration  
930am Parish Confessions  
630pm EDGE CORE Training (Hall)

### **Saturday September 23 – Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**

900am Mass  
930am Meditation (Council Room)  
1100am Baptisms  
100pm Liturgical Ministries Meeting and Training  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Mass

### **Sunday September 24 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm - Masses

## **Mass Intentions This Week**

### **Saturday September 16**

900am ~ Intention of The Hentrich Family  
500pm + Leslie Martin

### **Sunday September 17**

830am ~ Intention of special needs children & their families  
500pm + Carmen Jose  
700pm + Michelle Daigle

### **Monday September 18**

900am + Yanelly Leal

### **Tuesday September 19**

900am + Jeanne Foxwell

### **Wednesday September 20**

730pm ~ Intention of Priscilla Dwyer  
~ Intention of George Poblete

### **Thursday September 21**

900am + Mary MacNeill

### **Friday September 22**

900am + Robert Joseph Saptel

### **Saturday September 23**

900am + Antonio De Castro  
500pm + Leena Machado

### **Sunday September 24**

830am ~ Intention of the Senior-Miranda Family  
1200pm ~ Missa Pro Populo  
500pm + Juanita Aquino  
700pm ~ Thanksgiving for Maria Rivamonte

# Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1PgqJK6Gis>