



St. Bernadette Catholic Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 2026

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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

MORNING MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 8:00am
Saturday 9:00am

EVENING MASS

Wednesday 7:30pm

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays
6:15pm-7:15pm
Fridays
8:30am-9:15am
Saturdays
3:45pm-4:45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays
8:30am-12:00pm
All Other Fridays
8:30am-9:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Thursday
9:00am-4:30pm

Friday
9:00am-4:30pm
(Phone calls only)

*Weekdays closed for lunch
12:30-1:30pm*

WEEKENDS

Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

WELCOME DESK

Before and after all weekend
Masses

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends,

As we celebrate Thanksgiving weekend, I find myself reflecting on the many ways God has blessed us all at St. Bernadette's. Among those blessings is the wonderful parish family we share in here together.

As your pastor, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Whether you have been part of our parish for decades or have only recently joined us, you are an important part of who we are as a community of faith. I am grateful for those who serve so generously, those who quietly pray for our parish, those who share their gifts and talents, and those who simply come each week seeking to grow closer to the Lord. Each of you contributes something wonderful to our parish family!

Thanksgiving reminds us of a simple but profound truth, much as we reflected on last weekend - everything in life is a gift. When we recognize God's goodness in our lives, gratitude naturally inspires us to love more deeply and give more generously.

Thank you for being part of St. Bernadette Parish. May we never take for granted the gift of our faith, our community, and one another.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving!

Fr. Chris

PARISH TEAM

Pastor:	Father Chris Lemieux	pastor@stbernajax.com
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Family Life Coordinator:	Monika Matelski	family@stbernajax.com
Youth Minister:	Stacey Leitmann	youth@stbernajax.com
Administrative Assistant:	Marva Thomas	office3@stbernajax.com

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: A mandatory Baptism class must be attended, and all required registration forms completed. Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email at office@stbernajax.com

First Confession/Communion, Confirmation: Please contact the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults: For adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation for Young People: For young people ages 7 to 16. Classes designed for their age group are offered to help young people receive all Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office one year in advance. One of the priests will arrange an appointment with you.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office immediately.

PRAYING FOR OUR PEOPLE



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, for: **Violet Azavedo, Anne Sinclair, Albertina Caruso, Maura D'Costa, Sylvia Mondal, and Peter Dwyer.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Francia Bartolome, Flordeliza Petalver, Rachel Barry, Jorge Isidro, and Nicole Gilmour.**

ANNIVERSARIES

If you are a registered member of St. Bernadette's, we would love to celebrate and witness the anniversary of your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office or Welcome Desk, with your anniversary dates.

This month we celebrate with:

Oct 1	Brendan & Kate McKnight	(15 yrs)
Oct 5	Nadia & Alfredo Santiago Jr.	(19 yrs)
Oct 6	Rose & Russell Gomme	(36 yrs)
Oct 7	Allan & Pat Colterman	(48 yrs)
Oct 10	Odetta & Alban Mendonca	(44 yrs)

CALLING WOMEN OF ST. BERNADETTE

All women of St. Bernadette Parish are invited to attend a meeting on **Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00pm** to discuss the future direction of our Catholic Women's Group. This meeting will offer an opportunity to reflect and explore possibilities for new leadership. Whether you've been involved before or are new to the group, all are welcome.

HARVEST DINNER



The Parish Vitality ministry will be hosting a Harvest Dinner on **Saturday October 17, at 6:30pm**, in the Parish Hall. Tickets are now available at the Parish Office and Welcome Desk.

Cost: Adults \$30, and Kids \$20 (*ages of 6-12 years old*).

For more information, please contact Linda Sarang at 416-523-2062, linda4791@gmail.com or Julia Beattie at 905-683-1373.

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Saturday, October 24 | 9:00am to 3:00pm

A special day for Ministry Coordinators and Leaders to step away from the weekly demands of ministry and be spiritually nourished, spend time in prayer and reflection, and connect with fellow ministry leaders. Beginning with Mass at 9:00am, the day will offer a chance to share ideas and experiences and reflect on our shared mission as a parish.

We hope all Ministry Coordinators and Leaders will be able to join us. Registration details will be shared directly with ministry leaders. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 10

5:00pm + Lucy Mendes

Sunday, October 11

8:30am + Jose Torres

12:00pm Missa Pro Populo

5:00pm + Honorio Santos

7:00pm + Alfred Blakeley

Monday, October 12 – THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00am + Anne Healy

Tuesday, October 13

8:00am + Emma St. Denis

Wednesday, October 14

7:30pm + Antonio Ruber

+ Bernard Blakeley

+ All infants & children

~ In thanksgiving for Rita & family

Thursday, October 15

8:00am + Jaime Villafuerte

Friday, October 16

8:00am + Verónica Ego-Aguirre

Saturday, October 17

9:00am + Julian Patrick Ireland

+ Youngsuk Maria Suh

+ Alhwna

~ In thanksgiving for Jordan Celestine

~ In thanksgiving for Byungkyu Michael Jeon

SECOND COLLECTION



This weekend, **October 10 & 11**, our second collection taken at the time of the Offertory, is for our **Parish Building and Maintenance Fund**. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



This Thanksgiving let's remember our neighbours in need within our parish community. St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Food Drive takes place **October 10 & 11**. Donations of canned goods, pasta, rice, coffee, tea, soup and other non-perishable foods are gratefully welcomed. Volunteers will be in the Narthex before and after all weekend Masses to receive donations. Thank you for your continued generosity.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Fr. Chris, Fr. Sean, Deacon Ron, and Staff at St. Bernadette Parish wish everyone a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving!

The Parish Office will be **closed, Monday, October 12**. Mass will begin at 9:00am.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

OCIA is for adults who wish to become Catholic, or who have not yet received one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

CANDIDATE INFO SESSION

Sunday, October 18 at 1:30 pm | Parish Hall

For those interested in exploring the Catholic faith and beginning the OCIA journey. For more info, contact the Parish Office at office@stbernajax.com

SPONSOR INFO SESSION

Sunday, October 25 at 1:30 pm | Parish Hall

Interested in accompanying an OCIA candidate? Join us to learn more about becoming a sponsor and walking alongside someone on their journey of faith. For more info, contact the Parish Office at office@stbernajax.com

YOUTH MINISTRY LAUNCH DATES

JUNIOR EDGE | Grades 1-4 | [Click here to register!](#)

2nd & 4th Monday, 6:30-8:00PM | LAUNCH: Oct 26

EDGE | Grades 5-8 | [Click here to register!](#)

2nd & 4th Friday, 6:30-8:30PM | LAUNCH: Oct 23

SUMMIT | Grade 9-12 | [Click here to register!](#)

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm | LAUNCH: Oct 15

For more info, contact Stacey at youth@stbernajax.com

YOUTH MINISTRY - CALLING ALL CHEFS!

Do you enjoy cooking and want to support our parish youth?

We're looking for volunteers to prepare simple meals for SUMMIT, our teen ministry.

SUMMIT meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month. Choose a night that works for you! Email Stacey at youth@stbernajax.com to sign-up for a night.

BIBLE STUDY



THE FOUR GOSPELS: AN INTRODUCTION
Wednesdays, November 11, 18, and 25,
9:30am in the Parish Hall. Why do we have four Gospels? Who wrote them, and what does each one reveal about Jesus? Join us for a three-session Bible Study featuring Dr. Brant Pitre as we explore the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Optional Study Guide: \$15. All are welcome! Email: susangkennedy@gmail.com

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Catholic School Board Trustee Candidates' Forum

Parishioners are invited to an information evening with the Catholic School Board Trustee candidates on **Friday, October 16, between 7:00pm – 8:30pm** in the Parish Hall. This invitation has also been extended to our five Catholic Schools and neighbouring catholic parish. If you plan on attending, please arrive early for seating.

The session will give each candidate an opportunity to briefly introduce themselves and share why they are running for Catholic School Board Trustee. A moderated question-and-answer period will follow, offering our community an opportunity to learn more about the candidates and their priorities for Catholic education.

We also welcome Trustee candidates **this weekend** to speak with parishioners outside the church, giving parishioners an opportunity to connect with them directly, should they wish to do so.

LIFE CHAIN



Last Sunday, St. Bernadette's parishioners gathered for LIFE CHAIN to pray for families and our community, for those who are suffering, and for the dignity and protection of every human life. We are grateful to all who took part and offered their prayerful witness.

FAITH STUDIES

Monday, October 19 | 9:30am | Parish Hall

Join us as we explore the life and teachings of St. Irenaeus of Lyons, who courageously defended the Christian faith, the goodness of creation, and the truth handed down from the Apostles. All are welcome!

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY



The Catholic Mom's Group invites families to the annual All Saints Day Party held in the Parish Hall on **Sunday November 1 from 2:30pm-4:30pm**. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite Saints and enjoy carnival games, Saints trivia, a Saints-themed snack buffet, and lots of fun! Please RSVP here: <https://evite.me/7vaS6Yeje3>

For anyone who is willing to donate treats for this event, please drop off donations at the parish office. For teens who wish to volunteer, please complete the form below: <https://forms.gle/zFoCPQbWXSfufz16A>

AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday October 11

Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm,
7:00pm
10:15am Children's Liturgy (Hall)

Monday October 12 – THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00am Mass

Tuesday October 13

8:00am Mass
9:45am DOC Grade 10 Retreat (Hall)
1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)
6:30pm KOC Executive Meeting (Hall)

Wednesday October 14

8:45am DOC Chapel Mass (School)
9:30am Bible Study (Hall)
6:00pm FHC Sacramental Wed. Session 1 (Hall)
6:15pm Confession
7:00pm CWG General Meeting (Hall)
7:00pm Marriage Prep Course (Hall)
7:30pm Mass

Thursday October 15

8:00am Mass
9:45am DOC Grade 9 Retreat (Hall)
10:15am St. James CES School Mass (School)
7:00pm SUMMIT - Launch (Hall)

Friday October 16

8:00am Mass
8:30am Adoration
8:30am Confession
9:30am Rosary Makers (Hall)
2:30pm Mass at Lakeridge Gardens
7:00pm Catholic School Board Trustee Information
Evening (Hall)

Saturday October 17

7:30am That Man Is You (Hall)
9:00am Mass
9:45am Altar Servers' MC Training (Church)
10:00am Quo Vadis (Council Room)
10:00am FHC Sacramental Sat. Session 1 (Hall)
1:30pm Wedding of Brandon Serpes &
Daniella Cruz
3:45pm Confession
5:00pm Mass
6:30pm Harvest Dinner (Hall)

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