



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

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The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends,

Mary & Joseph have been given the wonderful blessing of their son, God's Son which by bringing Him to the temple they share with others; effectively bringing the Light of the World - to the world. What a blessing! This plays an important part in why to this day, we celebrate the blessing of candles (which symbolize the Light of

Christ coming into the world - through Christians) and ask for the intercession of St. Blaise for the blessing of our throats and protection from ailments, a prayer and intercession this holy saint wants us to ask for. But one of the most important things for us to remember, is that each of us living our Christian lives to the fullest, have been given the opportunity to bless others by our very presence! Friends, I ask for us all to reflect upon that this week, and may all of us, in whatever we do for others - be that blessing to others that they most assuredly need!

May God bless you,

Father 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 - with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Confirmation - 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 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

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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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, Fred Chafe, Jaime Villafuerte, Margaret Ayers, Roland Gregory, Clarette Escobar, Dora Jerry, Faye Marechal, Heather Machado, Rachelle Mendoza and Esperanza Thorne.

We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing.

Collections & Financials



THIS WEEK'S OFFERTORY (incl. PAG) \$17,500

In 2025, we will continue our Parish Building Fund, the focus this year will be on repairs and work needed to the Rectory. As we have been for some months, we will be raising funds for upgrades needed to our sound system and we will be looking to replace the altar servers albs this year as well.

February Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

Feb 13	Beatrice & Robert Zuzarte	(40 years)
Feb 20	Rosemarie & Charmeon Mangaser	(31 years)
Feb 28	Cheryl & Gord Nash	(50 years)

Coffee Sunday



Please join us at our next Coffee Sunday on **February 9th**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. Come and enjoy fellowship over light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you all. **The next Coffee Sunday - February 23rd.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 1st

900am + Robert Joseph Saptel
+ Jegan Amirthanathan
+ Mike De Simone
~ Sheila Lang
~ Alexa Arevalo
500pm + Michael Kervick

Sunday February 2nd - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Fr. Dan Palillo
500pm + Chris Pestano
700pm + Faritha Family

Monday February 3rd

800am + Gardner Family

Tuesday February 4th

800am ~ Heather Machado

Wednesday February 5th - St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

730pm + Mary Josephine Regi Joseph
~ Sheila Lang
~ Cindy Lou Peever
~ Cynthia Devaraj

Thursday February 6th - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

800am + Ferreira Family

Friday February 7th

800am + William Bill Whiting

Marian Pilgrimage – June 2025



June 2-5, 2025, join us on a bus pilgrimage to Ottawa, Trois-Rivières, Quebec City, and Montreal as we visit Marian sites such as the Grotte de Notre Dame de Lourdes, Our Lady of the Cape, St. Anne de Beaupré, and St. Joseph's Oratory. Cost is \$1330 pp/double occupancy (\$315 single supplement - \$350 deposit w/ registration), which includes deluxe motor coach, hotel, 3 breakfasts & 3 dinners. For more information contact Robert - lpa@stbernajax.com

Candlelight Vigil &

Memorial Mass



On **Friday February 7th**, we welcome all those who have registered for this Mass with their guests to celebrate another Candlelight Vigil (starting at 6:30pm) followed by a Memorial Mass (at 7:00pm). Each registered member may offer to 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 contact the Parish Office.

EDGE CAMP



Registration coming soon!

Dates: **August 16 - August 20, 2025**
Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton ON
Who can go: EDGE youth in grades 5-8
Cost: \$500.00 per camper (until April 30, afterwards the cost will be \$575.00)

Registration will open on **March 1**. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is required at the time of registration (cheque made out to "St. Bernadette Parish") along with completion of the online registration to hold and guarantee a spot (the link to the portal will be shared when registration opens on March 1st)

For more information on Edge Camp 2025, please email: youth@stbernajax.com

Click to view last year's EDGE CAMP promotional video:
[Edge Camp 2024 - Promo - YouTube](#)

Catch a glimpse of the activities:
[Summer Camp Activities List - Camp White Pine](#)



JUNIOR EDGE	(grades 1-4)
Night #8:	Feel the Pressure
Monday Feb 10	6:30pm-8pm
EDGE	(grades 5-8)
Night #7:	Art Show
Friday Feb 14	7pm-8:30pm

Upcoming Summer Camps

TOTUS TUUS Parish Summer Camp

Day Program (gr. 1-6):	July 14-18, 2025
Evening Program (gr. 8-12):	July 13-17, 2025

SUMMER CAMPS (Camp White Pine, Haliburton)

EDGE CAMP (gr. 5-8):	August 16-20, 2025
High School Leadership Camp (gr. 9-12):	August 16-20, 2025

Bundle Up Sunday



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes, and linens to support our neighbours in need on the **weekend of February 8 - 9, 2025**

Please bring your donation and help others in our community. We will assist with the loading before and after each Mass. Please don't leave items by the truck.

Thank you for your support!

Fundraising Breakfast



We, the Altar Servers Ministry is a very vibrant, enthusiastic group of young people who serve our parish with dedication and passion. We would like to invite you to attend our first (and certainly not last) Altar Servers Fundraising Breakfast on **Sunday, February 16th, 2025**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses in the parish hall. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast along with fellowship and fun! Tickets cost \$10 each, children between ages 5-10 cost \$5. All proceeds will go toward purchasing new liturgical items and Altar Server essentials. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Hope to see you there!

Alpha Meals



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 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 at lpa@stbernajax.com



Pilgrims of Hope Celebrating the Jubilee Year

To live in hope - for all of us today, we need (now more than ever) to be people of hope. And so, we as a global Church celebrate hope in this Jubilee Year. Here in the Durham Region, our pilgrim church is St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church 194 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa, ON.

At St. Bernadette's, Father Chris will lead the Lenten Jubilee Day of Recollection on **Saturday April 5, 2025**, starting with Mass at 9:00am, followed by a series of reflections on hope, small group discussion as well as time for personal prayer and reflection and concluding at 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided, registration required so we can plan for lunch and for the day. Father Daniel will offer confession, so that those who attend and wish to receive the Jubilee Indulgence may do so.

Jubilee Indulgence

The Jubilee Indulgence is a plenary indulgence which thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy. It may also be sought for oneself. It is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. During a Jubilee Year, which normally happens every 25 years, all other indulgences previously granted remain in force and may be obtained by the faithful.

It is obtained in the same manner as any plenary indulgence. One who is truly repentant and free from any attachment to or desire for sin, moved by a spirit of charity, must perform a prescribed act to be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. The person must also go to Confession (within several days before or after the prescribed act), receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Pope (specifically praying 1 Our Father and 1 Hail Mary). The Jubilee Indulgence may be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory, which is a most commendable act of mercy itself.

Parish Faith Study

Jesus and the End Times: A Catholic View of the Last Days

Join us for an eye-opening exploration of the End Times from a truly Catholic perspective! In this engaging video talk by Dr. Brant Pitre, discover the REAL meaning behind biblical prophecies and gain deeper insight into these important questions:

- What does the number 666 mean?
- Who is the Anti-Christ?
- What about the so-called Rapture?

Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your faith and understanding of Scripture. All are welcome! Starting **Monday March 17** to April 7 at 9:30 in the Parish Hall.

Your 2024 Income Tax Statements



In the coming weeks, we will be issuing your 2024 Tax Receipts. For those who gave in 2024 directly to the parish through PAG, donations including donation envelopes, we will be providing you a Pastor's Letter, a Financial Report and your statement. For those who gave through the Archdiocese of Toronto [DONATE NOW] or Canada Helps, they will issue your statement and we thank you for your generosity. We are hoping to have everything mailed by February 21st.

New Parish Office Hours

Beginning in February, the parish office will be open for walk-ins and phone calls on **Wednesday evenings between 6pm-9pm**. These extended hours are being offered on a trial basis only. Our extended Wednesday evenings will begin on **February 5th**.

Also, beginning **February 8th**, the parish office hours on Saturdays and Sundays will be as follows:

Saturdays	Office Open	9:00am - 1:00pm
Sundays	Office Open	9:00am - 1:30pm

We hope these parish office hours will better serve your needs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER
2025

February 2-8		
<u>Monday February 3rd</u> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 7:00pm - SSVF Meeting (Council Room)	<u>Wednesday February 5th</u> 9:30am - Bible Study (Stage Side) 6:00pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall)	<u>Friday February 7th</u> 6:30pm - Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass <u>Saturday February 8th</u> 9:30am - RCIC Class (Hall) 11:00am - Baptism 11:00am - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 12:00am - Hospitality New Members Training (Church) 1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)
<u>Tuesday February 4th</u> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)	<u>Thursday February 6th</u> 10:00am - Hope and Life (Widows Group) (Kitchen Side) 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)	
February 9-15		
<u>Sunday February 9th</u> After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)	<u>Wednesday February 12th</u> 9:30am - Bible Study (Stage Side) 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Hall) 8:00pm - Parish Teen Ministry (Hall)	<u>Friday February 14th</u> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)
<u>Monday February 10th</u> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:30pm - Junior EDGE (Hall) 7:00pm - KOC Meeting (Council Room)	<u>Thursday February 13th</u> 10:00am - Dennis O'Connor Grade 10 Retreat (Hall) 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)	<u>Saturday February 15th</u> 9:30am - RCIC Class (Hall) 10:00am - St. Joseph Prayer Breakfast (Hall) 11:00am - First Communion Class (Hall) 1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)
<u>Tuesday February 11th</u> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:00pm - Catholic Women's Guild Planning Meeting (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)		
February 16-22		
<u>Sunday February 16th</u> After all morning Masses - Altar Servers Fundraising Breakfast (Hall)	<u>Wednesday February 19th</u> 9:30am - Bible Study (Stage Side) 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Hall) 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side)	<u>Friday February 21st</u> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - Jesus Youth (Hall)
<u>Monday February 17th</u> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:00pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Hall)	<u>Thursday February 20th</u> 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)	<u>Saturday February 22nd</u> 8:30am - Alpha Retreat (Hall) 9:30am - RCIC Class (Council Room) 11:00am - Baptism 11:00am - First Communion Class (Council Room)
<u>Tuesday February 18th</u> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Stage Side) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES)		
February 23-March 1		
<u>Sunday February 23rd</u> After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)	<u>Wednesday February 26th</u> 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Stage Side) 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side)	<u>Friday February 28th</u> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)
<u>Monday February 24th</u> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:30pm - Junior EDGE (Hall)	<u>Thursday February 27th</u> 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)	<u>Saturday March 1st</u> 9:30am - RCIC Class (Hall) 10:00am - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side) 11:00am - First Communion Class (Hall)
<u>Tuesday February 25th</u> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)		

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<https://bit.ly/3U3Rpxi>

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who offer us music
at the Sunday
7:00pm Mass (as
well as at other
times). Pictured
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