

21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Aug 27, 2023

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

900am -12:30pm 1:30pm-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 9:30am to 2:00pm

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm – Sunday 8:30am 10:15am 12:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 8:15am Wednesday 7:30pm

Saturday 9:00am (Begins with Devotions to St. Bernadette)

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm

Fridays 9:00am-9:45am

Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm

First Fridays 9:00am-9:45am

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St. Bernadette Elementary

Diana Assenza, Principal 905-683-0571

Agnes Sararus, Parish Rep 647-970-1978

St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary

Sheena Paul, Principal 905-426-7065

Linda Sarang, Parish Rep 416-523-2062

St. James Elementary

Geraldine Borg, Principal 905-427-3327

Marisa Hall, Parish Rep 416-737-4241

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Mandatory Baptism
Zoom class and registration forms before scheduling Baptism.

FIRST COMMUNION ~ Starts end of September & January

CONFIRMATION ~ Starts end of October

**MARRIAGE ~ contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of when
You wish to get married. A priest will make an appointment with you.**

SACRAMENT of the SICK ~ contact the Parish Office right away.

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary

Jim MacNeil, Principal

Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain 905-427-6667

Notre Dame Secondary

Sonya Melim, Principal

Jeannine Henry, Chaplain 905-686-4300

From Your Pastor...



Dear Friends,

Simon's true friendship with Jesus was where God revealed the true identity and Person of Jesus is – and having revealed this, Jesus Himself called Simon by his new name, "Cephas" or "Peter" and it was with Peter's leadership and ongoing friendship with God that the Church took shape and form and has continued as a community of believers from the very day of the dialogue between Jesus, Peter and the

Disciples until this very moment. We are blessed to be members of the Church, but we must always remind ourselves that as members of the Body of Christ, the Church, we are loving members of a family rather than members of an exclusive club. We are doubly blessed to be a part of this community of believers, this family of faith at St. Bernadette's where we continue to build our own lives on the profession of faith Peter made; loving, serving and caring for one another each and every day.

In your service, in Christ's love,

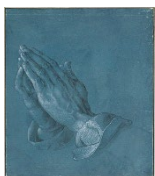
Father Chris

For Our New Parishioners

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

Please note that our office is open for phone calls and scheduled appointments but closed to the public on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month for administrative matters. The next dates are Sep 13th and Sep 27th. Thank you.

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 & Michelle Daigle.

We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing; we pray for James Seamus Grew, Norma Bonair & Andrea Dubois-Shaw.

August Anniversaries

Let us know of your anniversary by contacting the Parish Office. 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, please let us know at the beginning of Mass. It is important that our community experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!

Aug 1 st	Victoria & Alex Ferreira (3 years)
Aug 3 rd	Michelle & Anderson Mendonca (10 years)
Aug 12 th	Rich & Trina Duhaney (17 years)
Aug 15 th	José and Katie Murphy-Gonzalez (14 years)
Aug 16 th	Pat & Marie McCarthy (65 years)
Aug 23 rd	Elizabeth & Vince Mariglia (54 years)
Aug 23 rd	Jim & Mary Psihogios (54 years)
Aug 24 th	Michelle & Dale MacMillian (21 years)

Please let us know by contacting the Parish Office (email or by phone) if you have an anniversary in September. And 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!

**** Volunteers Needed ****

We continue to welcome new ministers and new volunteers and very much need your help and service. Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like to serve in any area of our parish:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

We need help giving Communion at all the Masses, most especially the Sunday 5:00pm and Sunday 7:00pm.

Lectors

We need help sharing God's Word with us at all the Masses, most especially the Sunday 5:00pm and Sunday 7:00pm.

Sacristans

We need Sacristans, who set up for the liturgy (and on weekends are assisted by the altar servers), ensuring all ministers are present; for Sunday 10:15am, Noon, and some Sundays at 7:00pm (and to cover other Masses occasionally). We also need weekday sacristans, especially after Labour Day at the Early Morning Masses.

Ministers of Hospitality

We need ministers to greet everyone joyfully in the Name and Person of Christ, at all the Masses, most especially the Sunday 5:00pm and Sunday 7:00pm.

Communion Outreach Volunteers

For Lakeridge Gardens, Ballycliffe and Ajax-Pickering Hospital and coverage of home visits.

**** NEW ** WELCOME DESK TEAM**

In October, we will open a welcome desk in the Narthex, and we require volunteers to help with this. More information to come on this in the weeks ahead (after Labour Day).

Part-Time Weekend

Secretaries

We are actively looking for two people (hopefully from our parish community) for the position of Part-Time Weekend Secretary. We are blessed to have had Celeste Gomes, exclusively serving in this role – and she continues as well – but will be sharing shifts with the new people we look forward to having join us. Please email Father Chris pastor@stbernajax.com or call the office and leave him a message.

Upcoming Changes to the Parish Schedule

**PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE
AFTER LABOUR DAY – Tuesday September 5, 2023.**

Since these changes are significant, Father Chris welcomes feedback in early October. Please email him your thoughts, which will be discussed by the Pastoral Council in a future meeting. These changes are on a trial basis.

Early-Bird/Commuter Masses

To accommodate many who commute to work, as well as our “early birds” we will be offering early morning Masses three days each week. Mass will be offered **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:30am**. (Please note, the church will be opened at 6:00am for personal and private prayer.

We will continue to offer Mass later in the morning, moving our 8:15am Masses to 9:00am.

We will also celebrate Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 9:00am. The church will remain open for private prayer between the 6:30am and 9:00am Masses and will open at 8:00am on Saturday. The church will remain open for one hour following the Wednesday 6:30am Mass.

Please note: We encourage all who attend the Mass at 9:00am during weekdays to be aware that many parents utilize our church parking lot to drop off their children at St. Bernadette CES. Since we enjoy a mutual partnership with the school, this permission will continue and may affect latecomers who arrive close to Mass time.

Friday Changes

We will continue to have adoration following the 9:00am Mass and until Noon on First Fridays and adoration until 10:00am every other Friday. We will also have confessions available following the Friday 9:00am Mass. **We will no longer have the evening confessions and Mass on First Fridays**, as both have been poorly attended since we brought it back.

Weekday Mass at Archbishop Denis O'Connor

Starting in October, we will be celebrating a weekday Mass on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 8:45am in the DOC Chapel. This Mass is for staff and students, but we encourage people at DOC to attend.

Around the Parish

Our Parish Building Fund



THANK YOU for your continued generosity, we will continue to work hard towards our goal of \$500,000.

We have completed several projects already and have several major projects ahead of us, HVAC system replacement, roof replacement in the Parish Hall and roof repairs as well some interior reconstruction in the Rectory – we are also looking to renovate the Parish Hall to maximize space we have and make upgrades.

UPDATE: In considering the scope of the work ahead of us and our financial limitations, we have returned to the plan of a simple replacement of the flat roof as well as a simpler gardening and landscaping plan.

Also, we welcome Mark-André Simard as our new Vice-Chair of the Property & Building Council and thank Mike Sims for his dedicated service. Mike continues as a much-valued member of the PBC, serving as project manager on current and future projects.

July Building Fund Balance	August Contributions	End-of-Month Goal
\$256,951.91	\$3,733.15	\$5,000.00

Upcoming Funeral

Andrea Dubois-Shaw, a parishioner in our parish has passed away. Her funeral was at St. Francis de Sales Parish Saturday August 26 at 1:00pm.

It is important for us, as members of a parish community to celebrate life with each other, including the eternal life we are offered by Jesus Christ. As Father Chris & Father Kevin meet and plan with families for Masses of Christian Burial, and funeral liturgies, we will be asking families permission to announce these liturgies in our Parish Bulletin – we invite all who are able to attend!

Back-to-School Blessings



At the end of all the Masses on Sunday August 27th as well as the Labour Day weekend we will be offering Back-to-School Blessings for all students and staff who are heading back to school for the Fall.

If you're going back to school at a different time or just want a personal blessing, please come and speak to Father Chris or Father Kevin after Mass.

Parish Ministries and Gatherings

Our Parish Ministries and other Gatherings (Breakfasts, Coffee Sundays) will be returning in early October. We have delayed the booking of our groups in parish space to take the time we need to repair and freshen up the Parish Hall. We have an expected delivery and installation date for the new HVAC system in mid-September.

Sunday October 8: Welcome Back Breakfasts after the 8:30am, 10:15am and Noon Masses.

Sunday October 22: First Coffee Sunday after the 8:30am, 10:15am and Noon Masses

Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy will be on a break for the summer months, July through August. Classes will resume on Sunday **October 15th** during the 10:15am Mass. We would like to wish all kids and parents a safe and enjoyable summer!

Congratulations to our New Masters of Ceremony

Recently, Father Chris appointed seven new Masters of Ceremony to join (Mark &) Brayden Sarang and Lianson Wilson leading our altar servers and working to ensure the beauty of our liturgies continue. We congratulate:

Banham, Darian, Dylan, Marco, Tristan, Jason & Thomas.

Their training is already underway, and we look forward to seeing them soon in their new roles.

Bible Study



The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation will run a morning and evening session beginning on Wednesday Oct 4 at 9:30am or 7:00pm. This Bible Study will run for 24 sessions. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. For more information or to register, contact Susan at 905-427-6137 susangkennedy@gmail.com Study Guide \$60 (optional)

Understanding Our Faith



Understanding Our Catholic Faith (formerly Theology of the Body, also Laugh & Learn) presents: *Epic Story of The Early Church!* Come discover the first 500 years of Church history! *Epic: The Early Church* will lead you through a powerful, fast-paced journey from the lives of the apostles through the rise and fall of Constantine. You'll meet courageous saints, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors and heroic martyrs.

Join us in the Parish Hall beginning Monday October 16th at 9:30am and continuing for 10 weeks. The group breaks in December for Christmas, resuming January 8th until January 22nd. For more information or to register please call Susan Kennedy at 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Parish Pilgrimage



We are down to the last few spots for our Parish Pilgrimage to the Huronia Holyland Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will leave St. Bernadette's the morning of **Saturday September 16** and will return in the evening. The cost will be \$60 per person. Please contact the Parish Office to register.

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
	Yvonne Gonzalves
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 (soon)	Ian & Sharon Pinto
Ajax-Pickering Hospital (soon)	Ian & Sharon Pinto
Lakeridge Gardens (soon)	Ian & Sharon Pinto

School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sarasus
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 August 26 – Our Lady's Saturday

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

Sunday August 27 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday August 28 – Saint Augustine

815am Mass

Tuesday August 29 – The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

815am Mass

Wednesday August 30

630pm Parish Confessions
730pm Mass

Thursday August 31

815am Mass

Friday September 1 – World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

815am Mass
900am Adoration
900am Parish Confessions

Saturday September 2 – Blessed André Grasset

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

Sunday September 3 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday August 26

900am + Gilberto Montes
500pm + Jim Kelly

Sunday August 27

830am ~ Intention of the Senior-Cipriano Family
1015am ~ Missa Pro Populo
700pm + Ignacia Ricarte

Monday August 28

815am + Anita Germinanda

Tuesday August 29

815am + Paul Nguyen Khue

Wednesday August 30

730pm + Horvorka-Senior Family
+ Carlos Oliveira
+ Mastrogiacono Family
~ Intention of the Zakrajsek Family
~ Intentions of St. John the Baptist

Thursday August 31

815am + Desmond Grieve

Friday September 1

815am ~ Intention of members of the Militia of the Immaculata

Saturday September 2

900am + Anne Mary Muirhead
~ In thanksgiving for Estrelita Cagulada
~ Intention of Filomena Vigilante
500pm + Joseph Paul & Maria Delgado

Sunday September 3

830am ~ Intention of the Mendoza Family
1200pm ~ Missa Pro Populo
500pm + Remigio Santonil
700pm + Sinforoso Espeleta

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>