



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025

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 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

Wednesdays

6:15pm-7:15pm

First Fridays

8:30am-12:00pm

All other Fridays

8:30am-9:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9am-4:30pm

Wednesday

9am-4:30pm, 6pm-9pm

Friday 9am-4:30pm for

Phone calls only

(Weekdays closed for lunch

12:30-1:30pm)

WEEKENDS:

Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

Sunday 9:00am-1:30pm

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 18:1-8), Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow who never gives up in seeking justice. Her perseverance moves even an unjust judge, and Jesus reminds us that our Heavenly Father, who loves us deeply, will surely hear the cries of His people. At the heart of this teaching is not only persistence in prayer but also trust in God's unfailing love.

God's love is constant, and unlike the judge, He does not need to be persuaded or worn down. Instead, He delights in listening to His children. When we turn to Him with our needs, with the joys and struggles of life, He receives us with mercy and compassion. Prayer is not about convincing God to care, but about opening ourselves to His care that is already present.

As a parish community, we are called to reflect this same love. Just as God listens to us, we are invited to listen to one another, to support each other in times of need, and to encourage each other in faith. A community rooted in God's love becomes a living witness to the Gospel—where persistence in prayer meets persistence in love.

This week, let us be mindful of the ways we can both bring our petitions before God with faith, and also respond to those around us with generosity of heart. In doing so, we become instruments of the very love that Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel.

Your servant, I remain,

Fr. 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 – Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Confirmation – Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Christian Initiation of Adults – Adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Christian Initiation of 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

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Register at our Parish

Welcome to St. Bernadette's! Register to fully participate, access sacraments, connect with our community, and help us serve you better. If you live outside of our parish boundaries but worship here, registration is key for official requests.

[Click here to register](#) today!

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:

Violet Azavedo, Anne Sinclair, Jaime Villafuerte, and Faye Marechal.

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

We pray especially for Althea Gear.

Please let us know if you would like to be prayed for. Email us at office@stbernajax.com, or call the office.

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are a registered member of St Bernadette's and will be celebrating a wedding anniversary we would love to celebrate and witness your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office with your names and upcoming anniversary dates.

This month we celebrate with:

Oct 1	Brendan & Kate McKnight	(14 years)
Oct 6	Neville & Raakel Barbeito	(24 years)
Oct 7	Manuel Magtibay & Chua Ruby	(35 years)
Oct 10	Andrew & Priscilla Limgenco	(15 years)
Oct 10	Odetta & Albin Mendonca	(43 years)
Oct 11	John & Maria Cardinale	(50 years)
Oct 12	Helene & Alfred Blakeley	(62 years)
Oct 25	Pawel Biedrzycki & Anna Krajewska	(11 years)

St. Joseph's Men's Prayer

~That Man Is You~

THAT MAN IS YOU! is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

This program will run weekly on **Saturdays 7:30am to 9:00am, starting October 25.** All men of our parish are invited to attend. [Click here to Register for THAT MAN IS YOU!](#)

Mass Intentions

Sunday October 19th - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Lurthammah Karunathirajah
500pm ~ Vaz family
700pm ~ Josephine Lourdes Jayarani

Monday October 20th - St. Hedwig

800am + Mary Mathews

Tuesday October 21st

800am ~ Janet King

Wednesday October 22nd - St. John Paul II

730pm + Wilfredo Naverra Sr.
+ Carmen Jose
+ Wayne Knisley
+ Timothy Laliberte
+ Louella Abad

Thursday October 23rd - St. John of Capistrano

800am + Ricardo Espiritu

Friday October 24th - St. Anthony Mary Claret

800am + Souls in purgatory that have no one to pray for them

Saturday October 25th

900am + Lurthammah Karunathirajah
+ Nicolas Ortiz Jr.
+ Calixta Nicolas
+ Elpidio Nicolas
~ Coco Ego-Aguirre
500pm ~ In thanksgiving for Gretta Fernandes

Coffee Sunday



We warmly invite you to join this weekend's Coffee Sunday **October 19**, following the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00 noon Masses in the Parish Hall. Enjoy light refreshments, catch up with friends, and help us greet new faces as we continue to grow together at St. Bernadette's.

Join us again on November 9! All are welcome!

Harvest Dinner



The parish fund raising committee will be hosting a Harvest Dinner on **Saturday October 25 @ 6pm.** Tickets are available at the Parish Office and Welcome Desk.

Cost: Adults \$25, and Kids \$15 (ages of 5-10 years old).

For more information, please contact:

Linda Sarang @ 416-523-2062, linda4791@gmail.com
or Julia Beattie @ 905-683-1373

PA DAY CAMP



Children in grades JK – grade 6 are invited to the first PA DAY Camp of the school year on **Monday Oct. 20!** Our program will be based on the miracles of Jesus and will include games, Bible skits, movie & snack, and crafts.

The camp costs \$20/child and runs **9am-3pm** in the parish hall. Registration is open: <http://bit.ly/48P0Tp4>

ALL SAINTS DAY Party



This year our All Saints Day Party will be held on **Sunday Oct. 26 from 2pm-4pm** in the parish hall. We invite our children to dress up as their favourite Saints and enjoy the carnival games, snacks & potluck, and the Saints showcase.

Please register for this free family event: <http://bit.ly/4o5cuFc>

Help out with Alpha



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's 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 lpa@stbernajax.com

Ministry Volunteers Needed



If you feel called to serve in any of these ministries, please follow the link:

- ✚ Rosary Apostolate
- ✚ Communion Outreach
- ✚ Parish Vitality Ministry

[Click here to fill in our Volunteer Form.](#)

Youth Ministry Launch Dates

Jr. Edge & EDGE Registration is open:

<http://bit.ly/45RGtdU>

\$40/youth or \$35/youth for 2 or more from same household for the whole year. All youth ministries run October to June.

Junior Edge (Grades 1-4)

Every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month
6:30pm-8pm in the Parish Hall

LAUNCH DATE: Monday October 27, 2025

EDGE (Grades 5-8)

Every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month
7:00pm-8:30pm in the Parish Hall

LAUNCH DATE: Friday October 24, 2025

SUMMIT Teen Ministry Registration is open:

<http://bit.ly/3VjfDEY>

Suggested fee for the year is \$40/youth.

SUMMIT TEEN MINISTRY (Grades 9-12)

Bi-weekly Sundays (see bulletin board)
6:00pm-8:00pm in the Parish Hall

LAUNCH DATE: Sunday October 19, 2025

Becoming Catholic

Christian Initiation for Adults

The Christian Initiation of Adults is for individuals who wish to become Catholic; and have not received some or any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). **This group meets on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9pm from October through May.**

For more information, please contact Robert, our Lay Pastoral Associate: lpa@stbernajax.com

Christian Initiation of Young People

The Christian Initiation of Young People is for children aged 7 through 17 who have not received some or any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). **This program will run from mid-October to mid-December.**

For more information, please contact Robert, our Lay Pastoral Associate: lpa@stbernajax.com

House Blessings

If you would like to request a house blessing, please contact the parish office and we will be happy to arrange a time that works for the clergy and your family. Email us at office@stbernajax.com, or call the office.

Discover Your Ministry, Share Your Gifts

At St. Bernadette's, there are many ministries where you can serve as a volunteer or participate as a member. Below is a list of our ministries, from liturgical roles that are part of the Mass, to opportunities for deepening and sharing your faith, to groups centered around fellowship and social connection.

To serve as a volunteer, join a group or simply learn more, please contact the parish office, stop by the Welcome Desk, or [click here to fill in our Volunteer Form](#). Our volunteer coordinator will follow-up with you to answer questions, connect you with ministry leaders, or help you find a ministry that best matches your interests and skills.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:

Altar Servers - Children and youth assisting at Mass

Baptism Coordinator - Assist to organize and set up for Baptisms

Choir/Music Ministry - Choirs at Masses, funerals, weddings & *the children's choir

***Collection Counters** - Assist in the secure counting of weekly offerings

***Communion Outreach** - Bring Communion to the sick or homebound

Eucharistic Ministers - Assist in distributing the Body of Christ at Mass

Lectors - Proclaim the Word of God at Mass

Ministry of Hospitality - Greet and welcome all who join together for Mass

Wedding Coordinator - Assist couples on their special day

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES:

The Alpha Course - Explore the basics of Christian faith

Bible Study - Journey deeper into Scripture and grow in understanding.

Faith Studies - Small group sessions designed to build discipleship

Marriage Prep Course - Help couples prepare for a lifelong commitment

Christian Initiation for Adults - Help adults preparing for Baptism

***Christian Initiation for Young People** - Help children (7-17yrs) preparing for Baptism

***Sacramental Preparation Assistant** - Help with FHC and/or Confirmation classes

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

***Altar Servers** - Children and youth assisting at Mass

***Children's Liturgy/Sunday School Catechists** - Sharing the Word of God in a child-friendly way.

***Choir Sunday 10:15am (Children)** - Children's voices lifting praise to God

***EDGE Youth Group (Grades 5-8)** - Faith, fun, and fellowship for middle schoolers

***Jr. EDGE (Grades 1-4)** - Building a foundation of faith for younger students

***Jesus Youth** - Youth growing together in spirit and service

***Summit Teen Ministry** - Chosen for More. Climbing with Purpose. Elevating a faith life for teens

FAITH, FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE:

Catholic Women's Guild - Social and service opportunities for women

Coffee Sundays - Fellowship after Mass with coffee and conversation

Craft Group - Creative fellowship - knitting for the homeless

Flowers & Decorating - Help beautify the church for seasons and liturgies

Funeral Receptions - Hospitality for grieving families

Gardening Committee - Keep our church grounds beautiful

Hope & Life for Widows - Support and community for women who have lost a spouse

Knights of Columbus - Catholic men in service and fraternity

Legion of Mary - Evangelization through prayer and service

Livestreaming Team - Help broadcast Masses and events online

Meditation - Come find peace in Christ through contemplative prayer

Parish Vitality Ministry - Supports community life organizing social events that bring people together

***Rosary Apostolate** - Foster devotion to Our Lady through prayer

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Serving those in need with compassion. Food bank and other resources

Notes:

Parental/Guardian consent is required for youth under the age of 18

*** May require a vulnerable sector/police check**

Around the Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS	October 19-25		
	<u>Sunday October 19</u> Sunday Masses: 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm Coffee Sunday in the Hall after the 8:30am, 10:15am and noon Masses 10:15am - Children's Liturgy 6:00pm - Summit Teen Ministry Launch (Hall)	<u>Wednesday October 22</u> 6:30am - Mass 7:30am - Notre Dame CSS Chapel Mass (School) 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 10:20am - St. Bernadette CES School Mass (Church) 6:00pm - First Holy Communion Class (Hall) 6:15pm - Adoration (Church) 6:30pm - Confessions (Church) 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Hall) 7:30pm - Mass	<u>Friday October 24</u> 8:00am - Mass 8:30am - Adoration (Church) 8:30am - Confessions (Church) 7:00pm - Edge Night Launch (Hall)
	<u>Monday October 20</u> 8:00am - Mass 9:00am - PA Day Camp (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr Edge Core Team Training (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - KOC Meeting (Stage side)	<u>Thursday October 23</u> 8:00am - Mass 6:30pm - Alpha (Hall) 7:00pm - Property & Building Council Meeting (Boardroom)	<u>Saturday October 25</u> 7:30am - St. Joseph's Men Prayer Group (Hall) 9:00am - Mass 9:30am - Christian Initiation of Young People Class (Council Room) 11:00am - Baptism (Church) 11:00am - First Holy Communion Class (Hall) 1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 6:00pm - Harvest Fundraising Dinner (Hall) 4:00pm - Confessions (Church) 5:00pm - Mass
	<u>Tuesday October 21</u> 8:00am - Mass 1:45pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:00pm - KOC Exemplification Ceremony (Church) 7:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall) 8:00pm - KOC Exemplification reception (Council Room)		
	October 26-November 1		
	<u>Sunday October 26</u> Sunday Masses: 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm 10:15am - Children's Liturgy 2:00pm - All Saints Day Family Party-(Hall)	<u>Wednesday October 29</u> 6:30am - Mass 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 9:45am - St. Teresa of Calcutta CES School Mass 6:00pm - First Holy Communion Class (Hall) 6:15pm - Adoration (Church) 6:30pm - Confessions (Church) 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Hall) 7:30pm - Mass	<u>Friday October 31</u> 8:00am - Mass 8:30am - Adoration (Church) 8:30am - Confessions (Church) 10:30am - Mass at Harwood
	<u>Monday October 27</u> 8:00am - Mass 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Junior Edge Launch (Hall)	<u>Thursday October 30</u> 8:00am - Mass 9:30am - St. James CES - Bible Blessing (School) 10:00am - Archbishop Denis O'Connor CSS Grade 9 Retreat (Hall) 10:30am - St. Bernadette CES-Bible Blessing (School) 6:30pm - Alpha (Hall)	<u>Saturday November 1</u> 7:30am - St. Joseph's Men Prayer Group (Hall) 9:00am - Mass 9:30am - Christian Initiation of Young People Class (Council Room) 11:00am - First Holy Communion Class (Hall) 1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 3:00pm - Sacramental Parent Retreat(Hall) 4:00pm - Confessions (Church) 5:00pm - Mass
	<u>Tuesday October 28</u> 8:00am - Mass 1:45pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall)		

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Ministry Volunteers Needed - inquire at the parish office or welcome desk

Visiting & Communion Outreach

The Visiting & Communion Outreach Ministries bring the love and presence of Christ to the sick, elderly, and homebound by offering prayer, companionship, and the gift of Holy Communion. Volunteers extend the care and engagement of the parish community to those unable to attend Mass, reminding them they are not forgotten.

Parish Vitality Ministry

The Parish Vitality Ministry supports community life by organizing parish breakfasts, dinners, and social events that bring people together. Rooted in Christian fellowship, this ministry helps strengthen the bonds of faith and friendship among parishioners, fostering a more vibrant, welcoming, and connected parish community.

Sunday School Catechists Help Launch - Sunday School

We're seeking faith-filled adults and responsible teens from our parish to help launch our Sunday School program during Mass. Share Bible stories, faith, and fun with young children—no experience needed! Training and materials will be provided. Help plant seeds of faith in the hearts of our youngest parishioners. Join this joyful ministry today!

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