



3rd Sunday of Easter May 4, 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

First Fridays of month
8:30am-12:00pm (Angelus at Noon)
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, 3pm-6pm
Sunday
9:00am-1:30pm, 4pm-8pm



From the Pastor's Desk

Our readings this Sunday speak to us about what we are willing to give for our faith. Last week, we confirmed 83 of our young parishioners. In confirming them, it was impressed upon them how much God loves them—that He pours out and activates the gifts of the Holy Spirit in them.

These gifts include courage (fortitude), wisdom, and right judgment, all of which animate and orient our hearts toward God.

But these gifts are not only for special moments or crises. They are meant to shape how we live every day. Today's Scriptures remind us that to follow Christ means embracing integrity in all things. Living with integrity is living with unity of heart and action: speaking truthfully, acting justly, and loving sincerely, whether in private or public life. As Christians, we must avoid hypocrisy, not only professing our faith but embodying it in our families, workplaces, and communities.

Our young people have been sealed with the Spirit to be witnesses of Christ. Let us support them by giving them (our own) examples of integrity—showing that discipleship is not simply a title we claim, but a way of life we live boldly and authentically.

Yours in Christ,

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

Father Chris Lemieux	Pastor	pastor@stbernajax.com
Father Daniel Lee	Associate Pastor	associate@stbernajax.com
Deacon Ron Vaz	Parish Deacon	deacon@stbernajax.com
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Marva Thomas	Administrative Assistant	office3@stbernajax.com
Sue McGee	Parish Bookkeeper	admin@stbernajax.com

Registering is Important

Registering at St Bernadette's allows you to fully participate in our community, access sacraments, and benefit from parish services. It's a way to contribute to the life of the Church, build meaningful connections with fellow parishioners, and help us plan for future activities to better serve you.

If you worship with us but live outside the parish boundaries, registration is especially important for official requests or sacramental needs. If you're not yet registered, please take this simple step today: [Click here to register](#)

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are a registered member of St Bernadette's and will be celebrating a wedding anniversary, whether it's your first year, a milestone (10th, 25th, 50th), or any year in between, we would love to celebrate and witness your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office with your names and anniversary date before the month of your celebration.

This month we celebrate with:

May 5	Michael & Prasadi Wijethunge	(13 years)
May 7	David & Dianne Valentim	(31 years)
May 8	Anne & Frank Bakermans	(43 years)
May 18	Bill & Denise Fox	(51 years)
May 28	Victor & Rowena Pedraja	(31 years)

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.

Coffee Sunday



Please join us this weekend for Coffee Sunday on **May 4**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. It's a great opportunity to connect with friends and meet others in our church community. Please note that there will be no Coffee Sunday on Mother's Day.

Upcoming Coffee Sundays:

May 25 | June 8

Parish Building & Maintenance Fund



We continue to include among our second collections, the Building & Maintenance Fund collection, the first Sunday of each month. We will continue to prioritize improvements to our parish.

- Parish Office improvements
- Rectory reconstruction and development
- New blinds for the Parish Hall
- Landscaping work (Phase II)
- Sidewalk improvements

Offertory for (April 27)

\$ 7,412.00

Building Fund Total

\$ 440,450.62

(our goal is \$600,000)

Praying for Vocations

On **Saturday May 10th**, we will celebrate the Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of two men at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

In preparation for this joyful occasion, our parish will hold a Prayer Vigil on **Friday, May 9th at 7pm**, led by Father Daniel. This is a special opportunity to gather as a faith community and lift up in prayer those who are about to begin their priestly ministry. All are welcome!

Mass Time Change

Please note that due to the Ordination, the **Saturday, May 10th** morning Mass will be held at the earlier time of **7:00 AM**.

There will be **No 9:00 AM Mass** that day.

Welcome Desk & Office Kiosk

Visit us in the Narthex before and after weekend Masses, and in the Parish Hall during our Coffee Sunday this weekend.

Services Available at the Welcome Desk:

- Register as a parishioner
- Sign up to receive parish bulletins
- Book Mass intentions
- Pre-register for baptisms
- Learn about and sign up for volunteer opportunities

We're excited to greet you and provide assistance!

Mass Intentions

Saturday May 3rd - St. Philip & St. James

900am + Rita Browne
+ Sheryl Dela Cruz
+ Esperanza Marasigan Thorne
+ David Hutchinson
+ Herman Naus
500pm + John D'Costa

Sunday May 4th - The 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30am + Adolfo Faldas Sr.
500pm ~ Xavier Katzman
700pm + Elpidio Nicolas

Monday May 5th

800am + Maria Matias

Tuesday May 6th - St. Francois de Laval

800am + The Drego Family

Wednesday May 7th

730pm + Earl Buzz Melanson
+ Colin Beech
+ Carlos Oliveira
+ Theresia Serensits
~ Bennie Sanpedro

Thursday May 8th - Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine

800am ~ Gita Khera

Friday May 9th

800am + Leona Sheehan

Volunteering in the Parish

These ministries are actively looking for new members. There's a place for everyone to share their gifts and grow in faith. Stop by our **Welcome Desk** to get SIGNED UP, or take a few moments to fill in our volunteer form at <https://bit.ly/46kDIFm>.

The Alpha Course	Eucharistic Ministers
Altar Servers	Flowers & Decorating
Catholic Women's Guild	Live Streaming
Children's Liturgy	Rosary Apostolate
Choir - Saturday 5:00pm	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Choir - Sunday 8:30am	Wedding Coordinators
Choir - Sunday 10:15am	Baptism Coordinators
Choir - Sunday 12:00pm	First Communion
Choir - Sunday 5:00pm	Confirmation
Coffee Sundays	Marriage Preparation
Collection Counters	Communion & Visiting Ministries
EDGE Youth Group	Junior EDGE Youth Group

What Happens During a Conclave

On May 7th (next Wednesday), 135 cardinals from around the world, (including our current and past archbishops) who are already in Rome, will be locked in the Sistine Chapel and will prepare to elect a new pope. This solemn process, known as the conclave, begins after a period of prayer and preparation. Only cardinals under the age of 80 are eligible to vote. After celebrating Mass praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the electors begin. There, in secrecy and under oath, they seek God's will in their choices and their decision.

The voting is done by secret ballot. A two-thirds majority is required to elect the new pope. If no one is elected after several rounds, the cardinals pause for prayer and reflection before continuing. After each vote, the ballots are burned. If no pope has been chosen, chemicals are added to produce **black smoke**, signaling to the world that the decision is still pending. When a pope is elected, white smoke rises, and bells ring joyfully.

The elected cardinal is asked if he accepts and by what name he will be known. Once he accepts, he becomes pope immediately. Soon after, he appears on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica to greet the faithful with the traditional blessing, Urbi et Orbi.



New participants are welcome to join both Junior Edge and EDGE as we begin a new semester!

Registration: <https://bit.ly/4emdssa>

JUNIOR EDGE (grades 1-4)

Monday May 12 | 6:30pm-8pm

EDGE (grades 5-8)

Friday May 9 | 7pm-8:30pm

"Girl Talk"

Mothers and guardians of girls in Grades 6-8 are invited to a special "Girl Talk" workshop and Mother/Daughter Tea, on **Saturday May 10, 9:30am to 2:00pm** in the Parish Hall. This faith-based event includes conversation, activities, and video clips to help young girls navigate their identity and relationships in today's world. The cost is \$15 per family, refreshments included. To register or for more info, contact Susan Kennedy (905) 427-6137 or Rose Heron at (905) 683-9055 or roseheron@gmail.com

Parish Ministries

St. Bernadette's is a vibrant and active parish, blessed with a variety of ministries that help grow and strengthen our faith community. Whether you're looking to serve, connect, or grow spiritually, there's a place for you here. Below is our full list of ministries along with their coordinators. If you're interested in joining one of our ministries and require more information, we'd love to hear from you! Contact the parish office or fill out our volunteer form at <https://bit.ly/46kDIFm>. Our volunteer coordinator will be in touch with you within 2 weeks.

The Alpha Course	Robert Leblanc	Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Altar Servers	Brayden Sarang	Ministry of Hospitality	Anissa Voisin, Victoria Ferreira & Antoinette Sullivan
Catholic Mom's Group	Cathy Haynes	Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Catholic Women's Guild	Susan Kennedy	Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Children's Liturgy	Elise Arbic	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Choir - Saturday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Choir - Sunday 8:30am	Tatjana Smrekar	Faith Formation	
Choir - Sunday 10:15am (Children)	Michelle Kirkwood	Baptism	Father Chris
Choir - Sunday 12:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
Choir - Sunday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Choir - Sunday 7:00pm	Stan Rodrigo	Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie	Marriage Preparation	Mark & Linda Sarang
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson & Julia Beattie	Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan	Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte	Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski	Faith Studies	Susan Kennedy
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito	Communion Outreach	
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs	Ballycliffe	Deacon Ron
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan	Communion to Homebound	Deacon Ron
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie	Harwood Manor	Deacon Ron
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno	Chartwell Harwood	Deacon Ron
Hope & Life	Susan Dulny	Lakeridge Gardens	Deacon Ron
Horizons of Hope	Eleanor Lee	School Council Parish Liaisons	
Knights of Columbus	Ron Larock	St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic & Lisa Veecook
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer DelMonte & Karl Leitmann	Denis O'Connor Secondary	Agnes Sarasus
Legion of Mary	Exal Montes	Parish Schools	
Live Streaming	John McGrath & Desiree Plaus	Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary	905-427-6667 Jim MacNeil, Principal Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain
		Notre Dame Secondary	905-686-4300 Shawnn O'Connor, Principal Jeannine Henry, Chaplain
		St. Bernadette Elementary	905-683-0571 John Linhares, Principal
		St. James Elementary	905-427-3327 Geraldine Borg, Principal
		St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	905-426-7065 Sheena Paul, Principal

What's Happening at the Parish!

UPCOMING EVENTS	May 4-10		
	<p>Sunday May 4 After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday May 5 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 7:00pm - SSVF Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p>Tuesday May 6 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - First Communion Mass 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday May 9 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers 7:00pm - Ordination Prayer Vigil (Church) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday May 10 <i>Morning Mass starts at 7am***</i> 9:30am - Girl Talk (Hall) 11:00am - Baptism</p>
	May 11-17		
	<p>Sunday May 11 - Mother's Day</p> <p>Monday May 12 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:00pm - Baptism Prep Class (Church) 6:30pm - Jr. EDGE (Hall) 7:00pm - K of C Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p>Tuesday May 13 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - CWG Planning Meeting (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday May 16 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers 7:00pm - Jesus Youth (Hall)</p>
	May 18-24		
<p>Monday May 19 - Victoria Day <i>Mass starts at 9:00am</i></p>	<p>Tuesday May 20 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - K of C Membership Meeting (Ajax Public Library) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Stage Side)</p>	<p>Friday May 23 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday May 24 9:30am - St. Joseph's Men's Breakfast 11:00am - Baptism (Church)</p>	
May 25-31			
<p>Sunday May 25 After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p>	<p>Monday May 26 6:30pm - Jr. EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Tuesday May 27 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)</p>		
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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://bit.ly/3U3Rpxi>



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