



St. Bernadette Catholic Church

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18, 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,

One of the great blessings of parish life is the opportunity to come together—not simply to attend Mass or participate in programs, but to build friendships, strengthen our faith together, and grow as brothers and sisters of Jesus. This weekend offers us two wonderful opportunities to do just that!

On Saturday evening [October 17], we gather for our Parish Harvest Dinner – an opportunity to enjoy good food, fellowship, and each other's company. I hope many of you will join us for what promises to be a joyful evening together.

On Sunday at 1:30pm [October 18] we will host our OCIA Come & See gathering, welcoming those interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith. This is an invitation for those who may wish to become Catholic to encounter Jesus, ask questions – and learn about our entirely new process to become a member of our Catholic community. Both gatherings remind us that our parish is more than a place we come for Mass—it's a community of disciples.

As we continue building a vibrant and welcoming parish, may we always find new ways to invite others in, share our faith, and grow together in our love for Christ and one another.

God bless you and your family!

Fr. Chris

PARISH TEAM

Pastor:	Father Chris Lemieux
Associate Pastor:	Father Sean Jacob
Deacon Assistant:	Deacon Ron Vaz
Office Administrator:	Aquila D'Costa
Family Life Coordinator:	Monika Matelski
Youth Minister:	Stacey Leitmann
Administrative Assistant:	Marva Thomas

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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.

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



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

We pray for the repose of the souls of **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 6	Neville & Raakel Barbeito	(25 yrs)
Oct 7	Allan & Pat Colterman	(48 yrs)
Oct 10	Odette & Alban Mendonca	(44 yrs)
Oct 23	James & Janice Oldman	(50 yrs)

HARVEST DINNER – THIS WEEKEND



Our annual Harvest Dinner is here! **This Saturday, October 17, at 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall, come dressed for a fun evening, bring your appetite, and get ready to enjoy great food, fellowship, and good company! **Don't forget to bring your tickets!**

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. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Please keep our Ministry Coordinators and Leaders in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17

5:00pm ~ Maria Consolacion

Sunday, October 18

8:30am ~ In celebration of the wedding anniversary of Joao & Maria Dinis

12:00pm Missa Pro Populo

5:00pm + Alejo Parucha Sr.

7:00pm + Souls in purgatory with no one to pray for them

Monday, October 19

8:00am + Jaime Cervantes

Tuesday, October 20

8:00am + Carmine Vigilante

Wednesday, October 21

7:30pm + Rodolfo Coros

+ Ken McKay

~ Joseph Nguyen

~ Janet King

~ In thanksgiving for Eber & Emelin Antony

Thursday, October 22

8:00am + Ricardo Espiritu

Friday, October 23

8:00am + Dylan Gilmour

Saturday, October 24

9:00am + Vito & Paz Unay

+ Rufina Kumuthini

+ Corazon Plaza

+ Jhonny Claxton

~ Joseph Nguyen

BAPTISMS

We welcome the newest members of Saint Bernadette's, who with their family and friends, joined our Catholic Christian family through Holy Baptism on **Saturday October 10**. We pray for them, their parents, and godparents as they begin their journeys of faith.

We welcome **Aizen J, Cayo V, Kaison G, Selena B, Zimife O, and Josephine R.**

SECOND COLLECTION



This weekend, **October 17 & 18**, our second collection taken at the time of the Offertory, is for our **World Mission Sunday/Evangelization of the Nations**. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

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

This 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

Next 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

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 | NEXT Session: Nov 5

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. Please email Susan Kennedy: susangkennedy@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome!

OCIA – CALLING ALL COOKS!

Would you like to support adults exploring the Catholic faith and preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation? We're looking for volunteers to prepare simple meals – like casseroles for our OCIA participants as they gather for weekly sessions. Your generosity will help make these gatherings welcoming and provide nourishment along the way.

Interested in helping? Please contact the Parish Office at office@stbernajax.com to learn more.

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY

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The Catholic Mom's Group invites families to the annual All Saints Day Party held in the Parish Hall on **Sunday November 1, 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>

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS



This year, we will celebrate two Masses for the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) on **Monday, November 2, at 8:00am and 7:00pm**.

Please join us as we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Throughout November, the **Book of Remembrance** will be available near the statue of Our Lady. You're invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones before and after Masses. Special envelopes will also be available if you wish to use them.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers Ministry continues to grow! We welcomed five new members this week and are grateful for everyone who joins us in this special ministry of prayer and service. Curious to learn more? Come join us on Fridays at 9:30am — new members are always welcome!

AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday October 18

Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

10:15am Children's Liturgy (Hall)

1:30pm OCIA Information Session (Hall)

Monday October 19

8:00am Mass

9:30am Faith Studies (Hall)

10:15am St. Bernadette CES School Mass (Church)

6:00pm Baptism Prep Class (Hall)

7:00pm KoC Council Meeting (Hall)

Tuesday October 20

8:00am Mass

9:30am Notre Dame CSS Retreat (Hall)

1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)

7:00pm KoC Exemplification Degree (Church)

8:00pm KoC Exemplification Degree
(Council Room)

Wednesday October 21

7:30am Notre Dame CSS Chapel Mass (School)

9:30am Bible Study (Hall)

6:15pm Confession

7:00pm Marriage Prep Course (Hall)

7:00pm Daughters of Isabella (Council Room)

7:30pm Mass

Thursday October 22

8:00am Mass

7:00pm Building Council Meeting (Boardroom)

Friday October 23

8:00am Mass

8:30am Adoration

8:30am Confession

9:30am OLV Rosary Makers (Hall)

2:30pm Mass at Harwood

6:30pm EDGE Launch (Hall)

Saturday October 24

7:30am That Man Is You (Hall)

9:00am Mass

9:00am Ministry Leadership Retreat (Church, Hall)

10:00am Quo Vadis (Council Room)

3:45pm Confession

5:00pm Mass

COFFEE SUNDAY

A LITTLE COFFEE • A LITTLE FELLOWSHIP • A PLACE TO CONNECT



COFFEE SUNDAY CONTINUES EVERY WEEK!

Our Coffee Sunday tradition continues each week, offering a simple way to pause after Mass, catch up with familiar faces, and get to know fellow parishioners as we have always enjoyed here at St. Bernadette's.

Enjoy complimentary coffee, tea, and biscuits.

SOUBIROUS CAFÉ

Coffee Sunday Gets a Little More Special!

The Soubirous Café is part of our Coffee Sunday, building on our weekly tradition with a café-style kiosk. In addition to the complimentary coffee, you can also enjoy delicious baked goodies and special surprise treats for only a small fee.

More to savor, more time to connect!

COME ON IN • GRAB A CUP • STAY AWHILE

COFFEE SUNDAY & SOUBIROUS CAFÉ

REMAINING DATES IN 2026

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
25	8 • 22	6 • 20

Coffee Sunday and Soubirous Café are held most Sundays after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00 noon Masses in the Parish Hall.

WELCOME DESK

YOUR CONNECTION TO PARISH LIFE – COME SAY HELLO!



LOCATION & TIMES

Parish Hall before and after the **Sunday morning Masses 8:30am, 10:15am and 12 noon**

Narthex of the Church before and after the **Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 5:00pm and Sunday 7:00pm Masses**

WELCOME • CONNECT • SERVE

REGISTER

Become a parishioner

BULLETINS

Sign up for parish bulletins

MASS INTENTIONS

Book a Mass intention

SACRAMENTS

Get registration forms & information

VOLUNTEER

Find ways to serve

PARISH INFO

Get answers to your questions

GET CONNECTED

Stay involved in parish life

Event Tickets

You can purchase tickets for Parish events

WEEKEND HELP

Find the right person to ask

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Stop by and say hello
Receive a welcome brochure

NEED ASSISTANCE?

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STAY IN TOUCH

Keep connected with parish updates

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Coffee Sunday • Soubiros Café

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