

Sunday March 27, 2022 – 4th Sunday of Lent

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

21 Bayly Street East, Ajax, Ontario L1S 1P2

Phone: 905-683-1533

Fax: 905-683-1537



Website: <http://stbernajax.com>

YouTube: St. Bernadette Parish, Ajax

Facebook: St. Bernadette Church, Ajax

Twitter: @stbernajax

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

900am -12:30pm 1:30pm-3:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 9:30am to 1:30pm

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 9:00-9:45am Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm

PARISH STAFF

Father Chris Lemieux, Pastor

pastor@stbernajax.com

Father Kevin Adriano, Associate Pastor

associate@stbernajax.com

Myrna Hentrich, Parish Secretary

office@stbernajax.com

Celeste Gomes, Weekend Secretary

office2@stbernajax.com

Monika Matelski, Youth/Sacraments Coordinator

youth@stbernajax.com

Marty Lam, RCIA Coordinator

drciaajax@gmail.com

Sue McGee, Parish Bookkeeper

admin@stbernajax.com

Andy Yaremko, Seminarian Assistant

stbernajax.office3@gmail.com

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Mandatory Baptism Preparation offered virtually at this time.

Sacrament of Marriage ~ contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance and a priest will make an appointment with you.

Sacrament of the Sick ~ contact the Parish Office right away.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Elementary

Penny Delaney, 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

Manuela Michelin, Principal 905-427-3327

Jennifer Del Monte, Parish Rep 289-660-1810

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary

John Di Vizio, Principal 905-427-6667

Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain 905-427-6667

Notre Dame Secondary

Sonya Melim, Principal 905-686-4300

Jeannine Henry, Chaplain 905-686-4300

...from Our Pastor...



Dear Friends,

This weekend, my comments will be very brief: I want to welcome Jay Barker, our new Custodian and Groundskeeper who just completed his first week at St. Bernadette's and has already done so much. I also want to highlight Pope Francis' Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to our Lady and encourage us to reflect upon it this week. The words are beautiful and call us to a deeper and more committed Christian life, recognizing the importance of prayer and especially praying for others!

As many of us know, our Holy Father has a strong devotion to our Lady, and so we join him and the entire Catholic Church in praying for peace in the world and for a change in this disposition of our hearts. May God bless your week!

I remain, faithfully yours...

Fr. Chris

For Our New Parishioners

If you are just joining our community, please click on "I'm New" on our parish website, come to the parish office or email office@stbernajax.com to set up a time to stop by. Our pastoral team members want to welcome you!

Keeping Our Community Together in Worship, Prayer & Fellowship

We welcome everyone to full capacity in the church once again! For those who are not quite ready for this and wish to maintain social distancing, please consider attending Mass with the community in the Parish Hall (livestreamed); just let one of the Ministers of Hospitality know you'll be there!

Sunday Mass on YouTube

Livestreamed Masses can be found on the link below
The link: <https://bit.ly/2HqxVRO>

[MARCH 27 – Sunday Livestream – 1200pm](#)

[APRIL 3 – Sunday Livestream – 1015am](#)

Praying for Our People



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, in particular for *Helen Clarke, Joan & Bert Leung, Roman & Vesna Zakrajšek, Nigel Boos, and Jean Villafuerte.*

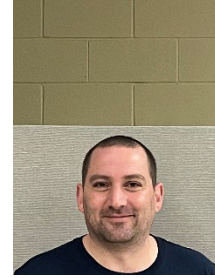
We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died from our parish, especially *Ann Marie McQuade.*



March Anniversaries

March 4th Carmen & Rudy de Vera (50 years)
March 27th Isobel & James Montague (55 years)

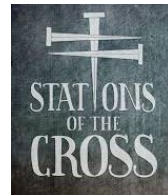
We Welcome Jay Barker to our Parish Family



We welcome Jay Barker to St. Bernadette's this week as he started as our new Full-Time Custodian and Groundskeeper and brings with him many skills from several years with the Toronto School Board. Jay is a dedicated family man and lives in the area with Jenn and their two children ages 14 and 3. He was a hockey coach for his son's hockey team here in Ajax and enjoys any time he can spend with his family at the cottage – fishing and many other outdoor activities. Jay also enjoys teaching his son how to fix things. We're very happy to have Jay with us and he looks forward to meeting you!

Upcoming Events in the Parish

Stations of the Cross



Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with us the Stations of the Cross, being held on Friday evenings during Lent. Please note the following ministries will be leading the Stations of the Cross:

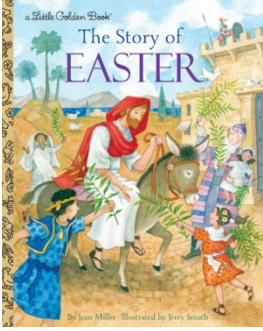
- ✚ March 25 @ 730pm – Edgers
- ✚ April 1 @ 700pm – Altar Servers
- ✚ April 8 @ 730pm – RCIA and leaders
- ✚ April 15 @ 930am – Good Friday (Stations of the Cross will be outdoors) with the Clergy, the Knights of Columbus, and the Altar Servers

Pints with Padre



PINTS with PADRE (Young Adults' Gathering): Our Young Adults will meet on Friday April 1st at 700pm. Our priests host these gatherings every other Friday for our young adults to chat about faith and issues important to young people in the world today. **Please mark this event in your calendar and stay tuned for more information in the bulletins, on the bulletin boards and on the website. Fr. Kevin is hosting this one!**

Easter Fundraising



This Easter, help us raise funds for our building projects! Starting March 26th until April 10th we will be selling tickets in the narthex after each Mass. **Tickets will be 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00.** There are three prizes to be won – An Easter Milk Chocolate Lindt Basket and a children’s book, The Story of

Easter! Each basket is valued at approximately \$60.00. The name of the three winners will be drawn at the Easter Vigil, on April 16. The winners will be contacted to claim their prizes! Thank you for participating and for your generous contributions!



Coffee with Andy



COFFEE with ANDY: Many of us are homebound right now, as we try to help curb the spread of the coronavirus, as well as colds and the various flu virus and to try to maintain our health and the health of others. We know that many members of our parish community aren’t feeling comfortable to be in the church right now, and for this reason, we’ve started up “Coffee with Andy.” It is held every Friday morning from 11:15am to 12:00pm. It is a virtual community gathering where we just get together and share faith and fellowship with one another. Thanks to a tech-savvy parishioner, we offer THIS LINK, which will remain the same for each Friday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?meetingref=85948378329>

Meeting ID: **859 4837 8329**

Lenten Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important tool to help us grow spiritually during Lent. Here are some highlights of our availability of confession during Lent.

Parish Day of Confessions

Wednesday April 13 9:00am to 7:00pm – a priest will be available all day to hear confessions!

All Wednesdays 6:30pm to 7:15pm (before Mass)

All Fridays 9:00am to 9:45am (additionally, First Friday also 6:30pm to 7:15pm)

All Saturdays 4:00pm to 4:45pm (before Mass)

The Youth of St. Bernadette



On Friday April 8, we meet in the parish hall at 7:00pm for our next EDGE night. The night will focus on the theme of REMEMBRANCE “Why Can’t I Just Go to My Friend’s Christian Church?” We continue to explore the importance of Holy Mass through a dynamic program which includes group games, reflection, group discussions, and prayer. For more information, please contact Monika Matelski youth@stbernajax.com.



On Monday March 28, we launch Junior Edge aimed for children in

grades 3 & 4! Our program will feature games, a teaching on how superheroes show us the fruits of the Holy Spirit, and exciting activities that aim to foster community and a witness of faith for our Junior EDGers! For any parents who wish to register their child or join our leadership team, please contact Monika Matelski: youth@stbernajax.com.

Sunday 700pm Mass



The Sunday Mass at 7:00pm has been “transformed.” The Mass is geared towards our younger parishioners. We will also be enrolling our Confirmandi at this week’s and next

week’s 7pm Mass.

Parish Happenings...

Celebrating Our Parish



This year is the 70th Anniversary of St. Bernadette's Parish.

We are looking for suggestions on how you would like to see our parish's milestone celebrated. Also, if you have and archive material or photos that you would like to see included in the celebration in some way please let us know. Please contact Suzanne Cloutier at scloutier@bell.net or phone 905-619-8014 with your ideas and suggestions.

Holy Week Celebrations

Palm Sunday

<< Regular Sunday Mass schedule >>

Chrism Mass

Livestreamed from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

Wednesday – Parish Day of Confessions

9:00am to 7:00pm

Holy Thursday (April 14)

Mass with Washing of the Feet

5:00pm and 7:00pm.

*** The Blessed Sacrament is processed from the church to the Parish Hall (Altar of Repose) and Adoration will continue until 9:30pm. (Church and Hall closed to the public)*

Good Friday

** 9:30am Outdoor Stations of the Cross

** Good Friday Services

11:00am 1:00pm 3:00pm

** Easter Vigil at 8:00pm on Saturday April 16

Easter Sunday Masses

8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 12:30pm

St. Bernadette Faith Formation



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA has now resumed its in person meetings and our catechumens continue their journey towards full initiation into the Catholic Church. For the time being, the Breaking Open the Word will remain virtual. **We continue to welcome new members ALWAYS!** If you are over the age of sixteen and are seriously considering becoming a Catholic Christian, please contact us. Please contact the Parish Office or email our RCIA Coordinator Marty Lam directly at drciaajax@gmail.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People

Andy, our Seminarian Assistant and a team of dedicated volunteers began the RCIA for Young People program to help prepare those under the age of sixteen to receive sacraments. Classes continue every Saturday from 10am until Noon and will continue until Saturday April 9th and then candidates will receive their sacraments on Saturday April 16th at the Easter Vigil. For anyone who missed registration but wishes to receive the Sacraments, please contact Father Chris directly.



This week, we continue our sacramental preparation by looking deeply into the Liturgy of the Eucharist and learning more about the truthfulness of the Eucharist. We meet with the candidates during their online scheduled sessions.

We welcome our Confirmandi to their Enrollment Masses which will take place on March 27, and April 3, during the 700pm Youth & Young Adult Mass. The Confirmandi will receive their Confirmation crosses, as well as the letters they wrote at the beginning of the preparation program.

Around the Parish This Week...

Saturday March 26

900am Mass
930am – 230pm am Adoration
1000am Apologetics (Virtual)
1000am Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People (V)
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Virtual)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday March 27 – 4th Sunday of Lent

830am, 1015am (RCIA 2nd Scrutiny), 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm
– Sunday Masses
200pm Baptisms

Monday March 28

815am Mass
930am Theology of the Body (Virtual)
630pm Junior EDGE (Hall)
700pm St. Vincent de Paul (Virtual)

Tuesday March 29

815am Mass
730pm RCIA (Hall)

Wednesday March 30

930am Bible Study (Virtual)
630pm Parish Confessions
730pm Mass – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday March 31

815am Mass
630pm Alpha (Hall)
645pm Legion of Mary (Council room)
730pm Choir practice for 830am Mass

Friday April 1

815am Mass
900am Parish Confessions
900am Book Club (Virtual)
915am – 700pm All day Adoration
1115am Coffee with Andy (Virtual)
630pm Parish Confessions
700pm Pints with Padre (Virtual)
700pm Stations of the Cross
730pm Mass

Saturday April 2 – Saint Francis of Paola

900am Mass
1000am Meditation (Virtual)
1000am Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People (V)
1100am Funeral
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Council room)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday April 3 – 5th Sunday of Lent

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm (RCIA 3rd Scrutiny), 700pm
– Sunday Masses

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday March 26

500pm Repose of the souls of Rita & Fawzi Sebeh

Sunday March 27

830am Repose of the souls of Alistair & Dorothy Hinshelwood
1015am Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
1200pm For the intention of Erica Ambrose
500pm Repose of the soul of Pietro Abbate
700pm Repose of the soul of Edgardo M. Herrera

Monday March 28

815am For the intention of Vicky Fojas

Tuesday March 29

815am Repose of the soul of Dominic Santori

Wednesday March 30

730pm ~ Repose of the soul of Felice Falcone
~ Repose of the soul of Robert Sasvari
~ Repose of the soul of Richard Pedrozo
~ Repose of the soul of Qumando Mayo
~ For the intention of Timothy Byrne

Thursday March 31

815am For the intention of Dietmar Arff

Friday April 1

815am For the intention of the Militia of Immaculata Members
730pm Repose of the soul of Mary Fisher

Saturday April 2

900am ~ Repose of the soul of Raul Unay
~ For the intention of Marc & Aldonna Tambasco
500pm Repose of the soul of Manuel Branco

Sunday April 3

830am For the intention of Fr. Keith Wallace
1015am Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
1200pm Repose of the soul of Gretta Hickman
500pm In thanksgiving for all favours received
700pm Repose of the soul of Lori Bautista



Parish Ministries Fair Page

The Parish is open, and we look forward to being with one another again in person when that is possible. Many of our ministries operate virtually now and will gather as soon as that is possible. In the meantime, we are dedicating a page to an ongoing Ministry Fair. Please consider getting involved!

St. Bernadette's Book Club



For those who enjoy reading, as a group, we reflect upon good Catholic books, with an emphasis on Catholic belief, practice, spirituality, and history. This can help us to grow spiritually, evangelize and understand our faith as well. Hopefully, we share our experience and faith with others who help us see things differently.

We will be reading *Reclaiming Vatican II: What it (really) Said, What it means, and How it Calls Us to Renew the Church*, by Fr. Blake Britton. Starting on March 25 for six sessions to April 29 from 900am to 1100am on Zoom. Cost of the book \$30 dollars. This is an important book, and it fosters a richer experience of being in the Church.

Contact Susan or Tom Kennedy 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Altar Servers



**"Not only a duty but a great honour,
a true holy service" (St. Pope John
Paul II)**

The altar server ministry is a great place for young people to begin a life of service, of Christian Discipleship. It is a wonderful gift of service to your community, for your parents, relatives, and friends.

For the past few months, our altar servers have been doing a magnificent job. They have been given the necessary training and have been serving at our masses, but we still need more boys and girls. If you have received your First Holy Communion, you can be an altar server.

If you are interested in becoming an altar server or have any questions, please speak to the priests, or email Mark Sarang at mark7119@gmail.com. Thank you!

Bible Study



"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Why study the Bible?

- To learn who God is and recognize his voice
- To know Jesus Christ, to see and follow Him
- To gain wisdom and love the Lord

St. Bernadette's Bible Study is held on Wednesday mornings from 930am to 1130am. At the present time we are studying, *"The Great Adventure Series"* (Ascension Press), with one study in September and another in January, finishing around Easter. Study Guides are important to these courses as they help prepare for each session, but optional. We meet in small groups, after which we gather together to watch a Video presentation on the topic at hand.

One member stated that *"Now I understand what is going on during the Scripture readings at Mass."* What a blessing!!

For more information contact: Susan Kennedy – 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus



Recently our Council donated \$5000 to Priests for Life Canada towards their summer seminarian internship program. This program helps support a seminarian financially to continue his education and formation and will give him some skills to be a pro-life leader in his future parish. Funding was possible through a collection of scrap metal carried-out separately to the Parish cash to trash program. For further information on how you can personally support Priests for Life Canada, please see the Knight's bulletin board in the Narthex.

Join the Knights today:

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

St. Bernadette's Knight of Columbus Council #10236:
<https://stbernadettesknightsforcolumbus.com/>