



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 Saturday
Vigil, and Sunday morning
Masses

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2026

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Friends in Christ,

This fall, we are beginning a renewed approach to the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) at St. Bernadette Parish.

When the first disciples encountered Jesus, His invitation was wonderfully simple: "Come and see." Before teaching them everything they needed to know, Jesus invited them to come, spend time with Him, and enter into relationship.

That same invitation is at the heart of OCIA. Becoming Catholic is about much more than completing classes or receiving Sacraments. It is about encountering Jesus Christ, growing in relationship with Him, and becoming part of a community of disciples.

Our first Come & See gathering will be Sunday, October 18 at 1:30 p.m. We also need the help of our parish family to make this journey welcoming and meaningful. We are looking for people willing to prepare meals, offer hospitality, and especially serve as sponsors and mentors who will accompany our candidates along their journey of faith.

You don't need to be an expert—you simply need faith, a welcoming heart, and a willingness to walk with someone. Jesus continues to invite people: Come and see. May we be the parish community ready to welcome them!

Pax Christi,

Fr. Chris

PARISH TEAM

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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.

Christian Initiation of Adults: For adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office.

Christian Initiation of Young People: For young people ages 7 to 16. Age-appropriate classes 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.

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, Sylvia Mondal, and Peter Dwyer.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Francia Bartolome, Flordeliza Petalver, and Rachel Barry.**

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:

Sep 1	Ron & Ada Larock	(43 yrs)
Sep 4	Marcia & Bruno De Jesus	(5 yrs)
Sep 4	Harry & Sylvia Prabhu	(49 yrs)
Sep 6	Janet Lee Martell & Terence Winter	(1 yr)
Sep 8	Malcolm & Gillian Victor	(36 yrs)
Sep 9	Deo & Che Cruz	(31 yrs)
Sep 9	Maria & Anesley Seevaratnam	(20 yrs)
Sep 22	Carlos & Maria Da Silva	(42 yrs)
Sep 23	Kresstine Fernando & Nirmal Patel	(9 yrs)
Sep 25	Daniel & Susana O'Shea	(27 yrs)

WELCOME BACK WEEKEND – THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make Welcome Back Weekend such a positive start to the Fall. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners connecting, sharing, and participating in last weekend's activities. A special thank you to everyone who signed up to volunteer and explore new ways to serve. We look forward with enthusiasm to all that we will accomplish together this Fall!

SOUBIROUS CAFÉ OPENS THIS SUNDAY



Something is brewing at St. Bernadette's!

Join us for the launch of the **Soubirous Café** this **Sunday September 20** after the 8:30am, 10:15am and Noon Masses in the Parish Hall.

The café will be open most Sundays, except on holiday weekends. Enjoy complimentary coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice, with treats available for a small fee.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Children's Liturgy will resume next **Sunday September 27** during the 10:15am Mass. We invite our youngest parishioners (toddlers to age 9) to attend these engaging sessions

which present the Sunday Mass readings through skits, activities, songs, or crafts.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 19

5:00pm + Bella & Felix D'Souza

Sunday, September 20

8:30am ~ Romeo Paguio

12:00pm Missa Pro Populo

5:00pm + Juanita Aquino

7:00pm ~ In thanksgiving for the Jesuthasan family

Monday, September 21

8:00am + Fr. William Scanlon

Tuesday, September 22

8:00am + Andre Bergeron

Wednesday, September 23

7:30pm + Dylan Gilmour

+ Gregorio Alcabao Jr.

~ Krizzia Mae Magsino

Thursday, September 24

8:00am Available

Friday, September 25

8:00am Available

Saturday, September 26

9:00am + Lourdes Calvelo

+ Calixta & Elpidio Nicolas

+ Rod Manale

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS



Next weekend, **September 26 & 27**, our second collection taken at the time of the Offertory, is for the **Needs of the Church in Canada**. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

BLESSING OF PETS



On **Sunday October 4**, between 2:00pm and 3:00pm, Father will be offering blessing of pets. This will be done in the parking lot, near the rectory garage door. We kindly ask that your pets are kept leashed and supervised for the safety of everyone.

HARVEST DINNER



The Parish Vitality ministry will be hosting a Harvest Dinner on **Saturday October 17, at 6:30pm**, in the Parish Hall. Tickets are now available at the

Parish Office and Welcome Desk.

Cost: Adults \$30, and Kids \$20 (*ages of 6-12 years old*).

For more information, please contact Linda Sarang at 416-523-2062, linda4791@gmail.com or Julia Beattie at 905-683-1373.

HURONIA HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



Saturday September 26, 2026

Pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs' Shrine
Only a few spots remaining!

7:45am departure | 6:30pm return | \$50 per person
Register and pay at the Parish Office or Welcome Desk.

Pilgrimage Parking Notice: The school parking lot will be closed on Saturday September 26. Pilgrims may park in the south parking lot of the Church.

LECTOR TRAINING

Interested in serving as a lector, or already part of the ministry? Join us for Lector Training in the church on **Tuesday September 29 at 7pm** or **Saturday October 3 at 1pm**. All are welcome!

CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP



The Catholic Mom's Group is a ministry geared towards uplifting the vocation of motherhood. It really does take a village to raise children and as moms, we are not meant to figure it out all on our own. Connect and pray with catholic moms in the parish! Put your feet up with a cup of tea and feel encouraged and refreshed! We meet monthly starting **September 30th**.

For more information, including time and location, please contact Cathy Haynes at haynes.cathy@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY LAUNCH DATES

JUNIOR EDGE | Grades 1-4

2nd & 4th Monday, 6:30-8:00PM | LAUNCH: Oct 26

[Click here to register!](#)

EDGE | Grades 5-8

2nd & 4th Friday, 6:30-8:30PM | LAUNCH: Oct 23

[Click here to register!](#)

SUMMIT | Grade 9-12

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm | LAUNCH: Oct 15

[Click here to register!](#)

Registration is now open! For more information, please contact Stacey at youth@stbernajax.com

LIFE CHAIN



On **Sunday October 4**, 2pm-3pm, we will gather at Bayly Street and Harwood Ave to pray in silence for a greater awareness of the dignity of human life, from conception through life into death. Please arrive at the church at 1:45pm for an optional sign and Life Chain instructions. Join us in the Parish Hall afterwards for a reception.

For information, contact Monika at family@stbernajax.com or 905-683-1533 ext. 203.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

INFORMATION SESSIONS & REGISTRATION

Registration for the Sacraments **is now open**. Parents **must** attend an Information Session held in the parish hall. Registration should be completed with **all the requirements** submitted at the same time (preferably at the Information Sessions). Registration forms are now available on our parish website, Welcome Desk, and the parish office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFO SESSIONS

Thurs. Oct. 1 at 6pm

Sat. Oct. 3 at 10am

Requirements:

- Registration Form
- Baptism Certificate

CONFIRMATION INFO SESSIONS

Thurs. Oct. 1 at 7:30pm

Sat. Oct. 3 at 11:30am

Requirements:

- Registration Form
- Baptism Certificate
- First Holy Communion Certificate

All questions may be directed to Monika Matelski at family@stbernajax.com or 905-683-1533 X-203.

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

Sunday, October 18 at 1:30 pm | Parish Hall

For those interested in exploring the Catholic faith and beginning the OCIA journey.

For information, please contact the Parish Office at office@stbernajax.com

SPONSOR INFO SESSION

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 information, please contact the Parish Office at office@stbernajax.com

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

There is a place for everyone at St. Bernadette Parish! Interested in learning more? Contact the Parish Office, visit us at the Welcome Desk, or complete our [Volunteer Form](#). Our Volunteer Coordinator will follow up with you to answer questions, connect you with ministries and groups, and help you find a place that best matches your interests.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers	Baptism Coordinators
Choir – Saturday 5:00pm	Communion to the Homebound – Private Homes
Choir – Sunday 8:30am	Communion to Retirement & Long-Term Care
Choir (Children) – Sunday 10:15am	Eucharistic Ministers
Choir – Sunday 12:00pm	Lectors
Choir – Sunday 5:00pm	Ministry of Hospitality
Choir – Sunday 7:00pm	Wedding Coordinators

Faith Formation Ministries

Bible Study	Confirmation
Faith Studies	First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
Christian Initiation of Adults	Marriage Preparation
Christian Initiation of Young People	

Youth Ministries

Jr. EDGE Youth Ministry	SUMMIT Teen Ministry
EDGE Youth Ministry	Jesus Youth
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Children's Liturgy

Faith, Family, Fellowship & Service

Catholic Mom's Group	Legion of Mary
Catholic Women's Group	Parish Vitality
Collection Counters	Quo Vadis
Flowers & Decorating	Rosary Makers
Funeral Receptions	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Gardening Committee	Soubirous Café
Helping Hands	That Man Is You
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