

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE – November 20, 2022



St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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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

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Mandatory Baptism meeting, Zoom class and registration forms before scheduling Baptism.

FIRST COMMUNION ~ Starts end of September & January

CONFIRMATION ~ Starts end of October

MARRIAGE ~ contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of when

You wish to get married. A priest will make an appointment with you.

SACRAMENT of the SICK ~ contact the Parish Office right away.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Elementary

Diana Assenza, *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

Geraldine Borg, *Principal* 905-427-3327

Marisa Hall, *Parish Rep* 416-737-4241

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary

Janel Langstaff-Mullett, *Principal*

Tim Lee Loy, *Chaplain* 905-427-6667

Notre Dame Secondary

Sonya Melim, *Principal*

Jeannine Henry, *Chaplain* 905-686-4300

Pastor's Corner...



Dear Friends,

As we come together on this last Solemnity and Sunday of the liturgical year, as we celebrate Christ the King; we take time to reflect together and as Christians on just how much our faith and trust in Jesus means to us! When we celebrate the reign of Christ the King of the Universe, we are reminded that His reign will never end and in every way, He SHARES this reign with us, as we are anointed for mission. Friends, let us

draw strength from the sacraments, especially the Sacraments of Initiation and continue to focus our entire lives whether short or long here in this world on dedicating ourselves in His Service.

In your service,

Father Chris

For Our New Parishioners

If you are just joining our community, please click on "I'm New" on our parish website – stbernajax.com – (under **Parish Info**), come to the parish office or email office@stbernajax.com to set up a time to stop by.

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:

Dezwig & Bapsy Fernandes, Martin & Kathy Koppens, Nigel Boos, Carmen Flores, Carol Fletcher, Angela Veeren, Anne Sinclair, Maureen Wheaton, Mirek Bialy, Bernie & Marylou Noonan & Lynda Donson.

We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing. **We pray this week for the repose of the souls of Patricia Murphy, Brian Tierney, and Carlos Oliveria**

November Anniversaries

Nov 1st Druce & Margaret Ayres (53 years)

Nov 8th Wilfred & Noreen Pierre (53 years)

Live Streaming on YouTube

We will be livestreaming Sunday November 20 at 10:15am. Please click this link: <https://bit.ly/3AaFtkd>

Second Collections

Our second collection this weekend is for the Christmas drive for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul – envelopes are in the pews and can be dropped in any collection over the next couple of weeks. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Parish Building Fund bottle will always be made available after Mass.

Parish Surveys

Survey Three next week will be on parish outreach. Thank you for those who have provided feedback, your comments are much appreciated. Paper copies of the surveys are beside the Parish Bulletins in the Narthex. Please continue to send them to Father Chris at pastor@stbernajax.com or drop them in the parish collection.

Our Parish Building Fund



We continue to work together as a parish family, project by project to restore, renew and better St. Bernadette's! **THANK YOU to ALL OF YOU** who have been so generous, continuing to help us reach our goal! We have completed several projects already and have several major projects ahead of us, including boiler and HVAC system replacement, roof replacement in the Parish Hall and roof repairs as well some interior reconstruction in the Rectory. **Our goal to reach by December 2023 is \$500,000. We are currently at \$155,507.23.** Please come to our Town Hall Meeting on November 26 & 27 after all the Masses (6pm the last meeting) as we hope for everyone's input.

Property & Building Update

COMPLETED BUILDING PROJECTS

- ✓ Improved Lighting inside the Church
- ✓ New Bannister into the Sanctuary
- ✓ Exterior Door Repairs and Replacement
- ✓ Handicap Access Devices in 4 new locations
- ✓ Replacement of Kneelers in Church
- ✓ Modification to Confessionals
- ✓ Security Lighting at front of Church
- ✓ Landscaping Improvements
- ✓ Skylight replacement

UPCOMING BUILDING PROJECTS

- ❖ New roof on Parish Hall
- ❖ Roof repairs in Rectory
- ❖ Facility HVAC replacement & upgrades
- ❖ Fire system replacement

Building Project Town Hall Meeting

After each Mass we will be having a Town Hall meeting; a presentation from our Property, Building & Finance Council; which will provide opportunity for questions and discussion. **We strongly encourage everyone to come to this meeting after the Mass you attend.** Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and snacks will be provided. This is your parish, you are being asked to help contribute to the Building Fund and we really want your feedback, thoughts, concerns, and questions to help us as we move forward! For more information, please contact Mike Sims mlsims@rogers.com or Denise Carson dtfcarson@gmail.com

Advent & Christmas Ahead



Sunday November 27

We begin a new liturgical year, as this is the First Sunday of Advent (Year A). As we look ahead to

Advent and Christmas, there are several schedule changes and parish events that may interest you:

New in Advent:

Starting on Friday December 2, the Rosary will be prayed in community before Mass (around 8:00am – as it is on Saturdays). This will also apply to all Fridays we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Day of Confessions:

Wednesday December 14th from 10:00am to 7:00pm. There will be a priest available throughout the day to hear confessions.

Pre-Dawn Novena Masses:

Beginning once again on Friday December 16 at 5:00am. We will celebrate Mass each day at 5:00am and will have a light breakfast and social to follow each of the Masses.

Advent Day Retreat:

On Saturday December 17 from 9:30am to 2:00pm, we are offering our Advent Retreat. This is a great way to begin a new liturgical season as well as prepare our hearts, minds, and souls to welcome the Messiah! Father Chris will be offering our reflections before our Lord in Adoration, the first talk to begin at 10:00am.

Advent Reconciliation Service:

Thursday December 22, we will have a brief reconciliation service followed by several priests available to hear confessions. The Reconciliation Service will be in the Church starting at 7:00pm and confessions in the confessionals as well as the Parish Hall to follow.

Change in Confession Times:

Except for First Friday, we will no longer have confessions following Mass on Fridays (confessions always available by appointment) instead we will begin confessions following Mass on Saturdays from 9:30am to 10:15am, in addition to the Saturday afternoon confessions.

Christmas Masses



Christmas Masses: Starting on Christmas Eve, we will be offering the following Masses.

Please note: we will be opening the Parish Hall as well, for

overflow – filling the church first and then the Hall.

Saturday December 24

400pm 600pm 800pm 1000pm Midnight

Sunday December 25

800am 930am 1100am 1230pm

Christmas Project with Archbishop Denis O'Connor CSS



As we continue to build up our relationship between our Parish and our Parish Schools, we are happy to update you on a project

our parish is working on with Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic Secondary School. The Construction Technology class, taught by Mr. Alex Ladouceur is working with Mike Sims from our parish on building a Nativity Manger for the front lawn of the church. The students are building this for the cost of the materials, which the parish will cover. The students and staff will be coming to St. Bernadette's to set this up on Friday December 2 (time to come), and we hope many parishioners will come to welcome them.

Upcoming Sunday Coffee

Twice a month, our parish will host Coffee Sundays after each of the Sunday morning Masses (8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm) in the Parish Hall. Come and meet friends.

November 20

Coffee Sunday after the 8:30am, 10:15am and Noon Masses! Missals on sale and book your 2023 Mass intentions.

November 27

Our Coffee Sunday will be extended to include after Mass, Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm and Sunday 5:00pm. We will also celebrate the 70th Anniversary of St. Bernadette Parish with a slide show, cake and a few words from Father Chris at 1:00pm

Our Young Disciples

Important Notice regarding Sacramental Preparation

A letter was issued to schools from Father Chris last week regarding parish sacramental preparation. Due to the immediate resignation of the Interim Youth & Sacraments Coordinator, all Confirmation classes are being postponed by one session. We will do our best to maintain as much of the schedules and curriculum as possible.

Going forward, Fr. Chris will be handling Confirmation classes, Fr. Kevin, First Communion classes and Victor will be assisting, as well as handling Baptism interviewing. We apologize for any issues or inconveniences this pause of sacramental preparation may cause.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation classes will continue November 30, December 2nd and 3rd at 6:00pm. Enrolment Masses are scheduled for Sunday December 4 at 10:15am, Sunday December 11 at 12:00pm and Sunday December 18 at 5:00pm. Sign-up for these Masses will take place at the classes. Please remember your confirmation letters (for Father Chris) are due at the Enrollment Mass.

First Holy Communion

First Communion classes continue. For questions and concerns, please direct them to Fr. Kevin directly at associate@stbernajax.com or call the Parish Office.

C O R E Team Leaders

Now more than ever, we need the commitment and help of our high school, college and university students as leaders and catechists for our sacramental preparation and youth programs. If you can spare the time to serve your parish community, please contact Fr. Chris directly at pastor@stbernajax.com Building CORE teams of young leaders is an important way we do our part as Young Disciples (calling and helping youngsters to live and give as Christians).

Grades 5 through 8



We invite young people, Grades 5 through 8 to be part of a fun and dynamic program that meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month in the Parish Hall from 7pm-8:30pm.

WHEN: Friday November 25 at 7pm. For more information, email youth@stbernajax.com or call the Parish Office

Grades 2 through 4



Junior EDGE meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the

month in the Parish Hall, from 6:30pm-8pm.

WHEN: Our next Junior EDGE night of fun on Monday November 28! For more information email youth@stbernajax.com or contact the Parish Office.

Around the Parish

Laugh & Learn



Early Church Fathers Series: St. Clement of Rome & his *Letter to the Corinthians*. This early pope, in his first Papal Letter, condemns the schism

in Corinth and explains the foundation of Apostolic Succession and Apostolic Authority, as well as the need for unity within the Church. Please join us for a video and discussion on Monday, Nov. 28, in the Parish Hall, from 9:30 to 11:30am. Contact Susan or Tom 905-427-6137 susangkennedy@gmail.com



The Daughters of Isabella want to thank all of those who generously volunteered their time to make last weekend's Christmas Bazaar a huge success. In a special way, the daughters thank the students from DOC and Notre Dame, who gave of their Saturday! Also, raffle draw winners:

Rosemarie Davies \$50.00

Jacqueline Forget \$100.00

Julia Beattie \$250.00

Around the Parish This Week

Sunday November 20 – Christ the King

(Coffee Sunday After Each Morning Mass)

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm

900am Mass Intentions & sale of Missals (Hall)

1015am Children's Liturgy (Council Room)

1200pm Breaking Open the Word (Council room)

Monday November 21

815am Mass

930am Laugh & Learn (Hall)

700pm St. Vincent de Paul (Council room)

700pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (Stage side)

Tuesday November 22

815am Mass

600pm First Communion Class Gr. 1 (Stage side)

645pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)

700pm RCIA (Hall)

Wednesday November 23

930am Bible Study (Hall)

630pm Parish Confessions

700pm Bible Study (Stage side)

730pm Mass – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday November 24

815am Mass

930am Ladies Craft group (Stage side)

630pm Alpha (Hall)

700pm Pastoral Council meeting (Boardroom)

Friday November 25

815am Mass

900am Parish Confessions

900am Friday Social Café (Hall)

700pm Edge (Hall)

700pm Fund Raising Committee (Council room)

Saturday November 26

900am Mass

1000am Apologetics (Council room)

1000am First Communion Class Gr. 2 (Stage side)

1000am Altar Servers Training Retreat (Kitchen side)

1100am Lector's Workshop (Church)

400pm Parish Confessions

500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday November 27 – 1st Sunday Advent

Coffee Sunday & Presentation After All Masses

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm

100pm 70th Anniversary of Parish Celebration (Hall)

200pm Baptisms

500pm Breaking Open the Word (Council room)

600pm Building Fund Presentation

Mass Intentions this week

Saturday November 19

900am + Albert & Linda Palillo

+ Ester Espiritu

+ Giovanni Leoni

+ Ron & Alison Chase

+ Mr. & Mrs. Prudencio-Mingi

500pm ~ Intention of Marlene Ryerson

Sunday November 20

830am + Sarah Gallant

1015am + Peter Tomeljok

1200pm Missa pro populo

500pm + Olha Kalmuk

700pm + Members of the Faritha family

Monday November 21

815am + Lloyd Washburn Sr.

Tuesday November 22

815am + Robert Joseph Saptel

Wednesday November 23

730pm + Erman Mazzarolo

+ Pauline Howell

~ Intention of Deswig & Bapsy Fernandes

+ Members of the Legion of Mary

~ 42nd Anniversary of M & S Ranasuriya

Thursday November 24

815am + Devaraj

Friday November 25

815am + Apolina Castillo Kalaw

Saturday November 26

900am + Peter, Helena & Agnes Aidoo

+ Brian Tierney

+ Members of the Knights of Columbus

~ Intention of the Plaus family

+ Members of Redhead, Mark & Taylor Families

500pm + Clarence & Margaret Thomas

Sunday November 27

830am + Peter Tomeljok

1015am + Roberto & Adela Sarmiento

1200pm ~ Missa pro populo

500pm + Romeo Alano Sr.

700pm + Noemi Gallardo

Supporting our Parish Community



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