

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

21 Bayly Street East, Ajax, Ontario L1S 1P2
Phone: 905-683-1533

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm

Sunday

8:30am

10:15am

12:00pm

5:00pm

7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Early Morning Masses –

Morning Masses –

Evening Masses –

Wednesday

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Wednesday

6:30am

8:00am

7:30pm

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm

Fridays 8:30am-9:30am

Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm

**Also, by appointment with the clergy*

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

PARISH STAFF

Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor*Father Kevin Adriano, *Associate Pastor*Myrna Hentrich, *Parish Secretary*Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate*Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator*Marva Thomas, *Administrative Assistant*Celeste Gomes, *Weekend Secretary*Sue McGee, *Parish Bookkeeper*pastor@stbernajax.com
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9:00am to 12:30pm

1:30pm to 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1:30

Saturday and Sunday

9:30am to 2:30pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms – every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class (via Zoom) and completed registration with required forms required. Please speak to Myrna 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 SCHOOLS

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary

Notre Dame Secondary

St. Bernadette Elementary

St. James Elementary

St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary

Jim MacNeil, *Principal*Sonya Melim, *Principal*Diana Assenza, *Principal*Geraldine Borg, *Principal*Sheena Paul, *Principal*Tim Lee Loy, *Chaplain*Jeannine Henry, *Chaplain*Agnes Sararus, *Parish Rep*Marisa Hall, *Parish Rep*Linda Sarang, *Parish Rep*

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From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Friends in Christ,

I want to thank the many people who do so much to build community at St. Bernadette's. We celebrated three wonderful Welcome Back Breakfasts and have started our Coffee Sundays again. The Bible Study welcomed many new members and our faith formation programs are in full swing! We will continue this Fall and Winter to host many new initiatives and hopefully to welcome more of you and new members of our community.

Your servant in the Lord,

Father Chris

For Our New Parishioners

If you are just joining our community, we invite you to register at our parish. Please click on the "I'm New" button on our parish website at www.stbernajax.com, come to the parish office or email us at 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:

Carmen Flores, Chandrika Puvilingham, Desmond Vieira, Luisa Matthias, Helen Holmes & Kevin Sims.

We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing; we pray for Patrick McColgan, Martin Koppens, and Eileen McCormick.

All of those whom we pray for will now be posted at the back of the church. Please add these names to your prayers.

Funeral Announcement

We will continue to remember in prayer, praying for the repose of the soul of our brother and life-long parishioner **Martin Koppens**. Martin's funeral will be held at St. Bernadette's on Monday, Nov 6th at 11:00am.

CHANGES to the PARISH SCHEDULE

NEW MASS SCHEDULE REMINDER

- ✚ **Weekday Mass (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) @ 8:00am**
- ✚ **Adoration and confessions following Friday Mass from 8:30am to 9:30am**
- ✚ **Wednesday morning Mass at 6:30am**
- ✚ **Monday to Friday, church will open at 6:00am**
- ✚ **Parish Office will be open 7 days a week (except for holidays)**

*** New Parish Website ***

We've launched our New Parish Website! A refreshed look and feel with added interactive features on announcements, increased navigational functionality and performance. Come visit us at: www.stbernajax.com

November Anniversaries

Let us know of your anniversary by contacting the Parish Office (by email or phone). Also, let us know if you're celebrating a special year! For those who wish to allow our priests to honour you with a special anniversary blessing at the end of one of the Sunday Masses, we welcome you to speak to the priest before the Mass you attend on the closest weekend for a special public blessing – a great witness for others! **It is important that our community experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!**

Nov 1 st	Druce & Margaret Ayres (54 years)
Nov 8 th	Wilfred & Noreen Pierre (54 Years)
Nov 29 th	Joseph & Afra D'Lima (37 years)

Christmas Collection

November 19th, 2023



Thank you for your generous support of our work with **Neighbours in Need** who depend on your charity throughout the year and especially at Christmas. **World Day of the Poor** will be observed on November 19th. We are all encouraged to consider those less fortunate.

St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) envelopes will be available in the pews the weekend of November 11-12. **The SSVP Christmas Collection will be on November 19th.**

Thank you! SSVP Cell: 905-626-4864

Around the Parish

Starting Point

Our next Starting Point will be held on **Sunday November 26th at 1:30pm**. At this event, we highlight & identify ways St. Bernadette parishioners can get involved and minister within our parish community. It is also our once a month opportunity to meet the pastoral team and get information. This is a great opportunity for you to “**come and see**” the ways you might serve others in the St. Bernadette’s community.

2024 MISSAL SALES

This weekend - November 4 & 5, after ALL MASSES our Collection Counting team will be working with staff to offer sales of the Living with Christ Missalettes for \$5.00 each (we found a good deal this year, this is \$2 cheaper). They will be located in the Narthex before and after all Masses.

Faith Formation

FIRST RECONCILIATION - will be celebrated on the following Saturdays: December 2nd at 11am and 1pm, December 16th at 11am and 1pm. Parents are invited to indicate their date & time preferences here:

For First Reconciliation <https://bit.ly/3QeZugE>

CONFIRMATION - Enrollment Masses will be held on the following Sundays: December 3rd at 7pm, December 10th at 12pm and 7pm, and December 17th at 7pm. Parents are invited to indicate their date & time preferences here: **For Confirmation** <https://bit.ly/3s8WKtf>

Space is limited and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

This program is for adults who wish to become Catholic; and have not received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). Meets on **Tuesday evenings 7:30-9pm, October through May**. Please email Robert for more info: lpa@stbernajax.com

Rite of Christian Initiation for Young People (RCIC)

This program is for children aged 7 through 17 who have not received some or any the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). It runs **mid-October to mid-December**. Please email Robert for more info: lpa@stbernajax.com

Ministry of Giving



THANK YOU all for your continued generosity, in all ways! The financial support you offer is so important to the operation and outreach of our parish.

The Offertory: Your weekly contributions help supports the operation of our Parish Office, pays the salaries of the staff, provides for the operational costs of our weekly liturgies, some of the basic needs of our parish ministries (many ministries raise money for their own needs). Of our Offertory, 15% is given to the Archdiocese of Toronto to support the diocesan needs (which also help us too).

Parish Building Fund: We continue to work towards reaching our goal of \$500,000 by December 2023.

Last Week's Offertory	\$ 6,772.00
Last Week's Building Fund	\$ 630.00
Building Fund Total	\$ 272,630.06

A reminder that this weekend (November 4 & 5) the second collection is for the Parish Building Fund.

** Your Parish Needs You **

We continue to look for the generosity and gifts of our people (YOU) and ask for you to consider volunteering for the following:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – these are members of our parish who help the clergy give Holy Communion at all the Masses.

Choirs – Music raises our hearts in praise and worship to God. We are blessed to have great choirs and choir directors here at St. Bernadette's, but we are always looking for new members!

Signing up is easy!! Take a few moments to fill in our form at <https://bit.ly/45ds0og> or email us at stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com



Our next **EDGE NIGHTS** in the parish hall:

EDGE Night “MAYDAY” | **Friday Nov 10 at 7:00pm** (grades 5-8)

Junior EDGE “Tsunami” | **Monday Nov 13 at 6:30pm** (grades 2-4)

Register for EDGE & Junior EDGE: <http://bit.ly/3tIXWd6>
Email Monika for more info: youth@stbernajax.com

Parish Ministries Serving All

There are many ways big and small to “get involved” around St. Bernadette’s. These are some of the ways and our ministries continue to evolve and give life to new ministries too. The Ministry Coordinator (leaders) are listed but please call/email the Parish Office for more details on our various ministries.

ADVISORY COUNCILS

Property/Building Mark-André Simard, Vice-Chair
Finance Denise Carson, Vice-Chair
Pastoral Jennifer Del Monte, Vice-Chair
Volunteers Tim & Desiree Plaus

Councils are appointed advisory committees to the Pastor who assist him in the important decisions he makes administering the parish. We are always looking for parishioners with special skills for these councils.

The Alpha Course	Robert LeBlanc
Altar Servers	Mark Sarang
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Ferdinand
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Bingo	Anne Marie Dennis
Catholic Mom’s Group	Cathy Haynes
Coffee Fridays	Julia Beattie
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson
	Julia Beattie
Children’s Liturgy	Robert Zuzarte
Saturday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 830am Choir	Tatjana Smrekar
Sun 1015am Choir (children)	Michelle Kirkwood
Sunday 1200pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 700pm Choir	Stan Rodrigo
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte
Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Cursillo	Gabriel Ferdinand
Knights of Columbus	John Kelley
Daughters of Isabella	Monique Beaudoin
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno
Hope & Life for Widows	Jeanette Pinto
Horizons of Hope	Eleanor Lee
Legion of Mary	Valeria Chovancova

Livestreaming/ Tech Team	Desiree Plaus
	John McGrath
Ministry for Maturing Adults	TBD
Understanding Our Faith	Susan Kennedy
(formerly Theology of the Body)	
Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Militia of the Immaculata	TBD
Ministry of Hospitality	Faizul & Vinette Rahim
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Street Patrol	Desiree Plaus
Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Truth & Reconciliation	Rose Gomme
Travelling Euchre	Anne Marie Dennis
Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Young Adult Ministry	Father Kevin

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism	Father Chris
Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Marriage Preparation	Dax Magsisi
Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc

Communion Outreach

Please contact the Parish Office, as staff coordinate most of our outreach ministries. Special training is required.

Communion to Homebound	Denise Carson
Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Harwood Manor	Susan Falcone
Ballycliffe	Ian & Sharon Pinto
Ajax-Pickering Hospital	Ian & Sharon Pinto
Lakeridge Gardens	Ian & Sharon Pinto

School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sararus
St. James Elementary	Marisa Hall
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O’Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

Special Thank You

A very special thank you to our Ministry Coordinators and leaders, past and present; those who coordinate and lead our many parish ministries. We, as a parish community appreciate you!

Around the Parish This Week

Saturday November 04 – Saint Charles Borromeo

900am Mass
930am RCIC (Hall)
930am Meditation (Council room)
1100am First Communion/Reconciliation Class
(Stage Side)
100pm Confirmation Class (Stage Side)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Mass

Sunday November 05 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday November 06

800am Mass
930am Understanding our Faith (Stage side)
700pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Council room)

Tuesday November 07

800am Mass
200pm Legion of Mary
600pm Confirmation Class (Stage side)
730pm RCIA (Hall)

Wednesday November 08

630am Mass
930am Bible Study (Stage side)
600pm First Communion/Reconciliation Class
(Stage side)
630pm Parish Confessions
700pm Marriage Preparation Classes (Council room)
730pm Bible Study (Stage side)
730pm Daughters of Isabella (Kitchen side)
730pm Mass

Thursday November 09 – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

800am Mass
900am Social Café (Kitchen side)
930am Ladies Craft Group (Stage side)
630pm Alpha Core Training (Hall)

Friday November 10 – Saint Leo the Great

800am Mass
830am Adoration
830am Parish Confessions
930am Rosary Makers (Stage side)
630pm EDGE (Hall)

Saturday November 11 – Saint Martin of

Tours/Remembrance day

900am Mass
930am RCIC (Hall)
930am Meditation (Council room)
1100am Baptisms
1100am First Communion/Reconciliation Class
(Stage Side)

100pm Confirmation Class (Stage Side)

400pm Parish Confessions

500pm Mass

Sunday November 12 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Sunday After 830am, 1015am & 1200pm Mass

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

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday November 04

500pm + Joseph Paul & Maria Delgado

Sunday November 05

830am + John & Annie Fernandes

500pm + Perla Lim

700pm + Bernard Blakely

Monday November 06

800am + Souls in purgatory

Tuesday November 07

800am + Jose & Eduarda Oliveira

Wednesday November 08

730pm + James Haselden

+ Theresa Haselden

+ Bonnie Haselden

+ Katarina Bogut

+ Nikola Bogut

Thursday November 09

800am ~ Intention of Shelley Pierre

Friday November 10

800am + Gino Romano

Saturday November 11

900am + Rudolfo Reyes

+ Purification Andaya Velasco

+ Jose Oliveira

+ William Walsh

~ Intention of Janet King

500pm + Adalgisa Cioccio

Sunday November 12

830am + Purification Andaya Velasco

500pm ~ Intention of Astor Trotter

700pm ~ Intention of Allanna & Azeez Adewusi

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1PgqJK6Gis>