

Sunday April 3, 2022 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

# 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

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

**Baptisms every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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,

We have so much to be thankful for! Most of all that we have a God who loves us and has assured us always and everywhere that there is NOTHING we can do that He won't forgive us for and welcome us back with open arms! Jesus holds a mirror up to those who judge others; in particular, this woman caught in adultery. Then with love and compassion, He calls her to start over and to live differently –as a Disciple of Christ! Friends, Jesus calls us all to start over and to live our lives

with meaning and purpose today. In these final weeks of Lent, reminded from the beginning to “turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel”, may we all recommit ourselves to that each and every day. 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](mailto: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>

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

[APRIL 10 - Sunday Livestream – 1200pm](#)

## 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, Peter Smith and Jean Villafuerte.*

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

## 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 900am to 700pm – a priest will be available all day to hear confessions!**

[All Wednesdays: 630pm to 715pm \(before Mass\)](#)

[All Fridays: 900am to 945am \(additionally, First Friday also 630pm to 715pm\)](#)

[All Saturdays: 400pm to 445pm \(before Mass\)](#)

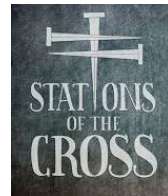
## We Welcome Jay Barker to our Parish Family



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:

- ✚ 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

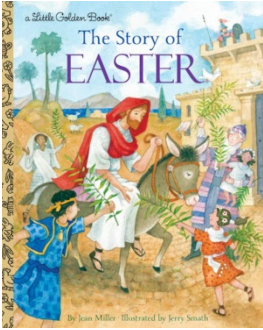
## Celebrating Our Parish



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 any archived 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](mailto:scloutier@bell.net) or phone 905-619-8014 with your ideas and suggestions.

## Easter Fundraising



This Easter, help us raise funds for our building projects! Starting March 26<sup>th</sup> until April 10<sup>th</sup> 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 and will be contacted to claim their prizes! Thank you for participating and for your generous contributions!

## 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 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](mailto:mark7119@gmail.com). Thank you!

## 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/>

## The Youth of St. Bernadette



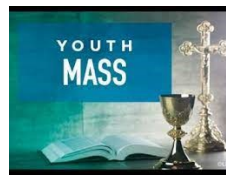
On Friday April 8, we meet in the parish hall at 700pm for our next EDGE night. The night will focus on the theme of REMEMBRANCE "Why Can't I Just Go to My Friend's Christian Church?" We continue to explore the importance of Holy Mass through a dynamic program which includes group games, reflection, group discussions, and prayer. For more information, please contact Monika Matelski [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com).



Junior Edge was launched on Monday March 28. It is 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](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com).

## Sunday 700pm Mass



The Sunday Mass at 700pm has been "transformed." The Mass is geared towards our younger parishioners. We will also be enrolling our Confirmandi this week at 700pm.

## St. Bernadette's Young Adult Group

If you've been looking for a sign to get out more and hang out with new people, well, this is it. St. Bernadette's Parish is reviving the Young Adults Group! We are inviting all young adults to join us build community and grow in faith. Join us in person for **Pints with Padre** where we meet somewhere local to share our faith over pints. Join our growing community on our private Discord server to always be kept in the loop (<https://discord.gg/N7OECVgEVG>)! If you have any questions or would like more information, please e-mail Fr. Kevin at [associate@stbernajax.com](mailto:associate@stbernajax.com).



# 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

## Totus Tuus



Our Parish is hosting a dynamic summer camp called Totus Tuus for our children and youth in grades 1-12. Young adult missionaries will be coming to our parish

in order to facilitate a program that focuses on the sacramental life through games, group activities, time with Scripture, daily Mass, and the whole lot of fun of a summer camp!

**DAY CAMP** grades 1 to 6: July 25-29 (900am - 230pm)

**EVENING CAMP** grades 7-12: July 24-28 (645pm-900pm)

**COST:** Day camp is \$75.00 (additional siblings \$50.00) & evening camp is \$20.00.

Prices are per camper and for the whole week!

Please contact Monika Matelski as registration is open and spots are limited: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com).

# 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 [drcliajax@gmail.com](mailto:drcliajax@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 9<sup>th</sup> and then candidates will receive their sacraments on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Easter Vigil.



Parents have received an email from Monika detailing family home-based preparation activities which will continue to foster an understanding of Holy Mass and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist as we look forward to our candidates' First Holy Communion Masses in May.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi who have been enrolled and received their Confirmation crosses. We now look forward to the next objectives for families as Fr. Chris and Monika will be hosting an online retreat and meeting with the Confirmandi, their parents, and sponsors during April and May. The Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen, our Regional Bishop, will confirm our Confirmandi on Saturday May 7.

## Around the Parish This Week...

### 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

- 830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm (RCIA 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny), 700pm
- Sunday Masses

### Monday April 4 – Saint Isidore

- 815am Mass
- 930am Theology of the Body (Virtual)
- 715pm Knights of Columbus- Officer's Meeting (Hall)

### Tuesday April 5 – Saint Vincent Ferrer

- 815am Mass
- 645pm Legion of Mary (Council room)
- 730pm RCIA (Hall)

### Wednesday April 6

- 930am Bible Study (Virtual)
- 700pm Daughters of Isabella (Virtual)
- 730pm Mass – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### Thursday April 7 – Saint John Baptist de la Salle

- 815am Mass
- 630pm Alpha (Hall)
- 730pm Choir practice for 830am Mass
- 800pm Catholic Mom's Group (Virtual)

### Friday April 8

- 815am Mass
- 900am Parish Confessions
- 900am Book Club (Virtual)
- 915am – 100pm Adoration
- 1115am Coffee with Andy (Virtual)
- 700pm Edge (Hall)
- 730pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday April 9

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

### Sunday April 10 – Palm Sunday

- 830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses
- 200pm Baptisms

## Mass Intentions This Week

### Saturday April 2

- 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

### Monday April 4

- 815am Repose of the soul of Herman Navarra

### Tuesday April 5

- 815am For the deceased members of the Quittenton & St. Denis families

### Wednesday April 6

- 730pm ~ Repose of the soul of Jazz de Marie Ramos
- ~ For the intention of Fr. Giuse Triet Dinh
- ~ Repose of the soul of Richard Pedrozo
- ~ Repose of the soul of Theresa Veaudry-Abbott

### Thursday April 7

- 815am For the intention of Coco Ego-Aguirre

### Friday April 8

- 815am For the deceased members of the Hovorka & Senior Family

### Saturday April 9

- 900am ~ For the intention of Cassia Ferdinand
- ~ Repose of the soul of Olive Viegas
- ~ Repose of the soul of Emma Gonsalves
- ~ Repose of the soul of Bernard D'Olivieria
- ~ For the intention of the Mark Family
- 500pm For the intention of the Razeghi Hutchinson Family

### Sunday April 10

- 830am Repose of the soul of Domingo & Petra Espiritu
- 1015am Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
- 1200pm Repose of the soul of Olha Kalmuk
- 500pm Repose of the soul of Vicky Fojas
- 700pm Repose of the soul of Roy Leavens



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