



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024

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 – Wednesday 6:30am
Morning Masses – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:00am :: Saturday 9:00am
Evening Masses – Wednesday 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*
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Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator*
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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	Jim MacNeil, <i>Principal</i>	Tim Lee Loy, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-427-6667
Notre Dame Secondary	Sonya Melim, <i>Principal</i>	Jeannine Henry, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-686-4300
St. Bernadette Elementary	Diana Assenza, <i>Principal</i>	Agnes Sararus, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-683-0571
St. James Elementary	Geraldine Borg, <i>Principal</i>	Marisa Hall, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-427-3327
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	Sheena Paul, <i>Principal</i>	Linda Sarang, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-426-7065

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: <https://stbernajax.com>
YouTube: [@st.bernadetteparishajax3761](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstbernajax3761)

Twitter: [@stbernajax](https://twitter.com/stbernajax)
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Knowing Our Catholic Faith...

Each week, I will write about an aspect of our Catholic Christian faith here. If there's anything YOU would like to appear here, please email me.

Holy Days of Obligation

We as Catholic Christians have our own term or phrase we use to speak of the Sabbath – holy day of obligation. As Christ taught us, setting aside a day for the Lord IS IMPORTANT, we must always remember that! What He added to this from the custom of His time, was that we don't rest from doing good or being charitable because that doesn't honour God. Sundays are still considered the Sabbath (Saturday Vigil also added for people who must work on Sundays), and so attending Mass and doing our best to take rest IS IMPORTANT. For us priests, our Sabbath takes place at another time during the week. Christmas and New Year's (Mary, Mother of God) are holy days of obligation on whatever day of the week they fall in Canada.

We have to remember; it isn't only about going to Mass – it's also about spending time with the people God has blessed our lives with (our family and friends) and dedicating time to honouring Him in other ways too.

Next week...Fasting and Abstinence: the difference and the importance.

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, Dylan Guro & Frederick Chafe. **We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing.**

Parish Happenings...

Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass



Thursday January 25th, we welcome all those who have registered for this Mass with their guests to join us for a Candlelight Vigil (music and candle placement starting at 6:30pm) followed by a Memorial Mass (at 7:00pm). Each registered member may offer to a maximum of ten (10) names. **For more information, please contact the Parish Office.**

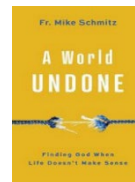
January Anniversaries

Let us know of your anniversary by contacting the Parish Office. 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. **It is important that our community experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!**

Jan 18th Bryan & Krystle González-Marshall (10 years)

Jan 31st Mike & Lois Sims (48 years)

Catholic Book Club



A World Undone: Finding God When Life Doesn't Make Sense by Fr. Mike Schmitz who unfolds the mystery of brokenness. Starting Monday Jan 29 to Monday Feb 13 (3 sessions) from 9:30am to 11:30am. Cost: \$15. Please register ASAP to ensure we receive the books on time.

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

For Our Young People



Our next EDGE NIGHTS in the parish hall:

Junior EDGE "Emergency Exits" |

Monday Jan 8 at 6:30pm (grades 2-4)

EDGE Night "Give me, give me, give!" | Friday Jan 12 at 7:00pm (grades 5-8)

Register for EDGE & Junior EDGE: <http://bit.ly/3tlXWd6>

Email Monika for more info: youth@stbernajax.com

Alpha



On Thursday January 11, 2024, we will begin the Alpha Course at St. Bernadette's. Alpha provides a space to ask all your questions about life, faith, and meaning in a friendly setting with people who, like you, want to explore life's big questions in a low-pressure environment.

Click to register: <https://bit.ly/3R9FSet>

Breaking bread together is one of the ways Jesus shared life with people, so every Alpha session will begin with a meal over casual conversation. We're looking for parishioners to help by cooking a casserole for one of our Thursday evening meals. Recipes provided, meals can be dropped off during the week to be frozen. Please contact lpa@stbernajax.com if you can prepare 1 meal over the next 10 weeks.

Around the Parish This Week

Saturday January 6

900am Mass
930am Meditation (Council Room)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Mass

Sunday January 7 – Epiphany of the Lord

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm – Masses
1230pm RCIA (Council Room)
100pm Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall)
200pm Handmaids of the Lord (Council Room)

Monday January 8 – The Baptism of the Lord

800am Mass
930am Understanding our Faith (Hall)
630pm KoC- Executive Meeting (Council Room)
630pm Junior EDGE (Hall)

Tuesday January 9

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

Wednesday January 10

930am Bible Study (Stage Side)
600pm FHC-Reconciliation Class (Hall)
630pm Parish Confessions
730pm Bible Study (Stage Side)
730pm Daughters of Isabella (Kitchen Side)
730pm Mass

Thursday January 11

800am Mass
900am Social Cade (Kitchen Side)
930am Ladies Craft group (Stage Side)
630pm Alpha (Hall)

Friday January 12 – Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

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

Saturday January 13 – Saint Hilary

900am Mass
930am Meditation (Council Room)
1100am Baptisms
1100am FHC & Reconciliation Class (Hall)
1230pm RCIA (Council Room)
100pm Confirmation Class (Stage Side)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Mass

Sunday January 14 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses
1230pm RCIA (Council Room)

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday January 6

900am + John Fernandes
~ Intention of Olive Mark
~ Intention of Fr. Kevin Adriano
500pm ~ Intention of Frank Wetmore

Sunday January 7

830am + Hazel Hastings
1200pm Missa Pro Populo
500pm ~ Intention of the Cano-De
Guzman Family
700pm + Jimmy Gaza

Monday January 8

800am + Guy Bon

Tuesday January 9

800am ~ Intention of Fr. Chris Lemieux

Wednesday January 10

730pm ~ Intention of Divin & Sakah
Family
~ Intention of Romaine & Ganesh

Thursday January 11

800am + Tagumpay Diolata

Friday January 12

800am + Ernest King

Saturday January 13

900am + Yanelly Leal
+ Guillermo & Lourdes Largoza
~ Intention of Sean Hentrich
500pm + Maria Dalgado

Sunday January 14

830am ~ Intention of Fr. Chris Lemieux
1200pm Missa Pro Populo

Our Weekly Offerings



Thank you all for your continued generosity, with your time, your talents, and your treasures! This is what was shared of your treasures this week:

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY:	\$	19,135.00
YEAR-END OFFERTORY:	\$	151,796.00
LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND:	\$	2,978.20
BUILDING FUND TOTAL:	\$	295,119.41

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>