



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]

February 4, 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*

Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate*

Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator*

Marva Thomas, *Administrative Assistant*

Sue McGee, *Parish Bookkeeper*

** Trish Sherwin & Michelle Duarte-Monteiro, *Office Assistants*

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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 call the Parish Office 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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SOCIAL MEDIA

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From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Friends in Christ,

God is infinitely loving and merciful and through His Son, Jesus, we know that He offers us that total gift of love, mercy, compassion – through every personal encounter we have with Him in Word, deed (especially the Sacraments), every blessed encounter we have with His Disciples (every baptized Catholic Christian living out his or her missionary calling to 'go and make disciples'). But He needed to retreat, to pray, to recollect Himself. If the Son of God Himself needed that – we too MUST make the time each day to pray and to regularly retreat and recollect ourselves. We are a week-and-a-half away from the beginning of Lent, and so I offer this today to each of us (me included) to really consider how are we going to enter this Lenten season in a deeper, more prayerful, more committed manner than we have done before? I am sure that most of us WANT this for ourselves – now is the time to consider this and begin to plan for the weeks ahead.

Your servant in the Lord,

Father Chris

NEW to our PARISH??



We strongly encourage everyone who attends St. Bernadette's on a regular basis to consider registering. It's easy – either click on this link: [I'm New](#) or contact the Parish Office and we will help you out.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for the month of February. For urgent matters, please call the office and leave us a message or email us at office@stbernajax.com

OUR PARISH OFFICE

On Thursday evening, I sent an email (to those who receive the bulletin electronically) indicating that our Parish Office would be closed weekdays until we had a new parish secretary in place. With deep gratitude to the many parishioners who emailed me back, we will open our office with the assistance of volunteers. **We will open our Parish Office again on Wednesday February 7th.** Our volunteers will help us answer phones, take Mass intention bookings and offer basic but important services. Our Parish Office remains open on weekends, thanks to our part-time administration staff.

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 and Caitlin Smith.

We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing. We remember Adriana (Joanne) Stokman & Michael Stone!

February Anniversaries

Let us know of your anniversary by contacting the Parish Office. 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!**

Feb 13th Beatrice & Robert Zuzarte (39 years)

Feb 20th Rosemarie & Charmeon Mangaser (30 years)

Feb 28th Cheryl & Gord Nash (49 years)

Parish Happenings & Events...

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

A reminder that this Sunday, our second collection is for the Parish Building Fund. We appreciate your generosity and we continue to look forward to more work to be finished in the months ahead! Our Building Fund total is currently at \$308,444.86. We are looking forward to starting our new Universal Washroom and some work on our parish kitchen very soon.

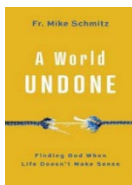
Bundle Up Sunday



Before and after all the Masses on the weekend THIS WEEKEND – our Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes, and linens to support our neighbours in need in the community. Our truck will be parked at the **southwest corner** of the parking lot. The SSVP and the Knights of Columbus will be present to help load your items. Please don't leave items by the truck.

Many thanks in advance for your support!

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

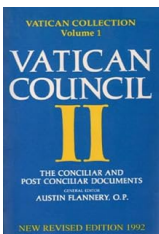
Parish Bingo



Parish Bingo Night in the Parish Hall – on Monday February 5th, from 700pm to 945pm. The cost is \$5.00 per package. Join us for a night of fun and socializing with

friends. Hope to see you there!

Understanding Our Catholic Faith



A Personal Study:, The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium). “It was the first document produced by the Second Vatican Council, and arguably the most influential. The everyday lives of millions of Catholics around the world have been influenced by

what it had to say.

Join the discussion on Mondays: Feb 26 to March 11 (3 sessions) 930am to 1130am in the Parish Hall. Materials provided. The final session will include a Q & A with Father Chris.

For Our Young People



We welcome new EDGERS in grades 5-8 to join our new semester called “MAPP MY LIFE” with a focus on the Eucharist: if your child is interested and not registered yet, please register and join the fun.

Next EDGE Night Friday Feb 9th 7-9pm

“Scenic View” | (grades 5-8)

Next JUNIOR EDGE Night Monday Feb 12th 6:30-8pm

“Beach Resort” | (grades 2-4)

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

Email Monika for more info: youth@stbernajax.com

Coffee Sunday

Meet old friends, and new ones too! Fellowship is an important part of being a Christian – knowing others who share and live the same faith you do. We begin again our Coffee Sundays, hoping you can join us! We gather after the 8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm Masses in the Parish Hall. These will be very informal gatherings with coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Upcoming dates are:

February 11

February 25

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:	\$	7,027.00
LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND:	\$	842.00
BUILDING FUND TOTAL:	\$	308,444.86

Altar Server Ministry

We are welcoming new altar servers to join our growing parish ministry. For any of our young people who have received their First Holy Communion, you are welcome to join our teams. Parents, please complete the form following this link: <https://bit.ly/49lwP1r>

We will be welcoming new altar servers until Sunday February 25, 2024. After that we will open up registering for the Altar Server Ministry again in September.

Lent at St. Bernadette's

Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten season. A reminder that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both days of fasting & abstinence (see your January 14th bulletin for more information). On Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate Mass at 630am and 730pm (no Perpetual Help devotions that day).

We will have two priests (both Father Chris and Father Kevin) hearing confessions from 530PM until 700PM on Ash Wednesday.

Next Sunday's bulletin will have more information on our Lenten services, but we would ask families to consider leading our Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:30pm. Please speak to or email Father Chris about this.

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	Lianson Wilson
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Ferdinand
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Bingo	Anne Marie Dennis
Catholic Mom’s Group	Cathy Haynes
Coffee Thursdays	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
Funeral Choir	Phyl Birch
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
Knights of Columbus	John Kelley
Daughters of Isabella	Sandra Kolsteren
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 Team	Desiree Plaus
Understanding Our Faith	Susan Kennedy
Meditation	Trevor Pereira
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
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

**** Your Parish Needs You ****

We continue to look for the generosity and gifts of our people (YOU) and ask that you consider volunteering in one of our parish ministries.

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

Around the Parish This Week

Sunday February 4 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses
1115am Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall)
1230pm RCIA-Breaking Open the Word (Council Rm)
100pm Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall)
200pm Handmaids of the Lord (Council Rm)

Monday February 5 – Saint Agatha

800am Mass
930am Understanding Our Faith (Hall)
630pm Knights of Columbus-General (Stage Side)
700pm Bingo (Kitchen Side)
700pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Council Room)

Tuesday February 6 – St. Paul Miki and Companions

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

Wednesday February 7

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

Thursday February 8 – St. Josephine Bakhita

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

Friday February 9

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

Saturday February 10 – St. Scholastica

800am Meditation
900am Mass
930am RCIC (Hall)
930am Art Social Event (Hall)
1100am Baptism
1100am FHC Reconciliation Class (Hall)
100pm Confirmation Class (Stage Side)
100pm Lectors Training (Church)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Mass

Sunday February 11 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses
1230pm RCIA-Breaking Open the Word (Council Rm)

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday February 3

900am + Primitivo Dagulo
~ Marva Claxton
500pm + the Deceased members of the
Boucher Family

Sunday February 4

830am + Robert Michael Rejano
500pm ~ Rodrigues-Coelho Family
700pm + all deceased members of
Faritha's Family

Monday February 5

800am + Janine Lucie Stepien

Tuesday February 6

800am + John Fernandes

Wednesday February 7

730pm ~ Renato Padlan
~ Jamil, Rita & Antonela Sakeh

Thursday February 8

800am + Ann Gordon Walker

Friday February 9

800am + Eileen Keenan
+ Pauline McDermott

Saturday February 10

900am + C.T. Chacko
+ Dwayne Dulling
+ Bob Hsu

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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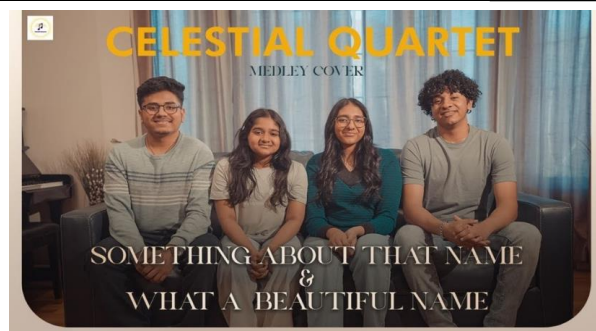


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The Celestial Quartet are the Rodrigo Family who offer us music at the Sunday 7:00pm Mass (as well as at other times). Pictured are Adrian, Gia, Amy & Jeremy Rodrigo. Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music:

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