

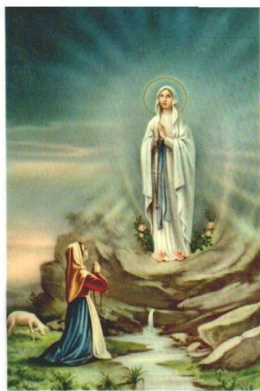
Sunday January 16, 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

# 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

**Father Chris Lemieux, Pastor** [pastor@stbernajax.com](mailto:pastor@stbernajax.com)  
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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

## ...from Our Pastor...



Dear Friends,

Weddings and marriages; whether it was our (your) special day or one you attend, often bring out the very best in us and for those of us who attend, give us much to reflect upon and aspire to in our own lives. We often seek greater perfection for ourselves and for each other at weddings. This is part of God's plan and part of the reason weddings and the marriage covenant are so special and sacred to God; it inspires greatness. The Blessed Mother calls her Divine Son to greatness at Cana

today, may we reflect upon the greatness God is calling each of us to in this blessed week ahead! *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

### ALL ARE WELCOME

We welcome everyone who wishes to come for the Lord's Day (Sunday) Masses. We require you to:

- † Wear a face mask covering your nose and chin
- † Maintain social distancing
- † Frequently sanitize your hands
- † DO NOT come if you feel unwell in any way or have been exposed to COVID-19

### PANDEMIC PRECAUTIONS January 2022

As the Province of Ontario returned us to Phase II of the pandemic restrictions on January 5; we too are taking more precautions to keep everyone in our community safe:

- † We have reduced the capacity to 50% inside the Church and the Parish Hall – when we are full, we cannot exceed these capacities
- † We will livestream our Sunday Noon Mass as well as possibly one earlier Mass (for those who wish to virtually participate earlier)
- † As of January 1, all weekday Masses will be livestreamed once again – we thank our livestreaming team for their dedicated service.

**WorshipSafe protocols will remain in effect.**

### **FOLLOW on YOUTUBE (or Facebook)**

One of our Lord's Day (Saturday Vigil & Sunday) Masses will be livestreamed and uploaded to the Parish YouTube channel (and our Parish Facebook page).

The link: <https://bit.ly/2HqxVRO>

[JANUARY 16 – Saturday 5pm & Sunday NOON](#)

[JANUARY 23 – 10:15am & NOON](#)

[JANUARY 30 – Sunday NOON](#)

[FEBRUARY 6 – Sunday 8:30am & Sunday NOON](#)

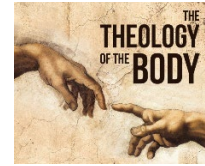
## January Anniversaries

January 10<sup>th</sup> Sivarajah & Romaine Ganesharaj (35 years)

January 20<sup>th</sup> Wilfred & Sylvia Orgias (50 years)

January 24<sup>th</sup> Joan & Bert Leung (71 years)

## January Activities & Events Around the Parish



### Theology of the Body

#### **I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Join us for a study of the Church using *Catechism of the Catholic Church* which started on **Monday January 10** and continues weekly at 9:30 a.m. (on Zoom). Find the answers to these questions and more.

- What does the word Church mean?
- What is the origin and the fulfillment of the Church?
- In what way is the Church a mystery?
- Why the Church is called the "Bride of Christ"?
- What is the meaning of the affirmation "Outside the Church there is no salvation"?

Contact: Susan Kennedy 904-427-6137

or [susangkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:susangkennedy@gmail.com)



### Thank You from the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul extend a sincere THANK YOU to parishioners, our schools, to the Knights, and other ministries for your generous support.. Throughout the year we were privileged to assist 387 adults & 105 children. At Christmas we were able to distribute \$ 10,240 in food vouchers and \$3,165.00 in Gift Cards to 145 adults and 103 children. Your continued generosity allows us to turn your concern for others less fortunate into positive actions each & every day.

May God bless and protect you and our neighbours in need in 2022.

## St. Bernadette Youth



Our next EDGE Night will be an **online event** on Friday January 28 at 7:00pm! Youth in grades 5-8 are invited to join us for a night called ENDGAME: How do I live a virtuous life? If your child likes the Avengers and wishes to join us for fun and interactive activities, discussion, and reflection, please email Monika for the zoom link: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com)

## Return to Coffee with Father



Many of us are a more homebound right now, as we try to help curb the spread of the coronavirus, as well as colds and the various flu virus' and to try to maintain our health and the health of others. We know that many members of our parish community aren't feeling comfortable to be in the church right now, and for this reason, we've started up "Coffee with Father" on Friday mornings from 11:15am to 12:00pm, a virtual community gathering where we just get together and share faith with each other. Each week in the Parish Bulletin, we will share a link and ask anyone who wishes to come and join us, to do so. Father will open with a short prayer, a short Scripture reading and a very brief reflection. Come and join us from the comfort of your home! This coming week's link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85359343545?pwd=SzhCb0ZvS0lJaTZRT2VUWTZ0Znpadz09&from=addon>

**Please note, our seminarian Andy will be the host of Coffee with Father this week. The priests will be at a funeral. Adoration on Friday January 21 is cancelled due to the funeral.**

## St. Bernadette Faith Formation



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA continues this week virtually, as the catechumens continue to journey towards full initiation into the Catholic Church. For the time being, the Dismissals and Breaking Open the Word will also be held virtually while we weather the storm of the coronavirus! **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 [draciaajax@gmail.com](mailto:draciaajax@gmail.com).

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People

Andy, our Seminarian Assistant and a team of dedicated volunteers will begin a catechetical program to help young people (under the age of 16) receive sacraments they may not have received for various reasons previously or did not feel ready to receive. On Saturday January 22 from 10:00am to Noon, candidates will join Andy and the other teachers virtually. Classes will continue each Saturday at this time 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. **If your children or any young people you know are in need of sacraments, please have them contact the Parish Office right away.**

### BOOK CLUB

St. Bernadette's Book Club will be reading the book, *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis* by Bishop Robert Barron, starting on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:00 am on Zoom for 5 sessions. The sexual abuse scandal has gripped the Catholic Church for the past 30 years, and continues to wreak havoc even today. It has compromised the work of the Church in every way and has left countless lives in ruin.

Many Catholics are understandably asking:

- Why should I stay?
- Why not abandon this sinking ship before it drags me or my children under?

Bishop Robert Barron, explains why this is not the time to leave, but the time to stay and fight.

To register and order your copy (\$5) or to download a PDF, please contact: Susan or Tom at 905-427-6137 or [susangkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:susangkennedy@gmail.com)

## Around the Parish This Week...

### Saturday January 15 – Our Lady's Saturday

900am Mass  
930am Confirmation Preparation Session (Virtual)  
1000am Meditation (Virtual)  
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Virtual)  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

### Sunday January 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Monday January 17 – Saint Anthony

815am Mass  
930am Theology of the Body (Virtual)  
600pm Baptism Preparation Class (Virtual)  
700pm St. Vincent de Paul (Virtual)  
715pm Knights of Columbus- Membership Meeting (V)

### Tuesday January 18

815am Mass  
645pm Legion of Mary (Virtual)  
730pm RCIA (Virtual)

### Wednesday January 19

1000am Parish Cleaning  
630pm Parish Confessions  
730pm Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### Thursday January 20 – Saint Fabian

815am Mass

### Friday January 21 – Saint Agnes

815am Mass  
900am Parish Confessions  
1030am Coffee with Father  
1100am Funeral  
700pm Bereavement Group (Virtual)

### Saturday January 22 – Saint Vincent

900am Mass  
930am First Communion Preparation Session (Virtual)  
1000am Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People (V)  
1000am Meditation (Virtual)  
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Virtual)  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

### Sunday January 23– 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday January 15

500pm For the intention of Nirmala MacKenzie

### Sunday January 16

1200pm Missa pro populo (mass for the people)  
500pm Repose of the soul of Jessie Mathie  
700pm No intention

### Monday January 17

815am Repose of the soul of Aruldoss

### Tuesday January 18

815am Repose of the soul of Januario Dias

### Wednesday January 19

730pm ~ In honour & thanksgiving to St. Jude for favours received  
~ In thanksgiving for our priests, Fr. Chris & Fr. Kevin & our seminarian Andy  
~ For the intention of the Sakeh & Diman Families  
~ Repose of the soul Silvy Zacharias

### Thursday January 20

815am Repose of the soul of Robert Maskey

### Friday January 21

815am Repose of the soul of Lourdes Largoza

### Saturday January 22

900am ~ Repose of the soul of Robert Joseph Saptel  
~ Repose of the soul of Owen & Hazel Drego  
~ Thanksgiving Mass for Tito & Dora Bacungan  
500pm Repose of the soul of Fred Duemmel

### Sunday January 23

1015am Missa pro populo (mass for the people)  
1200pm Repose of the soul of Dylan Gilmour