



PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am
12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

MORNING MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 8:00am
Saturday 9:00am

EVENING MASS

Wednesday 7:30pm

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays
6:15pm-7:15pm
Fridays
8:30am-9:15am
Saturdays
3:45pm-4:45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays
8:30am-12:00pm
All Other Fridays
8:30am-9:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Thursday
9:00am-4:30pm

Friday
9:00am-4:30pm
(Phone calls only)

*Weekdays closed for lunch
12:30-1:30pm*

WEEKENDS

Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

WELCOME DESK

Before and after all weekend
Masses

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2026

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends,

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), Jesus reminds us that humility lies at the heart of our relationship with God. The tax collector, recognizing his need for God's mercy, offers a simple and sincere prayer. His example reminds us that true greatness is found not in recognition or status, but in a humble and generous heart.

Yesterday, we gathered with many of our parish ministry leaders for our Ministry Leadership Retreat—a wonderful opportunity we had to pray, reflect, and renew our commitment to serving Christ and one another. I am deeply grateful for the many dedicated volunteers who give so generously of their time, talents, and energy to lead our parish ministries. Their commitment, often exercised quietly and without recognition, is a beautiful expression of Christian discipleship.

We are blessed with over 40 active ministries in our parish – a number that often surprises many, but a testament to the humble and quiet work of so many. We pray for our leaders now, as they return to their ministry strengthened to continue to lead and direct in their respective roles. I ask all of us to pray for our leaders, for their strength and that they may continue to serve with joy.

To all our ministry leaders and volunteers—thank you!

God bless you and your family!

Fr. Chris

PARISH TEAM

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: A mandatory Baptism class must be attended, and all required registration forms completed. Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email at office@stbernajax.com

First Confession/Communion, Confirmation: Please contact the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults: For adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation for Young People: For young people ages 7 to 16. Classes designed for their age group are offered to help young people receive all Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office one year in advance. One of the priests will arrange an appointment with you.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office immediately.

REGISTER AT OUR PARISH

Welcome to St. Bernadette's! Register to fully participate, access sacraments, connect with our community, and help us serve you better. If you live outside of our parish boundaries but worship here, registration is key for official requests. [Click here to register](#) today!

PRAYING FOR OUR PEOPLE



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, for: **Violet Azavedo, Anne Sinclair, Albertina Caruso, Maura D'Costa, and Sylvia Mondal.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Rachel Barry, Jorge Isidro, Nicole Gilmour, and Peter Dwyer.**

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our faithful parishioner, **Peter Dwyer**, who passed away on October 15. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday October 29, at 11:00am** at St. Bernadette Parish, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

ANNIVERSARIES

If you are a registered member of St. Bernadette's, we would love to celebrate and witness the anniversary of your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office or Welcome Desk, with your anniversary dates.

This month we celebrate with:

Oct 1	Brendan & Kate McKnight	(15 yrs)
Oct 5	Nadia & Alfredo Santiago Jr.	(19 yrs)
Oct 6	Rose & Russell Gomme	(36 yrs)
Oct 6	Neville & Raakel Barbeito	(25 yrs)
Oct 7	Allan & Pat Colterman	(48 yrs)
Oct 10	Odette & Alban Mendonca	(44 yrs)
Oct 23	James & Janice Oldman	(50 yrs)

COFFEE SUNDAY - SOUBIROUS CAFÉ



Join us this **Sunday October 25**, in the Parish Hall after the 8:30am, 10:15am and 12 noon Masses. Enjoy a coffee and goodies, a friendly chat and a chance to connect with our parish family. Everyone is welcome!

OCIA SPONSORS INFORMATION SESSION

This Sunday, October 25 at 1:30 pm | Parish Hall

We are inviting members of our parish community to serve as a Sponsor or Mentor this year. You don't need to have all the answers, just an open heart and a faithful presence. Join us to learn of the many ways you can help with OCIA.

IT TAKES A PARISH TO WELCOME A NEW DISCIPLE!

Our OCIA Parish Initiative — An Invitation to Everyone!

We've all heard the expression, "It takes a village to raise a child." Perhaps we could offer a variation of that familiar saying: "It takes a parish to welcome and nurture a new disciple of Jesus Christ!"

This is very much at the heart of what the Church teaches us about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Welcoming new members into the Catholic Church is not simply the responsibility of the priest, a catechist, or a small group of volunteers. It is the responsibility—and wonderful privilege—of the entire parish community! At St. Bernadette's, we want to take this calling seriously.

This year, we are introducing a renewed approach to OCIA, one that places particular emphasis on faith, fellowship, friendship, and belonging. Beginning in late November, our inquirers and catechumens will gather on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. for a shared meal, conversation, faith formation, and an opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. We need YOU to help make this happen!

We are inviting parishioners to participate in several meaningful ways:

- **Share a Meal:** Help prepare or contribute food to our Sunday potluck gatherings. Hospitality is one of the simplest and most beautiful expressions of Christian love.
- **Share Your Faith and Friendship:** Sign up to join us for lunch! Sit with our newest members, get to know them, listen to their stories, and share something of your own journey of faith.
- **Become a Sponsor or Mentor:** Accompany someone on their journey toward becoming Catholic, offering friendship, encouragement, prayer, and a living witness of Christian discipleship.
- **Pray for Our Newest Members:** Keep our Inquirers in your daily prayers as they discern God's invitation.

You don't need to be a theologian or have all the answers. You simply need a welcoming heart and a willingness to share your faith.

Our hope is that those exploring the Catholic faith will discover something beautiful at St. Bernadette's: not simply a place to attend Mass, but a spiritual home, a family of faith, and a community where they truly belong.

After all, it takes a parish to make a disciple feel at home. And that parish is YOU!

Please contact the Parish Office to learn how you can participate.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 24

5:00pm + Althea Gear

Sunday, October 25

8:30am + Edassery Varghese

12:00pm Missa Pro Populo

5:00pm + Ben & Valeriana Serrano

7:00pm + Nicolas M. Ortiz Jr.

Monday, October 26

8:00am ~ Joseph Nguyen

Tuesday, October 27

8:00am + Prudencio & Tomasa Mingi

Wednesday, October 28

7:30pm + Rollande Fieldsend

+ Thomas Fieldsend

+ Gonzalo Calvelo

+ Yolanda Martins

~ Tim & Desiree Plaus

Thursday, October 29

8:00am + Angelita Ifurung

Friday, October 30

8:00am + Christina Houghton

Saturday, October 31

9:00am + Emelita Valerio

+ Jannette Ines

+ Rodolfo Reyes Sr.

+ Benedicta Mingi

~ Allyson Chen

YOUTH MINISTRY

JUNIOR EDGE | Grades 1-4 | [Click here to register!](#)

2nd & 4th Monday, 6:30-8:00PM | LAUNCH: Oct 26

EDGE | Grades 5-8 | [Click here to register!](#)

2nd & 4th Friday, 6:30-8:30PM | NEXT Session: Nov 13

SUMMIT | Grade 9-12 | [Click here to register!](#)

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm | NEXT Session: Nov 5

For more info, contact Stacey at youth@stbernajax.com

YOUTH MINISTRY - CALLING ALL CHEFS!

Do you enjoy cooking and want to support our parish youth?

We're looking for volunteers to prepare simple meals for SUMMIT, our teen ministry.

SUMMIT meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month. Choose a night that works for you! Email Stacey at youth@stbernajax.com to sign-up for a night.

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY

**ALL SAINTS
PARTY!**



The Catholic Mom's Group invites families to the annual All Saints Day Party held in the Parish Hall on **Sunday November 1, 2:30pm-4:30pm**. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite Saints and enjoy

carnival games, Saints trivia, a Saints-themed snack buffet, and lots of fun! Please RSVP using the link below: <https://evite.me/7vaS6Yeje3>

For anyone who is willing to donate treats for this event, please drop off donations at the parish office. For teens who wish to volunteer, please complete the form below: <https://forms.gle/zFoCPQbWXSfufz16A>

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS



This year, we will celebrate two Masses for the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) on **Monday, November 2, at 8:00am and 7:00pm**.

Please join us as we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Throughout November, the **Book of Remembrance** will be available near the statue of Our Lady. You're invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones before and after Masses. Special envelopes will also be available if you wish to use them.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL & MEMORIAL MASS



A Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Mass for the deceased will be held on **Tuesday, November 10**. The Vigil begins at 6:30pm with meditative music and a prayer for the deceased displayed on the overhead screen, followed by Memorial Mass at 7:00pm.

Registration is required to have names included in the Mass intentions. Each registrant may submit up to eight names, which will be remembered during the Mass. A suggested donation of \$25 is requested for a commemorative candle bearing the names submitted, yours to take home.

Everyone is invited to attend this special evening of remembrance. **To register, please visit the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office.**

AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday October 25

Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm,
7:00pm

**Coffee Sunday & Soubirous Café after the 8:30am,
10:15am, and 12:00pm Masses**

10:15am Children's Liturgy (Hall)

1:30pm OCIA Sponsor Information Session (Hall)

Thursday October 29

8:00am Mass

9:00am St. Teresa of Calcutta CES Mass (School)

11:00am Funeral - Peter Dwyer

12:00pm Funeral Reception - Peter Dwyer (Hall)

6:30pm Vitality Ministry Meeting (Council Room)

Monday October 26

8:00am Mass

9:00am Family of Schools PA Day Mass &
Breakfast (Church, Hall)

6:30pm Junior EDGE Launch (Hall)

Friday October 30

8:00am Mass

8:30am Adoration

8:30am Confession

9:30am OLV Rosary Makers (Hall)

7:00pm Jesus Youth (Hall)

Tuesday October 27

8:00am Mass

9:30am Notre Dame CSS Grade 10 Retreat (Hall)

1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)

Wednesday October 28

9:30am Bible Study (Hall)

6:00pm FHC Sacramental Wed. Session 2 (Hall)

6:15pm Confession

7:00pm Marriage Prep Course (Hall)

7:30pm Mass

Saturday October 31

7:30am That Man Is You (Hall)

9:00am Mass

9:45am Altar Servers' MC Training (Church)

10:00am FHC Sacramental Sat. Session 2 (Hall)

10:00am Quo Vadis (Council Room)

3:45pm Confession

5:00pm Mass

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