



Sunday May 29, 2022 – Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord

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

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SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms every 2nd and 4th 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

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...from Our Pastor...



Dear Friends,

It is with great joy and excitement that we gather this evening for our first Parish Dinner, the first of many (I hope). With great gratitude I thank the Parish Fund-Raising Committee for their hard work preparing for this dinner, I can only imagine the challenges in being the first in a very long time to put this all together. Next month, we will have our Parish Picnic and then starting in the Fall, we find more ways to come together as a community, as a family of faith. We ALL face challenges to

live and witness to our faith in the world and in our community these days and so seeing each other as cherished family members IS IMPORTANT. With Jesus always at the centre and heart of our family here at St. Bernadette's, may we continue to be there for each other, always inviting and welcoming others. 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 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 will be there!

Sunday Mass on YouTube

Livestreamed Masses can be found on the link below
The link: <https://bit.ly/2HqxVRO>

[MAY 29 – 1200pm \(NOON\)](#)

[JUNE 5 – 1015am](#)

[JUNE 12 – 1200pm \(NOON\)](#)

[JUNE 19 – 1015am](#)

Praying for Our People



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, in particular for *Nigel Boos, Jean Villafuerte, Carmen Flores, Ida-Mae Haynes & Connal Hanna.*

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died from our parish, especially *Joe Dickson, Dominic Nunes, Charles McGrath, Jim Dulny, Rose Boucher, Junior Oliver O'Reggio & Diane Huggard.*

May Anniversaries

May 28th Stan & Lovina Rodrigo (25 years)

Gardening

We are looking for volunteers to help create and maintain garden space on the property and grounds of St. Bernadette's. If you are interested, please contact Rosina Ego-Aguirre at rosina.ego-aguirre@sympatico.ca.

Upcoming Events in the Parish

Pasta Dinner May 28th



Our Fund-Raising Committee is hosting a Parish Pasta Dinner on Saturday May 28, 2022 at 600PM in the Parish Hall. All proceeds from this dinner will go towards our Parish Building Fund. The event is sold out. Thank you to all those who have purchased tickets. Enjoy the evening!

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul "Bundle Up" Collection June 4-5, 2022

We will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes, and linens to support our neighbours in need on the weekend of June 4-5, 2022.

Please bring your donation and help others in our community. We will assist with the loading before and after each Saturday and Sunday Mass. Thank you for your support!

Parish Picnic

Sunday June 26 @ 1:00pm

Join us for BBQ, fun and games at our annual St. Bernadette's parish picnic. It will be held on June 26th at 100pm. in the parking lot, following the Sunday noon Mass. More details to come in upcoming bulletins.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a couple of virtual presentations on "Creating Financial Strategies" around the use of Life Insurance. Parishioners are welcome to join on Wednesdays June 15 at 7:00pm. For further information and to register please see the Knight's bulletin board in the Narthex.

Altar Server Training & Retreat

Serve the Lord with joy and gladness! The Altar Server's Ministry will be hosting an Altar Server's Training and Retreat on Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 am until 1:30 pm. We will be training current servers and new servers! If you have received your first communion, join us, and learn how to become an altar server! Lunch will be provided! For more information, please contact Mark Sarang at mark7119@gmail.com or speak to one of the priests.

The Youth of St. Bernadette



On Friday June 10, we meet in the parish hall at 7:00pm for our next EDGE Night. We are

anticipating to welcome in the summer with fantastic group games, reflection, group discussions, and prayer. If you are in grades 5-8, come and check out this amazing youth ministry! For more information, please contact Monika Matelski youth@stbernajax.com.



On Monday May 30 we meet with our students in grades 3 & 4 for another JUNIOR EDGE Night. Come and meet

new friends and our awesome team of volunteers at 630pm-800pm in the parish hall! We will be planting flowers to take home and nurture gentleness and kindness. For any parents who wish to register their child, please contact Monika Matelski: youth@stbernajax.com.

Totus Tuus



Our Parish is hosting a dynamic summer camp called TOTUS TUUS during which 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!

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.

St. Bernadette's Young Adult Ministry

Come and join our Young Adult's Ministry for a special *Pints With Padre: Game Night Edition!* We will get together on **Friday, June 17 at 7:00 PM**. We will be meeting at **Brew Wizards-Board Game Café**. Check out the Summer schedule in the Narthex Bulletin Board for our upcoming events! Please join in our Discord server to always be up to date with the latest ministry news! (<https://discord.gg/N7QECVgEVG>)! If you have any questions or would like more information, please e-mail associate@stbernajax.com.

First Communion

We wish to congratulate our 100 young candidates who received the Eucharist for the very first time during the First Holy Communion Masses held on May 21 and May 28! May this closeness with Jesus in the Eucharist inspire you to bring Jesus everywhere you go!

Confirmation

We invite our Confirmandi for a post-Confirmation Retreat "Walk with the Spirit" which will take place on two Saturdays: June 11 and June 18 in the parish hall (you only need to attend one day). At these retreats, our candidates will be inspired with their God-given mission as disciples, now that they are empowered with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Information will be sent out to parents this week.

Camp for High School Students

There will be an overnight camp experience for our High School youth run by HopeStone Catholic Formation. The High School Leadership Camp is an overnight summer camp for students in grades high school, which combines fun and faith in an exciting camp experience. Activities include ziplining, kayaking/canoeing, swimming, ropes courses, archery, a giant swing, daily Mass & an intentional program to foster discipleship and leadership through a personal faith response.

Dates: August 20 – August 24, 2022 / Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton ON / Cost: \$450.00. Register by June 30.

To register, please contact Monika Matelski youth@stbernajax.com.

Totus Tuus Parish Volunteers

During the week of July 24-29, our parish is hosting TOTUS TUUS Missionaries who will be running an engaging summer camp for our children and youth. We are looking for volunteers to facilitate and assist with the following:

- Sign-in and sign-out campers each day
- Supervise the campers during the classes – help enforce the rules and act as an extension of the missionaries
- Supervise the campers during lunch and snack breaks
- Assist in the larger group settings with whatever the missionaries need
- Assist in facilitating the FUN FRIDAY activities!

If you are interested in joining this week of faith and fun, please contact Monika Matelski youth@stbernajax.com. Volunteer screening must be completed before the camp.

St. Bernadette's 70th Anniversary

Come celebrate St. Bernadette 70th Anniversary with a new pictorial directory led by IPC Canada Photo Services!

Each photographed family receives a **FREE DIRECTORY** and **FREE 8" x 10"** colour portrait. Additionally, you will also have the opportunity to purchase various packages from IPC's Memories Collection.

When

- Registration is **OPEN!** Available dates June 13th – 29th (Sundays excluded)

Session time

- Approx. 30-45 minutes

How to book

- Please go online to the booking site www.ipcphoto.ca
- On the top row select **Appointments** and enter the password: **myphoto**, press **GO**
- Click on **St. Bernadette's Parish, Ajax** and you will be taken to the **Online Scheduling System**
- Once you have clicked your desired time, completed the requested information
- Click on **Finalize Photo Sitting Appointment**
- You will receive a confirmation email from Stbernajax2@gmail.com

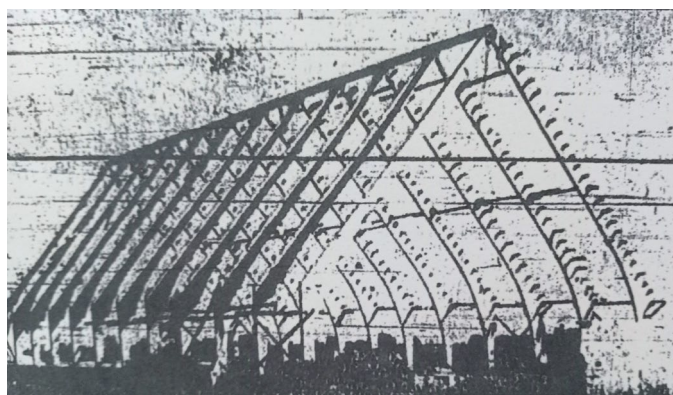
NOTE

- The system will not allow same day booking so please book your appointment early
- We encourage those that are retired or have work schedules that allow daytime flexibility to sign up for appointments between 1:30pm -5:00pm. This will allow those that work during the week and/or with school-aged children to sign up for Saturday and evenings
- For those of you who are unable to book online, please email Stbernajax2@gmail.com and we will assist in the booking process.
- If you are unable to send an email, Denise Carson and the working group will be available to help

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please note we are seeking volunteers for the photography sessions from June 13th - 29th. If you are able to volunteer by spending some time at the registration desk during these photography sessions., please send an email to Stbernajax2@gmail.com

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY! We are very excited to offer this lasting keepsake with our parishioners, to share with future generations and build and strengthen our faith community! So, let us get together and participate in this wonderful St. Bernadette's initiative!

St. Bernadette's Days of Dore...



High winds, like we experienced recently in Ajax, endangered the construction of the new St. Bernadette church in 1955.

In August of 1955, hurricane force winds threatened the newly erected scaffolding of the church. A neighbour noticed the swaying frame and contacted authorities. Exeter Street neighbour, Mr. Bob Taylor, under the direction of the architect, climbed the structure while the winds were the gustiest and with the help of a few parishioners affixed guy wires. It is believed that this effort was the factor that saved the swaying wooden frame because the next morning it was still standing although it was four feet out of line.

*Edited excerpt from the August 18, 1955 Ajax Advertiser

Around the Parish This Week...

Saturday May 28

900am Mass
1000am Apologetics (Council Room)
1100am First Holy Communion
100pm First Holy Communion
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Council room)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass
600pm Parish Pasta Dinner (Hall)

Sunday May 29 – The Ascension of the Lord

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

Monday May 30

815am Mass
930am Theology of the Body (Virtual)
1030am Funeral
630pm Junior EDGE (Hall)

Tuesday May 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

815am Mass
645pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)

Wednesday June 1 – Saint Justin

630pm Daughters of Isabella (Hall Kitchen Side)
630pm Parish Confessions
730pm Mass – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday June 2 – Saint Marcellinus & Saint Peter

815am Mass
630pm Alpha (Hall)
645pm Legion of Mary (Council room)
730pm Choir practice for 830am Mass
800pm Catholic Mom's Group (Virtual)

Friday June 3 – Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions

815am Mass
900am Parish Confessions
915am – 700pm Adoration
630pm Alpha Retreat (Hall)
730pm Mass

Saturday June 4

900am Mass
930am Alpha Retreat
1000am Meditation (Council Room)
1030am Alter Servers (Church/Council Room)
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Council Room)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Weekend
Collection before & after Mass (Parking Lot)
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday June 5 – Pentecost Sunday

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses
St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Weekend Collection before
& after each Mass (Parking Lot)

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday May 28

500pm For the intention of Agnese Ambrosi

Sunday May 29

830am Repose of the soul of Jim Dulny
1015am Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
1200pm Repose of the soul of Dylan Gilmour
500pm Repose of the soul of Jim Dulny
700pm For the intention of Stan & Lovina for their
25th wedding anniversary

Monday May 30

815am In thanksgiving for the 56th wedding
anniversary of Bapsy & Deswig Fernandes

Tuesday May 31

815am Repose of the soul of Josefino Basa

Wednesday June 1

730pm ~ Repose of the soul of Anita Mazzarolo
~ Repose of the soul of Sothy Mary Loganathan
~ For the intention of Susan & Tom Kennedy
~ In thanksgiving for favours received from
St. Apollonia

Thursday June 2

815am Repose of the soul of Patrick McCullough

Friday June 3

815am For the intention of the Militia of Immaculata
Members
730pm For the deceased members of the
Sanchez-Cruz families

Saturday June 4

900am ~ Repose of the souls of Jose & Ruby
Avellaneda
~ Repose of the soul of Jim Dulny
~ Repose of the soul of Rose Boucher
~ Repose of the soul of Lolita Jovel Magana
~ For the intention of Joan Lee for her birthday
500pm Repose of the soul of Alison Chase

Sunday June 5

830am Repose of the soul of Robert Thomas Smith
1015am Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
1200pm Repose of the soul of Dylan Gilmour
500pm Repose of the soul of Helen Pugliese
700pm Repose of the soul of Jim Dulny



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