

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of LENT

March 12, 2023

# 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**

**Saturdays 9:30am-10:15am**

**Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm**

**First Fridays 9:00am-9:45am**

**|| 6:30pm-7:15pm**

## PARISH STAFF

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

**St. Bernadette Elementary**

Diana Assenza, 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**

Geraldine Borg, Principal 905-427-3327

Marisa Hall, Parish Rep 416-737-4241

**Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary**

Janel Langstaff-Mullett, Principal

Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain 905-427-6667

**Notre Dame Secondary**

Sonya Melim, Principal

Jeannine Henry, Chaplain 905-686-4300

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.** Mandatory Baptism meeting, Zoom class and registration forms before scheduling Baptism.

**FIRST COMMUNION ~ Starts end of September & January**

**CONFIRMATION ~ Starts end of October**

**MARRIAGE ~ contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of when You wish to get married. A priest will make an appointment with you.**

**SACRAMENT of the SICK ~ contact the Parish Office right away.**

## **From Your Pastor...**



Dear Friends,

In this Sunday's Gospel – Jesus sits and talks with woman at the well! Do you remember the last good chat you had with Jesus? Did you experience his love, his embrace, his mercy? We often simply come to Mass to “receive the Sacraments” (which is the language we use to describe the experience). Rarely do we think about encountering the Sacraments, but when we do, we can include these personal and embracing

encounters to the moments when Jesus speaks to the still silence of our hearts. We continue to prepare our hearts, minds and souls in this season of Lent for these deeper and more personal encounters, even more so when we reflect on this weekend's Gospel. Let us consider the ways that the Sacraments provide us these opportunities to draw ever closer to our Lord – and one another.

*In your service,*

*Father Chris*

## For Our New Parishioners

If you are just joining our community, please click on "I'm New" on our parish website – [stbernajax.com](http://stbernajax.com) – (under **Parish Info**), come to the parish office or email [office@stbernajax.com](mailto:office@stbernajax.com) to set up a time to stop by.

## 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: *Nigel Boos, Maureen Wheaton, Carmen Flores, Carol Fletcher, Anne Sinclair, Maureen Wheaton, Desmond Viera, Chandrika Puvilingam & Lynda Donson.*

We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing. **We pray this week for the repose of the soul of Mirek Bialy.**

## March 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, please let us know at the beginning of Mass. It is important that our community experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!

March 19      Marciana & Robert Nagtalon (50 years)  
March 27      Isobel & James Montague (56 years)

**Please send us your anniversary information for MARCH by emailing or calling the parish office.**

## Live Streaming on YouTube

Due to technical difficulties, we are not able to livestream at the moment. We hope to have this issue resolved very soon.

## Return of Hymnals



Thank you for those who have contributed; this will help us replace the hymnals more quickly. The first set of hymnals have arrived and are being prepared,

hopefully for the pews next week.

## Lent at St. Bernadette's

### STATIONS of the CROSS

Our Stations of the Cross continue to take place at 7:30pm each Friday of Lent. Our Outdoor Stations of the Cross will be at 9:30am on Good Friday. Fr. Chris wants to sincerely thank all the volunteers who stepped up to facilitate our Stations of the Cross

### PARISH LENTEN DAY of RECOLLECTION

We will once again have a Day of Recollection for all Parishioners for Lent, led by Father Chris. This mini retreat will be held **Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9:00am** with Mass and will be accompanied by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (following Mass), concluding at 2:00pm. As in Advent, lunch will be provided, and an offering appreciated but only if you're able to. Please register by calling Parish Office or by going online through Eventbrite <http://bit.ly/3jyhJLY>

### FRIDAYs in ADORATION

Adoration following the Friday morning Mass and until 11:45am. We need parishioners to sign up for this for each week. (NEW) **We will also have a ½ hour of confessions on the remaining Fridays from 7:00pm to 7:30pm (March 17, 24 & 31).**

### PARISH LENTEN PENANCE (Confession) SERVICE

Once all parishioners and friends for our Lenten Penance Service on **Thursday March 30 from 7pm to 9pm**, as we invite many priests from the area to help us. This is an opportunity for as many of us as possible to go to confession before Easter.

## Holy Week at St. Bernadette's

Mass as per usual Palm Sunday, although for those able to participate, we will celebrate the Procession proper to Palm Sunday that marks the beginning of Holy Week.

Holy Thursday – Mass at 7:00pm followed by Adoration & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall until 10:00pm

Good Friday – Services at 11:00am, 1:00pm and 3:00pm  
Outdoors Stations of the Cross at 9:30am

Easter Vigil starts at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday Masses – 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm. No Mass at 5:00pm or 7:00pm on Easter Sunday

## Sacramental Preparation

### SACRAMENTS for ADULTS

This program is for adults who wish to become Catholic; and have not received the Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). This group meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. **Please contact the Parish Office for more information about this.**

### SACRAMENTS for TEENS & CHILDREN OVER 7 YEARS

This program is for students aged 7 through 17 who have not received some or any the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). This program is running February through until April. **The next program begins in October and runs through to early December.**

### SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Our next classes are March 29, 31 & April 1 and will be Session 10 in the Chosen workbook – as well as to have researched and have ready the story of a Saint. Please email [pastor@stbernajax.com](mailto:pastor@stbernajax.com) if you have any questions.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Preparation classes will break next week. The registration deadline is closed. Please email Father Chris directly if you have missed registration.

### SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

The first step in having your child baptized is to speak to either Father Chris or Father Kevin at the end of Mass, who will give you a baptism package which will provide all the details for the next steps.

## Upcoming Community Events

### Ministry for Maturing Adults

The next Ministry with Maturing Adults session will offer a presentation about “DEMENTIA” by the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region. Our gathering will be held on Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to Noon in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be offered. For more information, please reach out to Anne Nazareth. [ajbnazareth@yahoo.ca](mailto:ajbnazareth@yahoo.ca)

### Upcoming Coffee Sundays

Coffee Sundays happens after each of the Sunday morning Masses (8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm) in the Parish Hall.

**March 12<sup>th</sup> & April 16<sup>th</sup>**

## Fund - Raising Breakfast



The Fund-Raising Committee is hosting a Parish Breakfast on **Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30am and 10:15am Masses.**

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids ages 5 to 12.

Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office. Breakfast will include sausage, bacon, eggs and pancakes and all proceeds will go towards our Parish Building Fund.

## Our Parish Building Fund



THANK YOU for your generosity, continuing to help us reach our goal! We have completed several projects already and have several major projects ahead of us, including boiler and HVAC system replacement, roof replacement in the Parish Hall and roof repairs as well some interior reconstruction in the Rectory. Our Building Fund collection last weekend brought in \$11,536.86. **We are currently at \$216,703.96. Please stay tuned to future bulletins for FUND RAISING EVENTS.**

## Laugh & Learn

The “Seven Deadly Sins” are patterns of dysfunction that keep us separated from God and ultimately lead to unhappiness in our lives. Join us as we embark on Fr. Robert Barron’s exploration of these seven sinful patterns and also learn how practicing countervailing virtues can help us break the cycle of sin.

On Monday March 27 from 9:30 to 11:30, *Laugh & Learn* will show the *Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues* video, followed by small group discussion. A great preparation for the Sacrament of Confession later in the week.

## Please Pray for Our Elect

Let us pray in an intentional way for the six members of this year’s Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults who have entered into the final stages of preparation. On Wednesday March 15, they will enter the Rite of Election at the 7:30pm Mass. This Sunday at 8:30am, they will undergo the First Scrutiny.

David Jackson

Amanda Guedez

Vaneeta Harrison

Cheryl Nash

Michell Redmond

Iлона Toth

# 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.

*Property/Building Council* Mike Sims, Vice-Chair  
*Finance Council* Denise Carson, Vice-Chair  
*Pastoral Council* Father Chris, Chair  
*Volunteer Screening* 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	Trevor Periera
Altar Servers	Mark Sarang
Apologetics	Trevor Periera
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Persaud Ferdinand
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Bingo	Anne Marie Dennis
Bridge League	Ada Larock
Catholic Mom’s Group	Cathy Haynes
Coffee Fridays	Julia Beattie
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson Julia Beattie
Children’s Liturgy	Robert Zuzarte
Saturday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 830am Choir	Noreen Pierre
Sun 1015am Choir (children)	Michelle Kirkwood
Sunday 1200pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 700pm Choir	Stan Rodrigo
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan
EDGE Youth Group	Father Kevin
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Father Kevin
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte Yvonne Gonzalves
Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch Yvonne Gonzalves
Cursillo	Gabriel Ferdinand
Knights of Columbus	John Kelley
Daughters of Isabella	Monique Beaudoin
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	Lisa Parades
Livestreaming/ Tech Team	Desiree Plaus Denise Carson
Ministry for Maturing Adults	Anne Nazareth
Laugh & Learn (formerly Theology of the Body)	Susan Kennedy
Meditation	Trevor Periera
Militia of the Immaculata	Rosemary Lubin
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
Travelling Euchre	Anne Marie Dennis
Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Young Adult Ministry	Father Kevin

## Sacramental Preparation

Baptism	Father Chris
Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
First Communion	Father Kevin
Confirmation	Father Chris
Marriage Preparation	Dax Magsisi
Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Marty Lam
Initiation for Young People	Father Kevin

## 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 (soon)	Parish Office
Ajax-Pickering Hospital (soon)	Parish Office
Lakeridge Gardens (soon)	Parish Office

## School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sarasus
St. James Elementary	Marisa Hall
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O’Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

## Special Thank You

**A very special thank you to our Ministry Coordinators and leaders, past and present; those who coordinate and lead our many parish ministries. We, as a parish community appreciate you!**

## **Around the Parish This Week**

### **Saturday March 11**

900am Mass  
930am Parish Confessions  
1000am Meditation (Council room)  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

### **Sunday March 12 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm- Masses  
830am FIRST SCRUTINY (RCIA Elect)  
**830am, 1015am, 1200pm – COFFEE SUNDAY**  
1015am Children's Liturgy (Council room)

### **Monday March 13**

815am Mass  
930am Laugh & Learn (Hall)  
700pm K of C - Officers Meeting (Council room)

### **Tuesday March 14**

815am Mass  
1000am Maturing Adults (Hall)  
645pm Legion of Mary (Council room)  
700pm RCIA (Hall)

### **Wednesday March 15**

930am Bible Study (Hall)  
630pm Parish Confessions  
700pm Bible Study (Hall)  
730pm Parish Mass (Rite of Election)

### **Thursday March 16**

815am Mass  
800pm Mother's Group

### **Friday March 17 – Saint Patrick**

815am Mass  
900am Adoration  
900pm Rosary Makers (Hall)  
700pm Fundraising Committee (Hall)  
700pm Bereavement Group (Council room)  
730pm Stations of the Cross & Mass

### **Saturday March 18 – Saint Cyril of Jerusalem**

900am Mass  
930am Parish Confessions  
1000am Meditation (Council room)  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

### **Sunday March 19 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm- Masses  
830am SECOND SCRUTINY (RCIA Elect)  
1015am Children's Liturgy (Council room)

## **Mass Intentions this week**

### **Saturday March 11**

900am + Rustico & Alma Santos  
+ Alan Miller  
~ Intention of Nora Zadoyan  
500pm + Alice Aruldoss

### **Sunday March 12**

830am + Gregory & Matilda Drego  
1015am ~ Missa pro populo  
1200pm ~ Intention of Isabella & Michael Menard  
500pm + The La Grenade Family  
700pm + Donato D'Orazio

### **Monday March 13**

815am ~ Intention of Kamal Dan

### **Tuesday March 14**

815am + Marion McPherson

### **Wednesday March 15**

730pm + Hovorka & Senior Families  
+ Fausto Naccarato

### **Thursday March 16**

815am + Maria & Manuel Medeiros

### **Friday March 17**

815am + Veronica Ego-Aguirre

### **Saturday March 18**

900am + Yanelly Leal  
~ For peace in Ukraine  
+ Bryn Roden  
500pm + Peter Tomeljak

### **Sunday March 19**

830am + Herman Navarra  
1015am ~ Missa pro populo  
1200pm ~ Intention of Pat McCarthy  
500pm ~ No intention  
700pm ~ No intention

# Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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