

Sunday February 20, 2022 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St. James Elementary

Manuela Michelin, Principal 905-427-3327

Jennifer Del Monte, Parish Rep 289-660-1810

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John Di Vizio, Principal 905-427-6667

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Sonya Melim, Principal 905-686-4300

Jeannine Henry, Chaplain 905-686-4300

...from Our Pastor...



Dear Friends,

Jesus calls us all to consider going the extra mile as Disciples. When Jesus calls us to love our enemies, treat the disrespectful with respect, to offer everything to those who may very well give us nothing in return – this isn't only what makes us Christian – it's also what makes this world a much better place. Friends, we are being called to action in today's Gospel, every single one of us! The world.. our country.. our province.. Ajax needs us to be these people Jesus calls us to be for others.

We can be assured that if we try a little bit harder day by day, we will not only continue to find the freedom that's been given us as God's children, we will lead others to this better place too. 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 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

UPDATED PANDEMIC PRECAUTIONS

Please note our updated guidelines:

- † We **MUST follow health & safety as well as social distancing guidelines, but we welcome everyone back to Mass!!**
- † We will continue livestreaming our Sunday Noon Mass.
- † We will be looking to diminish the weekday Masses that will be livestreamed in March – 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>

[MARCH 2 ASH WEDNESDAY Livestream – 6:00am](#)

Habemus Curatorem

We have hired a Custodian & Groundskeeper at St. Bernadette's to keep our property and buildings cleaned and careful. He will join us on Monday March 21, 2022, and we will introduce him in a future bulletin.

February Anniversaries

February 9th Heflin & Sneha Valentine (25 years)

February 28th Brian & Lynne Lobo (18 years)

February 28th Cheryl & Gord Nash (47 years)

Praying for Our People



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, in particular for *Helen Clarke, Joan & Bert Leung, Roman & Vesna Zakrajšek, Nigel Boos, and Jean Villafuerte.*

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died from our parish, especially *Robert Sasvari.*

Upcoming Events in the Parish

Ash Wednesday



We welcome all to our Ash Wednesday celebrations to mark the beginning of the Season of Lent on **Wednesday March 2, 2022.** **Please note the changes in the Mass times from last weekend's bulletin.** A

reminder that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting & abstinence for everyone from the ages of 14 to 59, unless exempt due to a medical reason.

6:00am

12:10pm

5:00pm

7:30pm

Lenten Recollection



Once again, as we grow in our faith through Lent, we will be having a Parish Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday

March 26, 2022, starting with

Holy Mass (at 9:00am) and led once again by clergy & staff. Our retreat will once again be livestreamed on our Parish YouTube channel and will include several reflective short conference talks, followed by break-out sessions in the Parish Hall (including a virtual break-out group offered on Zoom). Next weekend, we will offer a link for registration and want to encourage **all parishioners (and friends too) to attend.**

Coffee with Father



COFFEE with FATHER: Many of us are 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 and fellowship with one other. Thanks to a tech-savvy parishioner, we offer **THIS LINK**, which will remain the same for each Friday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85948378329>

Meeting ID: **859 4837 8329**

The Alpha Course



ALPHA (Coming Soon): On **Thursday March 17, 2022**, we will welcome the ALPHA program to St. Bernadette's. Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a

space, online or in person, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about life, faith and Jesus. Since some of the pandemic restrictions have been lifted, we will meet in-person on March 17. We'd like to welcome parishioners and non-parishioners alike to this sharing of faith and friendship. There is no obligation or expectation here to become Catholic, but we simply desire to share our faith in Jesus as a community of disciples. We will also continue to ask for help from parishioners to facilitate this wonderful program! Please speak to Father Chris for more information.



On **Thursday February 24** at 7:00pm and then the third Thursday of each month, the St. Bernadette Lectio Divina group will meet in prayerful contemplation of the Scriptures. Lectio Divina is the Latin term for "Divine Reading" and so the focus of this prayerful encounter will be to enter into the Scriptures in a prayerful manner. This is not meant to be Bible Study, but will deepen one's encounter with the Word made flesh. For more information on this, please email Coco Ego-Aguirre at coco.ego-aguirre@sympatico.ca

St. Bernadette Youth & Young Adult Pints with Padre (for our Young Adults)



PINTS with PADRE (Virtual Young Adults' Gathering): On **Friday March 18, 2022** (we will be starting up a Young Adults gathering called "Pints with Padre". Our priests will host these

gatherings every other Friday for our young adults to chat about faith and issues important to young people in the world today. Please mark this date in your calendar and stay tuned for a Zoom link and more information in bulletins and on the website in weeks ahead. We will start meeting virtually and will meet in-person when there is a consensus to do that.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85673331792>

Meeting ID: **856 7333 1792**



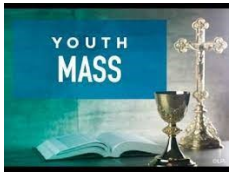
On Friday February 25 at 7:00pm, we invite youth in grades 5-8 to join us for virtual EDGE night on EMOJIS! We will be speaking about emotions – why did God give us emotions and what purpose do they serve in our lives and the choices we make? Join us for fun games, inspiration, and great discussion in small groups: come and be part of a growing and exciting community! Please contact Monika Matelski for the zoom link: youth@stbernajax.com



Starting on Monday March 28 and every second & fourth

Mondays of each month, students from Grade 3 and 4 are welcome to sign up for **Junior EDGE**. This program will be in-person. Please email Monika at youth@stbernajax.com for more information or to sign up.

Sunday 7:00pm Mass



Starting Sunday February 27, 2022, the Sunday 7:00pm Mass will be “transformed” to become our Parish Mass geared towards our younger parishioners. Monika Matelski, our

Youth & Sacraments Coordinator will be working with our Ministry Coordinators as well as Father Kevin to provide a very youth-friendly experience. Our young people are an important part of our parish and not a segment and we will always encourage our youngest members to serve in every way possible in the parish, but as we continue to look for new ways to develop and bring people closer to Jesus Christ, this will be one of the important steps our parish will take.

Fund Raising



St. Bernadette’s Fund-Raising Committee has been meeting and will speak to us at the end of all the Masses next weekend (February 26 & 27). We continue to move forward with

repairs and important maintenance and upgrade work to our parish building, property and assets. Faizul & Vinette Rahim and their team are looking for creative ways given the pandemic restrictions to raise funds and bring us together as a parish community. We thank them for their important service to the community!

Parish Bible Study



A three-week Biblical Study of the *Didache: The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*, written around 70 AD. According to Early Church Fathers, it was an instruction manual and

the first Catechism and one of earliest documents in Church History. Starting on March 9, to March 23, on Zoom from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. The Book can be found here <https://legacyicons.com/content/didache.pdf> and is 17 pages long. Contact Susan or Tom Kennedy 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

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 drciaajax@gmail.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People

Andy, our Seminarian Assistant and a team of dedicated volunteers began the RCIA for Young People program to help prepare those under the age of sixteen to receive sacraments. Classes continue every Saturday from 10am until Noon and will continue until Saturday April 9th and then candidates will receive their sacraments on Saturday April 16th at the Easter Vigil. For anyone who missed registration but wishes to receive the Sacraments, please contact Father Chris directly.



This month, on February 19 and February 26, our candidates will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time! We pray for each child who is preparing for this moment of God’s forgiveness. Our candidates have also begun their classes for First Holy Communion Preparation by answering the question: “who is Jesus for you?”

Our Confirmandi have been challenged to read Scripture each day: “no Bible, no breakfast; no Bible, no bed!” as another way to grow closer to the Lord. At this time in their preparation, the candidates have chosen their Confirmation Saint Names and now discern their Confirmation Sponsors: those who will provide guidance and encouragement in their Catholic faith!

Around the Parish This Week...

Saturday February 19 – Our Lady's Saturday

400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday February 20 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday February 21 – Saint Peter Damian

900am Mass
930am Theology of the Body (Virtual)
715pm Knights of Columbus- Membership Meeting (V)

Tuesday February 22 – The Chair of Saint Peter Apostle

815am Mass
600pm Baptism Preparation Class (Virtual)
730pm RCIA (Virtual)

Wednesday February 23 – Saint Polycarp

930am Bible Study (Virtual)
1000am Parish Cleaning
630pm Parish Confessions
700pm Bible Study (Virtual)
730pm Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday February 24

815am Mass
645pm Legion of Mary (Virtual)
700pm Lectio Divina (Council room)
800pm Catholic Mom's Group (Virtual)

Friday February 25

815am Mass
900am Parish Confessions
915am Adoration (until 100pm)
930am Book Club (Virtual)
1115am Coffee with Father (Virtual)
630pm Edge (Virtual)

Saturday February 26 – Our Lady's Saturday

900am Mass
930am Confirmation Preparation Session (Virtual)
1000am Parish Cleaning
1000am Apologetics (Virtual)
1000am Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People (V)
1100am First Reconciliation (Church)
100pm First Reconciliation (Church)
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Virtual)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday February 27 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 19

500pm Repose of the souls of Emile & Yvette Sebeh

Sunday February 20

830am Repose of the souls of Margaret & Joe McPhee
1015am Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
1200pm Repose of the soul of Josefa Pattugalan
500pm Repose of the soul of Severlito Lobrin
700pm Repose of the soul of Marie Zadoyan

Monday February 21

815am For the intention of Lisa Parades

Tuesday February 22

815am Repose of the soul of Robert Joseph Saptel

Wednesday February 23

730pm ~ Repose of the soul of Christina Feleciano-
Marasigan
~ Repose of the soul of Dylan Gilmour
~ In Thanksgiving for favours received
~ Repose of the soul of Richard Pedrozo
~ Thanksgiving to The Immaculate Heart of
Mary
for gifts given

Thursday February 24

815am Repose of the soul of Winnifred Morthey

Friday February 25

815am For the deceased members of the Reed family

Saturday February 26

900am For the intention of Egbert Lashley
500pm Repose of the soul of Anthony Muthu

Sunday February 27

830am No intention
1015am Repose of the soul of Edward Ounjian
1200pm Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
500pm Repose of the soul of Jean Martin
700pm No intention

Parish Ministry Fair Page

The Parish is open, and we look forward to being with one another again in person when that is possible. Many of our ministries operate virtually now and will gather as soon as that is possible. In the meantime, we are dedicating a page to an ongoing Ministry Fair. Please consider getting involved!



Would you like to **Be An Everyday Hero?** Sign up today and join over 1.9 million Catholic men on a path where faith leads the way. Make new and lifelong friendships, get exceptional insurance products, strengthen your faith, and give back to your community and Parish. These are just a few of the many benefits that come with becoming a member of the Knight of Columbus.

Join the Knights today:

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

St. Bernadette's Knight of Columbus Council #10236:

<https://stbernadettesknightsforcolumbus.com/>

St. Bernadette's Catholic Book Club



A relatively new group at St. Bernadette's, the Book Club has grown in number. The purpose is to study and reflect upon good Catholic books, with an emphasis on

Catholic belief, practice, spirituality and history.

Reading a good Catholic book will help us to grow spiritually in our faith, learn how to defend it, and how to understand it. And sharing that experience with others who are reading the same book can be fun, enlightening, and entertaining.

Our most recent book was well received, *Rediscovering Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly. At the present time we are reading a *Letter to a Suffering Church* by Bishop Robert Barron which you would not want to miss.

Dates and times will be announced. Contact Susan or Tom Kennedy 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Bible Study



"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every

good work." – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Why study the Bible?

- To learn who God is and recognize his voice
- To know Jesus Christ, to see and follow Him
- To gain wisdom and love the Lord

St. Bernadette's Bible Study is held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 and Wed. evenings from 7:00 to 9:00. At the present time we are using Ascension Press, *The Great Adventure Studies*, with one study in the September and another in January, finishing around Easter. Study Guides are an important part of these courses as they help you prepare for each session, but optional. We met in small groups, after which we gather together to watch a Video presentation on the topic at hand.

Small groups are a safe place to share our ideas and concerns, develop friendships and lead to community building. The small group shares this community with the larger community.

One member stated that "Now I understand what is going on during the Scripture readings at Mass." What a blessing!!

For more information contact: Susan Kennedy – 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Altar Servers



"Not only a duty but a great honour, a true holy service" (St. Pope John Paul II)

The altar server ministry is a great place for young people to begin a life of service, of Christian Discipleship. It is a wonderful gift of service to your community, for your parents, relatives and friends.

For the past three months, our altar servers have been doing a magnificent job. They have been given the necessary training and have been serving at our masses, but we still need more boys and girls. If you have received your First Holy Communion, you can be an altar server.

If you are interested in becoming an altar server or have any questions, please speak to the Priests or Mark Sarang who would be glad to assist. Thank you!