



5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER April 28, 2024  
**St. Bernadette Catholic Church**

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**PARISH MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Early Morning Masses – Wednesday    6:30am**  
**Morning Masses – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:00am :: Saturday    9:00am**  
**Evening Masses – Wednesday    7:30pm**

**PARISH CONFESSIONS**

**Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm    Fridays 8:30am-9:30am    Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm**  
*\*Also, by appointment with the clergy*

**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**First Fridays of month    8:30am-12:00pm (Angelus at Noon)    All other Fridays    8:30am-9:30am**

**PARISH OFFICE**

**PARISH STAFF**

**Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor***  
**Father Kevin Adriano, *Associate Pastor***  
**Aquila D’Costa, *Parish Secretary***  
**Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate***  
**Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator***  
**Marva Thomas, *Administrative Assistant***  
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday through Thursday**  
9:00am to 12:30pm  
1:30pm to 4:30pm  
*Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1:30*  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
9:30am to 2:30pm  
**OFFICE CLOSED to Walk-ins on FRIDAY**

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptisms** – every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class (via Zoom) and completed registration with required forms required. Please call the Parish Office or email [office@stbernajax.com](mailto:office@stbernajax.com)  
**First Confession/Communion** – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)  
**Confirmation** – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)  
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** – Adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)  
**Christian Initiation for Young People** – For young people ages 7 through 16, age-appropriate classes will be offered to help our young people receive all Sacraments of Initiation. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)  
**Marriage** – Contact the Parish Office one year in advance and one of the priests will arrange an appointment with you.  
**Sacrament of the Sick** – Contact the Parish Office immediately.

**PARISH SCHOOLS**

Archbishop Denis O’Connor Secondary	Jim MacNeil, <i>Principal</i>	Tim Lee Loy, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-427-6667
Notre Dame Secondary	Sonya Melim, <i>Principal</i>	Jeannine Henry, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-686-4300
St. Bernadette Elementary	Diana Assenza, <i>Principal</i>	Agnes Sararus, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-683-0571
St. James Elementary	Geraldine Borg, <i>Principal</i>	Elise Arbic, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-242-7256
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	Sheena Paul, <i>Principal</i>	Linda Sarang, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-426-7065

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

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## From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Friends in Christ,  
We've got some trees on the church property that are splitting, the branches are breaking slightly, and you'll notice as the leaves blossom, some of these branches WILL have leaves, but they will be small and for some of them, the buds will struggle to produce any leaves at all. Parts of the trees are healthy, parts of them are dying. Without being fully attached to the tree and only partially attached, they are not "fully alive" as they ought to be, but lesser branches; branches that will eventually die.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaking of us "abiding" in Him, as He abides in the Father, offers us this – food for thought – we cannot be "half" or "part" or "part-time" Christians. We have to be all in. This is truly the only way to live as Christians, fully alive, full of the Divine (and earthly) Life, God wants us to have. As people of faith: we receive, believe and TRUST in Jesus. Jesus IS our Lord and Saviour, but that cannot be for us His titles; it must be our everything! Jesus must be our everything!

Jesus is our everything here at St. Bernadette's, and we must continue to work at that in every way, every day: we do that together, never leaving ANYONE behind in the process.

Your servant in the Lord,

*Father Chris*

## Praying for Our People



Praying for one another is an important part of our discipleship, the mission entrusted to us by Jesus. We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, for:

Carmen Flores, Desmond Vieira, Luisa Matthias, Kevin Sims, Helen Holmes, Anne Sinclair, Frederick Chafe, Jaime Villafuerte, Maureen Melong & Symone DeBellotte.

*We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing. We pray especially for Thomas Goodwin.*

## April Anniversaries

It is always important that our community celebrates and experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!

Apr 27<sup>th</sup> Mike & Edna Dietz (20 years)

Apr 30<sup>th</sup> Roman & Vesna Zakrajsek (19 years)

## Our Weekly Offerings



Thank you all for your continued generosity, with your time, your talents, and your treasures! This is what was shared of your treasures this week:

LAST WK'S OFFERTORY (incl PAG):	\$	7,059.00
LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND:	\$	398.00
BUILDING FUND TOTAL:	\$	336,933.37

## Parish Happenings & Events

### Coffee Sunday

Join us in the parish hall this Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> after the **8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon** Masses for coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and fellowship. Meet old friends, make new friends, and explore opportunities to get more involved in your parish community! Fellowship is an important part of being a Christian – knowing others who share and live the same faith you do. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday! Our next Coffee Sunday dates:

**\*\*May 12 & May 26\*\***

### Starting Point



We invite you to join us for our next Starting Point [on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @1:30pm](#). This is where you will meet our clergy and some of our parish team. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our parish, register for Baptism, make inquiries about other Sacraments, and get involved in one of our ministries. Please register to attend by clicking this link: <https://bit.ly/3PSrDL1> or register from our parish website: [www.stbernajax.com](http://www.stbernajax.com)

### Faith Studies



Why was St. Ignatius of Antioch (c.50 – c.108 AD) so important? Join us for part of the Early Church Father Series with a video presentation, followed by a small group discussion in the parish hall on **Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 11:30 am**. Hope to see you there.

## Praying for Vocations

We have been blessed at St. Bernadette's with the presence of newly ordained priests, seminarians and many of our young people beginning to earnestly discern where God is calling them to in life. On May 11, we will celebrate (at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica) the Ordination to the Holy Priesthood, five men (including our next Associate Pastor, Father Daniel Lee). Two weeks later, on Saturday May 25 we will celebrate our own parishioner Mr. Ron Vaz ordained to the Permanent Diaconate, and Ron has been assigned as Deacon here at St. Bernadette's.

In anticipation of their ordinations, on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> following Mass and until Noon, we will celebrate Prayer Vigils, where we will pray for these men and all the men who will be ordained to serve the Church in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Father Kevin will be leading these prayer vigils; to include Adoration, praying a Rosary for Vocations at 11:00am followed by Daytime Prayer and a reflection.

We look forward to the support of as many in our parish as possible.

## Christian Initiation of Adults

Has your faith journey brought you to the Catholic Church? Are you an adult wishing to become Catholic and have not yet received one or all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)? Are you looking to discover more about the Catholic faith on the road to these Sacraments? The RCIA process will help you grow closer to the Lord on this journey. We are actively looking for those wanting to receive sacraments as well as those who play an important in helping them – to serve as sponsors. Please contact Robert for more information by calling 905-683-1533 extension 203 or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

## Sacramental Prep Volunteers

We are looking to grow our team of First Communion and Confirmation catechist-teacher volunteers. If you have a passion for the Sacraments and a love for teaching especially young people, please consider joining our Sacramental Preparation Team for 2024-2025.

We are looking for adults and teenagers, and training will be provided. Please contact Robert for more information by calling 905-683-1533 extension 203 or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

## For Our Young People



We continue to welcome **new** EDGers in grades 5-8 to join. To register, and join the fun:

<http://bit.ly/3tLXWd6>

Junior EDGE Night:

**Monday, May 13** | Point of Interest | 6:30pm-8:00pm

EDGE Night:

**Friday, May 10** | Movie Night | 7:00pm-8:30pm

For more info email Monika: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com)

## EDGE Camp Registration



Registration is open for EDGE Summer camp with early bird pricing of \$500/child for EDGE camp at Camp White Pine in Haliburton. EDGers in grades 5-8 are invited to join this epic adventure August

25-29, 2024. See the promo: <https://youtu.be/P3NYgDsyCRM>

For Edge Camp information & registration, please email: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com)

## Totus Tuus



**Totus Tuus Summer Camp Registration is more than 50% full already and growing – please register soon to secure your spot!**

To register, please submit one form per child here: <https://bit.ly/48YHhvh>

### Dates:

Day camp for grades 1-6 is July 22-26: 9am-2:30pm

Evening Camp for grades 7-12 is July 21-25: 6pm-9:00pm

### Cost:

Day camp is \$100.00 per camper (additional siblings are \$65 per camper). The evening camp is \$30.00 per camper

## Girl Talk



Mother & Daughter Tea and presentation will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, May 11, 2024 10am – 2pm for girls in grades 6 to 8 and their

Moms (or guardians, aunts...). Cost: \$10.00 per family (includes refreshments and a book).

To register or if you have questions, please contact:

Susan at [susangkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:susangkennedy@gmail.com) (905) 427-6137 OR

Rose at [roseheron@gmail.com](mailto:roseheron@gmail.com) (905) 683-9055

# 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.

From among our most dedicated volunteers, the Pastor selects and appoints parishioners to our three Stewardship Councils. These councils are special advisory committees to help the pastor in the important decisions he makes administering the parish. We are always looking for parishioners with special skills for these councils.

The Alpha Course	Robert LeBlanc
Altar Servers	Lianson Wilson
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Ferdinand
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Bingo	Anne Marie Dennis
Catholic Mom’s Group	Cathy Haynes
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson
	Julia Beattie
Children’s Liturgy	Monika Matelski
Saturday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 830am Choir	Tatjana Smrekar
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	Monika Matelski
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte
Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Knights of Columbus	John Kelley
Daughters of Isabella	Sandra Kolsteren
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	Valeria Chovancova
Livestreaming Team	Desiree Plaus
Understanding Our Faith	Susan Kennedy
Meditation	Trevor Pereira

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
Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Young Adult Ministry	Father Kevin

## Sacramental Preparation

Baptism	Father Chris
Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Marriage Preparation	Dax Magsisi
Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc

## 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	PARISH OFFICE
Ajax-Pickering Hospital	PARISH OFFICE
Lakeridge Gardens	PARISH OFFICE

## School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sararus
St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O’Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

## **\*\* Your Parish Needs You \*\***

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We continue to look for the generosity and gifts of our people (YOU) and ask that you consider volunteering in one of our parish ministries.

**Signing up is easy!!** Take a few moments to fill in our form at <https://bit.ly/45ds0og>

OR EMAIL US at [stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com)



# **Around the Parish This Week**

## **Sunday April 28 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

### **Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort**

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

### **Coffee Sunday After 830am, 1015am, & 1200pm Mass**

### **Starting Point 1:30pm**

## **Monday April 29 – Saint Catherine of Siena**

800am Mass

930am Understanding Our Faith (Parish Hall)

## **Tuesday April 30 – Saint Marie of the Incarnation**

800am Mass

200pm Legion of Mary (Council Rm)

730pm RCIA (Parish Hall)

## **Wednesday May 01 – St Joseph the Worker & St Pius V**

630am Mass

930am Bible Study (Stage Side)

630pm Parish Confessions

730pm Mass

730pm Bible Study (Stage Side)

## **Thursday May 02 – Saint Athanasius**

800am Mass

930am Ladies Craft Group (Stage Side)

1000am Hope and Life for Widows (Kitchen Side)

## **Friday May 03 – Saint Philip & Saint James**

800am Mass

830am Adoration

830am Parish Confessions

## **Saturday May 04 – Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis**

900am Mass

930am Meditation (Council Rm)

1100am Confirmation Non CES

400pm Parish Confessions

500pm Mass

## **Sunday May 05 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

200pm Handmaids of the Lord (Council Rm)

# **Mass Intentions This Week**

## **Saturday April 27**

900am + Ricardo Sta Ana

+ DeSimone Family

+ Ciarlitto Family

+ Marie Roy

~ Dietz Family

500pm + Frank Browne

## **Sunday April 28**

830am + Rosita Montes

500pm + Pedro Serquina

700pm + Nicolas Ortiz Jr.

## **Monday April 29**

800am + Bert Argonza

## **Tuesday April 30**

800am + Armando Mayo

## **Wednesday May 01**

730pm + Adolfo Faldas

+ Pedro Casalme

+ Rolandé Fieldstend

+ Tom Goodwin

~ Richard Allen

## **Thursday May 02**

800am + Paulina Serquina

## **Saturday May 04**

900am + Ann Noel

+ Josephine Braveboy

+ Ivy Jack

+ Bradley Michael Colley

500pm + Rita Browne

## **Sunday May 05**

500pm + Hilda Cadena

700pm + Gerald Woods

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Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music:

<https://bit.ly/3U3Rpxi>

The Celestial  
Quartet are the  
Rodrigo Family  
who offer us music  
at the Sunday  
7:00pm Mass (as  
well as at other  
times). Pictured  
are Adrian, Gia,  
Amy & Jeremy  
Rodrigo.

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