

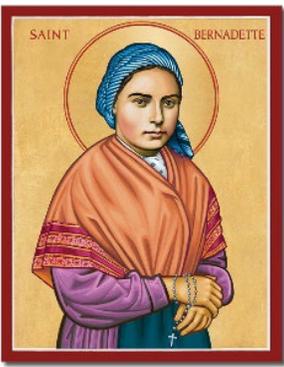
Sunday March 13, 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

# 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

## PARISH STAFF

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## SACRAMENTS

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

*Baptisms every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary**

John Di Vizio, Principal 905-427-6667

Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain 905-427-6667

### **Notre Dame Secondary**

Sonya Melim, Principal 905-686-4300

Jeannine Henry, Chaplain 905-686-4300

## ...from Our Pastor...



Dear Friends,

Imagine what must have been going through the minds of these three ordinary gentlemen as they experienced the “transformation” of their Lord and brother Jesus atop the mountain. They really could not put words to this experience and certainly did not understand what was happening right before their eyes. It wouldn’t be until much later that they had a sense that this truly was a foretaste of Heaven! Friends, I think we all experience things taking place that call upon us to trust in the

Lord who is our Saviour without all the answers, all the explanations, our curious minds require. One of the things important for us to recall and remember in the midst of the challenges of our lives, is where and when we have seen the Lord; where we have experienced His grace, His gift, His Presence. Recollection of these moments help us to keep going without all the answers. 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](mailto: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:

- † DO NOT come if you feel unwell in any way or have been exposed to COVID-19
- † Wear a face mask covering your mouth, nose and chin
- † Frequently sanitize your hands

## UPDATED PANDEMIC PRECAUTIONS

Please note our updated guidelines:

- † We MUST follow health & safety guidelines, but we welcome everyone back to Mass!!
- † We will continue livestreaming our Sunday Mass.

**WorshipSafe protocols will remain in effect.**

**FOLLOW on YOUTUBE (or Facebook)**

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

[MARCH 13 – Sunday Livestream – 1200pm](#)

[MARCH 20 – Sunday Livestream – 1015am](#)

## 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.*

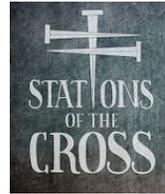
We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died from our parish, especially *Robert Sasvari, Gil Santo Domingo, Erman Mazzarolo, Herman Navarra, Maurice Ferreira.*

## March Anniversaries

March 4<sup>th</sup> Carmen & Rudy de Vera (50 years)

## Upcoming Events in the Parish

### Stations of the Cross



Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with us, the Stations of the Cross being held on Friday evenings during Lent. Please note the following ministries will be leading the Stations of the Cross:

- ✙ March 11 @ 730pm – CORE Team (Edge Leaders)
- ✙ March 18 @ 730pm – Legion of Mary
- ✙ March 25 @ 730pm – Edgers
- ✙ April 1 @ 700pm – Altar Servers
- ✙ April 8 @ 730pm – RCIA and leaders
- ✙ April 15 @ 930am – Good Friday (Stations of the Cross will be outdoors) with the Clergy, the Knights of Columbus, and the Altar Servers

## 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 900am), 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). **Here is the link for registration** and we want to encourage all parishioners (and friends too) to attend.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pick-up-your-cross-lenten-day-of-recollection-tickets-278230373537>



## Coffee with Andy



**COFFEE with ANDY:** 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 Andy." It will be held every Friday morning from 11:15am to 12:00pm. It is a virtual community gathering where we just get together and share faith and fellowship with one another. 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 24, 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 24. 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.



Starting **Thursday March 17** at 7:00pm and then every 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 a 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](mailto:coco.ego-aguirre@sympatico.ca)

## St. Bernadette Youth & Young Adult Ministries Pints with Padre (For our Young Adults)



**PINTS with PADRE (Virtual Young Adults' Gathering):** On **Friday March 18, 2022** at 7:00pm (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 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>

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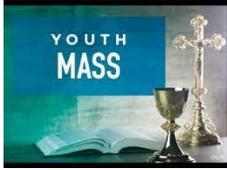


On Friday March 25, grades 5-8 youth are invited to our EDGE Night called: "The Gateway: Why do we go to Mass?" where we discover the outpouring of grace at each Mass as God's gift to us. Come for some great activities and opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross together. We meet in the parish hall at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Monika Matelski [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com).



On Monday March 28, we launch Junior Edge aimed for children in grades 3 & 4! Our program will feature games, a teaching on how superheroes show us the fruits of the Holy Spirit, and exciting activities that aim to foster community and a witness of faith for our Junior EDGers! For any parents who wish to register their child or join our leadership team, please contact Monika Matelski: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com).

## Sunday 700pm Mass



The Sunday Mass at 700pm has been “transformed.” The Mass is geared towards our younger parishioners. Our young people are an important part of our parish and not a segment.

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. We hope to see you there!

## Parish Happenings...

### Fund Raising



St. Bernadette’s Fund-Raising Committee is busy and working hard. We continue to move forward with repairs and important maintenance and upgrade work to our parish

building, property, and assets. Our Fund-Raising Committee is 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! Please email Faizul & Vinette Rahim at [faizulvinette64@gmail.com](mailto:faizulvinette64@gmail.com)

### Parish Bible Study



As of March 9 to March 23, on zoom from 930am to 1100am, or from 700pm to 830pm, a three-week Biblical Study of the *Didache: The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*, written around 70 AD will be presented. According to Early Church Fathers, it was an instruction manual and the first Catechism and one of earliest documents in Church History. The Book can be found here <https://legacyicons.com/content/didache.pdf> and is seventeen pages long. If you are interested in joining or for more information, contact Susan or Tom Kennedy 905-427-6137 or [susangkennedy@gmail.com](mailto: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 Breaking Open the Word is continuing virtually. **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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> and then candidates will receive their sacraments on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Easter Vigil. For anyone who missed registration but wishes to receive the Sacraments, please contact Father Chris directly.



Our young candidates are deeply immersed in fostering an understanding of the Mass and the true presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We have taken a virtual tour of St. Bernadette Church and learned about the Liturgies of the Word and of the Eucharist.

We welcome our Confirmandi for their upcoming milestone in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation: during the 7:00pm Mass on March 20, March 27, and April 3, we will celebrate the Enrollment Masses during which the Confirmandi will receive their Confirmation crosses, as well as the letters they wrote at the beginning of the preparation program.

## Around the Parish This Week...

### Saturday March 12

900am Mass  
1000am Parish Cleaning  
1000am Meditation (Virtual)  
1000am Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People (V)  
100pm Funeral  
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Virtual)  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

### Sunday March 13 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

### Monday March 14

815am Mass  
930am Theology of the Body (Virtual)  
700pm St. Vincent de Paul (Virtual)  
715pm Knights of Columbus- Officer's Meeting (Hall)

### Tuesday March 15

815am Mass  
645pm Legion of Mary (Council room)  
730pm RCIA (Hall)

### Wednesday March 16

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

### Thursday March 17 – Saint Patrick

815am Mass  
630pm Alpha (Hall)  
700pm Lectio Divina (Council Room)  
730pm Choir practice for 830am Mass

### Friday March 18 – Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

815am Mass and Adoration  
900am Parish Confessions  
930am Book Club (Virtual)  
1115am Coffee with Andy (Virtual)  
700pm Pints with Padre (Virtual)  
700pm Fundraising Group (Hall)  
700pm Bereavement Group (Virtual)  
730pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday March 19 – Saint Joseph

900am Mass  
1000am Parish Cleaning  
1000am Meditation (Virtual)  
1000am Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People (V)  
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Council room)  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

### Sunday March 20 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

830am, 1015am, 1200pm (RCIA 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny), 500pm, 700pm  
– Sunday Masses

## Mass Intentions This Week

### Saturday March 12

500pm Repose of the soul of Mohammad-Ali  
Mahmodani

### Sunday March 13

830am Repose of the soul of Alan Yue  
1015am Repose of the soul of Winnifred Mortley  
1200pm Repose of the soul of Juliette Khouzam  
500pm Repose of the soul of Noli Sagadraca  
700pm Repose of the soul of Walter Wendel Jr. Pyle

### Monday March 14

815am Repose of the soul of Veronica Ego-Aguirre

### Tuesday March 15

815am Repose of the soul of Maria & Manuel  
Medeiros

### Wednesday March 16

730pm ~ For the deceased members of the Hovorka &  
Senior Family  
~ Repose of the soul of Fausto Naccarato  
~ Repose of the soul of Richard Pedrozo  
~ Repose of the soul of Debra Peloso  
~ Repose of the soul of Sandi Dale

### Thursday March 17

815am Repose of the souls of Alexander & Ellen  
Smith

### Friday March 18

815am Repose of the soul of Patricio Pestano

### Saturday March 19

900am ~ Repose of the soul of Glenn Walker  
~ For the intention of Coco & Rosina  
in thanksgiving for graces received  
~ Thanksgiving for favours received  
500pm Repose of the soul of Jimmy Gaza

### Sunday March 20

830am Repose of the soul of Alan Yue  
1015am Repose of the soul of Nelly Ayache  
1200pm Missa pro populo (mass for the people)  
500pm Repose of the soul of Marcelo Ines  
700pm Repose of the soul of Shafik Ghandour

## Parish Ministries

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!

### St. Bernadette's Book Club



For those who enjoy reading, as a group, we reflect upon good Catholic books, with an emphasis on Catholic belief, practice, spirituality, and history. This can help us to grow spiritually, evangelize and understand our faith as well. Hopefully, we share our experience and faith with others who help us see things differently.

We will be reading *Reclaiming Vatican II: What it (really) Said, What it means, and How it Calls Us to Renew the Church*, by Fr. Blake Britton. Starting on March 25 for six sessions to April 29 from 900am to 1100am on Zoom. Cost of the book \$30 dollars. This is an important book, and it fosters a richer experience of being in the Church.

Contact Susan or Tom Kennedy 905-427-6137 or [susangkennedy@gmail.com](mailto: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 email Mark Sarang at [mark7119@gmail.com](mailto:mark7119@gmail.com). Thank you!

## 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 930am to 1130am. At the present time we are studying, *"The Great Adventure Series"* (Ascension Press), with one study in September and another in January, finishing around Easter. Study Guides are important to these courses as they help prepare for each session, but optional. We meet in small groups, after which we gather together to watch a Video presentation on the topic at hand.

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](mailto:susangkennedy@gmail.com)