



St. Bernadette Catholic Church

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2026

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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

MORNING MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 8:00am
Saturday 9:00am

EVENING MASS:

Wednesday 7:30pm

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays
6:15pm-7:15pm
Fridays
8:30am-9:15am
Saturdays
3:45pm-4:45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays
8:30am-12:00pm
All Other Fridays
8:30am-9:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS:

Monday - Thursday
9:00am-4:30pm

Friday
9:00am-4:30pm
(Phone calls only)

*Weekdays closed for lunch
12:30-1:30pm*

WEEKENDS:

Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

WELCOME DESK:

Before and after Saturday
Vigil, and Sunday morning
Masses

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends,

Once again this fall, we are praying for those whom God may be calling to discover—or rediscover—the Catholic faith.

At St. Bernadette's, our renewed approach to the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) begins with the invitation Jesus offered His first disciples: "Come and see." Before anything else, Jesus invited them into relationship—to come, spend time with Him, and discover for themselves who He was.

We want our OCIA candidates to experience that same invitation: to encounter Jesus Christ and, through Him, to discover a community of faith in which they can truly belong.

That means OCIA cannot simply be the work of a few people. Our candidates deserve to encounter the very best of who we are as Catholic Christians—people of faith, prayer, hospitality, joy, and hope. On Sunday, October 25 at 1:30 p.m., we will hold an information gathering for those interested in becoming **OCIA Sponsors and Mentors**.

You don't need to know everything about the faith. You simply need to love the Lord, love His Church, and be willing to accompany another person.

Perhaps God is inviting you to say, "Come and see."

In the Lord,

Fr. Chris

PARISH TEAM

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: A mandatory Baptism class must be attended, and all required registration forms completed. Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email at office@stbernajax.com

First Confession/Communion, Confirmation: Please contact the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults: For adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation for Young People: For young people ages 7 to 16. Classes designed for their age group are offered to help young people receive all Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office one year in advance. One of the priests will arrange an appointment with you.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office immediately.

REGISTER AT OUR PARISH

Welcome to St. Bernadette's! Register to fully participate, access sacraments, connect with our community, and help us serve you better. If you live outside of our parish boundaries but worship here, registration is key for official requests. [Click here to register](#) today!

PRAYING FOR OUR PEOPLE



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, for: **Violet Azavedo, Anne Sinclair, Albertina Caruso, Maura D'Costa, Sylvia Mondal, and Peter Dwyer.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Francia Bartolome, Flordeliza Petalver, Rachel Barry, Jorge Isidro, and Nicole Gilmour.**

ANNIVERSARIES

If you are a registered member of St. Bernadette's, we would love to celebrate and witness the anniversary of your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office or Welcome Desk, with your anniversary dates.

This month we celebrate with:

Oct 1	Brendan & Kate McKnight	(15 yrs)
Oct 5	Nadia & Alfredo Santiago Jr.	(19 yrs)
Oct 7	Allan & Pat Colterman	(48 yrs)
Oct 10	Odette & Alan Mendonca	(44 yrs)

HARVEST DINNER



The Parish Vitality ministry will be hosting a Harvest Dinner on **Saturday October 17, at 6:30pm**, in the Parish Hall. Tickets are now available at the Parish Office and Welcome Desk.

Cost: Adults \$30, and Kids \$20 (*ages of 6-12 years old*).

For more information, please contact Linda Sarang at 416-523-2062, linda4791@gmail.com or Julia Beattie at 905-683-1373.

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Saturday, October 24 | 9:00am to 3:00pm

A special day for Ministry Coordinators and Leaders to step away from the weekly demands of ministry and be spiritually nourished, spend time in prayer and reflection, and connect with fellow ministry leaders. Beginning with Mass at 9:00am, the day will offer a chance to share ideas and experiences and reflect on our shared mission as a parish.

We hope all Ministry Coordinators and Leaders will be able to join us. Registration details will be shared directly with ministry leaders. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3

5:00pm + Pauline Mills

Sunday, October 4

8:30am + Felice Falcone

12:00pm Missa Pro Populo

5:00pm ~ In thanksgiving for Bernadette Bonto

7:00pm ~ Theresa Trotter

Monday, October 5

8:00am ~ In thanksgiving for Elouisa Cada

Tuesday, October 6

8:00am ~ Thanksgiving & peace for the Vu family

Wednesday, October 7

7:30pm + Julian Ireland

+ Pat Wedge

+ The deceased members of the Vu family

+ All souls

Thursday, October 8

8:00am + Vicente Sanosa

Friday, October 9

8:00am + Nigel Boos

Saturday, October 10

9:00am + Mario Fernandes

+ Rodolfo Valerio

+ Blesilda Emerson

+ The Mark family

~ Theresa Trotter

SECOND COLLECTION



This weekend, **October 3 & 4**, our second collection taken at the time of the Offertory, is for **Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation**. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

BLESSING OF PETS



This **Sunday October 4**, between 2:00pm and 3:00pm, Father will be offering blessing of pets. This will be done in the parking lot, near the rectory garage door. We kindly ask that your pets are kept leashed and supervised for the safety of everyone.

LIFE CHAIN



This **Sunday October 4**, 2pm-3pm, we will gather at Bayly Street and Harwood Ave to pray in silence for a greater awareness of the dignity of human life, from conception through life into death. Please arrive at the church at 1:45pm for an optional sign and Life Chain instructions. Join us in the Parish Hall afterwards for a reception. For information, contact Monika at family@stbernajax.com or 905-683-1533 ext. 203.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

OCIA is for adults who wish to become Catholic, or who have not yet received one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

CANDIDATE INFO SESSION

Sunday, October 18 at 1:30 pm | Parish Hall

For those interested in exploring the Catholic faith and beginning the OCIA journey. For more info, contact the Parish Office at office@stbernajax.com

SPONSOR INFO SESSION

Sunday, October 25 at 1:30 pm | Parish Hall

Interested in accompanying an OCIA candidate? Join us to learn more about becoming a sponsor and walking alongside someone on their journey of faith. For more info, contact the Parish Office at office@stbernajax.com

YOUTH MINISTRY LAUNCH DATES

JUNIOR EDGE | Grades 1-4 | [Click here to register!](#)

2nd & 4th Monday, 6:30-8:00PM | LAUNCH: Oct 26

EDGE | Grades 5-8 | [Click here to register!](#)

2nd & 4th Friday, 6:30-8:30PM | LAUNCH: Oct 23

SUMMIT | Grade 9-12 | [Click here to register!](#)

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm | LAUNCH: Oct 15

For more info, contact Stacey at youth@stbernajax.com

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



This Thanksgiving let's remember our neighbours in need within our parish community. St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Food Drive takes place **October 10 & 11**.

Donations of canned goods, pasta, rice, coffee, tea, soup and other non-perishable foods are gratefully welcomed. Volunteers will be in the Narthex before and after all weekend Masses to receive donations. Thank you for your continued generosity.

BIBLE STUDY



THE FOUR GOSPELS: AN INTRODUCTION
Wednesdays, November 11, 18, and 25,

9:30am in the Parish Hall. Why do we have four Gospels? Who wrote them, and what does each one reveal about Jesus? Join us for a three-session Bible Study featuring Dr. Brant Pitre as we explore the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Optional Study Guide: \$15. All are welcome! Email: susangkennedy@gmail.com

AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday, October 4

Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

Soubirous Café after Masses 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00pm

10:15am Children's Liturgy (Hall)

2:00pm Blessing of Pets (Parking Lot- near garage)

2:00pm Life Chain (Starts in the Church)

3:00pm Life Chain Reception (Hall)

Monday, October 5

8:00am Mass

9:30am Faith Studies (Hall)

11:00am Funeral – Nicole Gilmour

7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul (Council Room)

Tuesday, October 6

8:00am Mass

1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)

Wednesday, October 7

9:00am Bible Blessing – St. James CES (School)

9:30am Bible Study (Hall)

6:15pm Confession

7:00pm Marriage Prep Course (Hall)

7:30pm Mass

Thursday, October 8

8:00am Mass

9:15am Bible Blessing – St. Bernadette CES (School)

10:00am DOC Opening School Mass (School)

7:00pm Finance Council Meeting (Boardroom)

Friday, October 9

8:00am Mass

8:30am Adoration

8:30am Confession

9:30am Rosary Makers (Hall)

2:30am Mass at Ballycliffe Lodge

Saturday, October 10

9:00am Mass

10:00am Quo Vadis (Council Room)

11:00am Baptism

3:45pm Confession

5:00pm Mass

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

There is a place for everyone at St. Bernadette Parish! Interested in learning more? Contact the Parish Office, visit us at the Welcome Desk, or complete our [Volunteer Form](#). Our Volunteer Coordinator will follow up with you to answer questions, connect you with ministries and groups, and help you find a place that best matches your interests.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers	Baptism Coordinators
Choir – Saturday 5:00pm	Communion to the Homebound – Private Homes
Choir – Sunday 8:30am	Communion to Retirement & Long-Term Care
Choir (Children) – Sunday 10:15am	Eucharistic Ministers
Choir – Sunday 12:00pm	Lectors
Choir – Sunday 5:00pm	Ministry of Hospitality
Choir – Sunday 7:00pm	Wedding Coordinators

Faith Formation Ministries

Bible Study	Confirmation
Faith Studies	First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
Christian Initiation of Adults	Marriage Preparation
Christian Initiation of Young People	

Youth Ministries

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Children's Liturgy
EDGE Youth Ministry	Jesus Youth
JUNIOR EDGE Youth Ministry	SUMMIT Teen Ministry

Faith, Family, Fellowship & Service

Catholic Mom's Group	Legion of Mary
Catholic Women's Group	Parish Vitality
Collection Counters	Quo Vadis
Flowers & Decorating	Rosary Makers
Funeral Receptions	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Gardening Committee	Soubirous Café
Helping Hands	That Man Is You
Hope & Life for Widows	Volunteer Screening
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