



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]

February 11, 2024

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

21 Bayly Street East, Ajax, Ontario L1S 1P2

Phone: 905-683-1533

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*

Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate*

Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator*

Marva Thomas, *Administrative Assistant*

Sue McGee, *Parish Bookkeeper*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9:00am to 12:30pm

1:30pm to 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1:30

Saturday and Sunday

9:30am to 2:30pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms – every 2nd and 4th 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

First Confession/Communion – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Confirmation – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email 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

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

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>	Marisa Hall, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-427-3327
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	Sheena Paul, <i>Principal</i>	Linda Sarang, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-426-7065

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: <https://stbernajax.com>
YouTube: [@st.bernadetteparishajax3761](https://www.youtube.com/@st.bernadetteparishajax3761)

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Facebook: [St. Bernadette Church, Ajax](https://www.facebook.com/St.BernadetteChurchAjax)

From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we celebrate Marriage Sunday at St. Bernadette's as well as in most places in Canada – it is celebrated the Sunday before the Family Day Weekend. As a former vocation director, it is a privilege to witness the wonderful examples of the married vocation within our parish community and getting to know others who are just beginning that journey. My homily this weekend is a reflection on the Sacrament of Marriage, but also “a call” for all of us to consider as a parish community, a family of faith to think about what we can do to help others. The Sacrament of Marriage is often a much-neglected part of our faith, as many of us “go it alone” when we don't have to.

There are many places to get involved; being part of our Marriage Preparation Course team, being marriage mentors and even helping to start and facilitate many of the wonderful programs to help people who are in crisis in their marriage. Friends, I know we have one of the most generous communities here at St. Bernadette's; let us all be a part of the Lord's work in helping marriages.

Your servant in the Lord,

Father Chris

NEW to our PARISH??



We strongly encourage everyone who attends St. Bernadette's on a regular basis to consider registering. It's easy – either click on this link: [I'm New](#) or contact the Parish Office and we will help you out. For urgent matters, please call the office and leave us a message or email us at office@stbernajax.com

PARISH OFFICE UPDATE

Thanks to the generosity of volunteers, our office is open again during the week from 900am to 1230pm and again from 130pm until 300pm. We have begun the first round of interviews for our new Parish Secretary and anticipate the interviewing will continue for a couple of weeks. While our volunteers will take messages and register Mass intention bookings, I ask for your patience as our part-time evening staff are managing the weekends and as much of the work as they can with the staff, Fr. Kevin and myself chipping in where we can.

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:

Carmen Flores, Chandrika Puvilingham, Desmond Vieira, Luisa Matthias, Helen Holmes, Kevin Sims, Dylan Guro, Frederick Chafe and Caitlin Smith.

We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing. We remember Adriana (Joanne) Stokman & Michael Stone!

February Anniversaries

Let us know of your anniversary by contacting the Parish Office. 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, we welcome you to speak to the priest before the Mass you attend on the closest weekend for a special public blessing. **It is important that our community experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!**

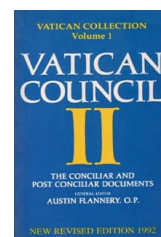
Feb 13th Beatrice & Robert Zuzarte (39 years)

Feb 20th Rosemarie & Charmeon Mangaser (30 years)

Feb 28th Cheryl & Gord Nash (49 years)

Parish Happenings & Events...

Understanding Our Catholic Faith



A Personal Study, The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium). “It was the first document produced by the Second Vatican Council, and arguably the most influential. The everyday lives of millions of Catholics around the world have been influenced by what it had to say. Join the discussion on Mondays: Feb 26 to March 11 (3 sessions) 930am to 1130am in the Parish Hall. Materials provided. The final session will include a Q & A with Father Chris.

Our Chairs in the Parish Hall

Our new chairs have arrived for the Parish Hall, and will be in use, we hope in the next couple of weeks. We are looking for good homes for our old chairs, and ask for \$5.00 for each of them. Small collection baskets will be put out – what remains Joe Hovorka will process for scrap metal. Come for coffee – take a chair with you.

For Our Young People



We welcome new EDGERS in grades 5-8 to join our new semester called "MAPP MY LIFE" with a focus on the Eucharist: if your child is interested and not registered yet, please register and join the fun.

Next EDGE Night **Friday Feb 9th 7-9pm**
"Scenic View" | (grades 5-8)

Next JUNIOR EDGE Night **Monday Feb 12th 6:30-8pm**
"Beach Resort" | (grades 2-4)

Register for EDGE & Junior EDGE: <http://bit.ly/3tlXWd6>
Email Monika for more info: youth@stbernajax.com

Coffee Sunday

Meet old friends, and new ones too! Fellowship is an important part of being a Christian – knowing others who share and live the same faith you do. We begin again our Coffee Sundays, hoping you can join us! We gather after the **8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm** Masses in the Parish Hall. These will be very informal gatherings with coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Upcoming dates are:

February 11

February 25

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 WEEK'S OFFERTORY:	\$	8,701.00
LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND:	\$	5,557.55
BUILDING FUND TOTAL:	\$	314,002.41

Altar Server Ministry

We are welcoming new altar servers to join our growing parish ministry. For any of our young people who have received their First Holy Communion, you are welcome to join our teams. Parents, please complete the form following this link: <https://bit.ly/49lwP1r>

We will be welcoming new altar servers until Sunday February 25, 2024. After that we will open up registering for the Altar Server Ministry again in September.

Lent at St. Bernadette's

Ash Wednesday @ St. Bernadette's

The school Masses are for students & staff. If parents wish to attend, please contact the school.

Parish Mass at 6:30AM

Mass for St. Bernadette School – 9:30AM

Mass at Abp Denis O'Connor CSS – 9:45AM (at school)

Mass at St. James CES – 1:00PM (at school)

Mass at St. Teresa of Calcutta – 1:00PM (at school)

Parish Mass at 7:30PM (no OLPH devotions)

Father Chris & Father Kevin will be hearing confessions from 530PM until 700PM on Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross – 7:30PM each Friday of Lent

Friday February 16 – led by Knights of Columbus

Friday February 23 – led by EDGE Youth Group

Friday March 1 – led by our Altar Servers

Friday March 8 – led by Ron & Rita Vaz & family

Friday March 15 – TBD

Friday March 22 – TBD

Friday March 29 (Good Friday) at 9:00AM – Outdoor

Stations of the Cross led by Father Chris & Knights of Columbus.

Fasting & Abstinence

Since Ash Wednesday, as well as Good Friday are days of fasting & abstinence, a reminder of the significance of this discipline. It's an important discipline for Catholic Christians, as it is for devout people of many religions throughout the world. While Jesus did His best to get us on the "right track" with fasting and abstinence, for many it has become a practice we have lost the sense of importance with. Fasting is the practice of eating less (smaller meals or eliminating a meal or two) while abstinence is the practice of refraining from eating meat. We associate both fasting and abstinence as a continuing practice on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but it remains a discipline strongly encouraged on each Friday, especially during Lent. Fasting and abstinence is also something we continue to practice at least one-hour before receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist (communion).

This practice of self-denial and self-discipline is meant for us to focus ourselves a bit more on the Bridegroom, who is our Saviour and Redeemer. The Church strongly encourages us not to see it as merely "giving [something] up" but also to consider what we might give – **alms** is just as important and should coincide with our fasting – we are called to give as we receive.

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.

ADVISORY COUNCILS

Property/Building Mark-André Simard, Vice-Chair

Finance Denise Carson, Vice-Chair

Pastoral Jennifer Del Monte, Vice-Chair

Volunteers 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	Robert LeBlanc
Altar Servers	Mark Sarang
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	Robert Zuzarte
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	Monika Matelski
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	Ian & Sharon Pinto
Ajax-Pickering Hospital	Ian & Sharon Pinto
Lakeridge Gardens	Ian & Sharon Pinto

School Council Parish Liaisons

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

**** Your Parish Needs You ****

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

Around the Parish This Week

Sunday February 11 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses
1230pm RCIA-Breaking Open the Word (Council Rm)

Monday February 12

800am Mass
930am Understanding Our Faith (Hall)
630pm Knights of Columbus-Executive (CouncilRm)
630pm Junior Edge (Parish Hall)

Tuesday February 13

800am Mass
200pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)
600pm Confirmation Class (Stage side)
730pm RCIA (Hall)

Wednesday February 14 – Ash Wednesday

630am Mass
930am Bible Study (Stage Side)
600pm FHC-Reconciliation Class (Hall)
530pm Parish Confessions
730pm Mass
730pm Bible Study (Stage Side)
730pm Daughters of Isabella (Kitchen Side)

Thursday February 15

800am Mass
930am Ladies Craft Group (Stage Side)
630pm Alpha (Hall)
700pm Pastoral Council Group B(Council Room)

Friday February 16

800am Mass
830am Adoration
830am Parish Confessions
930am Rosary Makers (Stage Side)
700pm Bereavement Ministry (Council Rm)

Saturday February 17 – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

900am Mass
930am Meditation
930am RCIC (Hall)
1100am FHC Reconciliation Class (Hall)
100pm Confirmation Class (Stage Side)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Mass

Sunday February 18 – 1st Sunday of Lent

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses
1115am Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall)
1230pm RCIA-Breaking Open the Word (Council Rm)
100pm Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall)

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday February 10

900am + C.T. Chacko
+ Dwayne Dulling
+ Bob Hsu

Sunday February 11

830am + Souls in purgatory
500pm + Jasmine Mendoza

Monday February 12

800am + Rosario Aranita

Tuesday February 13

800am + Dr. Mark Lai

Thursday February 15

800am + Veronica Ego-Aguirre

Friday February 16

800am + Nigel Boos

Saturday February 17

500pm + Joseph Paul Delgado

Sunday February 18

830am + Gil Gomez
500pm + Vidal Plaza

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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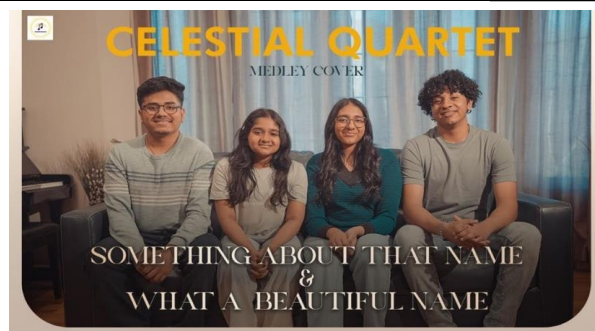


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The Celestial Quartet are the Rodrigo Family who offer us music at the Sunday 7:00pm Mass (as well as at other times). Pictured are Adrian, Gia, Amy & Jeremy Rodrigo. Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1PgqJK6Gis>