



# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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## From the Pastor's Desk



Dear friends,

Laetare Sunday reminds us that Lent is leading somewhere beautiful. Joy breaks through even before Easter arrives.

Christian joy is rooted in the Eucharist. Week after week, we are fed with the Bread of Life. Families who prioritize Sunday Mass give their children a foundation that lasts a lifetime. Perhaps this week, families can prepare for Sunday Mass together – reading the Gospel in advance or arriving a few minutes early for silence. Small habits form lasting faith.

Lent is not gloomy; it is hopeful. The Father rejoices when His children return to Him. Let us continue this journey home with confidence.

Faithfully in the Lord,

*Fr. Chris*

## Sacraments

**Baptisms** - A mandatory Baptism class must be attended and required registration forms completed. Please call the Parish Office or email [office@stbernajax.com](mailto:office@stbernajax.com)

**First Confession/Communion** - Please speak to Robert or email [LPA@stbernajax.com](mailto:LPA@stbernajax.com)

**Confirmation** - Please speak to Robert or email [LPA@stbernajax.com](mailto:LPA@stbernajax.com)

**Christian Initiation of Adults** - 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 of 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 Staff

Father Chris Lemieux  
Father Sean Jacob  
Deacon Ron Vaz  
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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-9:30am  
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 9:30am-12:00pm

### **WELCOME DESK:**

Before and after all weekend  
Masses

## 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



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: **Violet Azavedo, Anne Sinclair, and Albertina Caruso.**

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Chitra Shanthy Pregasem.**

If you would like to be prayed for, please email us at [office@stbernajax.com](mailto:office@stbernajax.com), or call the office.

## Wedding Anniversaries

If you are a registered member of St Bernadette's and will be celebrating a wedding anniversary we would love to celebrate and witness your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office with your names and upcoming anniversary dates.

**For the month of March, we celebrate with:**

Mar 27 Bert and Patricia Connolly (61 years)

## Lenten Day of Confession

Our Lenten Day of Confession will be held on **Thursday, March 26, from 10:00am-1:00pm and again from 7:00pm-9:30pm.** Many priests will be available during those times to hear confessions.

## Coffee Sunday



You are invited to join us for **Coffee Sunday - March 22** after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00pm Masses in the Parish Hall. During this season of Lent, we are encouraged to pause, connect with others, and grow together in faith.

## Share Your Parish Moments!



We continue to collect photos from parish events throughout the year. These are being used to highlight some of the special moments of our community across our communication channels. If you have recent favourite parish event photos, and **proper consent has been given**, please share them with us by email at: [office3@stbernajax.com](mailto:office3@stbernajax.com)

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday March 14

500pm ~ In thanksgiving for the Mathews family

### Sunday March 15 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

830am + Phillip Went

1200pm Missa Pro Populo

500pm + Jaime Villafuerte

700pm + Salvador Rodrigues

### Monday March 16

800am + Maria & Manuel Medeiros

### Tuesday March 17 - St. Patrick

800am + Ouseph Thomas Parayankal

### Wednesday March 18 - St. Cyril

730pm + Venetia Baldsing

+ Ramon Tolentino

~ Maryann Jose

~ Maria-Elena Congiusti

~ Oliver J

### Thursday March 19 - St. Joseph

800am ~ David Scott Gilmour

### Friday March 20

800am + Venetia Baldsing

### Saturday March 21

900am + Sandra Tonn

+ Marciano Plaza

+ John Early

+ Souls in purgatory with no one to pray for them

~ The Katzman family

## The Scrutinies

This weekend we will celebrate the second Scrutiny for the Elect. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers in the weeks ahead as they prepare to enter fully into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Omolola Adeyeye

Ruth Apata

Jennifer Barriage

Vanessa Doiron

Elie Ifitamaboko

Isioro Jaboro

Julie Jacob

Min Kim

Yuseon Kong

Melanie Lewis

Michael Luke

Jaheim Marshall

Natasha Marshall

Michaela Mathurin

Andrew Mattson

Allan North

Hyeji Park

Camille Sardath

Natasha Taylor

Tara Trotman

Keziah J.

Emmanuel J.

Samuel J.

Kylie L.

Amelia M.

Kinsley M.

Kale M.

Elizaburon M-I.

Eliyanah M-I.

Jacob N.

Joseph N.

## For Our Young People

JUNIOR EDGE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30pm-8:00pm  
**Monday March 23 - PJ Movie Night  
(The LEGO Movie)**

EDGE (Grades 5-8) | 7:00pm-8:30pm  
**Friday March 27 - Fire Inside**

SUMMIT (Grades 9-12) | 6:00pm-8:30pm  
**Sunday March 22 - I am the Way the Truth & the Life**

## Upcoming Summer Camps 2026

### **EDGE CAMP (Grades 5-8)**

**Dates: Wednesday August 19 - Sunday August 23**

Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

Registration is now open! Early-bird pricing is \$500 until April 30. After this date, the fee increases to \$575, and registration closes May 31. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is required after at the time of registration to secure your spot.

To register, please use the link below and be sure to select "Edge Camp East" and then "St. Bernadette's, Ajax" <https://edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com/>

To catch a glimpse of the camp activities, click the link: [Summer Camp Activities List - Camp White Pine](#)

### **HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CAMP (Grades 9-12)**

**Dates: Wednesday August 19 - Sunday August 23**

Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

Cost: \$530

To register, please use the link below and be sure to select "High School Leadership 2026 - East" <https://edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com/>

## Stations of the Cross

We invite everyone to join us again on **Friday at 7:00pm** for the Stations of the Cross as we continue our Lenten journey together.

## Finance Council

Periodically, Father Chris looks for active parishioners with special gifts and talents to serve as part of the three Stewardship (Advisory) Councils of the Parish - the Finance Council, the Pastoral Council and the Building Council. If you work in finance and might be able to help us, please contact the Vice-Chair of our Finance Council, Mrs. Denise Carson - [dtfcarson@gmail.com](mailto:dtfcarson@gmail.com)

## Faith Studies

### *Would a Loving God Allow Evil and Suffering?*

Join us on **Monday, March 23 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall to explore one of life's most difficult and important questions through Peter Kreeft's talk. We will examine how faith responds to the reality of suffering from a perspective rooted in Christian teaching.

### *Book Club - The Cross and the Beatitudes*

Join us on **Monday, April 13 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall, for a 3-session book study on Fulton J. Sheen's *The Cross and the Beatitudes*. Discover the connection between the beatitudes and Jesus' last words on the cross. Cost: \$15 for the book. To register, contact [susangkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:susangkennedy@gmail.com)

## Bible Study

### *Gospel of Matthew Study*

Join us on **Wednesdays, March 18 - April 15 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall for a video teaching by Dr. Brant Pitre on how Matthew reveals Jesus as the New Moses, David, and Solomon. Small-group discussion to follow. Cost: \$5. To register, contact Susan Kennedy at (905) 427-6137 or [susangkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:susangkennedy@gmail.com)

## Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to serve in the following ministries for the **Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 5:00pm and 7:00pm Masses**. If you feel called to share your gifts in one of these important ministries, please contact the Parish Office or Welcome Desk. Training will be provided.

### **Ministers of Hospitality**

The Ministry of Hospitality serves the Liturgy by establishing a climate of welcome, by helping people find a seat, and by receiving the collection! They assist the assembly with practical details so that the Liturgy can be celebrated with ease and grace. The Hospitality Ministers are essential as even one smile can make a huge difference to everyone who enters our parish for Mass.

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Our Eucharistic Ministers help bring the Body and Blood of Christ to our community during Mass. This ministry is a profound way to serve and share in the heart of our worship.

### **Lectors**

Our Lectors proclaim the Word of God and help make Scripture come alive for our parish, allowing the assembly to hear and reflect on the Scriptures that nourish our faith and guide our lives.

**Stay Connected**



# *Lent & Easter Parish Schedule*

## **Lenten Day of Confession - Thursday March 26**

10:00am - 1:00pm and 7:00pm - 9:30pm

## **Palm Sunday Masses**

Saturday March 28 - 5pm

Sunday March 29 - 8:30am | 10:15am | 12:00pm | 5:00pm | 7:00pm

## *Holy Week & Easter*

### **Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)**

**Thursday April 2 at 8:00pm**

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration  
in the Chapel of Repose - Parish Hall (until midnight)

### **Good Friday - Friday April 3**

**Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 9:00am (rain or shine)**

**Good Friday Services - 11:00am | 1:00pm | 3:00pm**

### **Holy Saturday - Saturday April 4**

**Blessing of Easter Baskets - 9:00am SHARP in the Parish Hall**

Easter Vigil Rehearsal - 9:30am

Church Decorating - 11:00am (Church closed to public)

### **Easter Vigil - Saturday April 4 at 8:00pm**

(come early for seating and Parish Hall overflow)

### **Easter Masses - Sunday April 5**

Masses 9:00am | 10:30am | 12:00pm

# Around the Parish

## **Sunday, March 15**

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

10:15am Children's Liturgy (Hall)  
12:30pm Christian Initiation of Adults - Breaking  
Open the Word (Council Room)  
1:30pm Baptism Prep Class (Hall)

## **Monday, March 16**

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Faith Studies (Hall)  
7:00pm KOC Meeting (Hall)

## **Tuesday, March 17**

8:00am Mass  
1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)

## **Wednesday, March 18**

9:30am Bible Study (Hall)  
6:00pm Enrolment Meetings with Confirmandi  
(Hall)  
6:15pm Confession  
7:00pm Marriage Prep Course (Hall Stage side)  
7:30pm Mass  
7:30pm Daughters of Isabella (Council Room)

## **Thursday, March 19**

8:00am Mass  
6:15pm Choir Practice - 12:00pm Mass (Church)  
6:30pm ALPHA (Hall)  
7:00pm CWG (Hall)

## **Friday, March 20**

8:00am Mass  
8:30am Adoration  
8:30am Confession  
11:00am Funeral - Chitra Shanthi Pregasem  
2:30pm Outreach Mass (Lakeridge Gardens)  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)  
7:00pm Jesus Youth (Hall)

## **Saturday, March 21**

7:30am St Joseph Men's Prayer Group  
(Council Room)  
9:00am Mass  
9:30am Art Social (Hall)  
10:00am Enrolment Meetings with Confirmandi  
(Council Room)  
3:45pm Confession  
5:00pm Mass

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