



Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

# 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 MASS:**  
Wednesday 6:30am

**MORNING MASSES:**  
Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday 8:00am  
Saturday 9:00am

**EVENING MASS:**  
Wednesday 7:30pm

## PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays  
6:30pm-7:15pm  
Fridays  
8:30am-9:30am  
Saturdays  
4:00pm-4:45pm

## 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 HOURS

**WEEKDAYS:**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
9am-4:30pm  
Wednesday  
9am-4:30pm, 6pm-9pm  
Friday 9am-4:30pm for  
Phone calls only  
(Weekdays closed for lunch  
12:30-1:30pm)

**WEEKENDS:**  
Saturday  
9:00am-1:00pm, 3pm-6pm  
Sunday  
9:00am-1:30pm, 4pm-8pm



## From the Pastor's Desk

### **The Importance of Holy Week**

Holy Week is a sacred and powerful time for Christians around the world. It is the final week of Lent, beginning with Palm Sunday and culminating in Easter Sunday, when we joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of new and eternal life.

During Holy Week, Catholics are invited to remember—and more importantly, to enter into—the Passion of our Lord. This includes the final days of Jesus' earthly life: from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, to His Last Supper with the disciples, His arrest and suffering, His crucifixion on Good Friday, and finally, His time in the tomb on Holy Saturday.

At the heart of this week is the **Easter Triduum**, the high point of the entire liturgical year. From the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday, we celebrate one great mystery – the Paschal Mystery: Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Though it unfolds over three days, the Triduum is liturgically one continuous celebration of love and redemption.

The key liturgies of this sacred time are:

- **The Mass of the Lord's Supper** on Holy Thursday,
- **The Celebration of the Lord's Passion** on Good Friday, and
- **The Easter Vigil**, the first Mass of Easter, where we rejoice in the Risen Lord.

Holy Week isn't just something we observe—it's something we live. By participating in these holy days, we draw close to Jesus in His suffering and glory, and we discover more deeply what it means to follow Him with hope and courage.

Yours faithfully in the Lord.

*Father Chris*

## Parish Staff

Father Chris Lemieux  
Father Daniel Lee  
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## Registering is Important

Registering at St Bernadette's allows you to fully participate in our community, access sacraments, and benefit from parish services. It's a way to contribute to the life of the Church, build meaningful connections with fellow parishioners, and help us plan for future activities to better serve you.

If you worship with us but live outside the parish boundaries, registration is especially important for official requests or sacramental needs. If you're not yet registered, please take this simple step today: [Click here to register](#)

## Livestreaming of Holy Week

Livestreaming of our Masses will resume this weekend. This is a wonderful opportunity for our homebound, ill, or remote parishioners to spiritually participate in the beauty of Holy Week, even if they cannot be physically present. Click link to view: <https://bit.ly/4i9KJHW>

### Livestream Schedule:

- Palm Sunday - 12:00noon
- Holy Thursday - 8:00pm
- Good Friday Service - 3:00pm
- Easter Vigil - 8:00pm
- Easter Sunday - 12:30pm

Our Livestream Ministry plays a vital role in our parish and are currently looking for volunteers to help support this important work.

## 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, Jaime Villafuerte, and Faye Marechal.**

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

## Coffee Sunday



Please join us at our next Coffee Sunday on **April 27**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. It's a great opportunity to connect with friends and meet others in our church community. Please note that there will be no Coffee Sunday on Mother's Day.

### Upcoming Coffee Sundays:

May 4 | May 25

## Parish Building & Maintenance Fund



We continue to include among our second collections, the Building & Maintenance Fund collection, the first Sunday of each month. We will continue to prioritize improvements to our parish.

- Parish Office improvements
- Rectory reconstruction and development
- New blinds for the Parish Hall
- Landscaping work (Phase II)
- Sidewalk improvements

<b>Offertory for (April 6)</b>	<b>\$ 9,558.00</b>
<b>Building Fund Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,132.00</b>
<b>Building Fund Total</b>	<b>\$ 435,206.37</b>

## Welcome Desk & Office Kiosk

Our "Welcome Desk & Office Kiosk" was successfully launched this past weekend. It was very well received by our parish community! The office staff had the pleasure of assisting many parishioners with inquiries, registrations, and a variety of other services. We are excited to continue evolving and expanding this service to better meet the needs of our parish community.

Be sure to stop by the Welcome Desk before and after weekend Masses for the following services:

- Register as a Parishioner
- Sign up for Bulletins
- Book Mass Intentions
- Pre-register for Baptisms
- Sign up for Volunteer Opportunities

We look forward to serving you at the Welcome Desk!

## Special Prayers for Our Newest Family Members

Please pray for the Elect of our Parish who will be fully received into the Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday April 19, 2025. Please remember in prayer:

Jack Valerio	Colin Veacock
Kayla Andrew	Madison R
Tracy Hudson	Cali R
Jessica Paniuta	Jayden H
Taras Paniuta	Dayna-Rae J
Emily Hinkson	Dakoda L
Veronica Bryant	Bailee L
Jeff Rankine	Blakelee L
Bonita Gordon	Ayanna M
Blake Langford	

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>

900am + Roosevelt Colaço  
+ Joanna Constand  
+ Godofredo M. Alcabao  
+ Esperanza Thorne Marasigan  
+ Diane Tanfara Burns

### Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> - Passion (Palm) Sunday

### Monday April 14<sup>th</sup>

800am + Artemio Mazzarolo

### Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup>

800am + Veronica Ego-Aguirre

### Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>

730pm + Robert St. Denis  
+ Justino Aranita  
+ Maria Dalgado  
+ Joaquin Augusto Moreno Lesmes  
~ The Sakeh Family

### Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> - Holy Thursday

### Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday

### Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> - Holy Saturday

### Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday

### Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>

900am + Mary Mathews

## Volunteering in the Parish

These ministries are open and welcoming new members. Please stop by our Welcome Desk to SIGN-UP!

The Alpha Course	Flowers & Decorating
Altar Servers	Lectors (readers)
Catholic Women's Guild	Live Streaming
Children's Liturgy	Rosary Apostolate
Choir - Saturday 5:00pm	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Choir - Sunday 8:30am	Wedding Coordinators
Choir - Sunday 10:15am	Baptism Coordinators
Choir - Sunday 12:00pm	First Communion
Choir - Sunday 5:00pm	Confirmation
Choir - Sunday 7:00pm	Marriage Preparation
Coffee Sundays	Ballycliffe
Collection Counters	Communion to Homebound
EDGE Youth Group	Harwood Place
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Lakeridge Gardens
Eucharistic Ministers	

## Lent & Easter Parish Schedule

### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays of Lent at 7:30pm  
(led by select parish ministries)

### **Confessions**

Wednesday April 16, 6:00pm - 7:15pm

### **Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Thursday April 17, 8:00pm  
(Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration in the Chapel of Repose - Parish Hall until midnight)

### **Good Friday - Friday April 18**

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

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

### **Holy Saturday - Saturday April 19**

Blessing of Easter Baskets - 9:30am (Hall, stage side)

Easter Vigil Rehearsal - 10:00am

Church Decorating - 11:30am (Church closed)

### **Easter Vigil - Saturday April 19, 8:00pm**

(come early for seating and Parish Hall overflow)

### **Easter Masses - Sunday April 20**

Masses 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am | 12:30pm

Please note, there will be a parish celebration following the Easter Vigil in the Parish Hall - all are welcome!

## TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP

**Registration is open!** Register: <https://bit.ly/41Cl5Qt>

### **Summer Camp Dates:**

July 14-18, 2025 | 9:00am - 2:30pm (DAY PROGRAM for grades 1-6)

July 13-17, 2025 | 6:00pm - 9:00pm (EVENING PROGRAM for grades 7-12)

### **Participant Registration fees:**

\$100/child | \$65 for additional siblings (DAY PROGRAM)

\$30/youth (EVENING PROGRAM)

Cash or cheque (written out to "St. Bernadette Parish") to be brought to parish office.



New participants are welcome to join both Junior Edge and EDGE as we begin a new semester!

Registration: <https://bit.ly/4emdssa>

**JUNIOR EDGE** (grades 1-4)

Monday April 28 | 6:30pm-8pm

**EDGE** Family Night (Easter Edition)

Friday April 25 | 7pm-9:00pm

# UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING  
2025

April 13-19		
<p><b>Sunday April 13 - Palm Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Monday April 14</b> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:00pm - Holy Thursday Rehearsal (Church &amp; Hall) 7:00pm - Good Friday Rehearsal (Church &amp; Hall) 7:00pm - K of C Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday April 15</b> 10:00am - DOC Retreat (Hall) 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Stage Side)</p> <p><b>Wednesday April 16</b> 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p>	<p><b>Thursday April 17 - Holy Thursday</b></p> <p><b>Friday April 18 - Good Friday</b> 9:00am - Stations of the Cross (Outdoor)</p> <p><b>Saturday April 19 - Holy Saturday</b> 9:30am - Blessing of Easter Baskets (Stage Side) 10:00am - Easter Vigil Rehearsal (Church) 11:30am - Church decorating - Church closed 10:00pm - Easter Reception (Hall)</p>
April 20-26		
<p><b>Sunday April 20 - Easter Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Monday April 21 - Easter Monday</b> Mass starts at 9am</p>	<p><b>Tuesday April 22</b> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - K of C Membership Meeting (Ajax Public Library) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p><b>Wednesday April 23</b> 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p>	<p><b>Thursday April 24</b> 7:00pm - Confirmation Mass</p> <p><b>Friday April 25</b> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Stage Side) 7:00pm - EDGE Family Easter Event (Hall)</p> <p><b>Saturday April 26</b> 10:00am - Confirmation Mass 1:00pm - Confirmation Mass</p>
April 27-May 3		
<p><b>Sunday April 27</b> After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall) 2:00pm - Divine Mercy Event</p> <p><b>Monday April 28</b> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr. EDGE (Hall)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday April 29</b> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p><b>Thursday May 1</b> 10:00am - Craft Group (Stage Side) 10:00am - Hope and Life for Widows (Kitchen Side)</p>	<p><b>Saturday May 3</b> 11:00am - First Holy Communion Mass</p>
May 4-10		
<p><b>Sunday May 4</b> After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p><b>Monday May 5</b> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 4:30pm - Catholic Education Week Leadership Mass (Church &amp; Parish Hall) 7:00pm - SSVP Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday May 6</b> 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - First Communion Mass 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p><b>Friday May 9</b> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p><b>Saturday May 10</b> 8:30am - Girl Talk (Hall) 11:00am - Baptism</p>

# Lenten Day of Confessions

Durham Regional Zone 11 - Eastern Pastoral Region

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Times</i>	<i>Other Languages</i>
<i>Ajax</i>			
St. Bernadette	March 26	10:00am-1:00pm 4:30pm-7:00pm	
	April 16	6:00pm-7:15pm	
St. Francis de Sales	April 8	7:00pm-10:00pm	
<i>Beaverton</i>			
St. Joseph's	April 10	11:00am-1:00pm 2:00pm-3:00pm	
<i>Oshawa</i>			
Assomption de Notre-Dame Parish	March 30	10:45am-12:00pm	English, French, Italian and Spanish
	March 31	10:00am-12:00pm 2:00pm-7:00pm	
	April 1	2:00pm-7:00pm	
	April 5	2:00pm-6:00pm	
Holy Cross	April 3	9:30am-11:00am 5:00pm-7:00pm	
St. Gertrude's	April 5	9:15am-4:45pm	
St. Gregory the Great	April 4	3:00pm-6:45pm	
St. Hedwig's	April 5	4:00pm-4:50pm	Polish
	April 7	6:00pm-6:55pm	
	April 8	6:00pm-6:55pm	
	April 9	6:00pm-8:00pm	
St. Joseph the Worker	April 10	9:45am-12:00pm 7:00pm-9:00pm	
St. Mary of the People	April 2	9:00am-11:00am 2:00pm-4:00pm 6:00pm-8:00pm	
St. Philip the Apostle	March 30	9:00am-9:25am	French, Italian and Spanish
	April 1	3:30pm-6:00pm	
	April 4	2:00pm-6:30pm	
<i>Pickering</i>			
St. Isaac Jogues	April 8	7:00pm until finish	
<i>Uxbridge</i>			
Sacred Heart	March 29	10:00am-12:00pm	
	April 2	6:00pm-7:30pm	
	April 8	5:30pm-6:45pm	
	April 9	6:00pm-7:30pm	
	April 18	4:00pm-5:00pm	
<i>Whitby</i>			
Holy Family	April 2	8:00pm	
St. John the Evangelist	April 1	9:30am-11:30am 2:00pm-4:00pm 7:00pm-8:30pm	Spanish

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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://bit.ly/3U3Rpxi>



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