



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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## From the Pastor's Desk



My friends in Christ,

The Transfiguration reminds us that the journey of faith includes those illuminating moments. The disciples glimpse Christ's glory before walking toward Jerusalem.

Families need "mountaintop" moments too – shared prayer, Sunday dinner without devices, simple conversations about faith. Ask one question this week at the dinner table: Where did you see God today?

Our Lenten journey leads us back to our Baptismal identity. In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens us to live courageously.

Lent helps us clear away what dims that light. As a parish, we continue walking together. Ignite that Light of Christ at our **Day of Recollection on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>** as we reflect more deeply on how the Sacraments sustain us in everyday life.

Let us allow Christ to renew His light within our homes. The mountain strengthens us for the mission ahead.

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

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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, and connect with our community. [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.**

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 Recollection

Take time this Lent to deepen your prayer and renew your spirit. Join us for our Day of Recollection on **Saturday, March 14**, beginning with **Mass at 9:00am** and concluding just before 3:00pm. The day will offer uplifting reflections, quiet moments with the Lord, and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. Registration is \$20.00. All are warmly invited! Register at the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office early to reserve your place.

## Parish Breakfast



The Vitality Ministry invites everyone to a warm and delicious Fundraising Breakfast on **Sunday, March 8**, in the Parish Hall following the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00pm Masses. A full

breakfast will be served, including bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, toast, pancakes, tea, coffee, and juice. The cost is \$10 per person, with a reduced price of \$5 for children under five years old. For more information, please contact Linda Sarang at 416-523-2062 or Julia Beattie at 905-683-1373. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office or Welcome Desk.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday February 28

500pm ~ In Thanksgiving for Godfrey & Grace D'Souza

### Sunday March 1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

830am + Cristina P. Catipon  
500pm + Leonard Lombardi  
700pm + The Faritha Family

### Monday March 2

800am ~ In Thanksgiving for Bapsy Fernandes

### Tuesday March 3

800am + Teddy & Cletty Drego

### Wednesday March 4 - St. Casimir

730pm + Rollande Fieldsend  
+ Richard Woran  
+ Souls in Purgatory that have no one to pray for them  
~ Cecilia McCaughey  
~ In Thanksgiving for Rita

### Thursday March 5

800am + Penha Family

### Friday March 6

800am ~ The Knox Family

### Saturday March 7 - St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

900am + Samuel Seevaratnam  
+ Davidray Anrue Ray  
+ Mr. & Mrs. Vethanayagam  
+ Joao Engenheiro

## The Scrutinies

As we prepare to welcome the Elect into our Church, we will be celebrating the Scrutinies over the next three weekends, starting **Sunday March 8**. This is a special time for the Elect, let us keep them in our prayers.

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.

**Stay Connected**



## For Our Young People

JUNIOR EDGE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30pm-8:00pm  
**Monday March 9 - Our Heavenly Mama**

EDGE (Grades 5-8) | 7:00pm-8:30pm  
**Friday March 6 - Flamethrower**

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

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## 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/>

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## Alpha



Breaking bread together is one of the ways Jesus shared life with people, so every Alpha session will begin with a meal to build community over casual conversation.

We're also looking for parishioners to help by preparing a casserole for one of our Thursday evening meals - recipes will be provided. Meals can be dropped off during the week to be re-heated when needed. Please contact Robert at [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com) if you are able to assist.

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## Stations of the Cross

Join us for the Stations of the Cross every **Friday at 7:00pm** throughout the season of Lent.

## Faith Studies

*Who Am I To Judge? Understanding Moral Relativism*  
Join us on **Monday, March 9 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall for a timely talk with Dr. Edward Sri, exploring one of the biggest challenges to faith in today's culture: moral relativism. Together we'll look at how to understand the Church's teaching, with clarity, and how to speak about truth and love in everyday life.

*The Jewish Roots of Jesus' Death and Resurrection*  
Join us on **Monday, March 16 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall for a fascinating study with Dr. Brant Pitre, exploring how Jesus fulfills the ancient Jewish Law in His passion, death, and resurrection. All are invited.

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## 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)

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## 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.

# Discover Your Ministry, Share Your Gifts

At St. Bernadette's, there are many ministries where you can serve as a volunteer or participate as a member. Below is a list of our ministries, from liturgical roles that are part of the Mass, to opportunities for deepening and sharing your faith, to groups centered around fellowship and social connection.

To serve as a volunteer, join a group or simply learn more, please contact the Parish Office, stop by the Welcome Desk, or [click here to fill in our Volunteer Form](#). Our Volunteer Coordinator will follow-up with you to answer questions, connect you with ministry leaders, or help you find a ministry that best matches your interests and skills.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:

**Altar Servers** - Children and youth assisting at Mass

**Baptism Coordinator** - Assist to organize and set up for Baptisms

**Choir/Music Ministry** - Choirs at Masses, funerals, weddings & \*the children's choir

**\*Collection Counters** - Assist in the secure counting of weekly offerings

**\*Communion Outreach** - Bring Communion to the sick or homebound

**Eucharistic Ministers** - Assist in distributing the Body of Christ at Mass

**Lectors** - Proclaim the Word of God at Mass

**Ministry of Hospitality** - Greet and welcome all who join together for Mass

**Wedding Coordinator** - Assist couples on their special day

## FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES:

**The Alpha Course** - Explore the basics of Christian faith

**Bible Study** - Journey deeper into Scripture and grow in understanding.

**Faith Studies** - Focused on faith and our parish family

**Marriage Prep Course** - Help couples prepare for a lifelong commitment

**Christian Initiation for Adults** - Help adults preparing for Baptism

**\*Christian Initiation for Young People** - Help children (7-17yrs) preparing for Baptism

**\*Sacramental Preparation Assistant** - Help with FHC and/or Confirmation classes

## CHILDREN & YOUTH:

**\*Altar Servers** - Children and youth assisting at Mass

**\*Children's Liturgy/Sunday School Catechists** - Sharing the Word of God in a child-friendly way.

**\*Choir Sunday 10:15am (Children)** - Children's voices lifting praise to God

**\*EDGE Youth Group (Grades 5-8)** - Faith, fun, and fellowship for middle schoolers

**\*Jr. EDGE (Grades 1-4)** - Building a foundation of faith for younger students

**\*Jesus Youth** - Youth growing together in spirit and service

**\*Summit Teen Ministry** - Chosen for More. Climbing with Purpose. Elevating a faith life for teens

## FAITH, FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE:

**Catholic Women's Group** - Social and service opportunities for women

**Coffee Sundays** - Fellowship after Mass with coffee and conversation

**Craft Group** - Creative fellowship - knitting for the homeless

**Flowers & Decorating** - Help beautify the church for seasons and liturgies

**Funeral Receptions** - Hospitality for grieving families

**Gardening Committee** - Keep our church grounds beautiful

**Helping Hands** - Supports those experiencing homelessness in our community

**Hope & Life for Widows** - Support and community for women who have lost a spouse

**Knights of Columbus** - Catholic men in service and fraternity

**Legion of Mary** - Evangelization through prayer and service

**Livestreaming Team** - Help broadcast Masses and events online

**Meditation** - Come find peace in Christ through contemplative prayer

**Parish Vitality Ministry** - Supports community life organizing social events that bring people together

**\*Rosary Apostolate** - Foster devotion to Our Lady through prayer

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** - Serving those in need with compassion. Food bank and other resources

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### Notes:

**Parental/Guardian consent is required for youth under the age of 18**

**\* May require a vulnerable sector/police check**

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# Around the Parish

## Sunday, March 1

**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)

## Monday, March 2

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Faith Studies (Hall)  
7:00pm SSVP Meeting (Council Room)

## Tuesday, March 3

8:00am Mass  
1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)  
7:30pm Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall)

## Wednesday, March 4

8:15am Notre Dame CSS Confessions (School)  
9:30am Bible Study (Hall)  
6:00pm Confirmation Discussion Group (Council  
Room)  
6:15pm Confession  
7:00pm Marriage prep course (Hall Stage side)  
7:30pm Mass (Church)

## Thursday, March 5

8:00am Mass  
10:00am Hope & Life (Hall Kitchen side)  
6:15pm Choir Practice - 12:00pm Mass (Church)  
6:30pm ALPHA (Hall)

## Friday, March 6

8:00am Mass  
8:30am Adoration  
8:30am Confession  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)  
7:00pm EDGE (Hall)

## Saturday, March 7

7:30am St Joseph Men's Prayer (Hall)  
9:00am Mass  
11:00am First Reconciliation (Church)  
3:45pm Confession  
5:00pm Mass

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