



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026

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

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,



In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus calls His first disciples. They respond to His invitation and begin a relationship that will change their lives forever. This beautiful moment reminds us that our faith is not meant to be lived alone. We are called to stay connected—to God and to one another—as a parish family.

Connection happens in many ways: through prayer, worship, serving together, sharing a cup of coffee after Mass, or simply checking in on one another during the week. In our modern world, connection also happens digitally, and we want to meet people where they are.

I am pleased to share that our parish has a new and improved **official Facebook page!** This will be an important way for us to stay connected as a community. Through it, you will find updates about parish events, Mass times, photos, reflections, reminders, and opportunities to get involved. It is also a simple way to invite others to discover our parish.

I encourage you to follow our page, like our posts, and share them with family and friends. In doing so, you help extend our parish family beyond our church walls and bring the light of Christ to others. Please consider connecting with us - <https://bit.ly/49BAQkd>

Let us continue to grow together—in faith, friendship, and connection—wherever we are.

God bless you always,

Fr. Chris

Sacraments

Baptisms - every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class must be attended and required registration forms completed. Please call the Parish Office or email office@stbernajax.com

First Confession/Communion - Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Confirmation - Please speak to Robert or email 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

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

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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Aquila D'Costa
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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 souls of **Sheila Canning, Robert Nagtalon, Venetia Baldsing, and Fred Chafe.**

If you would like to be prayed for, please email us at office@stbernajax.com, or call the office.

Funeral Announcement

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of parishioner **Venetia Baldsing.**

The Funeral Mass for Venetia will be celebrated at St. Bernadette's on **Tuesday, January 20 at 11:00am.**

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 January, we celebrate with:

Jan 1	Jose George & Swati Jose	(20 years)
Jan 2	John & Ogochukwu Aruwa	(7 years)
Jan 5	Martha & Rudy Thomas	(46 years)
Jan 7	Joseph & Juliet Rupin	(31 years)
Jan 17	Jose & Linia Shaji	(27 years)
Jan 17	Arlene & Joel Valdez	(25 years)
Jan 17	Patrick & Angharad Samuel	(27 years)
Jan 27	Santos & Mary Bartolata	(35 years)
Jan 31	Mike & Lois Sims	(50 years)

Coffee Sunday



Come and enjoy fellowship, coffee and refreshments on **Sunday January 25** after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses in the Parish Hall! Coffee Sundays help us stay connected and strengthen our community at St. Bernadette's.

Next Coffee Sunday: **February 8.**

From the Pews

Starting **Sunday February 1**, and showcasing every other week thereafter, we will feature in the bulletin a short profile highlighting some of the many families and individuals in our Parish who do so much in serving the Lord and all of us.

Mass Intentions

Saturday January 17 - St. Anthony

500pm + Mary Spillane

Sunday January 18

830am + Januario Dias

500pm + Carlos Oliveira

700pm + Nelia Dinglasan

Monday January 19

800am ~ The Vigilante family

Tuesday January 20 - St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

800am + Veronica Ego-Aguirre

Wednesday January 21- St. Agnes

730pm + Sheila Canning

+ Anthony Davidson

+ Mary Spillane

~ Kitty Foy

~ The Rita family

Thursday January 22 - St. Vincent

800am ~ Special Intentions

Friday January 23

800am ~ In Thanksgiving for the Augustine family

Saturday January 24 - St. Francis de Sales

900am + Souls in Purgatory

+ Mina Doyle

+ Eileen Wood

+ The Anthonysamy family

+ The Mathews family

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

PA Day Camp - January 23



Children in grades JK - grade 6 are invited to our parish PA DAY Camp on **Friday January 23, 9:00am - 3:00pm**, in the Parish Hall! Our program will feature the miracles of Jesus and will include activities, movie, snacks, and crafts.

The camp costs \$20/child. Registration is now open!

Please click the link to register: <https://bit.ly/4jCqtRO>

For Our Young People

Our Youth Ministry has programs for all age groups. Here are the upcoming dates:

JUNIOR EDGE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30pm-8:00pm

Next Jr. EDGE Night: Monday January 26

EDGE (Grades 5-8) | 7:00pm-8:30pm

Next EDGE Night: Friday January 23

SUMMIT (Grades 9-12) | 6:00pm-8:30pm

Next Summit Night: Sunday January 25

Faith Studies

Fr. Augustus Tolton - From Slavery to Sainthood

Join us on **Monday, February 9 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall for an inspiring video and discussion on the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first recognized Black Catholic priest in the United States. Born into slavery and facing great obstacles, Fr. Tolton persevered in faith and became a powerful witness to the Gospel. His story is one of courage, perseverance, and deep love for the Church. All are welcome!

The Crucifixion: A Priestly Act and a Nuptial Act"

Join us on **Monday, February 23 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall as we explore Dr. John Bergsma's powerful teaching on how St. John's Gospel reveals the Crucifixion as both Christ's priestly sacrifice and His self-giving love as Bridegroom. Through Scripture and Church teaching, we are invited to see the Cross, and the Eucharist in a deeper and more meaningful way. A video presentation followed by discussion. All are welcome!

Alpha



Our Alpha Course runs on **Thursdays from 6:30pm - 8:30pm**. Alpha provides a space to ask all your questions about life, faith, and meaning in a friendly setting with people who, like you, want to explore life's big questions in a low-pressure environment.

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. For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.stbernajax.com/alpha>

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 if you are able to prepare 1 meal over the next 10 weeks.

Your Parish Needs You!

There are many ways to share your time and talents at St. Bernadette's. Your involvement helps strengthen our parish community and bring Christ's love to others. Above all, becoming a volunteer allows you to answer God's call by using the gifts he has entrusted you with. Explore the opportunities below and consider how you can make a difference this year. For a complete list, see our Ministry Page, or come by the Welcome Desk for more information!

Ministry of Hospitality

The Ministry of Hospitality serve 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.

Welcome Desk

Our Welcome Desk plays an important role in parish life. It is where we welcome new parishioners, help people connect with ministries, and assist visitors and parishioners with finding what they need.

Ready to Make a Difference?

If you feel called to serve as a parish volunteer and have a friendly spirit and enjoy helping others, we'd love for you to get involved as a parish volunteer! If you are interested but do not know which ministry you are called towards, you can still reach out to us! Sign up online, stop by the Welcome Desk, or contact the Parish Office for more information!

Bulletin Advertising

If you own or operate a business, you are invited to advertise in our Parish Bulletin. It's an opportunity to promote your services while supporting parish initiatives. For more information, please email office3@stbernajax.com

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 - Small group sessions designed to build discipleship

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

Notes:

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

* May require a vulnerable sector/police check

AROUND THE PARISH

January 18 - January 24

Sunday January 18

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

10:15am: Children's Liturgy (Hall)

12:30pm: Christian Initiation of Adults - Breaking Open the Word (Council Room)

Monday January 19

8:00am: Mass

9:30am: Faith Studies (Hall)

6:00pm: Baptism Preparation Class (Hall-Stage Side)

7:00pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting (Hall-Stage Side)

Tuesday January 20

8:00am: Mass

11:00am: Funeral of Venetia Baldsing

1:45pm: Legion of Mary (Council Room)

6:00pm: Confirmation Class (Hall)

7:30pm: Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall)

Wednesday January 21

9:30am: Bible Study (Hall)

10:20am: St. Bernadette CES Mass (Church)

6:00pm: First Holy Communion Preparation Class (Hall)

6:15pm: Confession

7:30pm: Mass

7:30pm: Daughter of Isabella (Council Room)

Thursday January 22

8:00am: Mass

6:15pm: Choir Practice - 12pm Mass (Church)

6:30pm: Alpha (Hall)

Friday January 23

8:00am: Mass

8:30am: Adoration

8:30am: Confession

9:00am: PA Day Camp (Hall)

7:00pm: EDGE (Hall)

Saturday January 24

7:30am: St Joseph Men's Prayer (Hall)

9:00am: Mass

9:30am: Christian Initiation of Young People Class (Hall)

11:00am: Baptism (Church)

11:00am: First Holy Communion Preparation Class (Hall)

1:00pm: Confirmation Class (Hall)

3:45pm: Confession

5:00pm: Mass

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