



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 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

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,



One of the great blessings of parish life is how service draws us closer to one another. When we volunteer, we don't simply help programs run – we build relationships, strengthen faith, and create a welcoming home for everyone who walks through our doors.

Stewardship reminds us that the Church is not "them" – it is "us." Each person's contribution, whether visible or behind the scenes, helps carry forward Christ's mission in our community. From hospitality and liturgical ministries to faith formation and outreach, every act of service matters.

If you have been considering getting involved, I invite you to take that next step. Your presence, your time, and your willingness to serve truly make a difference.

I am continually inspired by the generosity I see in our parish. Thank you to our volunteers who give so freely of themselves and thank you to every parishioner who supports our community through prayer, service, and stewardship. Your commitment helps St. Bernadette's remain a place of welcome, faith, and hope.

Yours 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  
Aquila D'Costa  
Robert LeBlanc  
Monika Matelski  
Marva Thomas  
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## 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.**

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 February, we celebrate with:**

|        |                             |            |
|--------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Feb 9  | Sneha & Heflin Valentine    | (29 years) |
| Feb 13 | Beatrice and Robert Zuzarte | (41 years) |
| Feb 14 | Aquilia & Rahul             | (10 years) |
| Feb 23 | Gerardo & Marlene Delicano  | (35 years) |
| Feb 28 | Cheryl & Gord Nash          | (51 years) |
| Feb 28 | Lynne & Brian Lobo          | (21 years) |
| Feb 28 | Godfrey & Grace D'Souza     | (50 years) |

## Happy Family Day

The Parish Office will be closed on Family Day - **Monday February 16**. Mass will begin at **9:00am**.

## Coffee Sunday



Join us for **Coffee Sunday - February 22** after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses in the Parish Hall. Take a moment this Lent to pause, connect, and share fellowship over a warm beverage.

## Finance Council

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

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday February 14 - St. Cyril & St. Methodius

500pm + Shehla Farooqui

### Sunday February 15 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Jaime Villafuerte

1200pm Missa Pro Populo

500pm ~ Richard & Grace Allen

700pm + Issac Maricar

### Monday February 16 - Family Day

900am + Richardson-Grieve

### Tuesday February 17

800am + Byrne Family

### Wednesday February 18 - Ash Wednesday

### Thursday February 19

800am + Veronica George

### Friday February 20

800am ~ Andres Mendez Jr.

### Saturday February 21

900am + Manuel & Estevao Branco

+ Elzbieta Witkowska

+ Timothy Jaren Dael Romualdo

+ Paul Jongsun Lee

+ Teresa Jaekyung Ahn

## Fasting and Abstinence

Since Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence, it is helpful to be reminded of the significance of these practices. They are important disciplines for Catholic Christians, as they are for devout people in many religious traditions around the world. Although Jesus taught us how to approach fasting and abstinence with the right spirit, many of us have lost a sense of their deeper meaning.

Fasting involves eating less, whether through smaller meals or by skipping one or two meals, while abstinence refers to refraining from eating meat. We observe both fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the Church continues to strongly encourage abstinence on every Friday, especially during Lent. We also practice a form of fasting by refraining from food for at least one hour before receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist (Communion).

These acts of self-denial and discipline help us focus more intently on the Bridegroom, who is our Savior and Redeemer. The Church encourages us not to see these practices merely as "giving something up," but also as opportunities to give. Almsgiving is just as important and should accompany our fasting as we are called to give as generously as we receive.

## Ash Wednesday - February 18

| MASS & SERVICE (LOCATION)  | TIMES   |
|--|---------|
| Parish Mass<br>(Church)  | 8:00am  |
| Notre Dame Secondary<br>(At the School)                              | 8:30am  |
| Chartwell Harwood LTC<br>Communion Service<br>(At Chartwell)         | 9:15am  |
| St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary<br>(At the School)                 | 9:45am  |
| Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary<br>(At the School)               | 10:00am |
| Ballycliffe LTC<br>Communion Service<br>(At Ballycliffe)             | 10:00am |
| Lakeridge Gardens LTC<br>Communion Service<br>(At Lakeridge Gardens) | 11:00am |
| Harwood Manor Apartments<br>Communion Service<br>(At Harwood Manor)  | 12:00pm |
| St. James Elementary<br>(At the School)                              | 12:30pm |
| Ajax-Pickering Hospital - Distribution of Ashes (At Hospital)        | 1:30pm  |
| St. Bernadette Elementary<br>(Church)                                | 2:00pm  |
| Parish Mass<br>(Church)  | 7:30pm  |
| <b>Please Note: No Confessions on Ash Wednesday</b>                  |         |

### For Our Young People

JUNIOR EDGE (Grades 1-4) | 6:30pm-8:00pm  
**Monday February 23 - Wanna be a Saint?**

EDGE (Grades 5-8) | 7:00pm-8:30pm  
**Friday February 27 - Flamethrower**

SUMMIT (Grades 9-12) | 6:00pm-8:30pm  
**Sunday February 22 - I am the Door of the Sheep**

### Upcoming Summer Camps 2026

EDGE CAMP (Grades 5-8)

**Dates: August 19-23, 2026**

Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

Registration opens March 1, 2026 | early-bird \$500

HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CAMP (Grades 9-12)

**Dates: August 19-23, 2026**

Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

Registration opens March 1, 2026

## Stations of the Cross

As we begin the Holy season of Lent, we invite you to join us on a meaningful journey through the Stations of the Cross, starting **Friday, February 20 at 7:30pm**. Together each Friday, we will walk with Christ through His Passion, allowing His sacrifice to guide and renew our hearts.

### Faith Studies

*The Crucifixion: A Priestly and Nuptial Act*

Join us on **Monday, February 23 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall for a video presentation by Dr. John Bergsma on how St. John's Gospel reveals the Crucifixion as both Christ's priestly sacrifice and His self-giving love as Bridegroom. Discussion to follow.

### 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)

### Your Parish Needs You!

God calls each of us to share the gifts He has placed within us. When you offer your time and talents at St. Bernadette's, you help our parish grow in welcome, service, and love. We invite you to discover where the Lord may be calling you to serve. Below are our immediate volunteer needs.

#### 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.

Let's Connect



# 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, February 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 Preparation Class (Hall)

## Monday, February 16 - Family Day

9:00am Mass

## Tuesday, February 17

8:00am Mass  
1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)  
6:00pm Confirmation Class (Hall)  
7:30pm Christian Initiation of Adults (Hall)

## Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday

8:00am Mass (Church)  
8:30am Notre Dame CSS Mass (School)  
9:15am Chartwell Harwood LTC - Communion  
Service (Chartwell)  
9:45am St. Teresa of Calcutta CES Mass (School)  
10:00am Archbishop Denis O'Connor CSS Mass  
(School)  
10:00am Ballycliffe LTC - Communion Service  
(Ballycliffe)  
11:00am Lakeridge Gardens LTC - Communion  
Service (Lakeridge)  
12:00pm Harwood Manor Apartments -  
Communion Service (Harwood Manor)  
12:30pm St. James CES Mass (School)  
1:30pm Ajax-Pickering Hospital - Distribution of  
Ashes (Hospital)  
2:00pm St. Bernadette CES Mass (Church)  
6:00pm First Holy Communion Class (Hall)  
6:00pm Confirmation Discussion Group (Council  
Room)  
7:30pm Mass (Church)

## Thursday, February 19

8:00am Mass  
6:15pm Choir Practice - 12pm Mass (Church)  
6:30pm Alpha (Hall)  
7:00pm Catholic Women's Group (Hall)

## Friday, February 20

8:00am Mass  
8:30am Adoration  
8:30am Confession  
6:30pm Volunteer Screening Program Training  
7:00pm Jesus Youth (Hall)  
7:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

## Saturday, February 21

7:30am St Joseph Men's Prayer (Hall)  
9:00am Mass  
9:30am Christian Initiation of Young People Class  
(Hall)  
11:00am First Holy Communion Class (Hall)  
1:00pm Confirmation Class (Hall)  
3:45pm Confession  
5:00pm Mass

# Supporting our Parish Community

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