



# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

30 March 2024

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Jesus is Risen! Truly He is Risen! As we gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I am filled with gratitude for each of you and the vibrant faith community we share in and the special, important, and God-given part we all play in this community. Your dedication to our parish and your commitment to living out the teachings of Christ inspire and uplift myself, Fr. Kevin, and the parish staff every single day; we look forward to continuing to serve you deepened by our faith through Easter.

Easter is a time of great rejoicing, as we commemorate the triumph of light over darkness, life over death. It is a reminder of the immense and intense love that God has for each of us, a love so profound that He sent His only Son to redeem us.

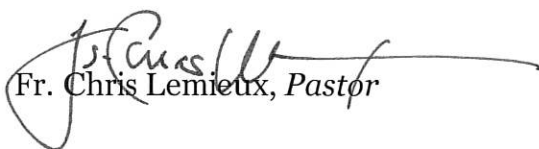
In this season of renewal, let us take a moment to reflect on the many blessings of our individual lives, the lives of those near and dear to us, as well as the blessings we share in collectively as a parish community and the countless ways in which God's grace has touched each of our lives. Let us be grateful for the gift of our faith, the support of our parish family, and the opportunity to serve others in the name of Jesus our Risen Lord and Saviour.

I am truly grateful for each of you and the unique gifts you bring to our parish community and hope we can grow together as a Christian community. Thank you for your unwavering support, your generosity, and your commitment to living out the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ.

May this Easter be a time of spiritual growth, deepening our relationship with God and with one another. May we continue to be a beacon of hope and love in our community, sharing the joy of the risen Christ with all whom we meet.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyous Easter filled with peace, love, and gratitude.

God bless you all,

  
Fr. Chris Lemieux, *Pastor*

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Father Chris Lemieux, **Pastor**

Father Kevin Adriano, **Associate Pastor**

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# EASTER SUNDAY      March 31, 2024

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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 Masses – Wednesday      6:30am**  
**Morning Masses – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:00am :: Saturday      9:00am**  
**Evening Masses – Wednesday      7:30pm**

### PARISH CONFESSIONS

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

*\*Also, by appointment with the clergy*

### 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

#### PARISH STAFF

**Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor***  
**Father Kevin Adriano, *Associate Pastor***  
**Aquilia D'Costa, *Parish Secretary***  
**Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate***  
**Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator***  
**Marva Thomas, *Administrative Assistant***  
**Sue McGee, *Parish Bookkeeper***

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Thursday**  
9:00am to 12:30pm  
1:30pm to 4:30pm  
*Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1:30*  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
9:30am to 2:30pm  
**OFFICE CLOSED to Walk-ins**  
**on FRIDAY**

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** – every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class (via Zoom) and completed registration with required forms required. Please call the Parish Office or email [office@stbernajax.com](mailto:office@stbernajax.com)

**First Confession/Communion** – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Confirmation** – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** – 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 for 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 SCHOOLS

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary	Jim MacNeil, <i>Principal</i>	Tim Lee Loy, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-427-6667
Notre Dame Secondary	Sonya Melim, <i>Principal</i>	Jeannine Henry, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-686-4300
St. Bernadette Elementary	Diana Assenza, <i>Principal</i>	Agnes Sararus, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-683-0571
St. James Elementary	Geraldine Borg, <i>Principal</i>	Elise Arbic, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-242-7256
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	Sheena Paul, <i>Principal</i>	Linda Sarang, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-426-7065

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: <https://stbernajax.com>  
YouTube: [@st.bernadetteparishajax3761](https://www.youtube.com/@st.bernadetteparishajax3761)

Twitter: [@stbernajax](https://twitter.com/stbernajax)  
Facebook: [St. Bernadette Church, Ajax](https://www.facebook.com/St.BernadetteChurchAjax)

## **\*\* PARISH OFFICE UPDATE \*\***



Our Parish Office is closed to the public on Fridays, but staff will be here to return phone calls and important emails. This will be an Administrative Day, to keep our office operating well. While phone calls will be returned, staff reachable – Mass Intention Bookings should be planned on other days of the week.

Our Office will reopen on Tuesday April 2 at 9:00am.

## **\*\*\*Easter Mass Times\*\*\***

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

*\*\* No 5pm or 7pm Masses on Easter Sunday*

## **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:

Carmen Flores, Desmond Vieira, Luisa Matthias, Kevin Sims, Helen Holmes, Anne Sinclair, Dylan Furo, Frederick Chafe, Caitlin Smith, Jaime Villafuerte & Maureen Melong.

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

## **Our Newest Members**

We pray in a special way for the newest members of our faith community. Please remember in prayer in a special way:

Laura Espley	Rinalben Prajapati
Laura McGovern	Guillermo Quintanilla
Jodi Leonard	Ralph Reyes
Kajan Nanda	Azita Campbell
Sula Vametheaven	Joseph Sardath

## **March Anniversaries**

It is always important that our community celebrates and experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!

Mar 19<sup>th</sup> Marciana & Robert Nagtalon (51 years)  
Mar 27<sup>th</sup> Isobel & James Montague (56 years)  
Mar 27<sup>th</sup> Bert & Patricia Connelly (58 years)

## **Our Weekly Offerings**



Thank **you** all for your continued generosity, with your time, your talents, and your treasures! This is what was shared of your treasures this week:

LAST WK'S OFFERTORY (incl PAG):	\$	18,562.00
LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND:	\$	957.80
BUILDING FUND TOTAL:	\$	324,306.41

## ***Upcoming Events***

### **Coffee Sunday**

Coffee Sundays resume after Easter. We continue to encourage everyone to come out, build and deepen friendships with each other. Fellowship is an important part of being a Christian – knowing others who share and live the same faith as you. We gather after the 8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm Masses, in the Parish Hall for light refreshments and friendly conversations. We look forward to seeing you there! Our upcoming dates are:

**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

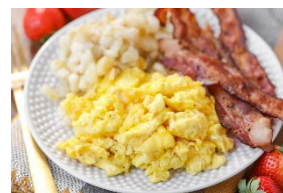
**April 28<sup>th</sup> [Starting Point @ 1:30pm]**

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**



**Sunday April 7 at 2:00pm:** Our Knights of Columbus will be leading us in prayer in the Church and hosting a viewing of a video in the parish hall. At 2:00pm, all with gather in the Parish Hall to watch, "Divine Mercy, No Escape: The Life of St. Faustina Kowalska". Following the movie, we will gather in the church as the Knights lead us in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

### **Parish Breakfast**



Come and join us for breakfast and fellowship on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> following the 8:30am and 10:15am Masses. Lots of food: bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, tea coffee and juice. The breakfast is \$10 per person, and \$5 for children under 10. All proceeds go towards the Parish Building Fund. For more information, tickets or to reserve your space, please connect with Linda Sarang 416-523-2062 or Julia Beattie 905-683-1373



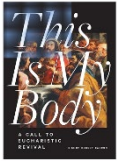
## Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate



One of our own, parishioner Ronald Vaz has been called to Sacred Orders and will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday May 25, 2024, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. More information on that will come in future bulletins. Canon Law requires that prior to ordination, banns be published in the parishes the man to be ordained serves in, and if anyone is aware of any impediments to Sacred Orders, they reveal this to the pastor or the bishop.

**Please keep Ron close to you in prayer.**

## Catholic Book Club



Join Bishop Robert Barron's "*This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival*" study, exploring the Eucharist's significance in three aspects: sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence. Sessions will be held on Mondays: April 8 to April 22, 9:30am-11:30am. Book \$5.

To register and receive materials contact Susan Kennedy at 905-427-6137 or [susangkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:susangkennedy@gmail.com)

## For Our Young People



We continue to welcome **new** EDGers in grades 5-8 to join. To register, and join the fun: <http://bit.ly/3tIXWd6>

JR. EDGE Night: **Monday Apr 8** | PJ & Movie Night  
6:30pm-8:00pm

EDGE Night: **Friday Apr 12** | Share Your Location  
7:00pm-8:30pm

Email Monika for more info: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com)



## EDGE CAMP Registration

Registration is open for EDGE Summer camp with early bird pricing of \$500/child for EDGE camp at Camp White Pine in Haliburton. EDGers in grades 5-8 are invited to join this epic adventure August 25-29, 2024. See the promo: <https://youtu.be/P3NYgDsyCRM>  
For Edge Camp information & registration, please email: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com)

## FAMILY EDGE NIGHT

We invite our EDGE & Junior EDGE families to our family night on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm-9pm at our parish. This night will feature prayer & worship, a spotlight on the importance of child & youth ministry, and a potluck meal! Let's celebrate our children in their faith! Please RSVP to Monika: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com)



## Totus Tuus

**Totus Tuus Summer Camp registration is now open!**

To register, please submit one form per child here: <https://bit.ly/48YHhvh>

### Dates:

Day camp for grades 1-6 is July 22-26 9:00am-2:30pm

Evening Camp for grades 7-12 is July 21-25 6:00pm-9:00pm

### Cost:

Day camp is \$100.00 per camper (additional siblings are \$65 per camper). The evening camp is \$30.00 per camper.

## \*\* Your Parish Needs You \*\*

There are many ways big and small to "get involved" around St. Bernadette's. These are some of the ways and our ministries continue to evolve and give life to new ministries too. The Ministry Coordinator (leaders) are listed but please call/email the Parish Office for more details on our various ministries.

We continue to look for the generosity and gifts of our people (YOU) and ask that you consider volunteering in one of our parish ministries.

**Signing up is easy!!** Take a few moments to fill in our form at <https://bit.ly/45ds0og>

OR EMAIL US at [stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com)

# **Around the Parish This Week**

## **Sunday March 31 – Easter Sunday**

800am, 930am, 1100am, 1230pm – Masses

## **Monday April 1 – Easter Octave**

900am Mass

## **Tuesday April 2**

800am Mass

200pm Legion of Mary (Council Rm)

600pm Confirmation Class (Hall)

## **Wednesday April 3**

630am Mass

930am Bible Study (Stage Side)

630pm Parish Confessions

700pm Marriage Prep Class (Kitchen Side)

730pm Mass

730pm Bible Study (Stage Side)

## **Thursday April 4**

800am Mass

930am Ladies Craft Group (Stage Side)

1000am Hope and Life for Widows (Kitchen Side)

700pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Council Rm)

## **Friday April 5**

800am Mass

830am Adoration

830am Parish Confessions

## **Saturday April 6**

900am Mass

930am Meditation (Council Rm)

400pm Parish Confessions

500pm Mass

## **Sunday April 7**

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses

200pm Divine Mercy Sunday-Knights of Columbus  
(Stage Side & Church)

200pm Handmaids of the Lord (Council Rm)

# **Mass Intentions This Week**

## **Monday April 1**

900am + V.V. Joseph

## **Tuesday April 2**

800am ~ Manuel Branco

## **Wednesday April 3**

730pm ~ John Pearson

## **Thursday April 4**

800am + Chrys, Lily, & Colin D'Souza

## **Friday April 5**

800am + Martin Rodrigues

## **Saturday April 6**

900am +Martin & Christalina Fernandes

500pm + Hilda Cadena

## **Sunday April 7**

830am + Gil Gomez

500pm +Anthony Carneiro

# Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



## Adrian Joseph CPA, CGA, TEP

Adrian Joseph CPA Professional Corporation

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1315 Pickering Parkway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Unit #335,

Pickering, ON, L1V 7G5 [www.adrianjoseph.com](http://www.adrianjoseph.com)



## Ban-Ban Korean Fried Chicken

71 Station Street Unit #6

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T: 905-239-5700

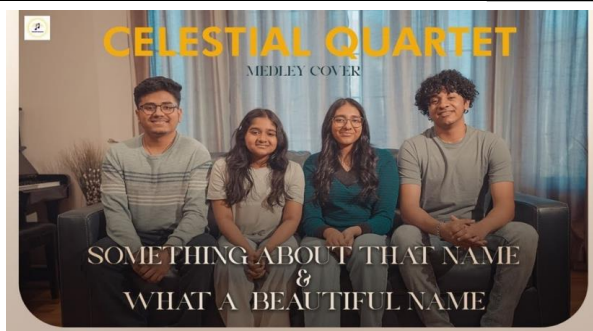


## Realtor Services

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real estate/property?



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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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1PgqJK6Gis>