



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-9:15am
Saturdays
3:45pm-4:45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday Adoration returns to its regular schedule on **Friday September 4 8:30am-12:00pm**

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 9:00am-12:00pm

WELCOME DESK:

Before and after Saturday Vigil, and Sunday morning Masses

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Friends,

Our Gospel this weekend reminds us that following Jesus is the greatest priority of our lives. While discipleship asks something of us, it also gives us everything that truly matters. Jesus teaches that even the smallest act of love—offering "a cup of cold water" in His name—has lasting value in the Kingdom of God.

As we come to the end of another ministry year, I find myself filled with gratitude for the countless ways our parish family have lived these words. Every ministry, every volunteer, every act of kindness, every hour of service, and every prayer offered has helped make St. Bernadette Parish a place where Christ is encountered, and His love is shared.

This weekend, our Parish Picnic gives us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate not simply another successful year, but the gift of belonging to one another. A parish is much more than a building or a collection of programs—it is a family of disciples growing together in faith, hope, and love.

Whether you have been here for many years or have only recently joined us, thank you for being part of our parish community. Together, we are building something beautiful for the Lord.

May the summer months ahead be a time of rest, renewal, and continued growth in faith. Let us continue to place Christ first in our lives, serve one another generously, and look to the future with great hope.

God bless you and your families,

Fr. Chris

PARISH TEAM

Pastor:	Father Chris Lemieux	pastor@stbernajax.com
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Lay Pastoral Associate:	Robert LeBlanc	LPA@stbernajax.com
Youth Coordinator:	Monika Matelski	youth@stbernajax.com
Administrative Assistant:	Marva Thomas	office3@stbernajax.com
Parish Bookkeeper:	Sue McGee	admin@stbernajax.com

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: A mandatory Baptism class must be attended, and all required registration forms completed. Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email at office@stbernajax.com

First Confession/Communion, Confirmation: Please contact our Lay Pastoral Associate.

Christian Initiation of Adults: For adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church, please contact our Lay Pastoral Associate.

Christian Initiation of Young People: For young people ages 7 to 16. Age-appropriate classes are offered to help young people receive all Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact our Lay Pastoral Associate.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office one year in advance. One of the priests will arrange an appointment with you.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office immediately.

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



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, for: **Violet Azavedo, Anne Sinclair, Albertina Caruso, and Maura D'Costa.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Mary Suzanne Andrews, Luis Lopez, Keith Ramdeen, Camilla Parks, Alfred Blakeley, Theresa Rai, Father Peter Power, and Father Joseph Rodrigues.**

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

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

Father Joseph Rodrigues died on **Wednesday June 17**. He was 69 years old, and in his 41st year of the priesthood. Father Rodrigues served as an Associate Pastor at Saint Bernadette Parish from 2013-2015. We remember him in our prayers.

ANNIVERSARIES

If you are a registered member of St. Bernadette's, we would love to celebrate and witness the anniversary of your marriage as a parish community. Please contact the Parish Office or Welcome Desk, with your anniversary dates.

This Month We Celebrate With:

Jun 2	Bob & Maria Bawcutt	(53 yrs)
Jun 2	Martha & Derek Benedet	(19 yrs)
Jun 7	Virgilio & Evelyn Ocampo	(36 yrs)
Jun 11	Jim & Jessie Westwood	(60 yrs)
Jun 17	Angelica & Moises Berrios	(20 yrs)
Jun 19	Gene & Julita Javier	(34 yrs)
Jun 19	Julian & Kathleen Murray	(60 yrs)
Jun 21	Vanessa & Desmond Seivwright	(18 yrs)
Jun 21	Mark-André & Charmaine Simard	(40 yrs)
Jun 22	Alicia & Rocco Lombardi	(30 yrs)
Jun 22	Arnold & Carol Higuit	(35 yrs)
Jun 23	Janice & Earl Dusek	(47 yrs)
Jun 23	Connie & Garry Murphy	(42 yrs)
Jun 27	Michael & Sharron Monk	(56 yrs)
Jun 27	Gary & Molet Power	(39 yrs)
Jun 28	Wilfred & Rita Camilleri	(57 yrs)

HAPPY CANADA DAY!

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday July 1st.
There will be NO CONFESSIONS on Wednesday evening.
Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT



After three years of dedicated ministry at Saint Bernadette Parish, **Robert LeBlanc** will conclude his service with us at the end of July as he enters retirement. Through his leadership of our sacramental preparation programs, OCIA, Alpha, and many other initiatives, Robert has touched the lives of countless

individuals and families in our parish. We are deeply grateful for his faithful service and will have an opportunity in the coming weeks to celebrate and thank him for his many contributions.



The wait is over! Our Annual Parish Picnic is here! This **Sunday June 28, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm** on the parish grounds.

Enjoy picnic BBQ favourites, games and activities for all ages, including face painting, a bouncy castle, a reverse dunk tank, arts and crafts, and much more. Most importantly, take time to relax, reconnect with friends, and meet fellow parishioners in a fun and welcoming setting.

As our final parish gathering before the slower pace of summer begins, we hope you'll join us. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come celebrate our parish community!

Those attending the 12:00pm Mass are kindly asked to park in the school parking lot as we prepare the parish grounds.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Next weekend, **July 4 and 5**, our second collection, taken at the time of the Offertory, is for the Parish Building and Maintenance Fund. If you miss the collection during Mass, a basket will also be available at the back of the church following Mass.

ADORATION

There will be no Friday Adoration during the summer. Adoration will resume on **Friday September 4**.

SUMMER BREAK

As our parish ministries pause for the summer, may this season be filled with sunshine, meaningful time with family and friends, and blessings that renew your spirit. Thank you to all who serve so generously in our parish. Have a safe, joyful, and blessed summer, and we look forward to gathering again in September!

THANK YOU

Our 2025-2026 youth ministry year has wrapped up! Thank you to our 3 core teams who served tirelessly each youth ministry night. We thank our teen leaders who served the Junior EDGE children on Mondays, we are grateful for our teens and adults who engaged in the communal faith experience of our EDGE youth on Fridays, and we are so appreciative of our young adults who accompanied our high school teens during our SUMMIT nights on Sundays. God bless you all – **Monika & Stacey**

SUMMIT CAMP



Our teens are invited to experience one epic camp week as an extension of our teen SUMMIT ministry: if you are in gr. 8-12, join us for SUMMIT CAMP on July 13-17. This evening camp will run in place of the Camp

Emmaus teen program. For questions, please contact Monika: youth@stbernajax.com

SUMMIT Camp

Evening Program for Grades 8-12

July 13-17 | 6pm-9pm

Participant Registration fees:

Evening Program | Register here: <https://bit.ly/4uEQoNk>

\$30/youth (dinner included)

CAMP EMMAUS



Registration for Camp Emmaus is officially full! You may still register using our online form which will put your child on the waitlist. Click here to be added

to our waitlist: <https://bit.ly/4IPdI7l>

If a spot is made available, you will be contacted by Monika. Please visit our website for more information.

Summer Camp & Dates:

Day Program for Grades 1-7

WEEK ONE: July 6-10 | 9am-3pm

WEEK TWO: July 20-24 | 9am-3pm

CAMP LEADERS NEEDED

We are looking for adult camp leaders for Camp Emmaus! If you enjoy crafts, games, and a whole lot of joyful children all at the same time, please contact Monika to apply: youth@stbernajax.com

DONATIONS NEEDED

If you would like to support Camp Emmaus, we will gladly appreciate donations of water bottle cases, freezies, and Dollarama gift cards.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 27

500pm + Pio Marasigan

Sunday June 28

830am + Lourdes Gopez Santos

1200pm Missa Pro Populo

500pm + Carmen Alipio

700pm + The Herdsman family

Monday June 29

800am + Gilberto Montes

Tuesday June 30

800am ~ Sarah Victor

Wednesday July 1 – Canada Day

730pm + Benedicta Mingi

+ Mary Suzanne Andrews

+ Antonietta Falcone

+ Donato D'Orazio

~ In thanksgiving for Caroline Espina

Thursday July 2

8:00am + Shehla Farooqui

Friday July 3

8:00am + Nigel Boos

Saturday July 4

9:00am + Souls in purgatory that have no one to pray for them

+ George Deodoro

+ Rodolfo Reyes Sr.

+ Victor Sarjeant

~ In thanksgiving for Antony & family

AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday, June 28

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

1:00pm Parish Picnic (Parish Grounds, Hall)

Monday, June 29

8:00am Mass

Tuesday, June 30

8:00am Mass

1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)

Wednesday, July 1 – CANADA DAY

7:30pm Mass

No Confessions

Thursday, July 2

8:00am Mass

Friday, July 3

8:00am Mass

8:30am Confession

Saturday, July 4

9:00am Mass

3:45pm Confession

5:00pm Mass

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 - Provides opportunities for our youth to assist & serve at Mass
Baptism Coordinator - Prepares & organizes for Baptisms
Choir/Music Ministry - Choirs at Masses, funerals, weddings & *the children's choir
***Collection Counters** - Assists in the secure counting of weekly offerings
***Communion Outreach** - Brings Communion to the sick & homebound
Eucharistic Ministers - Assists in distributing the Body of Christ at Mass
Lectors - Proclaims the Word of God at Mass
Ministry of Hospitality - Welcomes all who join together for Mass
Wedding Coordinator - Assists couples on their special day

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES:

The Alpha Course - Explores the basics of Christian faith
Bible Study - Takes a deeper journey into Scripture to grow in understanding
Faith Studies - Focuses on studying our faith & our parish family in a group setting
Marriage Prep Course - Helps couples prepare for a lifelong commitment
Christian Initiation for Adults - Prepares adults for the Sacraments of Initiation
***Christian Initiation for Young People** - Helps children (7-17yrs) preparing for Baptism
***Sacramental Preparation Assistant** - Helps with FHC & Confirmation classes

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

***Altar Servers** - Providing opportunities for our youth to assist & serve at Mass
***Children's Liturgy** - Sharing the Word of God in a child-friendly way
***Choir Sunday 10:15am (Children)** - Lifting children's voices higher to give praise to God
***EDGE Youth Group (Grades 5-8)** - Bringing faith, fun, & fellowship to middle schoolers
***Jr. EDGE (Grades 1-4)** - Building a foundation of faith for younger students
***Jesus Youth** - Helping our youth grow together in spirit & service
***SUMMIT Teen Ministry (Grades 9-12)** - Elevating a faith life for teenagers

FAITH, FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE:

Catholic Women's Group - Provides service & social opportunities for Catholic women
Coffee Sundays - Brings fellowship after Mass with coffee, snacks, & conversations
Craft Group - Builds fellowship in creativity while knitting for the homeless
Flowers & Decorating - Helps elevate the beauty of our church throughout the seasons
Funeral Receptions - Provides service & hospitality for grieving families
Gardening Committee - Keeps our parish grounds healthy, colourful, & beautiful
Helping Hands - Supports those experiencing homelessness in our community
Hope & Life: Widow's Ministry - Supports women who have lost their spouse
Knights of Columbus - Provides service & fraternity for Catholic men
Legion of Mary - Evangelizes others through prayer & service
Livestreaming Team - Helps broadcast parish Masses online
Parish Vitality Ministry - Organizes social events to bring our parish community together
Quo Vadis - Guides young men together in prayer & discernment
Rosary Makers - Makes and prepares rosaries for those in need & our community
Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Serving those in need with compassion & care
St. Joseph's Men's Prayer Group - Provides men with time for prayer & fellowship

Notes:

Parental/Guardian consent is required for youth under the age of 18
*** May require a vulnerable sector/police check**

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Annual Church Picnic!

Sunday, June 28

1:00pm to 4:00pm

An afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship!

Come prepared to have tonnes of fun

Kids: Bouncy Castle, Reverse Dunk Tank, Face Painting, Arts & Crafts



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