



Second Sunday of Lent [B]

February 25, 2024

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

21 Bayly Street East, Ajax, Ontario L1S 1P2
Phone: 905-683-1533

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*
Aquila D'Costa, *Parish Secretary*
Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate*
Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator*
Marva Thomas, *Administrative Assistant*
Sue McGee, *Parish Bookkeeper*
**** Trish Sherwin & Michelle Duarte-Monteiro, *Office Assistants***

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
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

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms – every 2nd and 4th 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

First Confession/Communion – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Confirmation – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email 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

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

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>	Marisa Hall, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-427-3327
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)

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

From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Friends in Christ,

In our Gospel this weekend, we hear of the Transfiguration of our Lord, God the Father offering His love for His Only Begotten Son and His personal directive and invitation that we listen to Him and follow Him. We hear this from the perspective of the Apostles chosen to accompany Him in this important moment of grace! Friends, through our baptism, our Baptism in the Lord, we are offered these moments of grace, and each time we approach the Lord in prayer, almsgiving, fasting and offer Jesus' love to others as Christians do. Each day of Lent should be a day we intentionally try to do a little better than we did the day before – to be that little bit better a Christian. We will “transfigure”, that is transform the world if we take that seriously, each of us as Catholic Christians.

Your servant in the Lord,

Father Chris

NEW to our PARISH??



We strongly encourage everyone who attends St. Bernadette's on a regular basis to consider registering. It's easy – either click on this link: [I'm New](#) or contact the Parish Office and we will help you out. For urgent matters, please call the office and leave us a message or email us at office@stbernajax.com

OUR NEW PARISH SECRETARY



We welcome on Monday, our new Parish Secretary, **Aquilia D'Costa**. Aquilia comes to us with an extensive Customer Service and Administration background. She is a parishioner and mother of one and is currently a lunchtime supervisor at St. Bernadette CES. During our office closure, Aquilia volunteered some of her time to helping us out in the Parish Office. Aquilia will join us for our Coffee Sundays and our next Starting Point, to get to know you! We are very excited to welcome Aquilia to the St. Bernadette Parish Office Team!

As Aquilia begins her training, our Parish Office will be closed **Monday February 26, 2024**. Please also see this section as well as “Around the Parish” over the next few weeks for the weekday office closures as we allow Aquilia to train so she might serve you as best as she can!

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, Helen Holmes, Anne Sinclair, Kevin Sims, Dylan Guro, 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.

February Anniversaries

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

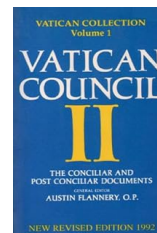
Feb 13th Beatrice & Robert Zuzarte (39 years)

Feb 20th Rosemarie & Charmeon Mangaser (30 years)

Feb 28th Cheryl & Gord Nash (49 years)

Parish Happenings & Events

Understanding Our Catholic Faith



A Personal Study; **The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium)**. “It was the first document produced by the Second Vatican Council, and arguably the most influential. The everyday lives of millions of Catholics around the world have been influenced by what it had to say. Join the discussion on Mondays: Feb 26 to March 11 (3 sessions) 930am to 1130am in the Parish Hall. Materials provided. The final session will include a Q & A with Father Chris.

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 WEEK'S OFFERTORY:	\$	7,895.00
LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND:	\$	651.35
BUILDING FUND TOTAL:	\$	317,327.76

Tax receipts are available to be picked up in the Narthex of the Church before and after all Masses this weekend. Tax receipts not picked up at this time will be mailed on Tuesday.

Coffee Sunday

Meet old friends, and new ones too! Fellowship is an important part of being a Christian – knowing others who share and live the same faith you do. We begin again our Coffee Sundays, hoping you can join us! We gather after the **8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm** Masses in the Parish Hall. These will be very informal gatherings with coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Upcoming dates are:

**** February 25 [STARTING POINT @130pm]**

**** March 10**

**** March 24 [STARTING POINT @130pm]**

Lent at St. Bernadette's Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross – 7:30PM Fridays of Lent

Friday February 16 – led by Knights of Columbus

Friday February 23 – led by EDGE Youth Group

Friday March 1 – led by our Altar Servers

Friday March 8 – led by Ron & Rita Vaz & family

Friday March 15 – TBD

Friday March 22 – TBD

Friday March 29 (Good Friday) **at 9:00AM** – Outdoor Stations of the Cross led by Father Chris & Knights of Columbus.

Extra Lenten Confessions

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Thursday March 21st – 700pm to 900pm

Good Friday Confessions

730am to 830am 400pm to 500pm

Confessional will close promptly at 830am and 500pm and will not reopen until after Easter.

Holy Week & Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

8:00pm

(Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in Parish Hall). Adoration until Midnight.

Good Friday Services

9:00am Stations 11:00am 1:00pm 3:00pm

Easter Vigil

8:00pm

Easter Sunday Masses

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

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

IMPORTANCE of LENT

Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. It's a time of preparation and an opportunity to go deeper in our relationship with God preparing our hearts and minds for Good Friday and then for Easter!

Starting on Ash Wednesday, ashes symbolize our personal & collective grief for the things we've done wrong resulting in a separation of humanity (and each of us) from the perfection God desires for us.

Lent brings us to Good Friday; the day we remember what Jesus gave for us (everything God could offer). The "Good" reflects how Jesus' death was a sacrifice on our behalf so we can receive God's forgiveness for our wrongs, or sins. Easter will celebrate the joy of Jesus rising from the dead to give us the opportunity of eternal life. While people still die, Jesus gave us the Way to have a relationship with God in this life and to spend eternity with Him in heaven.

Lent focus' on prayer, fasting (abstaining to reduce distractions and focus on God) and almsgiving in charity. Our prayer intentionally includes an awareness of our personal and collective need for God's mercy & forgiveness. We repent (turn away from our sins) and receive the Good News of Jesus Christ, which is mercy and love.

For Our Young People



We continue to welcome **new EDGers** in grades 5-8 to join our second semester called "MAPP MY LIFE" with a focus on the Eucharist: if your child is interested and not registered yet, please register, and join the fun: <http://bit.ly/3tIXWd6>

JR. EDGE Night: Monday Feb. 26 "Boy Bands, Girls Unite" | 630pm-8:00pm

EDGE Night: Friday Mar 8, "Point of Interest" | 700pm-8:30pm

Email Monika for more info: youth@stbernajax.com

EDGE CAMP Registration

Registration opened on Feb. 15 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

Parish Ministries Serving All

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.

ADVISORY COUNCILS

Property/Building Mark-André Simard, Vice-Chair

Finance Denise Carson, Vice-Chair

Pastoral Jennifer Del Monte, Vice-Chair

Volunteers Tim & Desiree Plaus

Councils are appointed advisory committees to the Pastor who assist him in the important decisions he makes administering the parish. We are always looking for parishioners with special skills for these councils.

The Alpha Course	Robert LeBlanc
Altar Servers	Lianson Wilson
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Ferdinand
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Bingo	Anne Marie Dennis
Catholic Mom’s Group	Cathy Haynes
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson
	Julia Beattie
Children’s Liturgy	Robert Zuzarte
Saturday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 830am Choir	Tatjana Smrekar
Sun 1015am Choir (children)	Michelle Kirkwood
Sunday 1200pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 700pm Choir	Stan Rodrigo
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte
Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Knights of Columbus	John Kelley
Daughters of Isabella	Sandra Kolsteren
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno
Hope & Life for Widows	Jeanette Pinto
Horizons of Hope	Eleanor Lee
Legion of Mary	Valeria Chovancova
Livestreaming Team	Desiree Plaus

Understanding Our Faith	Susan Kennedy
Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Ministry of Hospitality	Faizul & Vinette Rahim
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Street Patrol	Desiree Plaus
Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Truth & Reconciliation	Rose Gomme
Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Young Adult Ministry	Father Kevin

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism	Father Chris
Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Marriage Preparation	Dax Magsisi
Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc

Communion Outreach

Please contact the Parish Office, as staff coordinate most of our outreach ministries. Special training is required.

Communion to Homebound	Denise Carson
Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Harwood Manor	Susan Falcone
Ballycliffe	PARISH OFFICE
Ajax-Pickering Hospital	PARISH OFFICE
Lakeridge Gardens	PARISH OFFICE

School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sararus
St. James Elementary	Marisa Hall
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O’Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

**** Your Parish Needs You ****

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

Around the Parish This Week

Sunday February 25 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Coffee Sunday After 830am, 1015am, & 1200pm Mass

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

1230pm RCIA-Breaking Open the Word (Council Rm)

130pm STARTING POINT

Monday February 26 – 2nd Week of Lent

800am Mass

900am **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY**

930am Understanding Our Faith (Hall)

630pm Junior Edge (Hall)

Tuesday February 27 – St. Gregory of Narek

800am Mass

600pm Confirmation Class (Stage side)

730pm RCIA – Scrutinies & Confession (Hall)

Wednesday February 28

630am Mass

930am Bible Study (Stage Side)

600pm FHC-Reconciliation Class (Hall)

630pm Parish Confessions

730pm Mass

730pm Bible Study (Stage Side)

Thursday February 29

800am Mass

930am Ladies Craft Group (Stage Side)

200pm Legion of Mary (Council Rm)

630pm Alpha (Hall)

700pm Pastoral Council-Group B (Council Rm)

Friday March 1 –World Day of Prayer

800am Mass

830am Adoration

830am Parish Confessions

Saturday March 2

900am Mass

930am RCIC (Hall)

930am Meditation (Council Rm)

1100am First Communion Class (Hall)

100pm Confirmation Class (Stage Side)

400pm Parish Confessions

500pm Mass

Sunday March 3 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

1230pm RCIA-Breaking Open the Word (Council Rm)

200pm Handmaids of the Lord (Council rm)

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday February 24

900am + Herman Navarra

+ Gil Sto Domingo

500pm + Magdalen Sylvia Brady

Sunday February 25

830am + Andrew Watson

Monday February 26

800am ~ Jennifer Reca Plaza

Tuesday February 27

800am ~ Michael Vieveg

Wednesday February 28

730pm + Carlos Olivera

+ Kathleen Maskey

~ Seran Sinanon

~ Teresa & Michael Vieveg

Friday March 1

800am + Miroslaw Bialy

Saturday March 2

900am + Erman Mazzarolo

+ Nicolas M. Ortiz Jr.

~ The Sanchez-Cavanaugh Families

~ Evila Sanchez

~ Yira Chavez

500pm + Cecil Williams

Sunday March 3

830am + Matthew Moore

500pm + Lina Coelho

700pm + Iris Nazareth

Special Prayers for Our Newest Family Members

Please pray for the Elect of our Parish who will be entering the Scrutinies next weekend and then will be fully received into the Church at the Easter Vigil (Saturday March 30, 2024). Please remember in prayer in a special way:

Laura Espley

Laura McGovern

Jodi Leonard

Kajan Nanda

Sula Vametheaven

Rinalben Prajapati

Guillermo Quintanilla

Ralph Reyes

Azita Campbell

Joseph Sardath

Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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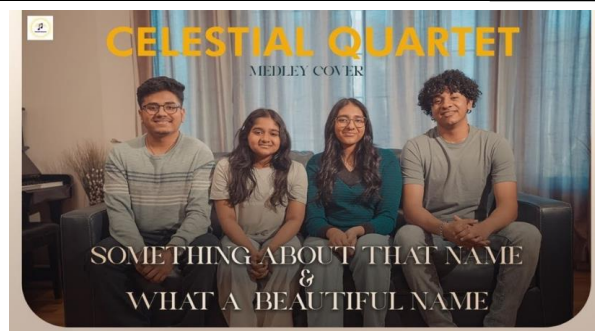


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The Celestial Quartet are the Rodrigo Family who offer us music at the Sunday 7:00pm Mass (as well as at other times). Pictured are Adrian, Gia, Amy & Jeremy Rodrigo. Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music:

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