



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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear friends,

As we continue to enjoy our summer, I hope everyone has found some time for rest, renewal, family, and the enjoyment of God's many blessings. At the same time, I find myself looking ahead with great excitement and hope to the beginning of another wonderful year in the life of our parish!

This Fall will bring many opportunities for us to gather, grow in faith, and serve one another. On Sunday, September 20, our Soubirous Café opens from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—a welcoming place for coffee, conversation, friendship, and building community. This will replace our Coffee Sundays, and it will be open for all but the holiday weekends. We will need volunteers to help make our parish hall a warm and joyful gathering place each Sunday.

We are also looking for parishioners willing to share their faith by assisting with sacramental preparation, accompanying couples as Marriage Mentors, and walking alongside those discerning the Catholic faith as OCIA Mentors. You do not need to have all the answers—you simply need a generous heart and a willingness to accompany others.

As we prepare for the fall, perhaps each of us can ask: Where might the Lord be inviting me to become more involved? There is much to look forward to—and much that we can build together!

In our love for the Lord,

Fr. Chris

PARISH TEAM

Pastor:	Father Chris Lemieux
Associate Pastor:	Father Sean Jacob
Deacon Assistant:	Deacon Ron Vaz
Office Administrator:	Aquilia D'Costa
Family Life Coordinator:	Monika Matelski
Youth Minister:	Stacey Leitmann
Administrative Assistant:	Marva Thomas
Parish Bookkeeper:	Sue McGee

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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 the Parish Office.

Christian Initiation of Adults: For adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office.

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 the Parish Office.

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.

PRAYING FOR OUR PEOPLE



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

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Marie McCarthy, and Paula Canapini.**

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:

Aug 1	Victoria & Alex Ferreira	(6 yrs)
Aug 6	Sheldon & Maricel Wint	(21 yrs)
Aug 6	Samer & Raghad Dawood	(31 yrs)
Aug 10	Gabriel & Sylvia Mondal	(40 yrs)
Aug 12	Lyden & Loraine Jones	(31 yrs)
Aug 12	Richard & Trina Duhaney	(20 yrs)
Aug 14	Leoni & Levy Alcantara	(44 yrs)
Aug 14	Cathy & Tim Haynes	(27 yrs)
Aug 15	Rhean & Melissa D'Souza	(11 yrs)
Aug 19	Dave & Denise Carson	(18 yrs)
Aug 23	Karen & George Takacs	(40 yrs)
Aug 23	Elizabeth & Vince Mariglia	(57 yrs)
Aug 23	Jim & Mary Psihogios	(57 yrs)
Aug 26	Monika & Chris Matelski	(20 yrs)
Aug 26	Mary & Joseph Abraham	(46 yrs)
Aug 28	Susan & Tom Kennedy	(55 yrs)
Aug 29	Cathy & Peter Smith	(45 yrs)



Join us as we kick-off our parish's fall season during our **Welcome Back Weekend - September 12 and 13!** Whether you attend the Saturday evening or Sunday Masses, there is something for everyone.

Experience our **Ministry Expo** where our parish ministries will be showcased. Come and meet ministry coordinators and members, learn about their work, and discover how you can become more involved in the life of our parish. Enjoy fellowship throughout the weekend: **BBQ** following the Saturday 5pm Mass, **Breakfast** following the Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses, and **Coffee Social** after the Sunday 5pm Mass.

A suggested donation of \$8 per person or \$20 per family for the BBQ or Breakfast, will be appreciated. Donations will be collected on entrance to the Parish Hall.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15

5:00pm + Anthony & Conception Fernandes

Sunday, August 16

8:30am + Luis Lopez

12:00pm Missa Pro Populo

5:00pm + Maureen Boward

7:00pm + Ronald McCabe

Monday, August 17

8:00am + Marie McCarthy

Tuesday, August 18

8:00am ~ Rosina Ego-Aguirre

Wednesday, August 19

7:30pm + Marie McCarthy

+ Hermano Oliveira

~ Wilfred & Noreen Pierre

~ Gabriel Ferdinand

~ In thanksgiving for Herber Antony

Thursday, August 20

8:00am + Hermano Oliveira

Friday, August 21

8:00am + Marie McCarthy

Saturday, August 22

9:00am + Luis Lopez

+ Godofredo Alcabao

+ Andre Boutin

+ Daniel Luzon Elizalde

~ Myeonghyeon Moses Ahn

INTRODUCING THE SOUBIROUS CAFÉ

We are delighted to launch our **Soubirous Café** on **Sunday, September 20**, after 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses, in the Parish Hall. It's a welcoming place to gather, connect, and build community after Mass.

Beginning this fall, the Soubirous Café will offer parishioners an opportunity to enjoy coffee, refreshments, and conversation in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Whether you're catching up with familiar faces, meeting someone new, or simply staying a little longer after Mass, we invite you to make the café part of your Sunday.

Our café will be open following our designated Sunday Masses throughout the year and will continue the spirit of fellowship that has long been a cherished part of parish life.

Join us as we continue to celebrate years of faith, fellowship, and community here at St. Bernadette's.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

This weekend, **August 15 and 16**, our second collection, taken at the time of the Offertory, is for the **Catholic Missions in Canada**. If you miss the collection during Mass, a basket will also be available at the back of the church following Mass.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding a "Bundle Up" Collection for our neighbours in need on **August 29 and 30**. Gently used clothing, shoes, and linens will be collected before and after all weekend Masses. Volunteers will be available to assist with loading your donations. Please do not leave items beside the truck unattended. Thank you for your generosity and support.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS



At the end of all weekend Masses on **August 29 and 30**, we will be offering a special Back-to-School Blessing for all students and staff preparing to return this Fall.

We look forward to sharing a spirit-filled Fall Semester with our parish family!

FAITH STUDIES



A Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) session will be held on **Monday, September 14 at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall.

Join us for a Faith Studies presentation and discussion on the Catholic Church's teaching regarding euthanasia and medically assisted suicide. Through video, handouts, and small-group discussion, we will explore the dignity of human life, conscience, compassion, and the Church's call to accompany those who suffer. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY



THE BOOK OF JOB is a 7-week Bible Study, held on **Wednesdays at 9:30am**, beginning **September 23** and runs through November 4, in the Parish Hall. Join us as we explore suffering, faith, trust, and God's wisdom through the Book of Job. Each session includes:

- Video by Fr. Tim Peters
- Small-group discussion
- Faith sharing and reflection

Study Guide: \$15 (Optional) All are welcome! Contact: susangkennedy@gmail.com

HURONIA HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



Saturday September 26, 2026

Join us for a pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs' Shrine as we celebrate the Shrine's 100th anniversary and 400 years since St. Jean de Brébeuf arrived in Huronia. Includes visits to see Martyrdom sites, and free time at Martyrs' Shrine.

7:45am departure | 6:30pm return | \$50 per person
Register and pay at the Parish Office or Welcome Desk.

SHALOM WORLD AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Jesus Heals

Everyone is invited to attend a Jesus Heals event, here at St. Bernadette's, **Thursday September 17, 7pm to 9pm**. Led by Fr. Julian Studden, a gifted priest and global speaker. The evening will include:

- Holy Mass
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Spiritual talk
- Special prayers for healing and blessing the sick

Come and See

Learn more about Shalom World's media mission and discover resources to help you and your family grow in a Christ-centered life. This event will be held at St. Bernadette's on **Saturday September 19, 9am to 12pm**. This event will be led by Fr. Julian Studden, and will include:

- Holy Mass
- Worship
- Talks
- Food and fellowship

For more information or to register, visit the Shalom World website: <https://conferences.shalomworld.org/>

JESUS YOUTH PRAYER MEETING

You are invited to join Jesus Youth for an evening of prayer, praise and worship, Bible sharing, and fellowship. Separate sessions are available for adults and children, providing an opportunity for the whole family to grow together in faith.

Upcoming Dates: Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec 18
7:00 - 9:00pm | Parish Hall

FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday Adoration returns to its regular schedule starting on **first Friday, September 4 at 8:30am to 12:00pm**.

All other Fridays, regular schedule, 8:30am to 9:30am.

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

There is a place for everyone at St. Bernadette Parish! Interested in learning more? Contact the Parish Office, visit us at the Welcome Desk, or complete our [Volunteer Form](#). Our Volunteer Coordinator will follow up with you to answer questions, connect you with ministries and groups, and help you find a place that best matches your interests.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers	Baptism Coordinators
Choir – Saturday 5:00pm	Communion to the Homebound – Private Homes
Choir – Sunday 8:30am	Communion to Retirement & Long-Term Care
Choir (Children) – Sunday 10:15am	Eucharistic Ministers
Choir – Sunday 12:00pm	Lectors
Choir – Sunday 5:00pm	Ministry of Hospitality
Choir – Sunday 7:00pm	Wedding Coordinators

Faith Formation Ministries

Bible Study	Confirmation
Faith Studies	First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
Christian Initiation of Adults	Marriage Preparation
Christian Initiation of Young People	

Youth Ministries

Jr. EDGE Youth Ministry	SUMMIT Teen Ministry
EDGE Youth Ministry	Jesus Youth
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Children's Liturgy

Faith, Family, Fellowship & Service

Catholic Mom's Group	Knights of Columbus
Catholic Women's Group	Legion of Mary
Collection Counters	Parish Vitality
Craft Group	Quo Vadis
Flowers & Decorating	Rosary Makers
Funeral Receptions	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Gardening Committee	Soubirous Café
Helping Hands	St. Joseph's Men's Prayer Group
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St Bernadette Parish Summer Faith Tips

- Keep Sunday Mass at the heart of your summer plans
- Spend a few minutes in prayer each day
- Make time for rest, family, friends, and gratitude
- Enjoy God's creation, notice the beauty around you
- Read a few verses of Scripture or a spiritual book
- Take time for silence and listen for God's presence
- Return in September renewed in faith and ready to serve

God bless you and your families



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