



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

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 9:00am-12:00pm

WELCOME DESK:

Before and after Saturday
Vigil, and Sunday morning
Masses

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2026

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

As we celebrate the Canadian Martyrs, I want to express my gratitude to Amanda Wetmore, who for the past three years has led a wonderful parish pilgrimage to the Huronia "Holy Land." This pilgrimage builds upon our parish's long-standing tradition of an annual bus trip to Martyrs' Shrine.

There is something very important about visiting the places where our faith has been lived so courageously. For me personally, Martyrs' Shrine has always been a special place. It was there that the strengthening of my own vocation to the priesthood began to take shape, and it remains a place of prayer and gratitude for me.

To stand where St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Gabriel Lalemant, and their companions lived, ministered, suffered, and ultimately gave their lives for Christ reminds us that faith is meant to be lived wholeheartedly.

Most of us will never be asked to make the sacrifice they made. But their witness challenges us to ask: Am I living the faith God has given me as fully and courageously as I can?

May the Canadian Martyrs inspire us to live our own vocations with greater faith, courage, gratitude, and joy.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Chris

PARISH TEAM

Pastor:	Father Chris Lemieux
Associate Pastor:	Father Sean Jacob
Deacon Assistant:	Deacon Ron Vaz
Office Administrator:	Aquilia D'Costa
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Youth Minister:	Stacey Leitmann
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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.

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, Maura D'Costa, Sylvia Mondal, and Peter Dwyer.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Francia Bartolome, Flordeliza Petalver, Rachel Barry, and Jorge Isidro.**

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:

Sep 1	Ron & Ada Larock	(43 yrs)
Sep 4	Marcia & Bruno De Jesus	(5 yrs)
Sep 4	Harry & Sylvia Prabhu	(49 yrs)
Sep 6	Janet Lee Martell & Terence Winter	(1 yr)
Sep 8	Malcolm & Gillian Victor	(36 yrs)
Sep 9	Deo & Che Cruz	(31 yrs)
Sep 9	Maria & Anesley Seevaratnam	(20 yrs)
Sep 22	Carlos & Maria Da Silva	(42 yrs)
Sep 23	Kresstine Fernando & Nirmal Patel	(9 yrs)
Sep 25	Daniel & Susana O'Shea	(27 yrs)

OCTOBER MASS PRAYER

For the **month of October**, in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will recite one Hail Mary at the end of all Masses.

HOW CAN I SERVE AT ST. BERNADETTE?

We invite you to consider serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Lector at our Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 5:00pm or 7:00pm Masses. Training will be provided. Interested? [Click the link to volunteer!](#)

SOUBIROUS CAFÉ - WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS



What a wonderful start! Thank you to everyone who joined us for the launch of Soubiros Café. It was wonderful to see our parish family gathering for coffee, conversation and fellowship. Your smiles and support made it a special morning. We look forward to welcoming you again this Sunday!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 26

5:00pm + Michael & Rita D'Souza

Sunday, September 27

8:30am ~ In thanksgiving for Jennifer Cruz Lorenzo

5:00pm + Earnest King

7:00pm + Doris Schucroft

Monday, September 28

8:00am ~ In thanksgiving for Evelyn Umali & Dana Dumo

Tuesday, September 29

8:00am + Rachel Barry

Wednesday, September 30

7:30pm + Josef Jedimak

+ Peter Mendyk

Thursday, October 1

8:00am + Elizabeth Deighan

Friday, October 2

8:00am + Alfonso Espiritu

Saturday, October 3

9:00am + Rheal Legere

+ Alice & Clarence Saulnier

~ Theresa Trotter

Available

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS



This weekend, **September 26 & 27**, our second collection taken at the time of the Offertory, is for the **Needs of the Church in Canada**. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

BLESSING OF PETS



On **Sunday October 4**, between 2:00pm and 3:00pm, Father will be offering blessing of pets. This will be done in the parking lot, near the rectory garage door. We kindly ask that your pets are kept leashed and supervised for the safety of everyone.

HARVEST DINNER



The Parish Vitality ministry will be hosting a Harvest Dinner on **Saturday October 17, at 6:30pm**, in the Parish Hall. Tickets are now available at the Parish Office and Welcome Desk.

Cost: Adults \$30, and Kids \$20 (*ages of 6-12 years old*).

For more information, please contact Linda Sarang at 416-523-2062, linda4791@gmail.com or Julia Beattie at 905-683-1373.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



This Thanksgiving let's remember our neighbours in need within our parish community. St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Food Drive takes place **October 10 & 11**.

Donations of canned goods, pasta, rice, coffee, tea, soup and other non-perishable foods are gratefully welcomed. Volunteers will be in the Narthex before and after all weekend Masses to receive donations. Thank you for your continued generosity.

LECTOR TRAINING

Interested in serving as a lector, or already part of the ministry? Join us for Lector Training in the church on **Tuesday September 29 at 7pm** or **Saturday October 3 at 1pm**. All are welcome!

CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP



The Catholic Mom's Group is a ministry geared towards uplifting the vocation of motherhood. It really does take a village to raise children and as moms, we are not meant to figure it out all on our own. Connect and pray with catholic moms in the parish! Put your feet up with a cup of tea and feel encouraged and refreshed! We meet monthly starting **September 30th**.

For more info, contact Cathy at haynes.cathy@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY LAUNCH DATES

JUNIOR EDGE | Grades 1-4

2nd & 4th Monday, 6:30-8:00PM | LAUNCH: Oct 26

[Click here to register!](#)

EDGE | Grades 5-8

2nd & 4th Friday, 6:30-8:30PM | LAUNCH: Oct 23

[Click here to register!](#)

SUMMIT | Grade 9-12

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm | LAUNCH: Oct 15

[Click here to register!](#)

Registration is now open! For more information, please contact Stacey at youth@stbernajax.com

LIFE CHAIN



On **Sunday October 4**, 2pm-3pm, we will gather at Bayly Street and Harwood Ave to pray in silence for a greater awareness of the dignity of human life, from conception through life into death. Please arrive at the church at 1:45pm for an optional sign and Life Chain instructions. Join us in the Parish Hall afterwards for a reception.

For information, contact Monika at family@stbernajax.com or 905-683-1533 ext. 203.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION &

CONFIRMATION

INFORMATION SESSIONS & REGISTRATION

Registration for the Sacraments **is now open**. Parents must attend an Information Session held in the parish hall. Registration should be completed with all the requirements submitted at the same time (preferably at the Information Sessions). Registration forms are now available on our parish website, Welcome Desk, and the parish office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFO SESSIONS

Thurs. Oct. 1 at 6pm

Sat. Oct. 3 at 10am

Requirements:

- Registration Form
- Baptism Certificate

CONFIRMATION INFO SESSIONS

Thurs. Oct. 1 at 7:30pm

Sat. Oct. 3 at 11:30am

Requirements:

- Registration Form
- Baptism Certificate
- First Holy Communion Certificate

All questions may be directed to Monika Matelski at family@stbernajax.com or 905-683-1533 X-203.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

OCIA is for adults who wish to become Catholic, or who have not yet received one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

CANDIDATE INFO SESSION

Sunday, October 18 at 1:30 pm | Parish Hall

For those interested in exploring the Catholic faith and beginning the OCIA journey.

For information, please contact the Parish Office at office@stbernajax.com

SPONSOR INFO SESSION

Sunday, October 25 at 1:30 pm | Parish Hall

Interested in accompanying an OCIA candidate? Join us to learn more about becoming a sponsor and walking alongside someone on their journey of faith.

For information, please contact the Parish Office at office@stbernajax.com

AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday September 27

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

Soubirous Café after Masses 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm (Hall)

10:15am Children's Liturgy (Hall)

Monday September 28

8:00am Mass

9:30am Faith Studies (Hall)

11:00am Funeral - Jorge Isidro

Tuesday September 29

8:00am Mass

1:45pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)

7:00pm Lector Training (Church)

Wednesday September 30

9:30am Bible Study (Hall)

6:15pm Confession

7:30pm Mass

Thursday October 1

8:00am Mass

9:00am Bible Blessing – St. Teresa of Calcutta CES (School)

10:00am Hope & Life (Hall)

6:00pm First Holy Communion Info & Registration Session (Hall)

6:30pm Choir Practice – 12:00pm (Church)

7:30pm Confirmation Info & Registration Session (Hall)

Friday October 2

8:00am Mass

8:30am Adoration

8:30am Confession

Saturday October 3

7:30am That Man Is You (Hall)

9:00am Mass

10:00am Quo Vadis (Council Room)

10:00am First Holy Communion Information & Registration Session (Hall)

11:30am Confirmation Information & Registration Session (Hall)

1:00pm Lector Training (Church)

3:45pm Confession

5:00pm Mass

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