



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

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear friends,

As we approach the end of summer, this Sunday's Gospel offers us a beautiful invitation to refocus our hearts as we prepare for the busy fall ahead.

Jesus tells us that the heart of Christian discipleship is to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him. These words can sound demanding, but they point us toward something life-giving: a life centred not simply on ourselves, but on Christ and on loving others

as He loves us.

The crosses we carry are different for each of us—responsibilities, sacrifices, struggles, disappointments, and the daily demands of loving and serving others – and we never carry them alone. Jesus walks with us, strengthens us, and reminds us that lives offered in love are never wasted.

As summer draws to a close and we prepare for a new season in our parish, perhaps we can each ask: Where is Jesus inviting me to follow Him more closely?

May we enter the fall renewed, grateful, and ready to follow the Lord with faith, courage, and great hope.

In friendship with Christ,

Fr. Chris

PARISH TEAM

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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 **Paula Canapini, and Francia Bartolome.**

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.

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)
Sep 1	Ron & Ada Larock	(43 yrs)
Sep 4	Marcia & Bruno De Jesus	(5 yrs)



Our Welcome Back Weekend is just 2 weeks away! Join us **September 12 & 13** as we kick off our parish fall season.

Explore our **Ministry Expo**, meet ministry coordinators and members, and discover the many ways you can become involved in the life of St. Bernadette's. Enjoy a **BBQ** following the Saturday 5pm Mass, **Breakfast** after the Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses, and a **Coffee Social** following the Sunday 5pm Mass.

As we look ahead to the year before us, consider the many ways you can help our parish grow and flourish. The Welcome Back Weekend and Ministry Expo offer a glimpse of the many opportunities to come!

A suggested donation of \$8 per person or \$20 per family for the BBQ or Breakfast is appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29

5:00pm + Wilma Calderon

Sunday, August 30

8:30am + Luis Lopez

12:00pm Missa Pro Populo

5:00pm + Dylan Gilmour

7:00pm ~ Lucien Boutin

Monday, August 31

8:00am ~ In thanksgiving for Tintu Joseph

Tuesday, September 1

8:00am + Jean-Pierre Poirot

Wednesday, September 2

7:30pm + Marie McCarthy

+ Carlos Oliveira

~ The Munarriz family

~ Dina Makuz

~ In thanksgiving for Leonida Hashmi

Thursday, September 3

8:00am ~ In thanksgiving for Eber Antony

Friday, September 4

8:00am ~ In thanksgiving of the wedding anniversary of Marcia & Bruno De Jesus

Saturday, September 5

9:00am + Hayden Strasser

+ Alfonso Espiritu

~ In thanksgiving for Rosario Palillo

BAPTISMS

We welcome the newest members of Saint Bernadette's, who with their family and friends, joined our Catholic Christian family through Holy Baptism on **Saturday August 22**. We pray for them, their parents, and godparents as they begin their journeys of faith. Welcome **Joven V, and Genesis E.**

SOUBIROUS CAFÉ OPENS SEPT 20



We are pleased to launch our **Soubirous Café** on **Sunday September 20**, after 8:30am, 10:15am, and Noon Masses, in the Parish Hall. Building on the spirit of our Coffee Sundays, the café offers a welcoming place

for faith, fellowship, and community.

The café will be open most Sundays, except holiday weekends. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and juice are complimentary, with a small fee for treats.

Stay a little longer after Mass, enjoy a refreshment, and connect with fellow parishioners.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS



At the end of all Masses this weekend **August 29 & 30 and September 5 & 6**, we will be offering a special Back-to-School Blessing for all students and staff preparing to return this Fall. We look forward to a spirit-filled Fall with our parish family!

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.

FRIDAY ADORATION RETURNS



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.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS



Next weekend, **September 5 & 6**, our second collection taken at the time of the Offertory, is for the **Parish Building & Maintenance Fund**.

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

THAT MAN IS YOU!



The Revelation of the Father calls men to discover the heart of God the Father reflected in their own hearts. Through food, fellowship, and faith, men are invited to grow in heroic love, faithful commitment, and spiritual fatherhood. Join us **Saturday mornings starting September 19, from 7:30am to 9:00am** in the Parish Hall. All men are welcome! For questions, contact David Ellis at 647-992-8524 or davidfellis2012@gmail.com.

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

Optional Study Guide: \$15. 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, Mass 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

INFORMATION SESSIONS & REGISTRATION

Registration for the Sacraments **will open in September**. 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 will be available in September.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SESSIONS

Thurs. Oct. 1 at 6pm

Sat. Oct. 3 at 10am

Requirements:

- Registration Form
- Baptism Certificate
- Registration Fee \$60

CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

Thurs. Oct. 1 at 7:30pm

Sat. Oct. 3 at 11:30am

Requirements:

- Registration Form
- Baptism Certificate and First Holy Communion Certificate
- Registration Fee \$100

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

SHALOM WORLD AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Jesus Heals | Thursday Sept. 17 | 7:00–9:00pm

Join us for an evening of Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, a spiritual talk, and special prayers for healing and blessing of the sick, led by Fr. Julian Studden, gifted priest and global speaker. All are welcome!

Come & See | Saturday Sept. 19 | 9:00am–12:00pm

Discover Shalom World's media mission and resources to help your family grow in a Christ-centered life. The morning includes Holy Mass, worship, talks, food and fellowship.

For more info: <https://conferences.shalomworld.org/>

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	Legion of Mary
Catholic Women's Group	Parish Vitality
Collection Counters	Quo Vadis
Flowers & Decorating	Rosary Makers
Funeral Receptions	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Gardening Committee	Soubirous Café
Helping Hands	That Man Is You
Hope & Life for Widows	Volunteer Screening
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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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