



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025

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

EARLY MORNING MASS:

Wednesday 6:30am

MORNING MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday 8:00am
Saturday 9:00am

EVENING MASS:

Wednesday 7:30pm

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays
6:30pm-7:15pm
Fridays
8:30am-9:30am
Saturdays
4:00pm-4:45pm

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 HOURS

WEEKDAYS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9am-4:30pm
Wednesday
9am-4:30pm, 6pm-9pm
Friday 9am-4:30pm for
Phone calls only
(Weekdays closed for lunch
12:30-1:30pm)

WEEKENDS:

Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm
Sunday 9:00am-1:30pm



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends,

The lesson Jesus offers us in today's Gospel, is a lesson that is as applicable and relevant today (maybe more so) as it was when our Lord spoke these words the first time. These words weren't new to the faithful then, nor should they be to any of us - but reflecting on our own shortcomings, failings and faults FIRST before criticizing or offering advice to others - is sound advice! Self-awareness and self-reflection are two of the most important qualities we Christians can cultivate for ourselves. These qualities will help us to realize and recognize that we are all on a journey to "be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect" but NONE of are there yet. While we may notice and see the imperfection in others and we may feel compelled to comment, remark or give advice - it should give us cause to pause and consider where we need to grow and become better. If we do that, we do far more for others than to tell them where they need to grow.

Yours in the Lord,

Father Chris

Sacraments

Baptisms - every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class must be attended and required registration forms completed. 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 Staff

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Registering is Important

Registering in your Catholic parish is important because it signifies your active participation in our community, allows you to access sacraments and parish services, contribute to the life of the church, and build meaningful connections with fellow parishioners within your local area; essentially, it's a way to formally become part of your local Catholic community and actively live out your faith. In a practical way, registering also helps our parish office to provide statistics which are an important way we plan ahead. It is especially important if you worship with us but live outside of the parish boundaries - if you make official requests, unfortunately we are left asking you to contact the geographic parish where you reside. If you are not currently registered, please consider registering with this one easy step: [Click here to register](#)

Public Prayer Requests

In keeping with government mandates and the purpose of our prayer requests, names to be listed in our Parish Bulletin, must:

- + Be requested (preferably) by the individual themselves
- + Secondarily a spouse or child

Those listed in the bulletin will be listed for three weeks consecutively and then removed. Renewed requests will need to be made to Parish Office - indefinite requests will need to be made directly to Father Chris.

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:

Violet Azavedo, Anne Sinclair, Jaime Villafuerte, and Faye Marechal.

We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing. We remember Carol Josephine Gallagher, and Antoinette Yuen.

Good Friday

New Time: Stations of the Cross

Please note that the Outdoor Stations of the Cross will begin at **9:00am SHARP** (not 9:30am as previously listed).

The Gift of Parish Giving



Jesus reveals to us the importance of our gift of giving. Two examples He offers us are the stories of the Good Samaritan and the Widow's Mite. Tithing is important for us all and should never be thought of "just giving money". It is about a Christian community of Disciples sharing with one another, giving for one another. For Fr. Chris as the pastor - it is also important that he and the staff and Parish Finance Council provide as much transparency as we can so that we, as a community are aware that your hard-earned and generous gift is used well.

Offertory for FEBRUARY 23, 2025:	\$ 19,001.00
Parish Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 424,338.42
Parish Sound System Donations	\$ 21,092.30
Altar & Sanctuary Need Donations	\$ 11,955.00

Ash Wednesday & Lent

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, and it's a wonderful opportunity to begin (or begin again) to make ourselves 100% available to God! Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence, which means we sacrifice a meal or two (one full meal, and one or two meager meals) and we abstain from eating meat. Fridays are and remain days of abstinence as well. These "rules" or "laws" are not meant to make us rigid, but to help us to open our hearts, minds and souls to the sacrifices made for us by many, starting with and especially our Lord Jesus Christ. More frequent or regular Sacrament of Penance (confession) is also a great addition to our Lenten practice, which is why parishes try to make it more available during Lent - and we are doing so here at St. Bernadette's too!

Simplicity in our liturgy is also important to remind us of the profound yet stark and simple Gift of Life, Jesus gave us culminating on Good Friday. We will be removing flowers, fewer altar candles, fewer adornments at Mass (simpler hymns, prayers and we will suspend offering prayers at the end of Mass). Our Lady of Perpetual Help devotions and the Prayer to St. Bernadette will also be suspended during Lent, and returned after Easter. We will also use the Litany of Penance instead of the Litany to the Sacred Heart at Adoration on Fridays.

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 1

900am + Mirosław Bialy
+ Lawrence Nunes
+ Sebastina Nunes
+ Erman Mazzarolo
~ Shiven Daniel Jayasekera
500PM + The Kennedy Family

Sunday March 2 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am ~ The Sakeh Family
500pm + Matthew Moore
700pm + Marystella Seevaratnam

Monday March 3

800am + Lucius Bhagan

Tuesday March 4 - St. Casimir

800am + Mavis Bonnie Mario

Wednesday March 5 - Ash Wednesday

Thursday March 6

800am + The Varela Family

Friday March 7 - St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

800am + Morris Thomas Henry

Saturday March 8 - St. John of God

900am + Lucie Stepien
+ Gloria Tagalog
+ Dildo Rabak
~ Shiven Daniel Jayasekera
~ Andrè Stepien
500pm + The Boucher Family

March Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

Mar 19	Marciana & Robert Nagtalon	(52 years)
Mar 27	Isobel & James Montague	(57 years)
Mar 27	Bert & Patricia Connelly	(60 years)

Coffee Sunday



Please join us for our next Coffee Sunday on **March 9**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. Enjoy fresh coffee and light refreshments. It's a great opportunity to connect with friends and meet new faces in our church community. **The next Coffee Sunday - March 23.**

EDGE CAMP EAST 2025

Registration is now open as of **March 1**. Click link to register: <https://edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com>

Dates: August 16 - August 20, 2025

Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton ON

Who can go: EDGE youth in grades 5-8

Cost: \$500.00 per camper (until April 30, afterwards the cost will be \$575.00).

Please submit \$100 non-refundable deposit to the parish office or Monika Matelski (cash or cheque)



JUNIOR EDGE (grades 1-4)

MOVIE Night: Inside Out | Mon. Mar. 3 | 6:15pm-8pm

Note no Junior Edge on Monday March 10 due to March Break

EDGE (grades 5-8)

EDGE Overnight Lenten Retreat | Mar. 7-8 | Fair Havens Beaverton (*registration closed*)

Note no Edge on Friday March 7 due to Edge Lenten Retreat & no Edge on Friday March 14 due to March Break

Catholic Mom's Group

St. Bernadette Catholic Mothers' Group meets again on **Thursday, March 27** at 8:00 pm. This month, we welcome Dr. Julia Cataudella, MD, NFPMC - Fertility Care Medical Consultant. Dr. Julia will be on hand to discuss and answer medical questions related to our fertility and general health. Calling all moms to attend! Contact Cathy Haynes for location and details. haynes.cathy@gmail.com

Upcoming Funerals

We will continue to remember in prayer, praying for the repose of the soul of our sister Carol Josephine Gallagher. Carol's funeral will be held at St. Bernadette's on **Monday March 3**, at 11:00am.

We will continue to remember in prayer, praying for the repose of the soul of our sister Antoinette Yuen. Antoinette's funeral will be held at St. Bernadette's on **Tuesday March 4**, at 11:00am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER
2025

March 2-8		
<p>Monday March 3 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:30pm - Junior EDGE (Hall) 7:00pm - SSVF Meeting (Council Room)</p> <p>Tuesday March 4 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p>Wednesday March 5 - Ash Wednesday 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Stage Side)</p> <p>Thursday March 6 10:00am - Hope & Life (Widows Group) Hall 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday March 7 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday March 8 10:00am - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side) 11:00am - Baptism</p>
March 9-15		
<p>Sunday March 9 After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday March 10 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall)</p>	<p>Tuesday March 11 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - CWG Planning Meeting (Council Room) 7:00pm - Wedding Coordinator Training (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday March 12 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrollment Meetings (Hall) 7:00pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p>Friday March 14 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday March 15 9:30am - St. Joseph's Men's Prayer (Hall) 11:30am - Art Social (Hall)</p>
March 16-22		
<p>Monday March 17 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 7:00pm - Baptism Prep Class (Hall) 6:00pm - KOC Membership Meeting (Ajax Library)</p> <p>Tuesday March 18 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES - Library)</p>	<p>Wednesday March 19 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrollment Meetings (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p> <p>Thursday March 20 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday March 21 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - Jesus Youth (Hall) 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday March 22 9:00am - Confirmation Retreat (Ajax Rec Centre) 11:00am - Baptism 1:00pm - First Reconciliations</p>
March 23-29		
<p>Sunday March 23 After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday March 24 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr. EDGE (Hall)</p>	<p>Tuesday March 25 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - Lenten Penance Service 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES - Library)</p> <p>Wednesday March 26 10:00am - Lenten Day of Confessions 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side) 4:30pm - Lenten Day of Confessions</p>	<p>Thursday March 27 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall) 7:00pm - Building Council Meeting (Boardroom)</p> <p>Friday March 28 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall) 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p>

Lent & Easter Parish Schedule

Ash Wednesday Masses March 5

6:30am | 5:00pm | 7:30pm

Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

(each Friday of Lent)

Led by select parish ministries

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday March 25

7:00pm - 9:00pm (until we finish)

Lenten Day of Confession Wednesday March 26

10:00am - 1:00pm & 4:30pm – 7:00pm

Lenten Jubilee Day of Recollection Saturday April 5

9:00am - 2:00pm (starts with Mass)

Catechumens & Candidates Day of Recollection Saturday April 12

9:00am - 2:00pm (starts with Mass)

Confessions – Wednesday April 16

6:00pm to 7:15pm

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# *Holy Week & Easter*

## **Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)**

**Thursday April 17 at 8:00pm**

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration  
in the Chapel of Repose (Parish Hall)

## **Good Friday - Friday April 18**

**Outdoor Stations of the Cross – 9:00am (rain or shine)**

**Good Friday Services - 11:00am | 1:00pm | 3:00pm**

## **Holy Saturday - Saturday April 19**

**Blessing of Easter Baskets – 9:30am SHARP in the Parish Hall**

Easter Rehearsals & Decorating – starts at 9:00am

Church closed to public all day

## **Easter Vigil starts at 8:00pm**

(come early for seating and Parish Hall overflow)

## **Easter Masses - Sunday April 20**

Masses at 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am | 12:30pm

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Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music:

<https://bit.ly/3U3Rpxi>

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.



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