



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

Monday to Friday

9am-4:30pm
Closed for lunch 12:30-1:30pm
Office is CLOSED TO
WALK-INS on FRIDAYS

Saturday & Sunday

9:30am-2:30pm

Website:

<http://stbernajax.com>

St. Bernadette Catholic Church



Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas





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25 December 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach the joyful celebration of Christmas, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for each one of you in our St. Bernadette Parish Family. This time of year, invites us to reflect on the incredible gift of God's love for us, a love made manifest by the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

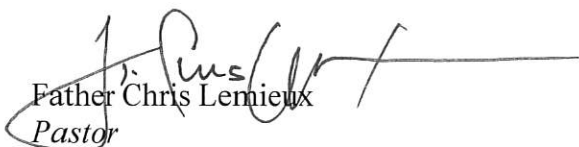
Christmas is a season of hope, peace, joy and light. It is a reminder that amid all life's challenges, we are never alone. God sent His Son to be with us, to walk with us, and to offer us the promise of eternal life. As we gather to celebrate His birth, we are united not only by our faith but in the love that binds us together in the midst of this community.

As we head into Christmas, let us remember the many ways we are blessed, both as individuals and as a parish family. The support and care we offer one another through prayer, fellowship, and service are reflections of God's love among us. I am continually inspired by the generosity and kindness so many of you show each other, and Fr. Daniel and I are proud to be part of this vibrant and welcoming community.

As we prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts once again this Christmas, I encourage each of us to take time for quiet reflection, prayer, and acts of kindness. Let us be the light of Christ to those around us—whether in our homes, our workplaces, our classrooms and in our neighborhoods. May the peace of the Christ Child fill each of your hearts and homes with joy and love this Christmas season and throughout the coming year.

I am truly blessed to walk this journey of faith with all of you, and I look forward to all that we will continue to do together. Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

In Christ's Love,


Father Chris Lemieux
Pastor

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, Fred Chafe, Jaime Villafuerte, Margaret Ayers, Roland Gregory, Clarette Escobar, Dora Jerry, Faye Marechal and Heather Machado.

We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing.

Effective January 1st, prayers of the sick will be in the bulletin for 5 weeks.

December Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

Dec 6	June & Malou Reyes	(49 years)
Dec 16	Rodney & Christine Gonzago	(51 years)
Dec 22	Lourdes & Eric Remedios	(62 years)

Coffee Sunday



Our first Coffee Sunday of 2025 will be held on **Sunday January 12th**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall.

You are encouraged to join in fellowship with your community at St Bernadette's. Get to know your fellow parishioners, share your experiences of faith, joy and hope over coffee and light refreshments. Fellowship strengthens us in our Christian journey, brings us together as we grow deeper in our faith. Everyone is welcome to attend!

2025 Offertory Envelopes



The Parishioner Offertory envelopes for 2025 are available for pick-up in the parish hall. Please stop by the hall to collect your envelopes as soon as possible! If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. Please continue to use your 2024 envelopes until the end of the year.

THANK YOU for your ongoing generosity!

Mass Intentions

Thursday December 26th - Saint Stephen

800am + The Fernandes Family

Friday December 27th - Saint John

800am ~ Janet King

Saturday December 28th - The Holy Innocents

800am + Kathleen Gray

+ Peter Tomeljak

+ Souls in Purgatory

~ Youngsoon Lucia Suh

~ In thanksgiving for Champa & Family

500pm + The Mark Pontello Family

Sunday December 29th - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

830am + Matthew Meyers

500pm + the Souls in Purgatory

700pm + Rose Caroline Tooley

Monday December 30th

800am ~ All Parish Staff

Thursday January 2nd - St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

800am + Marciano Villena

Friday January 3rd - Most Holy Name of Jesus

800am ~ Dolly Espiritu

Saturday January 4th

900am + Ed Ounjian

+ Mary Stella

+ Samuel Seevaratnam

+ Diana "Jean" Caine

+ Ann Noel

500pm ~ The Dorego Family

Sunday January 5th - Epiphany of the Lord

830am + Robert and Adelaide D'Lima

500pm ~ Susan and Tom Kennedy

700pm ~ In Thanksgiving for Maria Pattugalan

Monday January 6th

800am ~ Faye Marechal

Tuesday January 7th - St. André Bessette

800am ~ McGarry Family

Wednesday January 8th - St. Raymond of Penyafort

730pm ~ Jude and Noah Machado

~ Gerrard Machado

~ Samantha Cammiuli

~ Sarah Watters

~ Amelia Adapon Ramos

Thursday January 9th

800am ~ Power Family

Friday January 10th

800am ~ Gallagher Family

Volunteers Needed!



We continue to look for the generosity and gifts of our people (YOU) and ask that you consider volunteering. Training will be provided.

Ministers of Hospitality

We need ministers to greet everyone joyfully in the Name and Person of Jesus Christ, at all the Sunday Masses.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

We need ministers who can serve at all Sunday Masses especially the 12:00noon and 5:00pm.

Live Streaming Team

We are building a team of volunteers to operate our live streaming equipment to cover Sunday and Special Masses. Training will be provided. Live streaming of Masses will resume soon.

Signing up is easy! Take a few moments to fill in our form: <https://bit.ly/46kDIFm>

St. Joseph Prayer Breakfasts

Starting in January 2025 - the second week of each month, on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, Father Chris and Father Daniel invite the men of our parish (and their friends) to join us for our St. Joseph's Prayer Breakfasts - an opportunity for men to come together, for fraternity, fellowship, conversation and faith-sharing.

We will start with Mass (Wednesday 6:30am & Saturday 9:00am) followed by breakfast in the Parish Hall. During breakfast we will watch a video and engage in small-group table discussion. We will be using the series "Into the Breach" a 12-part series that includes short videos.

Wednesday January 15 & Saturday January 18, 2025
Wednesday February 12 & Saturday February 15, 2025
Wednesday March 12 & Saturday March 15, 2025
Wednesday April 9 & Saturday April 12, 2025
Wednesday May 14 & Saturday May 17, 2025
Wednesday June 11 & Saturday June 14, 2025

Parish Website

Visit our parish website to stay informed of our upcoming parish events as they are scheduled:
www.stbernajax.com

Christmas Mass Times

Tuesday December 24th
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
5:00PM | 7:00PM | 9:00PM | 12:00AM (*Midnight Mass*)

Wednesday December 25th
The Nativity of the Lord
8:00AM | 9:30AM | 11:00AM | 12:30PM

Tuesday December 31st
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
5:00PM | 7:00PM

Wednesday January 1st
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9:00AM | 11:00AM | 12:30PM

Streaming Masses: Dec 24 @7pm & 12:00midnight,
Dec 25 @12:30pm

Note: There will be additional seating in the parish hall when the Nave of the Church is full for Christmas

Parish Office Christmas Hours

December 24th through January 2nd

Dec 24 th	Office Open 9:00am - 1:00pm
Dec 25th	Office Closed
Dec 26th	Office Closed
Dec 27 th	Office Open 9:00am - 12:00pm
Dec 28 th	Office Open 9:00am - 12:00pm
Dec 29 th	Office Open 9:00am - 12:00pm
Dec 30 th	Office Open 9:00am - 12:00pm
Dec 31 st	Office Open 9:00am - 12:00pm
Jan 1st	Office Closed
Jan 2 nd	Resumes Regular Office Hours

Alpha



On **Thursday January 9, 2025**, we will begin the Alpha Course at St. Bernadette's. Alpha is more than just a course; it is about growing in relationship with Jesus. This relational dimension of Alpha is what speaks loudest to a culture that suffers from increasing feelings of loneliness and social isolation, where the primary question is no longer "What do I believe?" but "Where do I belong?"

Click to register: <https://bit.ly/3th4Dxh> Please contact Robert for more info: lpa@stbernajax.com

Parish Ministries

There are many ways big and small to “get involved” around St. Bernadette’s. Below are our parish ministries along with the ministry coordinators. If you would like to get involved, it’s easy!! Take a few moments to fill in our form at <https://bit.ly/46kDIFm>. You will be contacted for a short virtual meet and greet with the Ministry Coordinator and Volunteer Screening Team. They will begin the screening process, which is usually completed within a week. For more information on our ministries, please contact the Parish Office.

The Alpha Course	Robert LeBlanc	Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Altar Servers	Lianson Wilson	Legion of Mary	Exal Montes
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy	Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Catholic Mom’s Group	Cathy Haynes	Ministry of Hospitality	TBD
Catholic Women’s Guild	Susan Kennedy	Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Children’s Liturgy	Elise Arbic	Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Choir Saturday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Choir Sunday 8:30am	Tatjana Smrekar	Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Choir Sun 10:15am (children)	Michelle Kirkwood	Young Adult Ministry	Father Chris
Choir Sunday 12:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	<u>Sacramental Preparation</u>	
Choir Sunday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Baptism	Father Chris
Choir Sunday 7:00pm	Stan Rodrigo	Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie	First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson & Julia Beattie	Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan	Marriage Preparation	Mark & Linda Sarang
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte	Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Daughters of Isabella	Monique Beaudoin	Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski	<u>Communion Outreach</u>	
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito	Ajax-Pickering Hospital	Father Daniel
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs	Ballycliffe	Father Daniel
Euchre	Pat Fowler	Communion to Homebound	Denise Carson
Faith Studies	Susan Kennedy	Harwood Manor	Susan Falcone
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan	Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie	Lakeridge Gardens	Father Daniel
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno	<u>School Council Parish Liaisons</u>	
Hope & Life	Susan Dulny	St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic & Lisa Veecook
Horizons of Hope	Eleanor Lee	Denis O’Connor Secondary	Agnes Saraus
Knights of Columbus	Ron Larock		
<u>Parish Schools</u>			
Archbishop Denis O’Connor Secondary	905-427-6667	Jim MacNeil, Principal	Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain
Notre Dame Secondary	905-686-4300	Sonya Melim, Principal	Jeannine Henry, Chaplain
St. Bernadette Elementary	905-683-0571	John Linhares, Principal	
St. James Elementary	905-427-3327	Geraldine Borg, Principal	
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	905-426-7065	Sheena Paul, Principal	

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CELESTIAL QUARTET

MY SOUL LONGS

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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