



19th & 20th Sundays in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2024

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

21 Bayly Street East, Ajax, Ontario L1S 1P2
Phone: 905-683-1533

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm Sunday **8:30am** **10:15am** **12:00pm** **5:00pm** **7:00pm**

WEEKDAY MASSES

Early Morning Masses – Wednesday **6:30am**
Morning Masses – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:00am | **Saturday** **9:00am**
Evening Masses – Wednesday **7:30pm**

PARISH CONFESSIONS

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

**Also, by appointment with the clergy*

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

PARISH STAFF

Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor*
Father Daniel Lee, *Associate Pastor*
Deacon Ron Vaz, *Parish Deacon*
Aquila D'Costa, *Parish Secretary*
Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate*
Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator*
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9:00am to 12:30pm
1:30pm to 4:30pm
Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1:30
Saturday & Sunday
9:30am to 2:30pm
OFFICE CLOSED to Walk-ins
on FRIDAYS

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms – every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class and completed registration with required forms required. 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 SCHOOLS

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary	Jim MacNeil, <i>Principal</i>	Tim Lee Loy, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-427-6667
Notre Dame Secondary	Sonya Melim, <i>Principal</i>	Jeannine Henry, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-686-4300
St. Bernadette Elementary	John Linhares, <i>Principal</i>	Agnes Sararus, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-683-0571
St. James Elementary	Geraldine Borg, <i>Principal</i>	Elise Arbic, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-242-7256
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	Sheena Paul, <i>Principal</i>	Linda Sarang, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-426-7065

OUR WEBSITE

<https://stbernajax.com>

From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you're having a great summer! The weekend of Sunday August 25th, we will resume our weekly bulletin, with a special Fall edition outlining many of the community events and ministry opportunities we welcome our parishioners (friends and others) to be a part of.

Please begin to pray about the many ways you might continue to be (or become) actively involved in our Catholic Christian faith community.

Your servant in the Lord,

Father Chris

Connecting with Your Priests

Our priests, Father Chris and Father Daniel work hard to serve all the parishioners of St. Bernadette's to the best of their abilities, but we recognize that there are several people dropping by the church office expecting to find a priest available in his office. Unfortunately, much of their work is away from their desks.

To serve parishioners better, they both will schedule time in the office, when possible, for parishioners who wish to speak to them by phone one day a week.

Father Chris will try his best to be available on Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm and Father Daniel on Tuesday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Please note: These times cannot always be guaranteed. Please call ahead to the office. We ask that your calls during this time be no more than 10 minutes in duration and if a further or longer conversation or an in-person meeting is required, the priests will determine that in speaking with you.

Parish Closure

On Friday August 16th from 9:00am (following the morning Mass) until 3:00pm, the church will be closed for our staff retreat, as we prepare as a parish team for the Fall. There will be no adoration or confessions on Friday. Thank you and please pray for us.

Our Weekly Offerings



Thank **you** all for your continued generosity, with your time, your talents, and your treasures! This is what was shared of your treasures this week:

LAST WK'S OFFERTORY (incl PAG):	\$	8,328.00
LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND:	\$	5,089.90
BUILDING FUND TOTAL:	\$	377,417.10

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, Frederick Chafe, Jaime Villafuerte, Margaret Ayers & Roland Gregory.

We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing – we pray in a special way for Marie Genore.

Upcoming Funeral

Long-time parishioner, Marie Murphy-Genore passed away on August 4, 2024. Marie was involved in many important ministries over her years at St. Bernadette's, including the Communion Outreach ministries. Her funeral will be celebrated at the parish on Monday August 12, 2024, at 11:00am.

August Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

Aug 1 st	Victoria & Alex Ferreira (4 yrs)
Aug 3 rd	Anderson & Michelle Mendonca (11 yrs)
Aug 12 th	Rich & Trina Duhaney (18yrs)
Aug 14 th	Tim & Cathy Haynes (24 yrs)
Aug 15 th	Jose & Kathie Murphy-Gonzalez (15yrs)
Aug 16 th	Pat & Marie McCarthy (66 yrs)
Aug 16 th	Jean & Paul Cameron (43 yrs)
Aug 23 rd	Mary & Jim Psihogios (55 yrs)
Aug 23 rd	Elizabeth & Vince Mariglia (55 yrs)
Aug 24 th	Michelle & Dale MacMillian (22yrs)
Aug 25 th	Gad & Rinnette Hamak (11 yrs)
Aug 27 th	John & Sheila Canning (57 yrs)

Parish Sound System

Our sound system has served us well for the last two decades. As many of you are aware, we have had temporary malfunctions which we have repaired. All our audio equipment has a dedicated circuit that allows us to upgrade and update equipment as needed. During our last significant repair, we were advised that we have run out of components to redirect equipment to, as several no longer function. Repairing components is no longer economically viable and we must now look to replace the sound system, at a significant cost (around \$50,000). The good news is that it seems our speakers are in good condition. Starting mid-September, we will be looking to start raising money for these repairs and simultaneously we will also look at installing a permanent projector that can be used for music, devotions, etc.

Huronia Holy Land Pilgrimage



We will once again be making a Parish Pilgrimage to the Huronia Holy Lands, visiting the little known and yet significant sites where our Catholic Christian faith traditions began here in Canada! This pilgrimage will be led by Father Chris, assisted by Amanda Wetmore & Pat Fowler. The pilgrimage leaves St. Bernadette's the morning of **Saturday September 21st** and will return in the evening. The cost will **be \$52 per person**. Please contact Amanda at call 647-283-1593 or Email – amandajoanwetmore@gmail.com

We kindly ask that pilgrims submit payment to the Parish Office as soon as possible and leave your name or let Amanda confirm you have paid.

Sacramental Prep Volunteers

We are looking to grow our team of First Communion and Confirmation catechist-teacher volunteers. If you have a passion for the Sacraments and a love for teaching especially young people, please consider joining our Sacramental Preparation Team for 2024-2025. We're looking for adults and teenagers, and training will be provided.

Please contact Robert LeBlanc, Lay Pastoral Associate for more information by calling 905-683-1533 ext. 203 or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Bible Study



Fall Bible Study "A Deep Dive into the Gospel of Luke" begins Wednesday September 11th, 2024, and runs for 20 weeks. Study sessions will be held Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. The study guide can be purchased (optional) for \$35 with the order being placed in early August.

Contact Susan to register or for more information at: susangkennedy@gmail.com or 905-427-6137.

Welcome Back Breakfasts & After Mass Socials

On **Sunday September 15th** we look forward to welcoming everyone back with our Welcome Back breakfasts at 9:30am and 11:15am in the Parish Hall inviting all parishioners to attend. We will be charging a nominal fee of \$5.00, which will go towards the Parish Building Fund.

At the breakfasts as well as the **Coffee/Cider socials (after all other Masses this weekend)** we will have many of our parish ministries on display on the peripheries of the Parish Hall.

Alessandro Heads Back to the Seminary

Next Sunday will be the last day for Alessandro Sousa, the St. Augustine Seminarian who has been with us since early July. In his short time, he has maintained our property and done a lot of gardening and clean-up work around the parish. He has been welcome company for our priests and so we wish him well as he returns to his studies after a week of summer holidays.

Please come and hear his vocation story shared at the Masses next weekend.

Travelling Euchre

If you enjoy playing EUCHRE and would like to join the St. Bernadette Traveling Euchre, please contact Pat at 647-654-8540.

Parish Ministries Serving All

There are many ways big and small to “get involved” around St. Bernadette’s. These are some of the ways and our ministries continue to evolve and give life to new ministries too. The Ministry Coordinator (leaders) are listed but please call/email the Parish Office for more details on our various ministries.

From among our most dedicated volunteers, the Pastor selects and appoints parishioners to our three Stewardship Councils. These councils are special advisory committees to help the pastor in the important decisions he makes administering the parish. We are always looking for parishioners with special skills for these councils.

The Alpha Course	Robert LeBlanc
Altar Servers	Lianson Wilson
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Ferdinand
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Bingo	Anne Marie Dennis
Catholic Mom’s Group	Cathy Haynes
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson
	Julia Beattie
Children’s Liturgy	Elise Arbic
Saturday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 830am Choir	Tatjana Smrekar
Sun 1015am Choir (children)	Michelle Kirkwood
Sunday 1200pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 700pm Choir	Stan Rodrigo
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs
Euchre	Pat Fowler
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte
Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Knights of Columbus	Ron Larock
Daughters of Isabella	Monique Beaudoin
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno
Hope & Life for Widows	Jeanette Pinto
Horizons of Hope	Eleanor Lee
Legion of Mary	Exal Montes
Livestreaming Team	Desiree Plaus
Understanding Our Faith	Susan Kennedy
Meditation	Trevor Pereira

Ministry of Hospitality	Faizul & Vinette Rahim
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Street Patrol	Desiree Plaus
Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Young Adult Ministry	Father Daniel Lee

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism	Father Chris
Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Marriage Preparation	Mark & Linda Sarang
Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc

Communion Outreach

Please contact the Parish Office, as staff coordinate most of our outreach ministries. Special training is required.

Communion to Homebound	Denise Carson
Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Harwood Manor	Susan Falcone
Ballycliffe	Deacon Ron Vaz
Ajax-Pickering Hospital	Deacon Ron Vaz
Lakeridge Gardens	Deacon Ron Vaz

School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sararus
St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O’Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

**** Your Parish Needs You ****

We continue to look for the generosity and gifts of our people (YOU) and ask that you consider volunteering in one of our parish ministries.

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

- The Ministry Coordinator and Volunteer Screening Team will meet with you virtually for a short meet & greet
- They will start the screening process (which is usually completed within a week)

OR EMAIL US at stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com

Mass Intentions These Two Weeks

Saturday August 10

900am + Paz Olandria
+ Corazon T. Puno
+ Ernesto Limpin
500pm + Milton Anthony

Sunday August 11

500pm + Dario Roxas

Tuesday August 13

800am ~ In thanksgiving to Mary

Wednesday August 14

730pm + Hope Cranston
+ David Saville
+ Bernard Rosario
~ Living & Deceased Members of Militia
Immaculata
~ Antonela Family

Thursday August 15

800am + Antoni Leokadia Prystasz

Friday August 16

800am + Veronica Ego-Aguirre

Saturday August 17

900am + Gil & Rosita Montes
+ Hermano Oliveira
~ Augustine Mark
~ Kris Mark
~ the souls in purgatory
500pm + Robert Fernandes

Sunday August 18

500pm ~ Ricardo DeGuzman

Monday August 19

800am + Arnulfo Casiano

Wednesday August 21

730pm + Herman Navarra
+ Leslie Machado

Thursday August 22

800am + Grace Matelska

Friday August 23

800am ~ In Celebration of Psihogios & Shinko 55th
Wedding Anniversary

Saturday August 24

900am + Mary Carson
+ Roosevelt Colaco
~ Emily Jakins
500pm + Remedios Quinon

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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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