



26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME September 29, 2024

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

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>



From the Pastor's Desk

My dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend, Jesus defines for us who His Disciples are and what His Disciples do (and do not do). It is our parish mission and primary goal to be Disciples of Christ everywhere we go and with everything that we do. Every single one of us (without exception) is "Gifted for Mission" and we may allow our gifts and their use to remain dormant or we may activate them. As a parish community and a fellowship of Disciples - we place God and love of God at the centre of our lives, loving others as He has asked us to do, and then we go out and "make disciples". There are as many ways to do this as there are people in our community. My friends, invite a friend to Mass with you this weekend - and bring them by for coffee too - as we come together for our first Coffee Sunday of the Fall.

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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Father Daniel Lee
Deacon Ron Vaz
Aquila D'Costa
Robert LeBlanc
Monika Matelski
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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 and Roland Gregory.

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

September Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

Sep 3	Ada & Ron Larock	(41 years)
Sep 4	Harry & Sylvia Prabhu	(47 years)
Sep 4	Sarah & Kale Trinier	(3 years)
Sep 8	Gillian & Malcolm Victor	(34 years)
Sep 10	Frances & Erhiyoma Akpomughe	(13 years)
Sep 16	Rosemarie & Michael Davies	(24 years)
Sep 25	Susana & Danny O'Shea	(25 years)

Our Weekly Offerings



Thank **you** all for your continued generosity! This week, we will begin raising funds for the sound system upgrades that we will need to start very soon. Your tithing and sharing with our parish community, for these special projects as well as our operating costs is very much appreciated.

Last Sunday's Offertory (incl. PAG): \$ 16,585.00
Building Fund to Date: \$ 387,324.20

Coffee Sunday

Come join us this **Sunday September 29**, for our first Fall Coffee Sunday, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. Enjoy a cup of freshly brewed coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and light refreshments while **we fellowship and strengthen our community.** We encourage you to explore new opportunities to get more involved in parish ministries and make new friends. Fellowship is an important part of being a Christian - knowing others who share and live the same faith you do. Our next coffee Sunday - October 13.

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 28th - St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

500pm + Maureen Howard

Sunday September 29th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Nicolas Jonas Ottou Onana

500pm + Adoracion Merillo

Monday September 30th - St. Jerome

900am + Honora & John Grieve

Tuesday October 1st - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

800am ~ the Sheikh Family

Wednesday October 2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels

Friday October 4th - St. Francis of Assisi

800am ~ Reina Espineli

Saturday October 5th - St. Faustina Kowalska

900am + Felice Falcone

+ Jennifer Fullerton

500pm ~ Abe & Darlene

Starting Point

Our first Fall Starting Point presentation has been rescheduled to the weekend of our Parish Ministry Fair, on **Sunday October 20th** @1:30pm in the parish hall.

If you are new to St Bernadette's or have an interest in learning more about our Parish, enquiring about Sacraments and registering for Baptism, we welcome you to attend. You will have the opportunity to meet our clergy, some of our parish team, learn more about our parish ministries and ways you may get involved at St Bernadette's.

Let us know you are attending by registering through this link: <https://bit.ly/3PSrDL1> or contact the parish office.

Truth & Reconciliation

On **Monday September 30** from 7pm-8pm, we will gather as a parish community for a Prayer Service with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Book Sale

This **Sunday September 29**, our parish will be hosting a book & media sale in the parish hall during Coffee Sunday after each morning Mass. A variety of books & DVDs will be available based on pay-what-you-can donations.

If you would like to donate any books or DVDs towards this event, please contact Monika Matelski: youth@stbernajax.com or 905-683-1533 Ext. 204. All proceeds will go towards the parish building fund.

Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA process is for adults who wish to become Catholic; and have not received some or any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). This group meets on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9pm from October through May. For more information, please contact Robert, our Lay Pastoral Associate: lpa@stbernajax.com

Rite of Christian Initiation for Young People (RCIC)

The RCIC process is for children aged 7 through 17 who have not received some or any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). This program will run mid-October to mid-December. For more information, please contact Robert, our Lay Pastoral Associate: lpa@stbernajax.com

Life Chain 2024

On **Sunday October 6**, from 2pm-3pm - we will gather as a community to pray in silence for a greater awareness of all to Dignity of Life issues we hold dear as Catholic Christians, from conception through life into death. Now more than ever, we need to unite and stand in solidarity with one another. We will assemble in front of St. Bernadette's, at the corner of Bayly & Harwood.

Join us in the parish hall immediately after for light refreshments hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Blessing of Pets

On **Sunday October 6**, between 1:30pm and 3:00pm, Father will be offering blessings of pets. This will be done in the parking lot, near the rectory garage door. Please ensure pets are leashed and supervised.

Harvest Dinner

The parish fund raising committee will be hosting a Harvest Dinner on **Saturday October 5** @ 6pm. Tickets are now on sale at the parish office. Adults \$30 & Kids \$20 (3-10yrs old). For more information, contact Julia Beattie 905-683-1373 or Linda Sarang 416-523-2062.

Thanksgiving Food Drive



Our St Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting a food drive over the Thanksgiving weekend: **October 12th & 13th** and need your assistance to replenish depleted supplies. Food bins will be placed **outside** the main church doors for your donations before and after all weekend Masses. Volunteers will be available to collect donations at that time. Please do not drop items off outside or around the church at other times.

The following items are most frequently requested by our neighbours in need:

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| ** Canned Soups | ** Coffee or Tea |
| ** Canned Vegetables | ** Canned Tomatoes |
| ** Canned Chilli or Stew | ** Baked Beans |
| ** Canned Fruit | ** Canned Tuna |
| ** Kraft Dinner | ** Peanut Butter |
| ** Pasta | ** Pasta Sauce |

Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass



On **Tuesday October 22**, we welcome all those who have registered for this Mass with their guests to celebrate another Candlelight Vigil (starting at 6:30pm) followed by a Memorial Mass (at 7:00pm). Each registered member may offer to a maximum of eight (8) names. The Vigil will begin with meditative instrumental music and conclude with special prayers. The Celebrant will offer Mass for all the intentions listed, at the beginning of the Mass. Celebrating the life of family members and friends is an important way to stay connected to those for whom we pray and who pray for us. We ask for a suggested donation of \$25 for the commemorative candle that is yours to keep!

We also thank our Knights of Columbus & Bereavement Ministry for their dedicated assistance and support in helping us host these celebrations.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

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	Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno
Altar Servers	Lianson Wilson	Legion of Mary	Exal Montes
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Ferdinand	Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy	Ministry of Hospitality	TBD
Bingo	TBD	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Catholic Mom’s Group	Cathy Haynes	Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie	Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson & Julia Beattie	Young Adult Ministry	Father Chris
Children’s Liturgy	Elise Arbic	<u>Sacramental Preparation</u>	
Choir Saturday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Baptism	Father Chris
Choir Sunday 8:30am	Tatjana Smrekar	Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
Choir Sun 10:15am (children)	Michelle Kirkwood	First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Choir Sunday 12:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Choir Sunday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Marriage Preparation	Mark & Linda Sarang
Choir Sunday 7:00pm	Stan Rodrigo	Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan	Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski	<u>Communion Outreach</u>	
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito	Communion to Homebound	Denise Carson
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs	Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Euchre	Pat Fowler	Harwood Manor	Susan Falcone
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte	Ballycliffe	Father Daniel
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte	Ajax-Pickering Hospital	Father Daniel
Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch	Lakeridge Gardens	Father Daniel
Knights of Columbus	Ron Larock	<u>School Council Parish Liaisons</u>	
Daughters of Isabella	Monique Beaudoin	St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic & Lisa Veecook
Faith Studies	Susan Kennedy		
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan		
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie		
<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	905-242-7256	Geraldine Borg, Principal	
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	905-426-7065	Sheena Paul, Principal	

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL
2024

September 29 - October 5		
<p>Sunday September 29th After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee Sunday & Book Sale (Hall) 1:30pm - Starting Point (Hall)</p> <p>Monday September 30th 9:00am - Mass** 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Hall) 7pm - Holy Hour for Healing and Reconciliation</p>	<p>Tuesday October 1st 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)</p> <p>Wednesday October 2nd 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 7pm - Marriage Preparation Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Thursday October 3rd 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage Side) 10am - Hope & Life (Hall) 7pm - Property & Building Council Meeting (Boardroom)</p> <p>Saturday October 5th 6:00pm - Harvest Dinner (Hall)</p>
October 6-12		
<p>Sunday October 6th 1:30pm - Blessing of pets (Rectory Garage) 2:00pm - Life Chain 2024</p> <p>Monday October 7th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 7pm - St.Vincent De Paul Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p>Tuesday October 8th 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)</p> <p>Wednesday October 9th 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall-Stage Side) 7pm - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side)</p>	<p>Thursday October 10th 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage Side) 10am - Hope & Life (Hall)</p> <p>Friday October 11th 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall-Kitchen Side)</p> <p>Saturday October 12th 11am - Baptism</p>
October 13-19		
<p>Sunday October 13th After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday October 14th Thanksgiving Monday</p>	<p>Tuesday October 15th 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Hall-Stage Side) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday October 16th 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall-Stage Side) 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 7pm - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side)</p>	<p>Thursday October 17th 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage Side) 10am - Hope & Life (Hall)</p> <p>Friday October 18th 7pm - Bereavement Group (Council Room)</p> <p>Saturday October 19th 9:30am - RCIC (Council Room) 11am - First Reconciliation Class (Council Rm) 6pm - Ministry Fair (Hall)</p>
October 20-26		
<p>Sunday October 20th After all Sunday Masses - Ministry Fair (Hall)</p> <p>Monday October 21st 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Hall)</p>	<p>Tuesday October 22nd 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 6:30pm - Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday October 23rd 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 7pm - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side)</p>	<p>Thursday October 24th 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage Side) 10am - Hope & Life (Hall)</p> <p>Friday October 25th 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall-Kitchen Side) 7pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday October 26th 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 11am - Baptism 11am - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 1pm - Conirmation Class (Hall) 3pm - Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall)</p>
October 27- November 2		
<p>Sunday October 27th After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall) 1:30pm - Starting Point (Hall)</p> <p>Monday October 28th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr EDGE (Hall)</p>	<p>Tuesday October 29th 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday October 30th 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 7pm - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side)</p>	

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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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