



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 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

Monday to Friday

9am-4:30pm

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

Wednesday 6pm-9pm

Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

Sunday 9:00am-1:30pm

Website:

<http://stbernajax.com>



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends,

While the Beatitudes, as we hear in today's Gospel, are always a recipe for living out the Christian life to the best of our abilities, they remind us of the importance of gratitude in our daily lives. One of the easiest ways for us to stay connected to God and one another is to count the blessings generally, (the Gift of Life and Faith, for example), and particularly (the individuals, the people near and dear to us both living and deceased). As a pastor, one of the gifts I thank God for every day is each of you, the people I am blessed to serve. When the going gets tough, as it sometimes does, it strengthens me every day in my vocation to remember what a special gift the people of St. Bernadette's Parish. Let us all give thanks for each other today and every day of our lives.

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

Aquilia D'Costa

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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

As of Sunday March 2, we will no longer be listing public prayer requests in the parish bulletin and names will not be announced in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. So, all names currently located there will be dropped at that time. This is so that we may adhere more closely to the Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). We will post names on the Bulletin Board and LED Monitor located in the Narthex, but will require that the person themselves, a spouse or sibling with the permission of the individual make the request. Also, the Presider of the Wednesday 6:30am Mass will remember each of these people (as well as all private names) in his unannounced Mass intention that morning. Please direct any questions you may have to the parish office.

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, Heather Machado, Rachelle Mendoza, Esperanza Thorne and Brenda Popko.

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

Family Day

The Parish Office will be closed on Family Day - **Monday February 17**. Mass will begin at 9:00am.

The Gift of Parish Giving



Throughout this year, 2025, we will be highlighting and showcasing other special projects that we will be doing around the Parish Facility. Our time, talents and treasures are all important parts of the way that we give back to the Lord and to one another. Next Sunday, we will highlight our stewardship in this way.

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.

Sunday Feb 9th Offertory:	\$ 8,861.00
Parish Building & Maintenance Fund:	\$423,188.42
Parish Sound System:	\$ 22,754.80
Altar & Sanctuary Needs:	\$ 7,685.00

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 15th

900am + Teddy Cletty Joel Drego
+ Christopher Pestano
+ Paul Jongsun Lee
+ The Faldas Family
+ Souls in purgatory
500pm ~ In Thanksgiving for the Rigues Family

Sunday February 16th - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Christopher Pestano
500pm + Victrine Bastiamtillai
700pm + Vidal Plaza

Monday February 17th - Family Day

900am + Christopher Pestano

Tuesday February 18th

800am + Veronica George

Wednesday February 19th

730pm + Lucia Antonelli
+ Robert Sasvari
~ In celebration of the wedding anniversary of Yvonne & Max DeSouza

Thursday February 20th

800am + Mary Mathews

Friday February 21st - St. Peter Damian

800am + Angeles Marquez Adapon

February Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

Feb 4	Glory Roset & Kevin Nobel	(1 year)
Feb 13	Beatrice & Robert Zuzarte	(40 years)
Feb 20	Rosemarie & Charmeon Mangaser	(31 years)
Feb 28	Cheryl & Gord Nash	(50 years)

New Parish Office Hours

The parish office now opens Wednesday evenings 6:00pm-9:00pm.

Change to weekend hours:

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

Fundraising Breakfast



Altar
Servers

We, the Altar Servers Ministry is a very vibrant, enthusiastic group of young people who serve our parish with dedication and passion. We would like to invite you to attend our first (and certainly not last) Altar Servers Fundraising Breakfast this **Sunday, February 16th**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses in the parish hall. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast along with fellowship and fun! Tickets cost \$10 each, children between ages 5-10 cost \$5. All proceeds will go toward purchasing new liturgical items and Altar Server essentials. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Hope to see you there!

Coffee Sunday



Please join us at our next Coffee Sunday on **February 23rd**, 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 9th.**



JUNIOR EDGE

Night #8: Backward Games
Monday Feb 24 6:30pm-8pm

EDGE

Night #8: Upside Down
Friday Feb 28 7pm-8:30pm

Marian Pilgrimage – June 2025



June 2-5, 2025, join us on a bus pilgrimage to Ottawa, Trois-Rivières, Quebec City, and Montreal as we visit Marian sites such as the Grotte de Notre Dame de Lourdes, Our Lady of the Cape, St. Anne de Beaupré, and St. Joseph's Oratory. Cost is \$1330 per person for double occupancy, (\$315 single supplement). A deposit of \$350 is required upon registration. Your package includes: deluxe motor coach transportation, hotel accommodation, 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners.

Registration deadline is February 25, 2025. For more information please contact Robert - lp@stbernajax.com

Catholic Women's Guild

Join us as we celebrate Christ as the Light of the World and a time of renewal!

- Votive Holder Decorating - A creative way to reflect on the light of Christ and create a personal light for prayer
- Candlemas Around the World - Discover how this feast is celebrated in different cultures
- Lourdes Healing Water Blessing - Receive a special blessing of healing and grace

Ladies, please join us for the Catholic Women's Guild meeting on **Tuesday February 18, at 7:15pm** in the parish Hall. All are welcome!

Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating the Jubilee Year



Father Chris will lead the Lenten Jubilee Day of Recollection on **Saturday April 5, 2025**, starting with Mass at 9:00am, followed by a series of reflections on hope, small group discussion as well as time for personal prayer and reflection and concluding at 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided, registration required so we can plan for lunch and for the day. Father Daniel will offer confession, so that those who attend and wish to receive the Jubilee Indulgence may do so. Please contact the parish office to register and reserve your spot.

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	Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Altar Servers	Lianson Wilson & Brayden Sarang	Ministry of Hospitality	Anissa Voisin, Victoria Ferreira & Antoinette Sullivan
Catholic Mom's Group	Cathy Haynes	Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Catholic Women's Guild	Susan Kennedy	Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Children's Liturgy	Elise Arbic	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Choir - Saturday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Choir - Sunday 8:30am	Tatjana Smrekar	<u>Faith Formation</u>	
Choir - Sunday 10:15am (Children)	Michelle Kirkwood	Baptism	Father Chris
Choir - Sunday 12:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
Choir - Sunday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Choir - Sunday 7:00pm	Stan Rodrigo	Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie	Marriage Preparation	Mark & Linda Sarang
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson & Julia Beattie	Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan	Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte	Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski	Faith Studies	Susan Kennedy
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito	<u>Communion Outreach</u>	
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs	Ajax-Pickering Hospital	Father Daniel
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan	Ballycliffe	Father Daniel
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie	Communion to Homebound	Father Daniel
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno	Harwood Manor	Susan Falcone
Hope & Life	Susan Dulny	Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Horizons of Hope	Eleanor Lee	Lakeridge Gardens	Father Daniel
Knights of Columbus	Ron Larock	<u>School Council Parish Liaisons</u>	
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer DelMonte	St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic & Lisa Veecook
Legion of Mary	Exal Montes	Denis O'Connor Secondary	Agnes Sarasus
Live Streaming	John McGrath & Desiree Plaus		
<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	Shawnn O'Connor, 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	

UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER
2025

February 16-22		
<p>Sunday February 16th After all morning Masses - Altar Servers Fundraising Breakfast (Hall)</p> <p>Monday February 17th - FAMILY DAY</p> <p>Tuesday February 18th 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 6:45pm - Knights of Columbus Membership Meeting (Ajax Public Library) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Stage Side) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES)</p>	<p>Wednesday February 19th 9:30am - Bible Study (Stage Side) 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Hall) 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side)</p> <p>Thursday February 20th 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall) 7:00pm - Finance Council Meeting (Boardroom)</p>	<p>Friday February 21st 9:30am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - Jesus Youth (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday February 22nd 8:30am - Alpha Retreat (Hall) 9:30am - RCIC Class (Council Room) 11:00am - Baptism 11:00am - First Communion Class (Council Room)</p>
February 23-March 1		
<p>Sunday February 23rd After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday February 24th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:30pm - Junior EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Tuesday February 25th 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p>Wednesday February 26th 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Stage Side) 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side)</p> <p>Thursday February 27th 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday February 28th 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday March 1st 9:30am - RCIC Class (Hall) 10:00am - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side) 11:00am - First Communion Class (Hall)</p>
March 2-8		
<p>Monday March 3 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:30pm - Junior EDGE (Hall) 7:00pm - SSVP 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 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday March 8th 10:00am - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting (Kitchen Side) 11:00am - First Communion Class (Council Room)</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) 7:00pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p>Tuesday March 11 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - CWG Planning Meeting (Council Room)</p> <p>Wednesday March 12 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrollment Meetings (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday March 14 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side)</p> <p>Saturday March 15 10:00am - St. Joseph's Men's Prayer (Hall) 11:30am - Art Social (Hall) 6:00pm - Ministry Fair (Hall)</p>

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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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