



25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME September 22, 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 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,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making St. Bernadette's such a wonderful parish family. The wonderful turnout for our Welcome Back breakfasts and socials last week, the large turnout of women from our parish community who came out on Tuesday for the first Catholic Women's Guild meeting, as well as the great commitment of our parish community to come together as pilgrims on a journey to the Huronia Holy Lands where the Jesuit Martyrs gave everything in service of Lord and their communities. Friends, in this exciting new ministry year ahead, Fr. Daniel, our Parish Staff and I very much look forward to getting to know more of you and serving you to the best of our abilities.

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 Chris Lemieux | Pastor | pastor@stbernajax.com |
| Father Daniel Lee | Associate Pastor | associate@stbernajax.com |
| Deacon Ron Vaz | Parish Deacon | deacon@stbernajax.com |
| Aquilia D'Costa | Parish Secretary | office@stbernajax.com |
| Robert LeBlanc | Lay Pastoral Associate | lpa@stbernajax.com |
| Monika Matelski | Youth Coordinator | youth@stbernajax.com |
| Marva Thomas | Administrative Assistant | office3@stbernajax.com |
| Sue McGee | Parish Bookkeeper | admin@stbernajax.com |

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:

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| 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.

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| Last Sunday's Offertory: | \$ | 7,415.00 |
| Building Fund to Date: | \$ | 386,627.20 |

Coffee Sunday

We invite you to join us for our first fall Coffee Sunday, to be held on the weekend of Sunday September 29, 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 21st - St. Matthew

900am + Josephine Sugirtham
~ Jennifer Mark
~ For the souls in Purgatory that have nobody to pray for them
500pm + Adoracion Merillo

Sunday September 22nd - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Mary MacNeill
500pm + Juanita Aquino
700pm + Herman Navarra

Monday September 23rd - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

800am + Gregorio M. Alcabao Jr.

Tuesday September 24th - Blessed Eilie Travernier-Gamelin

Wednesday September 25th - St. Cosmas & St. Damian

730pm + Carlos Oliveira
+ John Dean
~ Owen Dean

Thursday September 26th - St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jodana & Evelyngues & Companions

800am ~ Dana & Evelyn

Friday September 27th - St. Vincent de Paul

800am + Ernest King

Saturday September 28th - St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

500pm ~ Maureen Howard

Starting Point

If you are new to St Bernadette's Parish or have an interest in learning more about the Sacraments and our ministries, please join us for our first fall Starting Point presentation on Sunday, September 29 @1:30pm in the parish hall. Here, you will meet our clergy and some of our parish team. You will have the opportunity to learn more about St Bernadette's, register for Baptism, make enquiries about other Sacraments, and get involved in parish ministries.

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

Book Sale

On 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.

Children's Liturgy, Bible & Faith Studies

This Sunday September 22, we will resume the Children's Liturgy during the 10:15am Mass. Children's Liturgy is open to young children before First Communion and up until Grade 3. This year we are starting Children's Bible and Faith Studies for students in Grade 4 and older. We look forward to seeing our youngest parishioners again beginning this fall.

Catholic Mothers Group

Catholic Mom's Group is a ministry geared towards uplifting the vocation of motherhood. It really does take a village to raise children and as moms, we are not meant to figure it out all on our own. Connect and pray with catholic moms in the parish! Put your feet up with a cup of tea and feel encouraged and refreshed! We meet monthly, starting Thursday September 26. For more information, please contact Cathy Haynes at haynes.cathy@gmail.com

Life Chain 2024

On Sunday October 6 - 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 Church. More information will be provided in our next bulletin.

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.

First Communion & Reconciliation

If your child is in grade 2 or higher and wishing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, parents MUST attend one of the two information sessions which will be held in the parish hall:

Thursday September 26 @ 6pm-7pm
Saturday September 28 @ 10am-11am

Parents can begin the registration process at: www.stbernajax.com/first-communion-preparation

For more information, please contact Robert, our Lay Pastoral Associate: lpa@stbernajax.com

Confirmation

If your child is in grade 7 or higher and wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, parents MUST attend one of the two information sessions which will be held in the parish hall:

Thursday September 26 @ 7:30pm-8:30pm
Saturday September 28 @ 11:30am-12:30pm

Parents can begin the registration process at: www.stbernajax.com/confirmation-preparation

Note If your child is in grade 2 or higher and is not baptized or not baptized in the Catholic Church, and would like to receive any of the sacraments, please contact Robert, our Lay Pastoral Associate for more information at lpa@stbernajax.com

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

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. You can also email us: stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com. For more information on our ministries, please contact the Parish Office.

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| 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. Bernadette Elementary | Agnes Sararus |
| Faith Studies | Susan Kennedy | St. James Elementary | Elise Arbic |
| Flowers & Decorating | Catherine Sheridan | St. Teresa of Calcutta | Linda Sarang |
| Funeral Receptions | Julia Beattie | Denis O’Connor Secondary | Cathy Haynes |
| <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 | Agnes Sararus, Parish Rep |
| St. James Elementary | 905-242-7256 | Geraldine Borg, Principal | Elise Arbic, Parish Rep |
| St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary | 905-426-7065 | Sheena Paul, Principal | Linda Sarang, Parish Rep |

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL
2024

| September 15 - 21 | | |
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| <p>Sunday Sept 15th 9:30am & 11:15am - Welcome Back Breakfast (Hall)</p> <p>Monday September 16th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Children's Liturgy Ministry Meeting (Council Room) 7pm - Knights of Columbus Membership Meeting (Hall-Stage Side)</p> | <p>Tuesday September 17th 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Hall-Stage Side)</p> <p>Wednesday September 18th 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall)</p> | <p>Friday September 20th 7pm - Bereavement Group (Council Room)</p> <p>Saturday September 21st 7:30am - Huronia Holy Land Bus Pilgrimage</p> |
| September 22 - 28 | | |
| <p>Monday September 23rd 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall-Stage Side)</p> <p>Tuesday September 24th 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)</p> <p>Wednesday September 25th 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall)</p> | <p>Thursday September 26th 6pm - First Communion Parent Info Meeting (Hall) 7pm - Pastoral Council (Boardroom) 7:30pm - Confirmation Parent Info Meeting (Hall)</p> | <p>Saturday September 28th 10am - First Communion Parent Info Meeting (Hall) 11am - Baptism 11:30am - Confirmation Parent Info Meeting (Hall)</p> |
| 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 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Hall)</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) 7pm - Property & Building Council Meeting (Boardroom)</p> <p>Saturday October 5th 6:00pm - Harvest Dinner (Hall)</p> |
| October 6-12 | | |
| <p>Sunday October 6th Life Chain 2024</p> <p>Monday October 7th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 7pm - St.Vincent De Paul Meeting (Hall)</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)</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)</p> <p>Friday October 18th 7pm - Bereavement Group (Council Room)</p> <p>Saturday October 19th 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 11am - First Reconciliation Class (Hall)</p> |

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

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

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