

#### 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

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# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends.

Those most in need cry out to the Lord in their great need. "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" There's no possible way to offer these words, meaning them and lack humility in doing so. Pride can be one of the greatest obstacles for most of us in getting closer to the

Lord, humility the greatest virtue to draw us closer and help us to appreciate what God has given us. As I look around us, here at St. Bernadette's, there are many in our many parish ministries who do so much for the Lord and we don't even know about it. They walk humbly with our God, serving others and don't look to take credit or look for accolades for what they do. As pastor, I want to thank them all so much and thank everyone in our parish community looking out for and helping others. It means so very much!

Appreciatively in the Lord,



#### 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, ageappropriate 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

Father Chris Lemieux Pastor Father Daniel Lee Associate Pastor Deacon Ron Vaz Parish Deacon Aquilia D'Costa Parish Secretary Robert LeBlanc Monika Matelski Marva Thomas Sue McGee

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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.

## **October Anniversaries**

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

This month we celebrate with:

| Oct 1  | Oct 1 Brendan & Kate McKnight |            |  |
|--------|-------------------------------|------------|--|
| Oct 7  | (46 years)                    |            |  |
| Oct 12 | Alfred & Helene Blakeley      | (61 years) |  |
| Oct 12 | Bob & Amy Lawrence            | (33 years) |  |
| Oct 20 | Valeria & Jaroslav Chovancova | (40 years) |  |
| Oct 26 | Vilma & Manoel De Souza       | (61 years) |  |
| Oct 28 | Tim & Desiree Plaus           | (29 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 Week's Offertory (incl. PAG): | \$<br>7,742.00   |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Last Week's Building Fund:         | \$<br>6,399.56   |
| Building Fund Total:               | \$<br>400,517.36 |

## **Coffee Sunday**

We invite you to join us this <u>Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup></u>, for Coffee Sunday, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. Come and experience the **joy of fellowship with your St Bernadette's community** and make new friends. Fellowship is an important part of our Christian journey, allowing us to connect with others who share the same faith. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be served along with light delicious refreshments. **You are encouraged to bring a friend this weekend** to join our community - we look forward to seeing you all there. Next Coffee Sunday - November 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday October 26th - Our Lady's Saturday

900am ~ Michael Bungkyn Jeon Family

~ Valeria & Jaroslav Chovancova

500pm + Rolando Pontejos

#### <u>Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary</u> Time

830am + Robert Fernandes 500pm ~ George Arevalo

700pm + Deceased members of the Faritha's

Family

#### Monday October 28th - St. Simon & St. Jude

800am ~ Timothy, Desiree & Aron Klaus

#### Tuesday October 29th

800am + Christina Houghton

#### Wednesday October 30th

730pm + Thomas & Rollande Fieldsend

+ Lucia Antonelli

+ Wilfredo Navarra

+ Peggy Chen

+ Teresa Matias

#### Thursday October 31st

800am ~ Allyson Chen

#### Friday November 1st - All Saints

Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Souls' Day

## All Souls' Day Masses

On <u>Saturday November 2</u>, as we celebrate the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day, two Masses will be celebrated during that day - <u>9am and 1pm</u>. Special envelopes will be provided for your Mass intentions and the Book of Remembrance will be available at the back of the church.

## **All Saints Day Party**

We welcome you to attend the St. Bernadette Parish All Saints Day party, hosted by our parish Catholic Moms Group. This free family event will take place on **Sunday November 3, from 2-4pm** in the parish hall. There will be many carnival-style games, prizes, and treats. We welcome children and adults to come dressed as your favourite saint!

For parishioners who would like to donate nut-free candy or treats, please drop off your donations at the parish office. To RSVP, please contact Cathy Haynes: <a href="https://haynes.cathy@gmail.com">haynes.cathy@gmail.com</a>

## Parish Faith Study

Faith Studies presents: <u>St. Polycarp</u> from the Early Church Fathers Series. Polycarp was educated by the Apostles and lived with many of those who had seen the Lord. Studying St. Polycarp can deepen our understanding of the early Church's struggles and triumphs, offering a powerful example of faith, courage, and leadership that continues to inspire Christians today. Join us on <u>Monday November 4</u>, from 9:30am to 11:30am in the parish hall for video talk and a small group discussion.

**Next Study**: Join us for "Becoming an Intentional Disciple" with Jeff Cavins! Explore the journey of becoming a true disciple of Christ in today's world. In this engaging and insightful talk, Jeff Cavins will guide us in discovering the path to deepening our faith, living with purpose, and growing in our spiritual life.

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Don't miss this opportunity to transform your relationship with Christ and embrace a life of intentional discipleship. All are welcome! On **Monday November 11**, at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall.



We invite our grade students to the launch of the highly anticipated youth ministry experience in our parish!

Registration is now open and can be accessed here: <a href="https://bit.ly/4emdssa">https://bit.ly/4emdssa</a>

**Jr. EDGE** (grades 1-4) Kick-Off **Monday Oct. 28** | 6:30pm-8pm

**EDGE** (grades 5-8) Theme: SINGLE SHEET

**Friday Nov. 8** | 7pm-8:30pm

Jr. Edge & EDGE run in the parish hall by a dedicated core team of adults & teens. For all inquiries, please contact Monika Matelski | <a href="mailto:youth@stbernajax.com">youth@stbernajax.com</a> | 905-683-1533 X-204

## <u>RCIA</u>

Do you enjoy growing and sharing your Catholic faith? Do you like to help others deepen their relationship with Jesus through fellowship? Have you ever considered being an RCIA Sponsor for someone coming into the Catholic Church?

St. Bernadette's RCIA program is looking for Sponsors to act as spiritual mentors for individuals seeking to enter the Catholic Church. If you would like to become a Sponsor, contact Robert at <a href="mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com">lpa@stbernajax.com</a>

## **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.

#### **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: <a href="mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com">lpa@stbernajax.com</a>

## **Brothers in Faith 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 Brothers in Faith 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 Breech" a 12-part series that includes short videos.

Wednesday January 15 & Saturday January 18, 2025 Wednesday February 12 & Saturday February 15, 2025

## Join Our Parish Office Team

We are actively seeking two part-time assistants to join our parish office team. The successful candidates will: assist with day-to-day parish office administration, handle special assignments, and take on a leadership role as a parish volunteer coordinator. Candidates should possess relevant experience and training and have the flexibility to work daytime, evenings and/or weekends. Preference will be given to candidates who meet the above criteria.

If you are interested in applying or would like to learn more about these opportunities, email Father Chris: <u>pastor@stbernajax.com</u>, or call the parish office to leave him a message.

## **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 <a href="https://bit.ly/46kDlFm">https://bit.ly/46kDlFm</a>. 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   |                                | Hope & Life                    | Susan Dulny                |  |  |  |
| Bereavement Ministry                             | Shanti Ferdinand | t                              | Legion of Mary                 | Exal Montes                |  |  |  |
| Bible Study                                      | Susan Kennedy    |                                | Meditation                     | Trevor Pereira             |  |  |  |
| Bingo                                            | TBD              |                                | Ministry of Hospitality        | TBD                        |  |  |  |
| Catholic Mom's Group                             | Cathy Haynes     |                                | Society of St. Vincent de Paul | Sharron Monk               |  |  |  |
| Coffee Thursdays                                 | Julia Beattie    |                                | Rosary Apostolate              | Susan Dulny                |  |  |  |
| Coffee Sundays                                   | Denise Carson 8  | Julia Beattie                  | Wedding Coordinators           | Marisa Hall                |  |  |  |
| Children's Liturgy                               | Elise Arbic      |                                | Young Adult Ministry           | Father Chris               |  |  |  |
| Choir Saturday 5:00pm Ronnie Pasajol             |                  | Sacramental Preparation        |                                |                            |  |  |  |
| Choir Sunday 8:30am                              | Tatjana Smrekar  |                                | Baptism                        | Father Chris               |  |  |  |
| Choir Sun 10:15am (children)                     | Michelle Kirkwoo | d                              | Baptism Coordinators           | Father Chris               |  |  |  |
| Choir Sunday 12:00pm                             | Ronnie Pasajol   |                                | First Communion                | Robert LeBlanc             |  |  |  |
| Choir Sunday 5:00pm                              | Ronnie Pasajol   |                                | Confirmation                   | Robert LeBlanc             |  |  |  |
| Choir Sunday 7:00pm                              | Stan Rodrigo     |                                | Marriage Preparation           | Mark & Linda Sarang        |  |  |  |
| Collection Counters                              | Catherine Sherio | lan                            | Adult Initiation (RCIA)        | Robert LeBlanc             |  |  |  |
| EDGE Youth Group                                 | Monika Matelski  |                                | Initiation for Young People    | Robert LeBlanc             |  |  |  |
| Junior EDGE Youth Group Elisa Barbeito           |                  | <b>Communion Outreach</b>      |                                |                            |  |  |  |
| Eucharistic Ministers                            | Karen Takacs     |                                | Communion to Homebound         | Denise Carson              |  |  |  |
| Euchre                                           | Pat Fowler       |                                | Harwood Place                  | Mark-Andre Simard          |  |  |  |
| Lectors (readers)                                | Jennifer Del Mon | te                             | Harwood Manor                  | Susan Falcone              |  |  |  |
| Craft Group                                      | Beatrice Zuzarte |                                | Ballycliffe                    | Father Daniel              |  |  |  |
| Rosary Makers                                    | Phyl Birch       |                                | Ajax-Pickering Hospital        | Father Daniel              |  |  |  |
| Knights of Columbus                              | Ron Larock       |                                | Lakeridge Gardens              | Father Daniel              |  |  |  |
| Daughters of Isabella Monique Beaudoin           |                  | School Council Parish Liaisons |                                |                            |  |  |  |
| Faith Studies                                    | Susan Kennedy    |                                | St. James Elementary           | Elise Arbic & Lisa Veecook |  |  |  |
| Flowers & Decorating                             | Catherine Sherio | lan                            |                                |                            |  |  |  |
| Funeral Receptions                               | Julia Beattie    |                                |                                |                            |  |  |  |
| Parish Schools                                   |                  |                                |                                |                            |  |  |  |
| 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-                        |                  | 905-427-3327                   | Geraldine Borg, Principal      |                            |  |  |  |
| St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary 905-426-7065   |                  | 905-426-7065                   | Sheena Paul, Principal         |                            |  |  |  |

#### October 20-26 Sunday October 20th Tuesday October 22nd Friday October 25th 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers After all Sunday Masses - Ministry Fair (Hall) After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) (Hall-Kitchen Side) Sunday (Hall) 6:30pm - Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass 7pm - EDGE (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall) Monday October 21st Saturday October 26th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) Wednesday October 23rd 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 6pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Hall) 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 11am - Baptism **7pm** - Knights of Columbus (Hall Stage Side) 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 11am - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) **7pm** - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side) 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) **3pm** - Sacramental Parent Retreat (*Hall* ) October 27- November 2 Sunday October 27th Tuesday October 29th Friday November 1st After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) All Saints Day 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) Sunday (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall) Saturday November 2nd All Souls' Day Monday October 28th Wednesday October 30th 9am - Mass (All Souls' Day Mass) 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr EDGE (Hall) 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) **11am** - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) **7pm** - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side) 1pm - Mass (All Souls' Day Mass) 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 3pm - Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall) November 3-9 Wednesday November 6th Sunday November 3rd Friday November 8th Z E O O 2pm - All Saints Day Party (Hall) 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) Monday November 4th **7pm** - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side) **7pm** - EDGE (Hall) 9:30pm - Faith Studies (Hall) 6pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Hall) Thursday November 7th Saturday November 9th 7:30pm - SSVP Meeting (Council Room) 10am - Hope & Life (Hall-Kitchen side) 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage side) 11am - Baptism Tuesday November 5th **11am** - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) **1pm** - Confirmation Class (Hall) **6pm** - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St. Bernadette CES -Library) November 10-16 Sunday November 10th Tuesday November 12th Friday November 15th After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee **2pm** - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers Sunday (Hall) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall) 7pm - Jesus Youth (Hall) Monday November 11th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) Wednesday November 13th Saturday November 16th 6:30pm - Jr EDGE (Hall) 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 7pm - Knights of Columbus (Council Room) 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 11am - First Communion Class (Hall) **1pm -** First Reconciliations 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) Thursday November 14th 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage Side) November 17-23 Wednesday November 20th Monday November 18th Friday November 22nd 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers 7pm - Knights of Columbus (Hall) 6pm - First Communion Class (Hall) 7pm - EDGE (Hall) Tuesday November 19th Thursday November 21st **FALL 2pm** - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage Side) Saturday November 23rd 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 2024 7pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Hall-Stage 11am - Baptism 11am - First Communion Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St. Bernadette CES -1pm - First Reconciliations Library) 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)

# Supporting our Parish Community

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