



24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME September 15, 2024
St. Bernadette Catholic Church

21 Bayly Street East, Ajax, Ontario L1S 1P2
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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,

WELCOME BACK! This weekend marks the beginning of the Parish Ministry Year 2024-2025 for our parish! Our Property & Building Council members are working hard with the contractors to get our parish space ready to welcome back many of the continuing ministries and

several new ones this year.

This weekend begins a three-part preaching series highlighting the importance of Christian Stewardship - that is, the responsibility we have of using wisely the gifts God has given each one of us. We often think that what this refers to is money. But we are far more gifted intrinsically and extrinsically than that. Our Creator created the goodness all around us, but He has given us Gifts through the Holy Spirit and made us all for greatness! We as a parish community - a family in faith - must help one another and share with one another.

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

Father Chris Lemieux
Father Daniel Lee
Deacon Ron Vaz
Aquila D'Costa
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.

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 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:	\$	8,671.00
Building Fund to Date:	\$	386,252.20

Welcome Back Breakfasts & After

Mass Socials

On this 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 per person (kids under 3 years eat for free). Tickets can be purchased from Julia Beattie @905-683-1373 or contact the parish office. All proceeds 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 14th - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

900am + Tagumpay Diolata

900am + HOFFIE WILLIAMS

500pm ~ Camila O'Hare

Sunday September 15th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

700pm ~ Sheila Wijeratne

Monday September 16th - St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian

800am + Veronica Ego-Aguirre

Tuesday September 17th

800am ~ Noreen Pierre

Wednesday September 18th

730pm + Hovorka Family

+ Senior Family

+ Ernesto Cano

+ Emmanuel Xavier

Thursday September 19th - St. Januarius

730pm ~ Rita LaGrenade

Friday September 20th - St. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn & Companions

800am + Eleuteria Oro

Saturday September 21st - St. Matthew

900am ~ Jennifer Mark

+ For the souls in Purgatory that have no one to pray for them

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

Children's Liturgy, Bible & Faith Studies

We hope you all had an enjoyable time over the summer! We will resume the Children's Liturgy on Sunday September 22nd 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.

Parish Faith Study: Priest, Prophet & King

Experience a transformative journey through the Scriptures with Bishop Barron's DVD presentation, Priest, Prophet, King. In this engaging series, we will discover Jesus as the Anointed One, the ultimate Priest, Prophet, and King, as foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Through small group discussions, we will deepen our understanding and learn how we too are called to serve as Priests, Prophets, and Kings in our own lives. Starts on Monday September 16, @9:30am in the parish hall.

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 and Amanda Wetmore. 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 the Parish Office OR call Amanda at 647-283-1593 or email at amandajohanwetmore@gmail.com

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 26th**. For more information, please contact Cathy Haynes at haynes.cathy@gmail.com

New Catholic Women's Guild

We invite you to join St. Bernadette's new Catholic Women's Guild, a community where women of all ages can come together for prayer, fellowship, and live out our Catholic values. Join us for our first gathering on Tuesday September 17, @7pm in the parish hall. All women are welcome!

Come and enjoy an evening of community, with door prizes and plenty of fun. For more information, please contact Catherine at 905-428-8860 or email her at: stbernadettecwg@gmail.com

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

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.

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.

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		
<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>
October 6-12		
<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 September 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>

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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