



17th & 18th Sundays in Ordinary Time

July 28th, 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 Masses – Wednesday 6:30am
Morning Masses – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:00am :: Saturday 9:00am
Evening Masses – Wednesday 7:30pm

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm Fridays 8:30am-9:30am Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm

**Also, by appointment with the clergy*

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

PARISH STAFF

Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor*
Father Daniel Lee, *Associate Pastor*
Deacon Ron Vaz, *Parish Deacon*
Aquila D'Costa, *Parish Secretary*
Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate*
Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator*
Marva Thomas, *Administrative Assistant*
Sue McGee, *Parish Bookkeeper*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9:00am to 12:30pm
1:30pm to 4:30pm
Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1:30
Saturday & Sunday
9:30am to 2:30pm
OFFICE CLOSED to Walk-ins on FRIDAYS

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms – every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class and completed registration with required forms required. 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 SCHOOLS

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary	Jim MacNeil, <i>Principal</i>	Tim Lee Loy, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-427-6667
Notre Dame Secondary	Sonya Melim, <i>Principal</i>	Jeannine Henry, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-686-4300
St. Bernadette Elementary	John Linhares, <i>Principal</i>	Agnes Sararus, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-683-0571
St. James Elementary	Geraldine Borg, <i>Principal</i>	Elise Arbic, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-242-7256
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	Sheena Paul, <i>Principal</i>	Linda Sarang, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-426-7065

OUR WEBSITE

<https://stbernajax.com>

From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Friends in Christ,

I hope we are all having a wonderful summer, enjoying the weather with family and friends.

Your Parish staff are working hard to prepare for an exciting Fall ahead, as we look forward to starting up the Parish Ministry 2024-2025 year. If you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to email me or our Parish Office, or give us a call.

Your servant in the Lord,

Father Chris

Connecting with Your Priests

Our priests, Father Chris and Father Daniel work hard to serve all the parishioners of St. Bernadette's to the best of their abilities, but we recognize that there are a number of people dropping by the office expecting to find a priest available in his office. Unfortunately, much of their work is away from their desks.

To serve parishioners better, they both will schedule time in the office when possible for parishioners who wish to speak to them by phone one day a week.

Father Chris will try his best to be available on Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm and Father Daniel on Tuesday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Please note: These times cannot always be guaranteed. Please call ahead to the office. We ask that your calls during this time be no more than 10 minutes in duration and if a further or longer conversation or an in-person meeting is required, the priests will determine that in speaking with you.

Our Weekly Offerings



Thank you all for your continued generosity, with your time, your talents, and your treasures! This is what was shared of your treasures this week:

LAST WK'S OFFERTORY (incl PAG):	\$	7,770.00
LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND:	\$	481.00
BUILDING FUND TOTAL:	\$	371,791.10

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, Kevin Sims, Helen Holmes, Anne Sinclair, Frederick Chafe, Jaime Villafuerte, Margaret Ayers & Roland Gregory.

We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing – we pray in a special way for Roosevelt Colaco.

July Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

July 4 th	Peter & Priscilla Dwyer (60 years)
July 6 th	Crissy & Dean Pestano (11 years)
July 14 th	John & Cynthia Wetmore (40 years)
July 18 th	Trudy & Wilfred Hueper (54 years)
July 19 th	Joanne & David Ellis (49 years)
July 22 nd	Shanti & Gabriel Ferdinand (29 years)

Huronia Holy Land Pilgrimage



We will once again be make 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, assisted by Amanda Wetmore & Pat Fowler. 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 Amanda at call 647-283-1593 or Email – amandajohanwetmore@gmail.com

Christian Initiation of Adults

We are actively looking for those wanting to receive sacraments as well as those who play an important role in helping them – to serve as sponsors. Please contact Robert for more information by calling 905-683-1533 ext. 203 or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Bible Study



Fall Bible Study "A Deep Dive into the Gospel of Luke" will be on Wednesdays starting September 11th, 2024, for 20 weeks. We will be offering two sessions – mornings at 9:30am or evenings (via Zoom). The study guide can be purchased (optional) for \$35 with the order being placed in early August.

Contact Susan to register or for more information at: susangkennedy@gmail.com or 905-427-6137

Sacramental Prep Volunteers

We are looking to grow our team of First Communion and Confirmation catechist-teacher volunteers. If you have a passion for the Sacraments and a love for teaching especially young people, please consider joining our Sacramental Preparation Team for 2024-2025. We're looking for adults and teenagers, and training will be provided.

Please contact Robert LeBlanc, Lay Pastoral Associate for more information by calling 905-683-1533 ext. 203 or email lpa@stbernajax.com

Gratitude for Assistance with Totus Tuus Camp



Our TOTUS TUUS Summer Camp ended off successfully on Friday with 75 Day Campers, 20 Evening Campers, 30 Parish Camp Leaders, and the 4 Missionaries from the archdiocese that led us!

We thank everyone who was involved and who came to support the campers and missionaries in many ways. Thank you to our 2 parish families who hosted the missionaries in their homes for the week, to the families who provided lunch for the missionaries, to the families who provided dinners & freezies for the youth campers, and to all those who attended the Parish TOTUS TUUS Potluck with their dishes!

We are so grateful and wish all our families a blessed continuous summer!

Gratitude for Picnic Committee

We thank Bob Bawcutt, and the many parishioners who helped make our Parish Picnic this year a wonderful success. We had a wonderful turnout for the end-of-June event that closed out our Parish Ministry year and this was a great coordinated effort on the part of many! Thank you!

Update on Building/ Property Work

At present, we have AWL Construction working on the Universal Washroom in the Parish Hall, which we hope to have completed and in use by the Fall. This is located at the front of the Parish Hall where the Janitor's closet was. When that is completed, a smaller Janitor's Closet will be located at the back of the hall. Work is also being done on the basement washrooms as well.

A very generous parishioner who has provided our Parish Kitchen with a beautiful facelift, helping us get better use from our kitchen in the years ahead – we are so grateful for that.

Phase One of our property redevelopment is completed now, and it seems the Lord has provided us with the nourishment, as the front lawn and trees seem to be doing very well. We are continuing to schedule staff to water these areas where possible. The future phases will be smaller, as we continue in the years ahead to bring natural beauty to the grounds at St. Bernadette's

The Finance Council will also be considering quotes that we have received for the Parish Hall roof, which we are looking to start in the Fall, which should not affect our meeting space and Fall Ministry programming.

Upcoming Special Request

The sound system in our church is coming to the end of its life. We are faced with a major parish expense in the months ahead, as we now must consider replacing major components of the church sound system, an expense that will cost us around \$50,000. We are pricing this out and more information in our next bulletin.

Euchre

If you enjoy playing EUCHRE and would like to join the St. Bernadette Traveling Euchre, please contact Pat at 647 654-8540.

Parish Ministries Serving All

There are many ways big and small to “get involved” around St. Bernadette’s. These are some of the ways and our ministries continue to evolve and give life to new ministries too. The Ministry Coordinator (leaders) are listed but please call/email the Parish Office for more details on our various ministries.

From among our most dedicated volunteers, the Pastor selects and appoints parishioners to our three Stewardship Councils. These councils are special advisory committees to help the pastor in the important decisions he makes administering the parish. We are always looking for parishioners with special skills for these councils.

The Alpha Course	Robert LeBlanc
Altar Servers	Lianson Wilson
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Ferdinand
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Bingo	Anne Marie Dennis
Catholic Mom’s Group	Cathy Haynes
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson
	Julia Beattie
Children’s Liturgy	Elise Arbic
Saturday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 830am Choir	Tatjana Smrekar
Sun 1015am Choir (children)	Michelle Kirkwood
Sunday 1200pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 700pm Choir	Stan Rodrigo
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs
Euchre	Pat Fowler
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte
Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Knights of Columbus	John Kelley
Daughters of Isabella	Monique Beaudoin
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno
Hope & Life for Widows	Jeanette Pinto
Horizons of Hope	Eleanor Lee
Legion of Mary	Valeria Chovancova
Livestreaming Team	Desiree Plaus
Understanding Our Faith	Susan Kennedy
Meditation	Trevor Pereira

Ministry of Hospitality	Faizul & Vinette Rahim
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Street Patrol	Desiree Plaus
Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Young Adult Ministry	Father Daniel Lee

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism	Father Chris
Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Marriage Preparation	Dax Magsisi
Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc

Communion Outreach

Please contact the Parish Office, as staff coordinate most of our outreach ministries. Special training is required.

Communion to Homebound	Denise Carson
Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Harwood Manor	Susan Falcone
Ballycliffe	Deacon Ron Vaz
Ajax-Pickering Hospital	Deacon Ron Vaz
Lakeridge Gardens	Deacon Ron Vaz

School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sararus
St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O’Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

**** Your Parish Needs You ****

We continue to look for the generosity and gifts of our people (YOU) and ask that you consider volunteering in one of our parish ministries.

Signing up is easy!! Take a few moments to fill in our form at <https://bit.ly/46kDIFm>

- The Ministry Coordinator and Volunteer Screening Team will meet with you virtually for a short meet & greet
- They will start the screening process (which is usually completed within a week)

OR EMAIL US at stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com

Mass Intentions These Two Weeks

Saturday July 27

900am + Helen Kot
~ In thanksgiving for Heber Antony
500pm + Michael Fernandes

Sunday July 28

830am + Grazyna Matelska
500pm + Leslie Machado
700pm ~ For personal intentions

Monday July 29

800am ~ In thanksgiving to God and to his Angels
& Saints

Tuesday July 30

800am + Grace Matelska

Wednesday July 31

730pm + Grace Matelska
+ Thio Santhio Joseph
+ R.V. Savangapani
~ Angie Magsisi
~ Rick & Melissa

Thursday August 1

800am + Marianne Brörmann

Friday August 2

800am + Robert Lopes

Saturday August 3

900am + Wilfred Bonair
+ Norma Bonair
+ Godofredo Alcabao
+ Rebecca Estiaga
500pm + Nat Noronha

Sunday August 4

830am ~ Roland Gregory
500pm + Josephine Veerasuntharam

Monday August 5

900am + Norma Bonair

Wednesday August 7

500pm ~ Rusty Parades

Thursday August 8

800am + Hermano Oliveira

Saturday August 9

500pm + William Walsh

Sunday August 10

830am + Paz Olandria
500pm + Milton Anthony

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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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