



1st Sunday of Lent

March 9, 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

WEEKDAYS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9am-4:30pm
Wednesday
9am-4:30pm, 6pm-9pm
Friday 9am-4:30pm for
Phone calls only
(Weekdays closed for lunch
12:30-1:30pm)

WEEKENDS:

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



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends,

Our Lent has begun! Throughout the liturgical year, just as in life itself, we need a time to 'reset', to regain perspective, reassess our priorities and allow ourselves to become more aware and more mindful of what is most important as people of faith. Lent is that time. Simplicity is an important consideration here. Just as we reflect

upon the poverty in which our Lord and Saviour entered the world (when we reflect on the 3rd Joyful Mystery), we are mindful that the Lord's hope for us all is that we will continue to work to "uncomplicate" our lives, giving ourselves more time to be filled with the grace, blessing and virtue He desires for us. I encourage and invite us all, as we begin our Lenten journey, to find something in our lives to unplug or disconnect ourselves from - something that currently 'complicates' our lives more than we need it to. And add something of value, perhaps a deepening commitment to our relationship with God and with others.

On this Lenten journey with you,

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	Pastor	pastor@stbernajax.com
Father Daniel Lee	Associate Pastor	associate@stbernajax.com
Deacon Ron Vaz	Parish Deacon	deacon@stbernajax.com
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Monika Matelski	Youth Coordinator	youth@stbernajax.com
Marva Thomas	Administrative Assistant	office3@stbernajax.com
Sue McGee	Parish Bookkeeper	admin@stbernajax.com

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. 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

In keeping with government mandates and the purpose of our prayer requests, names to be listed in our Parish Bulletin, must:

- ✚ Be requested (preferably) by the individual themselves
- ✚ Secondly a spouse or child

Those listed in the bulletin will be listed for three weeks consecutively and then removed. Renewed requests will need to be made to Parish Office - indefinite requests will need to be made directly to Father Chris.

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:

Violet Azavedo, Anne Sinclair, Jaime Villafuerte, and Faye Marechal.

We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing. We remember Carol Josephine Gallagher, and Antoinette Yuen.

The Gift of Parish Giving



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.

Offertory for (March 3)	\$ 8,134.00
Building Fund Collection (March 3)	\$ 4,709.25
Building Fund Total	\$429,047.67

Lent

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent, offering a special opportunity to renew our full commitment to God. One of the wonderful Lenten traditions we honour is fasting (on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday) and abstaining from meat on Fridays. These practices aren't meant to be restrictive, but to help us open our hearts, minds, and souls to the sacrifices made for us, especially by our Lord Jesus Christ. Additionally, making time for the Sacrament of Penance (confession) more regularly during Lent is a great way to deepen our spiritual journey. To support this, parishes, including St. Bernadette's, offer more opportunities for confession during this season.

We also simplify our liturgies during Lent to reflect the profound yet simple Gift of Life that Jesus gave us, culminating on Good Friday. This includes removing flowers, using fewer altar candles and adornments at Mass, and simplifying hymns and prayers. We will also take a break from communal devotions (Prayer to St. Bernadette on Saturday, Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesdays - to focus on the beauty of Lent - although our personal devotions can and should help us draw closer to our Lord's sacrifices and Gift of Himself. We also draw closer as a community offering the Stations of the Cross. On Fridays during Adoration, we will pray the Litany of Penance instead of the Litany to the Sacred Heart.

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 8th - St. John of God

900am + Lucie Stepien
+ Gloria Tagalog
+ Dildo Rabak
~ Shiven Daniel Jayasekera
~ Andrè Stepien
500pm + The Boucher Family

Sunday March 9th - 1st Sunday of Lent

830am + Ceasar Cabalatangan
500pm + Robert Laws
700pm + Dildo Rabak

Monday March 10th

800am + Frank Tanfara

Tuesday March 11th

800am + Elias El-Khoury

Wednesday March 12th

730pm + Iris Nazareth
+ Lina Coelho
+ Irene Holmes
+ Carlos Vergara Cruz
~ Cynthia Devaraj

Thursday March 13th

800am + Irene Holmes

Friday March 14th

800am + Veronica Ego-Aguirre

Saturday March 15th

900am + Carol Gallagher
+ Souls in purgatory
+ Ricardo Sta Ana
~ Mike Winger
500pm + Greg Bezer

March Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

Mar 19	Marciana & Robert Nagtalon	(52 years)
Mar 27	Isobel & James Montague	(57 years)
Mar 27	Bert & Patricia Connelly	(60 years)

Coffee Sunday



Please join us this weekend for Coffee Sunday on **March 9**, 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 23.**

EDGE CAMP EAST 2025

Registration is open. Click the link below to register:
<https://edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com>

Dates: August 16 - August 20, 2025
Where: Camp White Pine, Haliburton ON
Who can go: EDGE youth in grades 5-8
Cost: \$500.00 per camper until April 30, afterwards the cost will be \$575.00
Please submit \$100 non-refundable deposit to the parish office or Monika Matelski (cash or cheque)

EDGE CAMP Parent Information Meeting:
Monday April 7 | 7:30pm in parish hall



JUNIOR EDGE (grades 1-4)

2nd Semester begins Monday March 24 | 6:30pm-8pm

EDGE (grades 5-8)

2nd Semester begins on Friday March 28 | 7pm-8:30pm
(including Stations of the Cross)

Catholic Mom's Group

St. Bernadette Catholic Mothers' Group meets again on **Thursday, March 27** at 8:00 pm. This month, we welcome Dr. Julia Cataudella, MD, NFPMC - Fertility Care Medical Consultant. Dr. Julia will be on hand to discuss and answer medical questions related to our fertility and general health. Calling all moms to attend! Contact Cathy Haynes for location and details.
haynes.cathy@gmail.com

PA Day with St. Bernadette!

Children in JK - grade 6 are welcome to spend their PA DAY on **Monday March 31** at our parish for the third PA DAY in a special series called "St. Bernadette teaches us the virtues!" We will have games, activities, outdoor play time (weather permitting), and a movie. Grade 7/8 siblings and high school teens are welcome to volunteer. Please contact Monika:
youth@stbernajax.com

Registration is \$20/child for the day which will run 9am-3pm in the parish hall. Please pack a lunch and one snack for your child!

Register for the March 31 PA with St. Bernadette:
bit.ly/4kbheYu

UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER
2025

March 9-15		
<p>Sunday March 9 After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall) 2:30pm - Rite of Election (St. Barnabas Roman Catholic Church)</p> <p>Monday March 10 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall)</p>	<p>Tuesday March 11 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - CWG Planning Meeting (Council Room) 7:00pm - Wedding Coordinator Training (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday March 12 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrolment Meetings (Hall) 7:00pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p>Friday March 14 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday March 15 9:30am - St. Joseph's Men's Prayer (Hall) 11:30am - Art Social (Hall)</p>
March 16-22		
<p>Monday March 17 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:00pm - Baptism Prep Class (Hall) 6:00pm - KOC Membership Meeting (Ajax Library)</p> <p>Tuesday March 18 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES - Library)</p>	<p>Wednesday March 19 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6:00pm - Confirmation Enrolment Meetings (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p> <p>Thursday March 20 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday March 21 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - Jesus Youth (Hall) 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday March 22 9:00am - Confirmation Retreat (Ajax Rec Centre - Commodore Room) 11:00am - Baptism 1:00pm - First Reconciliations</p>
March 23-29		
<p>Sunday March 23 After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday March 24 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr. EDGE (Hall)</p>	<p>Tuesday March 25 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:00pm - Lenten Penance Service 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES - Library)</p> <p>Wednesday March 26 10:00am - Lenten Day of Confessions 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side) 4:30pm - Lenten Day of Confessions</p>	<p>Thursday March 27 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall) 7:00pm - Building Council Meeting (Boardroom)</p> <p>Friday March 28 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall) 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p>
March 30-April 5		
<p>Monday March 31 9:00am - PA DAY (Hall)</p> <p>Tuesday April 1 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES - Library)</p>	<p>Wednesday April 2 7:00pm - Marriage Prep Course (Stage Side)</p> <p>Thursday April 3 10:00am - Hope & Life (Kitchen Side) 6:30pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday April 4 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday April 5 9:00am - Lenten Day of Recollection 9:00am - Confirmation Retreat (Ajax Rec Centre - Commodore Room)</p>

Lent & Easter Parish Schedule

Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

(each Friday of Lent)

Led by select parish ministries

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday March 25

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Lenten Day of Confession Wednesday

March 26

10:00am - 1:00pm & 4:30pm – 7:00pm

Lenten Jubilee Day of Recollection

Saturday April 5

9:00am - 2:00pm (starts with Mass)

RCIA Day of Recollection Saturday

April 12

9:00am - 2:00pm (starts with Mass)

Confessions – Wednesday April 16

6:00pm to 7:15pm

Holy Week & Easter

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Thursday April 17 at 8:00pm

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
in the Chapel of Repose - Parish Hall (until midnight)

Good Friday - Friday April 18

Outdoor Stations of the Cross – 9:00am (rain or shine)

Good Friday Services - 11:00am | 1:00pm | 3:00pm

Holy Saturday - Saturday April 19

Blessing of Easter Baskets – 9:30am SHARP in the Parish Hall

Easter Rehearsals & Decorating – starts at 9:00am

Church closed to public all day

Easter Vigil starts at 8:00pm

(come early for seating and Parish Hall overflow)

Easter Masses - Sunday April 20

Masses at 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am | 12:30pm

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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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