



29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

October 20, 2024

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

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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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends,

I hope you've received my Pastor's Message for Thanksgiving 2024. I will write another pastoral letter again for Christmas. I want to thank all of you for making St. Bernadette's a wonderful parish community. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear again, a familiar Gospel where

James and John seek the greatest place next to Jesus in Heaven. Jesus reminds them (and us) that Christian greatness is found in how willing we are to go "the extra mile" for others. He models that in the Washing of Feet we experience in the liturgy on Holy Thursday and the ultimate sacrifice He makes of Himself on Good Friday. Jesus gave EVERYTHING so we all could live eternal and now - we are called to model our lives totally and completely on that. Let us consider the ways we might do just that, give ourselves MORE for others this coming week.

May God bless 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

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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	Brendan & Kate McKnight	(13 years)
Oct 7	Pat & Allan Colterman	(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):	\$	7,505.00
Last Week's Building Fund:	\$	6,399.56
Building Fund Total:	\$	398,388.36

Coffee Sunday

Come join us this **Sunday, October 20th**, at our Coffee Sunday, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. Enjoy freshly brewed coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and light refreshments while **we fellowship and strengthen our community**. You will also have an opportunity to visit some of our parish ministries being showcased at the Ministry Fair and explore new ways to get more involved in parish life. You are encouraged to bring a friend this weekend. We look forward to seeing you all there. Next Coffee Sunday - October 27th.

Mass Intentions

Saturday October 19th - St. Paul of the Cross

830am + Valeriana Serrano
+ Ben Serrano
+ Carmine Vigilante
+ Teresa Mathias
+ Souls in Purgatory those that have no one to pray for them
500pm + John Diorio

Sunday October 20th - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am ~ Gloria Magpantay
500pm + Thomas Callaghan
700pm + Corazone Plaza

Monday October 21st

800am ~ Janet King

Tuesday October 22nd - St. John Paul II

800am ~ Thanksgiving for wedding anniversary of Eber Antony & Emylin

Wednesday October 23rd - St. John of Capistrano

730pm + Herman Navarra
+ Theresa Matias
~ Michaela Gaza

Thursday October 24th - St. Anthony Mary Claret

800am + Pina Monteferrante

Friday October 25th

800am + Jose Olandria

Saturday October 26th - Our Lady's Saturday

900am ~ Michael Bungkyn Jeon Family
500pm + Rolando Pontejos

Saturday Morning Mass Time

Please note that our morning Mass this **Saturday, October 19th** will be at **8:30am** instead of 9am.

Parish Ministry Fair

St Bernadette's will be hosting a Ministry Fair after all weekend Masses, **October 19th & 20th**. Ministries will showcase their activities and events at our parish. You will have the opportunity to meet some of the ministry members and learn of ways you can get involved.

Candlelight Vigil &

Memorial Mass



On **Tuesday October 22**, we welcome all those who have registered for this Mass with their guests to celebrate another Candlelight Vigil (starting at 6:30pm) followed by a Memorial Mass (at 7:00pm). Each registered member may offer to a maximum of eight (8) names. The Vigil will begin with meditative instrumental music and conclude with special prayers. The Celebrant will offer Mass for all the intentions listed, at the beginning of the Mass. Celebrating the life of family members and friends is an important way to stay connected to those for whom we pray and who pray for us. We ask for a suggested donation of \$25 for the commemorative candle that is yours to keep!

We also thank our Knights of Columbus & Bereavement Ministry for their dedicated assistance and support in helping us host these celebrations.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office.



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: <https://bit.ly/4emdssa>

Jr. EDGE (grades 1-4) **Monday Oct. 28** | 6:30pm-8pm
EDGE (grades 5-8) **Friday Oct. 25** | 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 | youth@stbernajax.com | 905-683-1533 X-204

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: haynes.cathy@gmail.com

All Souls' Day Masses

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

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: lpa@stbernajax.com

RCIA

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 lpa@stbernajax.com

Parish Office Opportunities

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: pastor@stbernajax.com, 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 <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. 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	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 & Julia Beattie	Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Children’s Liturgy	Elise Arbic	Young Adult Ministry	Father Chris
Choir Saturday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	<u>Sacramental Preparation</u>	
Choir Sunday 8:30am	Tatjana Smrekar	Baptism	Father Chris
Choir Sun 10:15am (children)	Michelle Kirkwood	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 Sheridan	Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski	Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito	<u>Communion Outreach</u>	
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs	Communion to Homebound	Denise Carson
Euchre	Pat Fowler	Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte	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	<u>School Council Parish Liaisons</u>	
Faith Studies	Susan Kennedy	St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic & Lisa Veecook
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan		
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie		
<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	
St. James Elementary	905-427-3327	Geraldine Borg, Principal	
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	905-426-7065	Sheena Paul, Principal	

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL
2024

October 20-26		
<p>Sunday October 20th After all Sunday Masses - Ministry Fair (Hall) After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday October 21st 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Hall) 7pm - Knights of Columbus (Hall Stage Side)</p>	<p>Tuesday October 22nd 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 6:30pm - Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday October 23rd 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 7pm - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side)</p> <p>Thursday October 24th 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage Side)</p>	<p>Friday October 25th 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall-Kitchen Side) 7pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday October 26th 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 11am - Baptism 11am - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 3pm - Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall)</p>
October 27- November 2		
<p>Sunday October 27th After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday October 28th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr EDGE (Hall)</p>	<p>Tuesday October 29th 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday October 30th 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 7pm - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side)</p> <p>Thursday October 31st 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday November 1st All Saints Day</p> <p>Saturday November 2nd All Souls' Day 9am - Mass (All Souls' Day Mass) 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 11am - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 1pm - Mass (All Souls' Day Mass) 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 3pm - Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall)</p>
November 3-9		
<p>Sunday November 3rd 2pm - All Saints Day Party (Hall)</p> <p>Monday November 4th 9:30pm - Faith Studies (Hall) 6pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - SSVF Meeting (Council Room)</p> <p>Tuesday November 5th 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St. Bernadette CES - Library)</p>	<p>Wednesday November 6th 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 7pm - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side)</p> <p>Thursday November 7th 10am - Hope & Life (Hall-Kitchen side) 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage side)</p>	<p>Friday November 8th 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall) 7pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday November 9th 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 11am - Baptism 11am - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)</p>
November 10-16		
<p>Sunday November 10th After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday November 11th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr EDGE (Hall) 7pm - Knights of Columbus (Council Room)</p>	<p>Tuesday November 12th 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday November 13th 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall)</p> <p>Thursday November 14th 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage Side)</p>	<p>Friday November 15th 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall) 7pm - Bereavement Group (Council Room) 7pm - Jesus Youth (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday November 16th 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 11am - First Communion Class (Hall) 1pm - First Reconciliations 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)</p>
November 17-23		
<p>Monday November 18th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 7pm - Knights of Columbus (Hall)</p> <p>Tuesday November 19th 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Hall-Stage side) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St. Bernadette CES - Library)</p>	<p>Wednesday November 20th 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6pm - First Communion Class (Hall)</p> <p>Thursday November 21st 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage Side)</p>	<p>Friday November 22nd 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall) 7pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday November 23rd 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 11am - Baptism 11am - First Communion Class (Hall) 1pm - First Reconciliations 1pm - Confirmation 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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