



33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

November 17, 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

Website:

<http://stbernajax.com>



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends,

Christians should not fear the end times, the end of the world. Why? Jesus spoke about it, and we hear that in today's Gospel - and while none of us relish the thought of things coming to an end, the world as we know it ending, there is a freedom to be found that should allow us to live and give and grow towards the best life and best version of ourselves here and now. The end of our life and the end of the world are inevitabilities none of us can avoid, but we don't live our lives waiting for death, but we live our lives knowing that it will come and that Jesus our Lord gave His Life, so that each of us could make the most out of ours!

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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Father Daniel Lee
Deacon Ron Vaz
Aquila D'Costa
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Monika Matelski
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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, Fred Chafe, Jaime Villafuerte, Margaret Ayers, Roland Gregory, and Clarette Escobar.

We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing - we pray especially for Adam De Thomasis.

November Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

Nov 1	Druce & Margaret Ayres	(55 years)
Nov 1	Chris & Rebecca Tavares	(10 years)
Nov 8	Wilfred & Noreen Pierre	(55 years)
Nov 16	Kamal & Gabriella	(25 years)
Nov 29	Joseph & Afra D'Lima	(37 years)
Nov 29	Ida & Joseph D'Souza	(54 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): \$ 12,203.00
Building Fund Total: \$ 405,582.26

Coffee Sunday

Come join us for our next Coffee Sunday held on **November 24th**, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall. Experience the joy of fellowship with your St Bernadette's community. Fellowship strengthens us in our Christian journey as we connect with others who share our faith.

Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be served along with light delicious refreshments. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Mass Intentions

Saturday November 16th - St. Gertrude

900am + Souls of the Mark Family
+ Rayda Jacobs
500pm ~ In celebration of Kamal & Gabriella's
Wedding Anniversary

Sunday November 17th - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Gil & Linda Montes
500pm + Daniel Dulnuan
700pm + Ignacia Ricarte

Monday November 18th - The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul

800am ~ Marie McCarthy

Tuesday November 19th

800am + Deceased members of the McCarthy
Family

Wednesday November 20th

730pm + Hilda Sequeira
+ Herman Navarra
+ Abdulahad Hanna
~ McCarthy Family
~ Rita Sakah & Family

Thursday November 21st - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

800am ~ In Thanksgiving for Henzy Antony

Friday November 22nd - St. Cecilia

800am + the souls in purgatory that have no one to pray for them

Saturday November 23rd - St. Clement I

900am + Erman Mazzarolo
+ Jose Oliveira
+ Eduarda Oliveira
+ Dylan Gilmour
~ Marva Claxton
500pm + Earl Buzz Melanson

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Christmas Collection

November 23 - 24, 2024

Thank you for your generous support of our work with neighbours in need who depend on your charity throughout the year and especially at Christmas. Envelopes will be available in the pews on November 16 and 17.

The SSVP Christmas Collection will be taken up on **November 23 and 24**. Thank you! SSVP Cell: 905-626-4864

Alter Servers



As we approach First Holy Communion, we hope our young people will consider a very important Ministry of Service in our Parish Community - as an Altar Server! This Ministry is open to all young people who have received (or are about to receive) their First Holy Communion. For more information, please speak to Lianson Wilson at lianson2005pr@gmail.com



We invite our grade students to join the highly anticipated youth ministry experience in our parish! Please click the link to register: <https://bit.ly/4emdssa>

EDGE grades 5-8 | Night#3: HANDMADE
Friday Nov. 22 | 7pm-8:30pm

Jr. EDGE grades 1-4 | Night#3: God the Creator
Monday Nov. 25 | 6:30pm-8pm

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

Christmas Bake Sale

The Parish Fundraising Committee is hosting a Christmas Bake Sale on **Sunday November 24** in the Parish Hall after the 8:30, 10:15 and noon Masses. For more information contact:
Julia Beattie 905-683-1373 | Linda Sarang 416-523-2062

St. Joseph 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 St. Joseph's 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 Breach" a 12-part series that includes short videos.

Wednesday January 15 & Saturday January 18, 2025
Wednesday February 12 & Saturday February 15, 2025
Wednesday March 12 & Saturday March 15, 2025
Wednesday April 9 & Saturday April 12, 2025

2025 Missal Sales

This weekend - November 16 & 17, after ALL MASSES our Collection Counting team will be working with staff to offer sales of the Living with Christ Missalettes for \$7.00 each. The team will be located in the Narthex before and after all Masses.

Parish Faith Study

Join us for a special series "Unlock the Meaning of Advent" with Dr. Brant Pitre as we explore the deeper meaning of Advent through ancient Jewish prophecies and the Sunday readings. Discover how understanding this season can help you better prepare for Christmas. Enjoy DVD presentations followed by small group discussions. Sessions will be held in the parish hall on **Nov 18, 25 & Dec 2, 9:30am-11:30am**. All are welcome to attend!

Catholic Women's Guild

Next Meeting date: November 19th at 7:15pm

Remembrance Day reminds us of Service & Sacrifice. This month, we will break into small groups to discuss the *Power of Sacrifice and Serving*, followed by an activity to grow in our spirit of service. We will also listen to a special Cultural Sharing presentation, on insights into Dutch heritage. A great opportunity for fellowship, learning, and connection. For more information contact us at: stbernadettecwg@gmail.com

Celebration of Mary

Join us in the Parish Hall on **December 7th**, after the 9am Mass for a joyful celebration of Mary! We'll have door prizes, a Marian Quiz, and a warm lunch with homemade soup and sandwiches. Enjoy a special video presentation: "*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary*" by Dr. Brent Pitre to deepen our appreciation of Our Lady. Please RSVP to susangkenedy@gmail.com or janiceoonan@gmail.com

Christmas Masses Schedule

Our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses times will be as follows:

Christmas Eve

December 24: 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day

December 25: 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm

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
Catholic Women's Guild	Susan Kennedy	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. James Elementary	Elise Arbic & Lisa Veecook
Faith Studies	Susan Kennedy		
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

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) 7:15pm - 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>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 (Church) 11am - First Communion Class (Hall) 1pm - First Reconciliations (Church) 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)</p>
November 24-30		
<p>Sunday November 24th After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee Sunday & Fundraising Bake Sale (Hall)</p> <p>Monday November 25th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr EDGE (Hall)</p>	<p>Tuesday November 26th 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday November 27th 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6pm - First Communion Class (Hall)</p> <p>Thursday November 28th 10:00am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday November 29th 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall) 6pm - Lectors' Dinner (Hall) 6:30pm - Masters of Ceremony Training Session (Church & Hall)</p> <p>Saturday November 30th 9:30am - RCIC (Hall) 11am - First Communion Class (Hall) 1pm - First Reconciliations (Church) 1pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)</p>
December 1-7		
<p>Monday December 2nd 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 7:00pm - SSVP Meeting (Council Room)</p> <p>Tuesday December 3rd 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St. Bernadette CES - Library)</p>	<p>Wednesday December 4th 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 10:00am - Advent Day of Confessions (Church) 6:00pm - First Communion Class (Hall)</p> <p>Thursday December 5th 10:00am - DOC grade 10 retreat (Hall) 10:00am - Hope & Life (Council Room) 7:00pm - Lector Training/Refresher (Church)</p>	<p>Friday December 6th 10:00am - SSVP Christmas Giving Days (Hall) 6:00pm - Candlelight Vigil Mass (Church)</p> <p>Saturday December 7th 9:00am - Marian Celebration (Hall) 9:30am - RCIC (Council Room) 11:00am - First Communion Class (Council Room) 1pm - Lector Training/Refresher (Church) 2pm - Eucharistic Minister Training/Refresher (Church)</p>
December 8-14		
<p>Monday December 9th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr. Edge (Hall) 7:00pm - Knights of Columbus (Council Room)</p> <p>Tuesday December 10th 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p>Wednesday December 11th 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall)</p> <p>Thursday December 12th 10:00am - SSVP Christmas Giving Days (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday December 13th 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday December 14th 10:00am - Christmas Bazaar (Hall) 11:00am - Baptism (Church)</p>
December 15-21		
<p>Monday December 16th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr. Edge (Hall)</p> <p>Tuesday December 17th 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Hall)</p>	<p>Wednesday December 18th 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall)</p> <p>Thursday December 19th 6:00pm - Advent Reconciliation (Church & Hall) 7:00pm - Finance Council Meeting (Boardroom)</p>	<p>Friday December 20th 9:30am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall) 7:00pm - Bereavement Group (Council Room)</p> <p>Saturday December 21st 10:00am - Jesus Youth (Hall)</p>

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<https://bit.ly/3U3Rpxi>

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