



Solemnity of Christ the King

November 24, 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,
"¡Viva, Cristo Rey!" (Long Live Christ the King) was the resounding battle cry of the Cristeros in their struggle against the violent imposition of a secularist, anti-Catholic, anti-clerical state in Mexico during La Cristiada (1926-1929), a war described by Graham Greene as "the fiercest persecution of religion anywhere since the reign of Elizabeth I."

"¡Viva Cristo Rey!" was also the final confession on the lips of Blessed Miguel Pro, a martyr of the Cristeros war. He was not a resistance fighter but a Catholic priest of wit and courage who selflessly ran a clandestine ministry that kept the faith alive. He shouted these words as he was shot by the firing squad.

As we come to the end of another liturgical year in anticipation for a new one to begin, let us all consider what we are willing to give for our Christian faith.

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

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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): \$ 8,538.00
Building Fund Total: \$ 406,155.26

Coffee Sunday

Join us this weekend **November 24th** for Coffee Sunday after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall.

Engage in fellowship with your St Bernadette's community while enjoying light refreshments. Fellowship plays an important role in our Christian journey, strengthening us as we connect with others who share our faith. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Mass Intentions

Saturday November 23rd - St. Clement I

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

Sunday November 24th - Christ the King

830am + Elma Austriaco
500pm + Keith Giroux
700pm + Michael Harrington

Monday November 25th - St. Catherine of Alexandria

800am + Sequeira Family

Tuesday November 26th

800am + Ben McNeal

Wednesday November 27th

730pm + Joseph
+ Carlos Oliveira

Thursday November 28th

800am + Joseph Hovorka Sr.

Friday November 29th

800am + David Coates

Saturday November 30th - St. Andrew

900am + Anne Marie McPhie
+ Sybil & Pricillia
500pm ~ In thanksgiving for Tessa-Ann Williams-Rigues

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 12:00noon Masses. For more information contact:
Julia Beattie 905-683-1373 | Linda Sarang 416-523-2062

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The SSVP Christmas Collection will be taken up this weekend **November 23rd - 24th**. Thank you all for your generous support of our work with neighbours in need, especially at Christmas. You can reach us on our SSVP Cell @ 905-626-4864

Parish Christmas Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed between Christmas & New Year's. Phone messages and emails will be responded to as soon as possible during the week & within the first week of January.

Mass will be celebrated at **9:00am on December 26th, 27th, 28th and 30th**.

Altar 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



EDGE (7pm-8:30pm - Parish Hall)

Fri. Dec. 13 | Night #4: PERFECT SQUARE

Fri. Dec. 20 | Night #5: CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE

Jr. EDGE (6:30pm-8pm in parish hall)

Mon. Dec. 9 | Night #4: We are Creation

Mon. Dec. 16 | Night #5: Christmas Party!

Please mark your calendars for the CHRISTMAS FAMILY EDGE & JR. EDGE NIGHT on Friday January 10 at 7pm!

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 Breech" 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

If you have not had a chance to pick up your copy of the 2025 Living with Christ Missalettes, please stop by the parish office to purchase one for \$7.

Catholic Mothers' Group

St. Bernadette Catholic Mothers' Group meets again on **Thursday, November 28th**. Calling all moms to come out to hear speaker Krystyna Zasowski (mom of 8) talk about how we, as busy Catholic moms, can use our time and talents to volunteer at our parish and community WHILE raising our children in the faith! Contact Cathy Haynes at haynes.cathy@gmail.com for location and details.

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 25 & Dec 2, 9:30am-11:30am**. All are welcome to attend!

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 Bazaar

The Daughters of Isabella will be hosting their Annual Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday December 14th** from 10am to 2pm in the parish hall. Come enjoy and explore the variety of vendors and young entrepreneurs showcasing their handmade crafts and lots more. Raffle tickets will be available at 3 for \$5.00 Or 1 for \$2.00. We look forward to seeing you all.

Youth Prayer Meeting

St Bernadette's Jesus Youth Prayer Meeting for Kids and Adults will have their Christmas gathering - **Friday December 21, 10am-1pm**. For more information please email: Krupa.ann@gmail.com

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	Knights of Columbus	Ron Larock
Altar Servers	Lianson Wilson	Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
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	Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Catholic Women's Guild	Susan Kennedy	Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Children’s Liturgy	Elise Arbic	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Choir Saturday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Choir Sunday 8:30am	Tatjana Smrekar	Young Adult Ministry	Father Chris
Choir Sun 10:15am (children)	Michelle Kirkwood	<u>Sacramental Preparation</u>	
Choir Sunday 12:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Baptism	Father Chris
Choir Sunday 5:00pm	Ronnie Pasajol	Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
Choir Sunday 7:00pm	Stan Rodrigo	First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie	Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson & Julia Beattie	Marriage Preparation	Mark & Linda Sarang
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan	Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte	Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc
Daughters of Isabella	Monique Beaudoin	<u>Communion Outreach</u>	
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski	Ajax-Pickering Hospital	Father Daniel
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Elisa Barbeito	Ballycliffe	Father Daniel
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs	Communion to Homebound	Denise Carson
Euchre	Pat Fowler	Harwood Manor	Susan Falcone
Faith Studies	Susan Kennedy	Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan	Lakeridge Gardens	Father Daniel
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie	<u>School Council Parish Liaisons</u>	
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno	St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic & Lisa Veecook
Hope & Life	Susan Dulny		
<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)</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) 7pm - Eucharistic Minister Training/Refresher (Church)</p>	<p>Friday December 13th 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 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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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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