



The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 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

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

My dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend marks the end of the Christmas season, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. One of the most dramatic accounts of Jesus' own baptism comes from those who are there, a sense that the skies opened up and the Father proclaimed, "this is My Son, the Beloved, in Whom I AM well pleased." Friends, our own baptism should never be seen as less impactful or dramatic or profound as Jesus'. For us to see it as "less than" isn't just a lessening of ourselves and our own capacity for greatness, but also a diminishing of Jesus' greatness - as He shared His baptism with all of us. Friends, we were made for greatness and our own baptism which is an extension of the Baptism of the Lord, was and is our starting point. I encourage us all to take a few moments to meditate on our own baptism and let us begin again as Christians.

Yours joyfully & faithfully 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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Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many of you who shared in the joys of your Christmas giving, with kind and generous gifts, cards and many prayers for Father Daniel and myself. Both of us were moved and humbled by this generosity and appreciation. It is an honour and pleasure to serve you as priests at St. Bernadette's. We both wish we could thank each of you individually and do hope you read this with our heartfelt appreciation and sincerity. Our Parish Staff too were also humbled by the generosity and appreciation shown to them - for us all, our service comes from a place of love, love you as Christians witness to us as well. Thank you and God bless you.

Father Chris and Father Daniel

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, Clarette Escobar, Dora Jerry, Faye Marechal, Heather Machado, and Rachelle Mendoza.

We pray also for those who have died and their family and friends who mourn their passing.

Collections & Financials



Christmas Collection \$ 20,497.00

Sunday Offertory \$ 8,051.00

In 2025, we will continue our Parish Building Fund, the focus this year will be on repairs and work needed in the Rectory. As we have been for some months, we will be raising funds for upgrades needed to our sound system and we will be looking to replace the altar server's albs this year as well.

January Anniversaries

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

This month we celebrate with:

Jan 7 Melissa & Ricardo De Guzman (41 years)
Jan 13 Christina & Matthew John (18 years)
Jan 18 Bryan & Krystle González-Marshall (11 years)
Jan 27 Mary & Santos Bartolata (33 years)
Jan 31 Mike & Lois Sims (49 years)

Mass Intentions

Saturday January 11st

900am + Maria do Carmo
 + Yvonne D'Souza
 + Fr. Dan Palillo
 ~ Danny Patulot
 ~ The D'Cruz Family
500pm + Mary Mathews

Sunday January 12nd - Baptism of the Lord

830am + Yanelly Leal
500pm + Ernest King
700pm + Mary Connolly

Monday January 13rd - St. Hilary

800am + Gerard Vijayan

Tuesday January 14th

800am ~ Ann McGerry

Wednesday January 15th

730pm + Nicolas Raymund
 + Fr. Dan Palillo
 ~ Linda Saville

Thursday January 16th

800am ~ Susan Cameron-Papdoulos

Friday January 17th - St. Anthony

800am ~ Ann McGerry

Saturday January 18th

900am ~ Robert Beckett
 ~ Hayden Beresford
 ~ Gail Hill
500pm + Santo Nania

Volunteers Needed!



We continue to look for the generosity and gifts of our people (YOU) and ask that you consider volunteering. Training will be provided.

Ministers of Hospitality

We need ministers to greet everyone joyfully in the Name and Person of Jesus Christ, at all the Sunday Masses.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

We need ministers who can serve at all Sunday Masses especially the 12:00noon and 5:00pm.

Live Streaming Team

We are building a team of volunteers to operate our live streaming equipment to cover Sunday and Special Masses. Training will be provided. Live streaming of Masses will resume soon.

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

Take Home a Part of Christmas at St. Bernadette's



like to take one, we are asking for a donation of \$5 or more, proceeds of which will go towards our parish sound system needs.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season, and we return to Ordinary Time on Monday. As we begin to disassemble our Christmas décor in the Nave of the Church, we are looking for good homes for the poinsettias. If anyone would



St. Joseph Prayer Breakfasts

As was announced, we will start off our St. Joseph's Prayer Breakfast on **Saturdays only**, and so an update to these dates have been made.

Saturday January 18, 2025
Saturday February 15, 2025
Saturday March 15, 2025
Saturday April 12, 2025
Saturday May 17, 2025
Saturday June 14, 2025

Coffee Sunday



Please join us this weekend **Sunday January 12th** for our first Coffee Sunday of 2025, after the 8:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00noon Masses, in the parish hall.

Come and get to know your fellow parishioners, share your experiences of faith, joy and hope over coffee and light refreshments. Fellowship strengthens us in our Christian journey, brings us together as we grow deeper in our faith. Everyone is welcome to attend! **Our next Coffee Sunday - January 26th**



EDGE

7pm-8:30pm - Parish Hall
Fri. Jan. 24 | Night #6: CRUMPLED

JUNIOR EDGE

6:30pm-8pm - Parish Hall
Mon. Jan. 13 | Night #6: A Bad Problem

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

WINTER
2025

January 12-18		
<p>Sunday January 12th After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday January 13th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:30pm - Jr. EDGE (Hall) 7:00pm - K of C Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p>Tuesday January 14th 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday January 15th 9:30am - Bible Studies (Stage Side) 6:00pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall)</p> <p>Thursday January 16th 6:00pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday January 17th 9:30am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side) 7:00pm - Jesus Youth Group (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday January 18th 9:30am - RCIC (Council Room) 10:00am - St. Joseph Men's Breakfast (Hall) 11:00am - First Reconciliation Class (Council Room) 1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)</p>
January 19-25		
<p>Monday January 20th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:00pm - Baptism Prep Class (Hall) 7:00pm - K of C Membership Meeting (Hall)</p> <p>Tuesday January 21st 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:15pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Stage Side) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bern CES Library)</p>	<p>Wednesday January 22nd 9:30am - Bible Study (Stage Side) 6:00pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall)</p> <p>Thursday January 23rd 6:00pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday January 24th 9:00am - PA Day Children's Program (Hall) 9:30am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Council Room) 7:00pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p>Saturday January 25th 9:30am - RCIC Class (Hall) 11:00am - Baptism 11:00am - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 3:00pm - Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall)</p>
January 26-February 1		
<p>Sunday January 26th After all morning Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p>Monday January 27th 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 6:30pm - Jr. EDGE (Hall)</p>	<p>Tuesday January 28th 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday January 29th 9:30am - Bible Study (Stage Side) 6:00pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall)</p> <p>Thursday January 30th 6:00pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday January 31st 9:30am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Kitchen Side)</p> <p>Saturday February 1st 9:30am - RCIC Class (Hall) 11:00am - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 3:00pm - Sacramental Parent Retreat</p>
February 2-8		
<p>Monday February 3rd 9:30am - Faith Studies (Stage Side) 7:00pm - SSVP Meeting (Council Room)</p> <p>Tuesday February 4th 2:00pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p>	<p>Wednesday February 5th 9:30am - Bible Study (Stage Side) 6:00pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall)</p> <p>Thursday February 6th 10:00am - Craft Group (Stage Side) 10:00am - Hope and Life for Widows (Kitchen Side) 6:00pm - Alpha Course (Hall)</p>	<p>Friday February 7th 6:00pm - Candlelight Vigil Mass</p> <p>Saturday February 8th 9:30am - RCIC Class (Hall) 11:00am - Baptism 11:00am - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 1:00pm - Confirmation Class (Hall)</p>

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CELESTIAL QUARTET

MY SOUL LONGS

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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