



28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME      October 13, 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,

This weekend, we celebrate Thanksgiving here in Canada and I'm sure that most of us will be spending some time with the people that we love the most. In a busy parish like ours, it can be so difficult to spend more than a few minutes or even a few seconds with each of you. We priests (and speaking for myself) very much appreciate all of you and consider you our family, in addition to our own. It is a wonderful blessing to be able to spend some of the Thanksgiving weekend with you. On this weekend, as we all reflect upon some of the many things that we have to be thankful for, I give thanks for each and every one of you!

Appreciatively your pastor,

*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](mailto:office@stbernajax.com)

**First Confession/Communion** - with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Confirmation** - with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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	<a href="mailto:pastor@stbernajax.com">pastor@stbernajax.com</a>
Father Daniel Lee	Associate Pastor	<a href="mailto:associate@stbernajax.com">associate@stbernajax.com</a>
Deacon Ron Vaz	Parish Deacon	<a href="mailto:deacon@stbernajax.com">deacon@stbernajax.com</a>
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Marva Thomas	Administrative Assistant	<a href="mailto:office3@stbernajax.com">office3@stbernajax.com</a>
Sue McGee	Parish Bookkeeper	<a href="mailto:admin@stbernajax.com">admin@stbernajax.com</a>

## 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.

<b>Last Week's Offertory (incl. PAG):</b>	\$	8,622.00
<b>Last Week's Building Fund:</b>	\$	4,269.60
<b>Building Fund Total:</b>	\$	391,938.80

## Coffee Sunday

Join us in fellowship at our Coffee Sunday next weekend, **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** after the 8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00 noon. The next Coffee Sunday will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Parish Ministry Fair

St Bernadette's will be hosting a Ministry Fair after all weekend Masses, **October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady's Saturday

900am + Preston Mark  
+ John Joseph Brennan  
+ Jose Torres  
500pm + Lucy Mendes

### Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am + Anne Healy  
500pm + Honorio Santos  
700pm + Emma St. Denis

### Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Day

900am + Vince DelMonte

### Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> - St. Teresa of Jesus

800am + Jamaal Watts

### Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> - St. Marguerite d'Youville

730pm + Antonio Ruber  
~ Rita Sakah & Family  
~ Michaela Gaza

### Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Ignatius of Antioch

800am + Veronica Ego-Aguirre

### Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> - St. Luke

800am ~ Gabrielle Dan

### Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Paul of the Cross

900am + Valeriana Serrano  
+ Ben Serrano  
+ Carmine Vigilante  
+ Teresa Mathias  
+ Souls in Purgatory those that have no one to pray for them  
500pm + John Diorio

## 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](mailto:pastor@stbernajax.com), or call the parish office to leave him a message.

## **\*\*Happy Thanksgiving\*\***

The parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, **Monday October 14**. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

## **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

## **Thanksgiving Food Drive**



Our St Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting a food drive over the Thanksgiving weekend: **October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>** and need your assistance to replenish depleted supplies. Food bins will be placed **outside** the main church

doors for your donations before and after all weekend Masses. Volunteers will be available to collect donations at that time. Please do not drop items off outside or around the church at other times.

The following items are most frequently requested by our neighbours in need:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| ** Canned Soups          | ** Coffee or Tea   |
| ** Canned Vegetables     | ** Canned Tomatoes |
| ** Canned Chilli or Stew | ** Baked Beans     |
| ** Canned Fruit          | ** Canned Tuna     |
| ** Kraft Dinner          | ** Peanut Butter   |
| ** Pasta                 | ** Pasta Sauce     |



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](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com) | 905-683-1533 X-204

## **Catholic Women's Guild**

Join us for a fun-filled evening on **Tuesday October 15 at 7pm** in the parish hall! We'll begin with a Sucker Pull, featuring prizes like Tim Hortons gift cards. Join in a thought-provoking discussion on "Should Catholics Celebrate Halloween?" and a special "Cultural Sharing" presentation by Rose, who will share insights into her Indigenous heritage. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship, learning, and connection. See you there! You are welcome to join us every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Contact us: [stbernadettecwg@gmail.com](mailto:stbernadettecwg@gmail.com)

## **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.**

## **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](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.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	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	<b><u>Sacramental Preparation</u></b>	
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	<b><u>Communion Outreach</u></b>	
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	<b><u>School Council Parish Liaisons</u></b>	
Faith Studies	Susan Kennedy	St. James Elementary	Elise Arbic & Lisa Veecook
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan		
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie		
<b><u>Parish Schools</u></b>			
<b>Archbishop Denis O’Connor Secondary</b>	905-427-6667	Jim MacNeil, Principal	Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain
<b>Notre Dame Secondary</b>	905-686-4300	Sonya Melim, Principal	Jeannine Henry, Chaplain
<b>St. Bernadette Elementary</b>	905-683-0571	John Linhares, Principal	
<b>St. James Elementary</b>	905-427-3327	Geraldine Borg, Principal	
<b>St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary</b>	905-426-7065	Sheena Paul, Principal	

# UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL  
2024

September 29 - October 5		
<p><b>Sunday September 29th</b> After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee Sunday &amp; Book Sale (Hall) 1:30pm - Starting Point (Hall)</p> <p><b>Monday September 30th</b> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Hall) 7pm - Holy Hour for Healing and Reconciliation</p>	<p><b>Tuesday October 1st</b> 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)</p> <p><b>Wednesday October 2nd</b> 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 7pm - Marriage Preparation Course (Hall)</p>	<p><b>Thursday October 3rd</b> 10am - Hope &amp; Life (Hall) 7pm - Property &amp; Building Council Meeting (Boardroom)</p> <p><b>Saturday October 5th</b> 6:00pm - Harvest Dinner (Hall)</p>
October 6-12		
<p><b>Sunday October 6th</b> 1:30pm - Blessing of pets (Rectory Garage) 2:00pm - Life Chain 2024</p> <p><b>Monday October 7th</b> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 7pm - St. Vincent De Paul Meeting (Council Room)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday October 8th</b> 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room)</p> <p><b>Wednesday October 9th</b> 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall-Stage Side) 7pm - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side)</p>	<p><b>Friday October 11th</b> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall-Kitchen Side)</p> <p><b>Saturday October 12th</b> 11am - Baptism</p>
October 13-19		
<p><b>Monday October 14th</b> Thanksgiving Monday</p>	<p><b>Tuesday October 15th</b> 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 7pm - Catholic Women's Guild (Hall-Stage Side) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (St Bernadette CES - Rm 212)</p> <p><b>Wednesday October 16th</b> 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall-Stage Side) 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 7pm - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side)</p>	<p><b>Thursday October 17th</b> 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage Side)</p> <p><b>Friday October 18th</b> 7pm - Bereavement Group (Council Room)</p> <p><b>Saturday October 19th</b> 9:30am - RCIC (Council Room) 11am - First Reconciliation Class (Council Rm) 6pm - Ministry Fair (Hall)</p>
October 20-26		
<p><b>Sunday October 20th</b> After all Sunday Masses - Ministry Fair (Hall)</p> <p><b>Monday October 21st</b> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Hall) 7pm - Knights of Columbus (Hall)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday October 22nd</b> 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 6:30pm - Candlelight Vigil &amp; Memorial Mass 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p><b>Wednesday October 23rd</b> 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 7pm - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side)</p>	<p><b>Thursday October 24th</b> 10am - Ladies Craft Group (Hall-Stage Side)</p> <p><b>Friday October 25th</b> 9:15am - Our Lady of Victory Rosary Makers (Hall-Kitchen Side) 7pm - EDGE (Hall)</p> <p><b>Saturday October 26th</b> 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><b>Sunday October 27th</b> After all morning and noon Masses - Coffee Sunday (Hall)</p> <p><b>Monday October 28th</b> 9:30am - Faith Studies (Hall) 6:30pm - Jr EDGE (Hall)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday October 29th</b> 2pm - Legion of Mary (Council Room) 6pm - Confirmation Class (Hall) 7:30pm - RCIA Class (Hall)</p> <p><b>Wednesday October 30th</b> 9:30am - Bible Study (Hall) 6pm - First Reconciliation Class (Hall) 7pm - Marriage Prep Course (Hall-Stage Side)</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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