

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

900am -12:30pm 1:30pm-3:00pm

Saturday & Sunday

9:30am to 1:30pm

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm – Sunday 8:30am 10:15am 12:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 8:15am Wednesday 7:30pm
Saturday 9:00am (Begins with Devotions to St. Bernadette)

PARISH CONFESSIONS Wednesdays 6:00pm-6:45pm Saturdays 3:30-4:15pm First Fridays 9:00-10:00am
** Also by appointment **

PARISH STAFF

Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor* pastor@stbernajax.com
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SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Mandatory Baptism Preparation offered virtually at this time.

Sacrament of Marriage ~ contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance and a priest will make an appointment with you.

Sacrament of the Sick ~ contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Elementary

Penny Delaney, *Principal* 905-683-0571

Agnes Sararus, *Parish Rep* 647-970-1978

St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary

Neil Boland, *Principal* 905-426-7065

Linda Sarang, *Parish Rep* 416-523-2062

St. James Elementary

Manuela Michelin, *Principal* 905-427-3327

Jennifer Del Monte, *Parish Rep* 289-660-1810

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary

John Di Vizio, *Principal* 905-427-6667

Tim Lee Loy, *Chaplain* 905-427-6667

...from Our Pastor...



Dear friends in Christ,

Our Gospel this weekend reminds us that Jesus is as present in the world as we allow Him to be. His Presence, Work, Love including His goodness, compassion, mercy, joy... it comes from us. We can't look around our world or community and say Jesus is absent or missing until we've done everything to bring Him to others. I, for one, know I have work to do in that! We help each other grow as Christian Disciples. I want to take this opportunity on this 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time to thank Father Favin Alemão for joining us as our Guest Homilist this weekend. Fr. Favin and his brother Fr. Ryan are two Ajax vocations from St. Francis de Sales Parish. Fr. Favin is currently studying for his Doctorate in Systematic Theology in Rome, but is visiting with family. He's a good friend and we're blessed to have him with us this weekend and continue to pray for more Ajax vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life!

Faithfully yours,

Fr. Chris Lemieux

Father Chris Lemieux, Pastor

26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

OUR NEW PARISHIONERS:

If you are just joining us, please click on "I'm New" on our parish website, come to the parish office or email office@stbernajax.com to set up a time to stop by. We want to welcome you!

HOW TO DONATE TO YOUR PARISH

Donations can be made at Mass, at the Parish Office (after hours-black mailbox) OR mail it to St Bernadette's Parish – 21 Bayly Street E. Ajax L1S 1P2. Also, donations can be made by credit card or electronically on the website (click on "GIVE"). **Your donations, are always MUCH appreciated!**

OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be open **Monday through Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm** (closed for lunch 12:30pm to 1:30pm) and Saturday and Sunday 9:30am to 1:30pm.

**Keeping Our Community Together in
Worship, Prayer & Fraternity**

ALL ARE WELCOME

We welcome everyone who wishes to come for the Lord's Day (Sunday) Masses, but please follow the guidelines of the Ministers of Hospitality who will seat parishioners in the Church (to capacity) and then the Parish Hall as overflow. WorshipSafe protocols will remain in effect.

FOLLOW on YOUTUBE (or Facebook)

One of our Lord's Day (Saturday Vigil & Sunday) Masses will be livestreamed and uploaded to the Parish YouTube channel (and our Parish Facebook page).

The link: <https://bit.ly/2HqxVRO>

SEPTEMBER 26 LIVESTREAM – SUN 12:00PM

OCTOBER 3 – SATURDAY 5:00PM

OCTOBER 10 – SUNDAY 10:15AM

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are excited to welcome our servers back to the Altar this Fall. Through out September and October, we will continue to train new and returning Altar Servers. Full training will be scheduled for early September and will continue until all servers are trained. Students who have received their First Holy Communion are eligible to serve. If interested, please contact the parish office.

**Our Altar Server Training Session will be on Saturday
October 9 from 10AM until Noon.**

Parish Ministry Opportunities



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a virtual seminar entitled "***Stress Free Retirement Planning***" with guest speaker Joe Jordan. His talk will give you insight on financial matters without losing sight of your faith and values.

Date: September 29, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Registration: <https://bit.ly/Stress-FreeRetirementPlanning091521> or contact John Gallop at 905-442-7242 to assist with registration

All parishioners retired or planning to retire are welcome to join



PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT & REDEVELOPMENT

Our Property & Building Council have been working hard as a Council and members as Project Managers, preparing for significant property work. In a few weeks, significant work will begin replacing and repairing our doors, including two new Handicap Access doors. This work is long overdue.

We are also beginning significant skylight and roof repairs, which will begin in the next week or so and will continue through November.

Work will continue to beautify and upgrade many structural aspects of our church and we are also simultaneously looking to beautify the exterior of our church.

The Property & Building Council and the Finance Council have been working together in full cooperation with Fr. Chris and will be sharing details with us during the Parish Announcements (at the end of Mass) and in future bulletins.

For further information, please speak to Mike Sims (Vice-Chair of Property & Building Council) or Father Chris.



National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

Prayer Service

On **Thursday, September 30, 2021**, across the country, Canadians will be observing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The ongoing journey to healing and reconciliation has a particular relevance for Catholics throughout Canada given the church's involvement in operating many residential schools and recognizing the suffering and intergenerational trauma that remains for many survivors to this day. As a community of faith, St. Bernadette's will host a Prayer Service at 7:00pm concluding with the beginning of a Novena to the Canadian Martyrs' for those hurt by Residential Schools (the prayers of the day to be said at the end of each Mass of the Day). Please join us for these prayers.

Memorial Masses

We know that celebrating Mass for a beloved family member or a friend who passed away is important. Four times a year our priests and St. Bernadette's Bereavement Ministry will be celebrating a Memorial Mass for all who wish to participate in a candlelight Prayer Vigil (with instrumental music) followed by Mass honouring our deceased loved ones. The Candlelight Vigil begins at 630pm followed by the Memorial Mass **at 700pm**. We ask for a suggested donation of \$25. Please contact the Parish Office to leave your name. These Masses will be held Thursday October 21 & Thursday December 16.



St. Bernadette Parish will participate once again in Life Chain, peacefully, prayerfully raising awareness for Pro-Life concerns. We will gather in front of the Church (Bayly Street & Harwood Avenue) from 2pm to 3pm. Contact Jim & Mary Psihogios at 905-686-3508 for more information.



October in the Parish

Return of Parish Groups & Organizations

Some of our parish ministries and groups are returning to the meeting space in the church. All Ministry Coordinators are being asked by Father Chris to serve as Safety Liaisons and to provide a contact tracing sheet for anyone attending any in-person meeting in the Church. Fr. Chris as Pastor will be the only person in the community maintaining any record of vaccination and be keeping this information completely and strictly confidential.

All our ministries have been asked to find ways to continue to meet virtually if necessary for the comfort of our ministers/parishioners/members as we understand that not everyone has the same level of comfort in gathering at this time.



DUE TO ON-GOING PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS THERE WILL BE NO THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE AGAIN THIS YEAR

If you would like to support our Neighbours in Need to whom we continue to mail food vouchers, you can drop off your cash/cheque/gift card donations, **clearly marked:** "**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**", at the church office mailbox.

Thank you for your continued support which also allowed us to help needy families with Back-to-School Gift cards for clothing and school supplies. We continue to mail food vouchers until our food cupboard is fully opened.

Votive Candles

As of Monday September 13, we will be returning the votive candles to St. Bernadette Church with WorshipSafe protocols in place. For the time being, we will be providing single-use only wicks to light your candles to keep everyone safe. Light a candle before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and offer a prayer for an intention. Votive candles are \$2.00 each.



We are starting the EDGE Program for Grades 5 to 8 at St. Bernadette's this Fall. We invite you to an information night to find out more about this exciting program for our young people. We'd like to welcome everyone; parents, possible EDGERS (in Grades 5 through 8) to an information night on **Friday October 15th at 7:00pm**. Fridays will be EDGE night when we get started! **If you're in high school, college, or university we're looking for many leaders to help us out too!**

Please speak to Monika Matelski or email her at youth@stbernajax.com for more information on this great evening and program.

September Anniversaries

September 4 Sylvia and Harry Prabhu's 44th
September 25 Don & Julia Beattie's 56th

Advertising in the Bulletin

We are looking to advertise our local businesses in our Parish Bulletin. This is a great way to connect with an important part of the Town of Ajax, the St. Bernadette Parish faith community. If you're interested in advertising on the last page of the bulletin which will be set aside for local advertising, please contact the Parish Office.

Computers Needed

We are hoping that someone might have a gently used laptop computer with a faster CPU than the laptop we currently use for PowerPoints and Livestreaming in the church (it is an Intel i3). The one we currently use is a 12 year old computer and is beginning to fail us. If you have something that is better than what we are currently using, please contact the Parish Office or email Fr. Chris



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are over the age of sixteen and are seriously considering becoming a Catholic Christian, please **call or email the Parish Office**. **We welcome new members throughout the year.** Please contact Marty Lam at drciaajax@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.

We are also looking for fully initiated and practicing members of the parish to be **Sponsors**. This is a great way to get involved in this very important ministry.

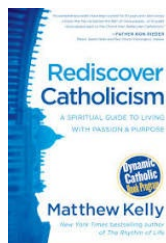
RCIA for Those Who Are of a Catechetical Age (formerly known as RCIC)

We will also be running a program starting in late October for young people from the ages of seven (7) to fifteen who for any number of reasons did not receive their sacramental preparation for Baptism, First Communion, First Confession or Confirmation. Anyone for whom this applies is asked to **contact the Parish Office or email Fr. Chris directly.**



Outreach to Those Who Can't Join Us Yet

All current Extraordinary Ministers of Communion who are bringing communion to our sisters and brothers who can't be with us are asked to **bring their pyx to the Sacristan prior to Mass**. Father will call you up at the end of Mass for a special blessing. This includes those who are bringing Holy Communion to family members. All Extraordinary Ministers of Communion must be "commissioned" by Father before serving in this capacity (anyone new to this ministry). Please contact the Parish Office for more details on this.



Rediscover Catholicism (A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion and Purpose) by Matthew Kelly

At a time when many Catholics are disillusioned, questioning their faith, and filled with doubts about the relevance of Catholicism in the modern world, the voice of one man cries out to the world's largest faith community with a clarity that is rare and inspiring.

Rediscover Catholicism takes us on an adventure of life-changing proportions. Beginning with our common yearning for happiness, Matthew Kelly reveals the essence of authentic Catholic spirituality while addressing some of the most important questions we face today both as individuals and as a Church. Deacon Kevin will be a part of this discussion and conversation that helps to excite the heart, ignite our faith, and look at the faith we love in a whole new way.

Starting Oct 15, 2021

Time: 9:30 am

Where: Zoom for 6 sessions with discussion.

Book and Study Guide are free.

Please contact: Susan at 905-427-6137 or

susangkennedy@gmail.com or Jan at

janicenoonan@gmail.com to register and reserve your copy.

More from Our Parish Ministries



Bible Study

Meets virtually on Wednesday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The virtual program includes an online talk, small group discussions of the topic at hand. At the present time, the focus is *Exodus: Called to Freedom*. For more information on these sessions or the next sessions please contact Susan 905-427-6137 / susangkennedy@gmail.com or Jan 905-420-8696 / janicenoonan@gmail.com.

Sacraments & Faith Formation Update

Although we will be communicating with and through the Parish Schools, the Sacraments are administered through the parish and not through the schools.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Registration will take place in early October with two information sessions being held (dates to be announced in September). Information will be provided to the schools, the Durham School Board and in the parish bulletin. The registration fee this year will be \$30 for material costs and please be advised that there will be a fee at the time of First Communion for the photographer. Students in public and non-Parish schools will have Zoom meetings scheduled to supplement the in-class visits. For those children who would like to receive First Sacraments, please be reminded your child must be Baptized, and we have RCIA for Young People to assist them with "catching-up". **Parent's Information Sessions will be held Thursday October 14 at 6:00pm and Saturday October 16 at 10:00am and parents should attend one of these sessions. Registration forms will be made available Sunday September 26.**

CONFIRMATION

Registration will take place in early October with two information sessions being held (dates to be announced in September). Information will be provided to the schools, the Durham School Board and in the parish bulletin. The registration fee this year will be \$50 for material costs and please be advised that there will be a fee at the time the Sacrament of Confirmation is administered for the photographer. Students in public and non-Parish schools will have Zoom meetings scheduled to supplement the in-class visits. For those young people who would like to receive Confirmation, please be reminded you must be Baptized and have received First Sacraments, and we have RCIA for Young People to assist you with "catching-up". **Parent's Information Sessions will be held Thursday October 14 at 7:00pm and Saturday October 16 at 11:00am and parents should attend one of these sessions. Registration forms will be made available Sunday September 26.**

Please contact the Parish Office or email Monika Matelski, Sacraments Coordinator at youth@stbernajax.com

Around the Parish This Week...

Saturday September 25 – Saint Cosmas & Saint Damian

900am Mass
1000am Apologetics (virtual)
1230pm Baptisms
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Council Room)
330pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday September 26 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses

Monday September 27 – Saint Vincent de Paul

815am Mass
915am Theology of the Body (Hall Kitchen Side)
600pm Wedding rehearsal
700pm Saint Vincent de Paul (virtual)

Tuesday September 28 – Saint Wenceslaus

815am Mass

Wednesday September 29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

900am Bible Study (Hall)
600pm Parish Confessions
630pm Bible Study (Hall Stage Side)
730pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass

Thursday September 30 – Saint Jerome

815am Mass
930am Craft Ladies (Hall Stage Side)
645pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)
730pm Choir Practice (for Sunday 830am mass)

Friday October 1 – Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

815am Mass
900am Confessions
900am Adoration
730pm Mass

Saturday October 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels

900am Mass
1100am Wedding
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Council Room)
330pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday October 3 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses

St. Bernadette Parish Mass Intentions

Saturday September 25

900am ~Repose of the soul of Joe Monaghan
req. by Pat & Alice Collumb
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req. by Theresa & Kieran Collumb
~Repose of the soul of Sebastian Joseph
req. by Antony, Deleesha, Aiden and John
500pm Repose of the soul of Alf DeSouza
req. by The DeSouza Family

Sunday September 26

830am For the intention of the members and benefactors
of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and for the
poor req. by The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
1015am Repose of the soul of Helen & Tom Pugliese
req. by Carl, Will & Janet
1200pm Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
500pm For the parishioners of St. Augustine Parish, QC
req. by St. Bernadette's Parish

Monday September 27

815am Repose of the soul of Ernest King
req. by Janet & family

Tuesday September 28

815am Repose of the soul of Edwardo Faraldo
req. by Reina Espineli

Wednesday September 29

730pm In memory of Iris & Leopold's birthdays and for
Their special intentions
req. by The Nazareth Family

Thursday September 30

815am Repose of the soul of Pina Monteferrante
req. by George & Dora

Friday October 1

815am For the intention of The Militia of Immaculata

Saturday October 2

900am Repose of the souls of Joselito & Bernadette Paus
req. by Dolly Espiritu
500pm For the Souls in Purgatory
req. by The DeSouza Family

Sunday October 3

830am Thanksgiving for favours received
req. by The DeSouza Family
1015am Repose of the soul of Joan Mahon
req. by her husband & children
1200pm Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
500pm For the parishioners of St. Augustine Parish, QC
req. by St. Bernadette's Parish
700pm Response of the soul Romeo Padios
req. by The Padios Family