

**First Sunday of ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

9:00am - 4:00pm (closed 12:30 – 1:30pm for lunch)

SUNDAY 9:30am – 1:30pm

**** Tuesday & Thursday - Office closed**

WEEKEND MASSES

REMINDERS:

- + Do not come if you are unwell
 - + Check your temperature
 - + Arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass
 - + Ushers will escort you to your seat
 - + Wear a mask or face covering
 - + Use hand sanitizer
 - + Inside - Follow arrows, including for Holy Communion
- If you have any suggestion, let us know.*

WHY DO I HAVE TO REGISTER EVERY WEEK?

- ❖ ***THE MINISTRY of HEALTH REQUIRES WE HAVE A COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH – and don't exceed our capacity.***
- ❖ **More parishioners are attending mass**
- ❖ **Easiest way is to register on-line and have a print-out of the ticket (or available on the phone)**
- ❖ **The link is on the parish website**
- ❖ **Otherwise call the parish office**
- ❖ **Specify the Mass that you wish to attend**
- ❖ **If you have to cancel or reschedule please do so ASAP, since this affects others registering**
- ❖ **Unregistered WALK IN worshippers will be required to wait as we seat those registered and may enter ONLY IF WE HAVE SPACE AVAILABLE**

NEW LIVING with CHRIST MISSALS

Living with Christ Missals are now available at the Parish Office while supplies last. The cost for \$6.00 each.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Ajax-Pickering Hospital in need of unused or new toiletries for patients in need. See "Needs List" on Knights Board at back of Church. The Knights will be collecting items after all Masses the weekend of December 5 & 6

HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

December 24 – 400pm, 530pm, 700pm, 830pm, 1000pm

December 25 – Midnight Mass at 12am, 900am, 1030am, 1200pm (Noon)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (New Year's Eve/Day)

**** This is a Holy Day of Obligation**

December 31 – 400pm, 530pm, 700pm

January 1 – 900am, 1030am, 1200pm (Noon)

There will be no morning Mass or Confessions on December 26, 2020 or January 2, 2021 as per the directive of the Archbishop of Toronto.

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS - 2021

On **Saturday December 5**, we will host a 2021 Announced Mass Intention booking in the Parish Hall with all Mass Intentions available at that time from 9:30am to 12:30pm. An insert will be located on the table outlining the procedures for this at all Masses this weekend. Please see the insert for more details.

JOIN THE ST. BERNADETTE MASS on YOUTUBE

We will continue to upload the Parish Mass which will be **available for viewing by 10:30am on Sunday** on the Parish YouTube channel. It will be livestreamed when we are able. If you are unable to join us at the Church, please join us there. <https://bit.ly/3iFoScP>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- ++ Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 7:15pm (Parish Hall)**
- ++ Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:45pm (Parish Hall)**
- ++ First Fridays 9:00am to 9:30am & 6:15pm to 6:45pm**
- ++ Contact Parish Office for appointment**

SACRAMENTS – UPDATES

FIRST RECONCILIATION, COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Information has been sent and registration has begun for Sacramental Preparation for the 2020-2021 year. If you missed the Parent Information meeting this past week, please contact the Parish Office and make an appointment to speak with Fr. Chris as soon as possible.

Thoughts from the Pastor

Advent marks the beginning of a New Year in the life of the Church. It also marks a time of great expectation and preparation. Advent 2020 is surely one we are going to remember for a very long time. We “hope” and “expect” to have some answers and return to some semblance of “normal” this year. We “anticipate” Christmas will look very different for us this year.

“Do you think we’ll be open and have Mass at Christmas this year, Father?” This is a question which like those who ask it, I too very much hope so and as a new pastor I eagerly anticipate my first Christmas with all of you. The truth is though, we don’t know what Christmas is going to look like yet. However, we can draw strength in reflecting on what that first Christmas was like. We celebrate in anticipation and expectation of the Nativity of Our Lord, but Our Lady and St. Joseph had a lot of unanswered questions, a lot of hardship and adversity to overcome from the time of the Annunciation right through to Our Lord’s birth! Their challenges and difficulties that first Advent and Christmas surely helped them to place greater trust in God which strengthened their faith and their sense of hope. Perhaps we can join with the Holy Family in a special way this Advent.

We, Christians, thrive in stormy seas, in trial and tribulation, amid challenges – we thrive and our faith grows strong. Friends, as we prepare for Advent and then Christmas this year; let’s place our faith and trust in the Lord, that He will reveal Himself to us in greater ways and let us continue to anticipate the coming of the Christ Child into our hearts, our homes and our lives. Jesus is the reason for the season!

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Father Chris Lemieux
Pastor

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

THANK YOU for continuing to support your parish during these difficult & challenging times.

Offertory envelopes for 2021 will be available for pick up in the Parish Hall on or after December 6. **No more than 8 people will be allowed in the hall at one time.**

UPDATE from Fr. Keith Wallace

As of January 6, 2021, Fr. Keith will begin his new ministry assignment as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Port Perry. Please pray for Fr. Keith as he begins his new role.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH

Monday 30 / St. Andrew

8:15am Mass + Kathleen Beauchamp req. by H.P.B.
6:00pm First Communion (Church)

Tuesday 1

8:15am Mass - Thanksgiving for Judy Valera
req. by Exal Montes
6:00pm First Communion (Church)

Wednesday 2

6:30 – 7:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Parish Hall)
7:00pm Rosary & Devotions
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
7:30pm Mass + Michael Ryan
req. by Frances Griffin
+ Don K. Goodwin
req. by (Mom & Dad)
Vince & Beth Mariglia

Thursday 3 / St. Francis Xavier

8:15am Mass - Intention of all priests living & deceased
7:00pm Confirmation (Church)

Friday 4 / St. John Damascene

8:15am Mass - Intentions of the Militia of Immaculata
9:00 – 9:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Hall)
Adoration 9:00 – 12:30 pm
6:00pm Church is open
6:15 – 6:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Parish Hall)
7:00pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
7:30pm Mass + Juan Torne req. by Annie Torne

Saturday 5

8:30am Rosary and Devotions St Bernadette
9:00am Mass - Intentions of Non-Practicing Catholics
4:00 - 4:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Parish Hall)
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 6 / 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30am Mass
10:15am Mass
12:00pm Mass
5:00pm Mass
7:00pm Mass