

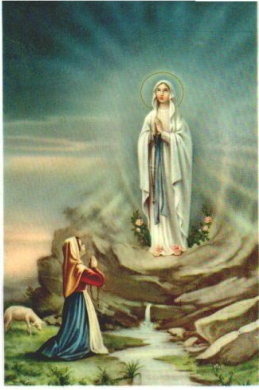
Sunday October 17, 2021 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

# 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

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## SACRAMENTS

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

*Baptisms every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 right away.*

## 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,

True Christian greatness is found in loving and serving others. A life of service helps keep us from all the deadly “selves” (selfishness, self-indulgence, self-pity, etc.) and keeps our minds and hearts directed outwardly towards God and others. A Christian community, such as we are here at St. Bernadette’s seeks daily to love, care and serve one another. We also seek to look outwardly as a parish community, extending our love and service beyond South Ajax too! We continue to pray for each and every member of our parish community and may we all continue to seek to be great!

May God bless us all and everyone else too!

Faithfully yours,

Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor*

## For 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](mailto:office@stbernajax.com) to set up a time to stop by. We want to welcome you!

## Thank You for Giving

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>

[OCTOBER 17 – SUNDAY 8:30AM](#)

[OCTOBER 24 – SUNDAY 12:00PM](#)

[OCTOBER 31 – SUNDAY 10:15AM](#)

[NOVEMBER 2 – 7:00PM](#)

### 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.



## What's Happening Around the Parish (in October)

### October Anniversaries

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Astor & Teresa Trotter (62)  
October 4<sup>th</sup> Sebastian & Lisa Garofalo (41)  
October 18<sup>th</sup> Jim & Susan Dulny (52)



### Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass

On Thursday October 21 we welcome all those who have registered with their guests to celebrate a Candlelight Vigil (at 6:30pm) followed by a Memorial Mass (at 7:00pm). The Vigil will offer prayer and instrumental music. Celebrating the life of family members and friends is an important way to stay connected to those who pray for us as they head heavenward! We will continue to offer Candlelight Vigils followed by Memorial Masses four times a year. Our next celebration will be Thursday December 16. We ask for a suggested donation of \$25. We also thank our Parish Bereavement Ministry for their dedicated assistance in helping us host these beautiful celebrations. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

### Ministry Opportunities

These are some of the Parish Ministries looking for new members:

- ❖ **Baptism Preparation catechists (mothers & fathers to help teach)**
- ❖ **Choir members for many of our choirs**
- ❖ **Altar Servers**

*If you are interested in these ministries, please contact the Parish Office.*

# Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation



## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

If you are over the age of sixteen and are seriously considering becoming a Catholic Christian, please contact us; we welcome new members throughout the year. Please contact the Parish Office or email our RCIA Coordinator Marty Lam directly at [drcliaajax@gmail.com](mailto:drcliaajax@gmail.com).

We are also looking for fully initiated and practicing members of the parish to be **Sponsors**. We also welcome Catholics who are interested in learning and growing in their Catholic Christian faith to join us for the sessions which are held on Tuesdays at 7:30pm, once again please contact Marty Lam if you'd like to consider this.

## **Rite of Christian Initiation for Those Who Are of a Catechetical Age (formerly known as RCIC)**

We will also be facilitating a program starting in November 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**. This program will be held on Saturday mornings from 10:00am to Noon. Anyone for whom this applies is asked to **contact the Parish Office or email Fr. Chris directly at [pastor@stbernajax.com](mailto:pastor@stbernajax.com)**.

## **Upcoming in November**

Friday November 5 (First Friday) will begin with Holy Mass at 8:15am, followed by Adoration and Confessions from 9:00am to 10:00am. Benediction at 3pm. Due to Deacon Kevin's ordination, there will be no Evening Mass.

Starting **Friday November 12** and each Friday following, the 8:15am Mass will be followed by prayerful recitation of the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and confessions at 9:00am, but no Adoration (too many scheduling conflicts of funerals have made this increasingly difficult).

Starting Sunday November 28, the First Sunday of Advent, at the 12:00pm Mass, we will introduce the use of Incense, and the Gloria and Agnus Dei being sung by the choir in Latin (words will be projected on screen). This will continue each Sunday at Noon.

Starting Friday December 3 (December First Friday) and each First Friday following we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:15am Mass with the Litany of the Sacred Heart, Confessions from 9:00am to 10:00am, All-Day Adoration with simple reposition before 7:30pm Mass. Confessions will also be available 6:30pm until 7:15pm



**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 has begun. 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. Classes will be a mix of in-person, virtual and attending Mass a requirement. 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". **Information Sessions already happened; if you missed this, please speak with Monika for more information and to register.**

### **CONFIRMATION**

Registration has begun. The registration fee this year will be \$50 for material costs and please be advised that there will be a fee at the time of First Communion for the photographer. Classes will be a mix of in-person, virtual and attending Mass a requirement. 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". **Information Sessions already happened; if you missed this, please speak with Monika for more information and to register.**



We are running the EDGE Program for Grades 5 to 8 at St. Bernadette's this Fall. We invite come and join us! EDGE Nights will happen every other Friday (the next EDGE Night is Friday October 29). For more information about this exciting program for our young people, please speak to Monika.

Please speak to **Monika Matelski, Youth Coordinator** or email her at [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com) for more information on this great evening and program.

## **Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mr. (Deacon) Kevin Adriano**

On **Friday November 5** at 7:00pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, our Deacon Kevin Adriano will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. Father Kevin has chosen to offer his first Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Bernadette's on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, which all are invited to attend. His ordination at 7:00pm on Friday, as well as his First Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday at 5:00pm will both be livestreamed. The ordination will be available for viewing in the Parish Hall.

On **Thursday November 4 from Noon until 9:00pm** we will have an Ordination Prayer Vigil, where we will pray as a parish community for our Deacon Assistant who will become our **Associate Pastor** after his Presbyteral Ordination.

This is an ancient tradition of the Church. We will also offer our First Friday morning Mass for Deacon Kevin. Benediction will be at 3pm on Friday November 5 and there will be no evening Mass that day.

Father Kevin will make himself available for First Priestly Blessings immediately following his Mass of Thanksgiving in the Parish Hall.



## **Truth & Reconciliation**

St. Bernadette Catholic Christian community places great value on working together where anyone suffers or is treated with less than the greatest dignity that they deserve as our sister and brothers, sons and daughters of God. As many are aware, the systemic mistreatment of our Indigenous brothers and sisters in Canada by governments and by the Catholic Church who ran Indian Residential Schools in the past led to the Commission for Truth and Reconciliation; their findings have shocked and horrified many of us who were unaware of much of what took place in these schools.

Recently, the priests in the Durham Region were afforded a presentation which also opened many of our eyes to some of the failures and atrocities still happening. Among other concerns, the poor quality of drinking water and filtration systems is poisoning many living on Indigenous Reserves.

As a Parish Community, the Pastoral team and Pastoral Council will be working with parishioners looking into how we can help. St. Bernadette parishioners have a long-standing tradition of being there for others in need.

Our relationship with Jesus our Lord also places a premium on prayer. Too often we think of prayer as the least we can do when in fact it is the most we can do, letting our Heavenly Father know what is most important to us. This past week, many of us here at St. Bernadette's joined in prayer with other parishes in the archdiocese and Cardinal Collins, as well as other Canadians, on Thursday evening. We will continue to pray and we encourage everyone to offer a Novena to the Canadian Martyrs which accompanied this bulletin this weekend. The reflections and prayers are very meaningful.



## Getting Involved

We know not everyone is ready to come back to church just yet, but many ARE eager and we anticipate the return of everyone and all of our ministries PLUS some new ministries in the months ahead.

Some of our ministries continue to operate virtually (through ZOOM, Google Meet or the simpler virtual platforms) and some of our ministries are operating in-person gatherings with protocol restrictions and **requiring proof of vaccination status to the Pastor only.**



### [Daughters of Isabella of St. Bernadette Circle #1408](#)

The Daughters of Isabella are excited for the return of our annual Christmas Bazaar, happening in the Parish Hall happening Saturday November 20 from 10:00am to 2:30pm! Get a start or wrap up your Christmas shopping from the various vendors and craft tables. The event will include a raffle draw and a free gift for the first 75 people to enter!

Raffle tickets are ready to sell; one for \$2.00 or three for \$5.00 - to purchase please reach out to Monique Beaudoin 416-559-0162

## 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.

## Property & Building Council Update



### **Caring for Our Church**

- ✚ Work will begin in the coming weeks to repair and replace many of our doors, as well adding new Handicap Access devices in key areas.
- ✚ We will need to do some major repair work or replacement on the sound system in our church.
- ✚ We are looking at some repair and replacement work on significant areas of our Church and Rectory heating and cooling systems.
- ✚ Work has begun on rebuilding our back staircase (behind the Parish Hall & Rectory Garage) which was in concerning disrepair. Eventually brick and mortar work will need to take place and eavestrough replacement made.
- ✚ Work will begin in the coming weeks to replace our skylights (which are leaking and compromising the choir loft). They are on order and will be replaced this Fall. Some roof repair where water damage has occurred will be included in this project.
- ✚ An assessment has been done of the roof of our buildings, we will be seeking other estimates and work will begin in the Fall 2021 or Spring of 2022.
- ✚ Our Kneeler replacement has been completed, thanks to three dedicated members of our Property & Building Council who wish to remain nameless
- ✚ We are continuing to build our team and developing a Property Redevelopment Plan for the beautification of our outdoors.

*If you have any questions please speak to Father Chris or speak to Mike Sims.*

### **...From the News...**

On Sunday October 31, we will return this section of the Parish Bulletin, dedicated to meeting many of our families who are part of our Parish Family. This was a favourite and will return by popular demand.

## **Around the Parish This Week...**

### **Sunday October 17 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses  
500pm RCIA BOTW (Council room)

### **Monday October 18 – Saint Luke**

815am Mass  
915am Theology of the Body (Hall Kitchen Side)  
715pm Knights of Columbus- Membership Meeting  
(Virtual)

### **Tuesday October 19 – Saint Paul of the Cross**

815am Mass  
615pm Choir Practice (for Sunday 12&5 masses)  
645pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)  
730pm RCIA (Hall)

### **Wednesday October 20 – Saint Hedwig**

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

### **Thursday October 21**

815am Mass  
730pm Choir Practice (for Sunday 830am mass)

### **Friday October 22 – Saint John Paul II**

815am Mass  
900am Adoration  
930am Book Club (Virtual)  
300pm Benediction

### **Saturday October 23 – Saint John of Capistrano**

900am Mass  
1000am Meditation (Virtual)  
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Council Room)  
330pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

## **Mass Intentions This Week...**

### **Saturday October 16**

500pm For those who have died of COVID-19  
req. by The DeSouza Family

### **Sunday October 17**

830am Repose of the soul of Alistair Hinshelwood  
req. by Dorothy Hinshelwood  
1015am Repose of the soul of Margaret O'Keefe  
req. by The O'Keefe Family

## **Mass Intentions This Week (cont)...**

1200pm Missa pro populo (mass for the people)  
500pm For the parishioners of St. Augustine Parish,  
req. by St. Bernadette's Parish

### **Monday October 18**

900am Repose of the soul of Cornelio Bartolome Jr.  
req. by The Zaragoza- Dela Cruz Family

### **Tuesday October 19**

815am Repose of the soul of Joseph Escobar  
req. by Anna Maria Gonzalez

### **Wednesday October 20**

730pm ~Repose of the soul of Valeriana & Ben  
Serrano  
req. by The Serrano Family  
~In thanksgiving for Mikah & Asad for their  
wedding  
req. by The Padios Family  
~For the intention of Carmen Jose  
req. by The Frias Family  
~Repose of the soul of Carmine Vigilante  
req. by The Vigilante Family  
~Repose of the soul of Piedade Tiagogo  
D'Costa  
req. by his friends and family

### **Thursday October 21**

815am For the intention of Janet King

### **Friday October 22**

815am Repose of the soul of Ricardo Espiritu  
req. by Dolly Espiritu

### **Saturday October 23**

900am ~Repose of the soul of Robert Joseph Saptel  
req. by The Saptel Family  
~Repose of the soul of Gonzalo Calvelo  
req. by Nida & Robert Sasvari  
~Repose of the soul of Daniel Menard  
req. by John & Renate Kelley  
500pm Repose of the soul of Margaret Michaud