



# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

### **Monday to Friday**

900am -12:30pm 1:30pm-4:00pm

### **Saturday & Sunday**

9:30am to 1:30pm

**\*\* Office temporarily closed to public Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (email/calls answered only)**

## 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 6:30-7:30pm Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm First Fridays 9:00-10:00am  
\*\* Also by appointment \*\* 6:30-7:30pm

## PARISH STAFF

Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor* [pastor@stbernajax.com](mailto:pastor@stbernajax.com)

Father Raymond So, *Associate Pastor* [associate@stbernajax.com](mailto:associate@stbernajax.com)

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## SACRAMENTS

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. One of our clergy will speak with you and provide Baptism Preparation to suit your needs.

**Sacrament of Marriage** ~ contact the priest  
at least one year in advance

**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

## Happy Father's Day to all Our Dads



May the Lord continue to guide you and bless you all the days of your lives!

**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
**JUNE 20, 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](mailto: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, as we continue to keep our parish up & running, especially during these difficult times is MUCH appreciated!**

**PHASE ONE OFFICE HOURS**

**Our Parish Office IS OPEN.** We will be opening our Parish Office to the public in Phases as well. The office will be open Monday and Wednesday from 9am to 4pm (as per the front of the bulletin) and Saturday and Sunday 9:30am to 1:30pm effective Saturday June 12. If you need anything, please call or email Myrna ahead. If you need to speak with Fr. Chris or Fr. Raymond, we welcome you by appointment only (virtually if possible).

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

We know we cannot accommodate everyone who wishes to attend Mass right now under these government and pandemic restrictions. We apologize for the unpredictability and possible frustrations of coming to Mass at the moment. We truly appreciate the many parishioners who have volunteered to help the pastoral team & parish staff keep things going for everyone.

**FOLLOW on YOUTUBE (or Facebook)**

Our Lord's Day (Saturday Vigil & Sunday) Mass is offered livestreamed and then uploaded to the Parish YouTube channel and also uploaded to the Parish Facebook page. We will offer the weekday Masses in Phase One only. We want you to feel safe to be here and strongly invite you and encourage you to join us here (at the church) if you can, but if not to join us there.

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

**ALL ARE WELCOME (Register online or celebrate with us from your vehicle from the parking lot).**

We will continue asking everyone to register online through Eventbrite. We understand that not everyone who wants to be here can come with the government restrictions right now, so we hope you'll consider joining us with your social circles and bubbles in your vehicle. The Mass is broadcast live on FM 88.3. We will then have the Priest or Eucharistic Minister and Minister of Hospitality meet you at the door for Holy Communion.

**VIRTUAL MINISTRY**

As you'll also notice from our bulletins, many of our Parish Ministries have adapted to run virtually as we connect with one another. Here are some of our Parish Ministries that meet virtually:

- Knights of Columbus
- Daughters of Isabella
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Bible Study
- Theology of the Body
- Militia of the Immaculata
- Bereavement Team
- Marriage Preparation
- RCIA
- Apologetics
- Catholic Mom's Group
- Natural Family Planning

*We thank the teams, especially the Ministry Coordinators for keeping ministry up and running during these challenging times.*

**Sunday Mass Livestreaming**

Daily Mass will be livestreamed each day until we enter Phase 2. One of the Sunday Masses will be livestreamed as well. Please subscribe to our parish YouTube for notifications of upcoming Masses

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5GPuRkr4S4DjxoQz\\_WUmWg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5GPuRkr4S4DjxoQz_WUmWg)

**This week the Sunday 10:15am Mass will be  
livestreamed.**

## Notice – Thursday July 1

On Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate Canada Day. Mass that morning will be at 9:00am and the church will close at 10:00am. The Parish Office will also be closed that day.

### From Father Chris



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
I want to wish ALL our fathers many blessings this Father's Day Weekend. In this year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Catholic Church and all Catholics celebrate the husband of Mary, a man chosen by God to be the earthly father of His Only Begotten Son, Jesus our Lord. We too as Canadians ought to celebrate St. Joseph as our Patron. We celebrate the life of St. Joseph in so many different ways, but we especially honour him as a model of fatherhood; we ask his prayers for all our dads, that they will be the very best fathers that they can be in whatever role they are afforded in life; fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, step-fathers, foster and adopted fathers, spiritual fathers; father figures in any way – the Lord needs great fathers! The world needs us, our community needs us, our parish needs us.

Men "stepping up" and daily seeking to embody the very best qualities we have been given as men – to be men and examples of manhood.

In the coming months, as we begin reopening our parish church, among the many new and interesting ways we will engage one another and everyone we can in our Catholic Christian faith; is to engage Catholic men in new and interesting ways. Stay tuned in the weeks and months ahead for more on that! In the meantime, Father's Day blessings to all fathers and blessings to all in this 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time.

Faithfully yours,

Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor*

## Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

As we begin to reopen, our Ministry Coordinators are requesting new volunteers to help with various Parish Ministries. If you have the time to help out your parish community, we would very much appreciate your help. Please speak to Fr. Chris who will put you in touch with the right Ministry Coordinator. Thank you in advance on behalf of all of us for your help:

- \*\* Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
- \*\* Ministers of Hospitality**
- \*\* Parish Registration Team**
- \*\* Lectors for Sunday Masses**

## Praying for the Sick

If you have family members or friends, or you yourself would like to be included in our community prayers – please call or email the office and let us know whether you'd prefer to be on the public (where your name will be mentioned) or private list (list is with the Presider at all Masses). Names on the private list will remain for 3 weeks, names on the public list will be mentioned for 2 weeks. Renew if needed.



Canada Helps (method of donating to the parish found on the website under "Give") offers a challenge to organizations and parishes in June. By utilizing this donation service, St. Bernadette Parish enters a contest automatically and we could be given \$20,000. Those of our parishioners who use this service already will be aware of this, more details are emailed to you from Canada Helps on the nature of this contest.

## **Sacraments & Faith Formation Update**

*From Father Chris:*

We are now planning Masses for Confirmation, First Communion beginning this week and running until the end of July. We will begin again in September until all students have received the sacraments they have worked hard to prepare for.

We also receive this week three new adult members into our faith community: Amichi, Angela and Ieisha who completed RCIA and will be fully received into the Catholic Church on Thursday June 24 (this Mass will be livestreamed and uploaded). Amichi and Angela's children will also receive the Sacraments at this Mass as well.

In the weeks ahead, we will schedule more Baptisms, as we are booking into the early winter right now and want (where possible) to expedite some of these baptisms.

Thank you to all for your patience and understanding, and we look forward to celebrating with you.



## **June Happenings**

**June 20**

**Father's Day**

*Drive-up Blessings for Dad from 12pm to 4pm (at the rear of the church). The Daughters of Isabella have generously offered to help us with parking.*

**June 26 & 27**

**Father Raymond's Last Mass & Farewell**

*Father Raymond's farewell will take place after the 12pm Mass (and since we know not everyone can be here, available virtually as well). Fr. Raymond will be greeting everyone who wishes to speak to him after all Masses next weekend.*

**Fr. Raymond will celebrate the morning Masses on Monday and Tuesday, and then will be departing on June 29.**

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

**Saturday June 19 – Saint Romuald**

900am Mass  
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (virtual)  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

**Sunday June 20 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Fathers Day**

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

**Monday June 21 – Saint Aloysius Gonzaga**

815am Mass  
730pm Knights of Columbus- Membership Meeting (virtual)

**Tuesday June 22 – Saint Paulinus of Nola**

815am Mass  
730pm RCIA (virtual)

**Wednesday June 23**

630pm Parish Confessions  
730pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass

**Thursday June 24 – The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

815am Mass  
645pm Legion of Mary (virtual)  
700pm RCIA Baptisms  
800pm Catholic Moms Group (virtual)

**Friday June 25**

815am Mass  
700pm Confirmation Mass

**Saturday June 26– Our Lady's Saturday**

900am Mass  
1030am Baptisms  
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (virtual)  
230pm Confirmation Mass  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

*Farewell by greetings to Father Raymond after all Masses. Parish Presentation to take place at 12pm on Sunday (livestreamed and uploaded on YouTube and website after Mass)*





## **Property & Building Council**

A reminder that the church will be closed after Mass on Tuesday June 22 and will reopen at 6pm on Wednesday June 23 for the completion of the Railing and Bannister into the Sanctuary.

Thank you to all of those who have generously supported the replacement of the kneelers, we will be accepting donations until the end of June.

## **Bible Study**



St. Bernadette's will begin a ten-week Bible study *Exodus: Called to Freedom* on Wednesday, September 15 at 9:30 am or 7:00 pm. Participants will meet every week on Zoom to view an engaging video presentation followed by lively group discussion and fellowship. Not only will we study Israel's Exodus, from Egypt, we will look through the lens of Christ and the Church to show how God ultimately desired to free us from the deadly grip of sin so that we could have authentic freedom. For more information or to register, contact Susan at 905-427-6137 or [susangkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:susangkennedy@gmail.com) or Jan at 905-420-8696 or [janicenoonan@gmail.com](mailto:janicenoonan@gmail.com). Optional Study Guide \$40. Let us know if you would like a Study Guide so we can order them in a timely fashion.

## **St. Bernadette Parish Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday June 19**

- 900am For the intention of Margot La Rocque for her full recovery req. by Mary McKenna  
500pm Repose of the soul of Bill McConkey req. by Margaret McConkey

### **Sunday June 20**

- 830am Repose of the soul of Mary Teresa Beauchamp  
1200pm Missa pro populo  
500pm For the parishioners of St. Augustine Parish, QC req. by St. Bernadette's Parish  
700pm Repose of the souls of Joseph Sr. & Helen Hovorka req. by Joe Hovorka

### **Monday June 21**

- 815am Repose of the soul of Bill McConkey req. by Margaret McConkey

### **Tuesday June 22**

- 815am Repose of the soul of Robert Joseph Saptel req. by The Saptel Family

### **Wednesday June 23**

- 730pm ~ Repose of the soul of Thomas Fieldsend req. by his daughter Frances  
~ For the intention of Dejanee Alexander req. by Jade & Alexander  
~ For the deceased members of the Hovorka & Senior Family req. by Joe Hovorka  
~ Repose of the soul of Agnes Clarence req. by Anthony Clarence

### **Thursday June 24**

- 815am Repose of the soul of Antonio & Lucia Mariglia req. by Joanne Romano

### **Friday June 25**

- 815am <No Intention>

### **Saturday June 26**

- 900am ~June Wedding Anniversaries  
~Repose of the soul of Michael Ryan req. by Elizabeth Ryan  
500pm Repose of the soul of Clarence & Margaret Thomas req. by Rudy & Family

### **Sunday June 27**

- 830am Repose of the soul of Mary Teresa Beauchamp  
1200pm Missa pro populo  
500pm For the parishioners of St. Augustine Parish, QC req. by St. Bernadette's Parish

## From Parish Ministries



### Daughters of Isabella

Ladies, if you are looking for an organization that provides the opportunity to make new friends, grow in your faith, and use your talents in service for others, the Daughters of Isabella could be the answer. We welcome new members with open arms. Come Join us for a zoom meet or email us [dofi.stb@gmail.com](mailto:dofi.stb@gmail.com) for more information.



### Militia of the Immaculata

The Militia of the Immaculata will begin to meet virtually every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month (next – Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>) by Zoom. For more information please contact the parish office.



### St. Bernadette's Mothers Group

Are you a mom? Are you burned out and stressed? Do you want to feel refreshed? Join us every other Thursday evening for a brief ZOOM and PRAY session to connect with other Catholic moms in our parish. We support and encourage each other in raising our children and building up our faith lives. For more information, please contact Cathy Haynes at [haynes.cathy@gmail.com](mailto:haynes.cathy@gmail.com)



### Natural Family Planning

You know the Church's teachings, but can a married couple really follow them to space their family? The Billings Ovulation Method™ is backed by more than 50 years of medical research. Witness for yourself or share this with someone you know. We meet virtually. The initial presentation will be held on Wed, June 23 at 8pm. To register contact Rose Heron 905-683-9055 or [rosemary.heron@naturalfamilyplanning.ca](mailto:rosemary.heron@naturalfamilyplanning.ca)