



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 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 readings this weekend speak of our Christian duty to be there for one another. From the beginning of human history (as accounted in the Book of Genesis) we were created and were always meant to be in relationship with one another. Every life and person, every vocation, every relationship is sacred and is precious. The way we love one another and understand love is often an expression of how we love God! Our readings highlight the quintessential relationship, the Sacred Bond and Covenant of Marriage. As a Parish Community, we pray unceasingly for an

increase of holy and healthy marriages and may we always work collectively to do our part in helping all our people to grow closer to the Lord and to each other always with a commitment and focus on our relationships.

Faithfully yours,

Father Chris Lemieux, Pastor

27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 3, 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>

OCTOBER 3 – SATURDAY 5:00PM

OCTOBER 10 – SUNDAY 10:15AM

OCTOBER 17 – SUNDAY 8:30AM

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.



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

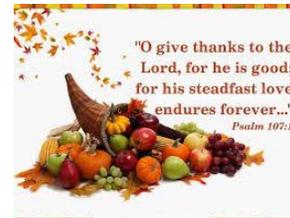


St. Bernadette Parish will participate once again in LIFE CHAIN, peacefully, prayerfully raising awareness for Pro-Life concerns. We will gather in front of the Church (Bayly Street & Harwood Avenue) **SUNDAY OCTOBER 3rd from 2pm to 3pm.** Contact Jim & Mary Psihogios at 905-686-3508 for more information.



Blessing of Pets

On Saturday October 9 from 1pm to 3pm in honour of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi which is October 4 (and in honour of other saints who loved animals too), we will be offering a blessing of pets. This will take place by the Rectory Garage (behind the Church).



THANKSGIVING DAY (Monday) MASS

Mass on Monday October 11 will be at 9:00am, as per our holiday schedule. The Parish Church and Office will be closed that day. The Pastoral and Office Staff of St. Bernadette Church wish you and your families the richest blessings. We are truly thankful to everyone who makes St. Bernadette faith community a blessed one indeed! We as Christians recognize we have much to be thankful for!

September/October Anniversaries

September 25 Don & Julia Beattie (56)
September Perpetua & Joseph Marechal (7)
October 3rd Astor & Teresa Trotter
October 4th Sebastian & Lisa Garofalo (41)

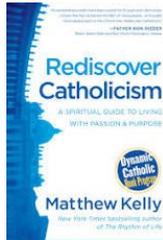


SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

**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.



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.



Rosary Rally

Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 16th at 12 noon in front of St. Bernadette Church and also at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School (part of our Parish-School family).

We will pray the Rosary asking our Blessed Mother for her intercessions for greater love, veneration and praying for peace.

For more information on the St. Bernadette gathering, please call Susan Dulny at 905-619-1284 and for information on the St. Teresa of Calcutta gathering please call Linda Sarang at 416-523-2062



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.

Votive Candles

If you're unable to attend the Memorial Mass or simply wish to light a candle and offer a prayer, our votive candles are back (with WorshipSafe protocols in place). Light a candle before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and offer a prayer for an intention. Votive candles are \$2.00 each.

Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation



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

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 drciaajax@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**.



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 / or janicenoonan@gmail.com.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

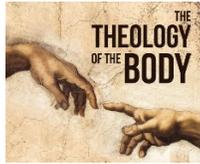
Registration has begun. Two information sessions to be held, **parents to attend one session in person**. The registration fee this year will be \$30 for material costs and please be advised that there will be a fee at the time of First Communion for the photographer. Classes will be a mix of in-person, 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". **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.**

CONFIRMATION

Registration has begun. Two information sessions to be held, **parents to attend one session in person**. 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". **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.**

All dates and expectations will be given at the Parent's Information Session, so please make plans to attend. Registration fees may also be paid in person at that time.

Please contact the Parish Office or email Monika Matelski, Sacraments Coordinator for more information or any questions at youth@stbernajax.com



Theology of the Body

Theology of the Body meets virtually on Monday mornings at 930am to discuss the Catechism of the Catholic Church with an eye towards the Theology of the Body. Gatherings are part Apologetics, part history, part application, part faith-sharing & part fellowship delving deeply into our Faith.



St. Bernadette Meditation Group

Our Parish meditation group welcomes you. For those who enjoy meditating and for newcomers who would like to learn how to meditate as a powerful method of prayer. The Meditation Group is being held virtually at this time on Saturdays from 10:00am to 11:00am. Please contact Trevor Pereira at 416-371-4247.



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, Youth Coordinator or email her at youth@stbernajax.com for more information on this great evening and program.

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.



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
- ✚ 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.

We continue to thank our dedicated Property & Building Council for their dedicated work, and as Project Managers for all these important projects. If you have any questions about anything happening around the parish, speak to Father Chris or speak to Mike Sims.

Advertising in the Bulletin



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.

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



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

...Get Involved...

In the months ahead, we will continue to welcome back more and more people to our Church and to our Parish Ministries. We also eagerly look forward to the beginning of new ministry opportunities. Please discern what the Lord might be calling you to do in your parish community.

- ❖ EDGE CORE Team Leaders (teens and young adults)
 - We especially need men to consider this!
- ❖ Children's Liturgy teachers and helpers
- ❖ Baptism catechists (mothers & fathers to help teach)

Around the Parish This Week...

Sunday October 3 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday October 4 – Saint Francis of Assisi

815am Mass
915am Theology of the Body (Hall Kitchen Side)
630pm Wedding rehearsal
715pm Baptism Preparation Class (virtual)

Tuesday October 5 – Saint Faustina Kowalska

815am Mass
615pm Choir Practice (for Sunday 1200/500pm masses)
645pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)
730pm RCIA (Hall)

Wednesday October 6 – Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

900am Bible Study (Hall)
600pm Parish Confessions
630pm Bible Study (Hall Stage Side)
700pm Daughters of Isabella (Hall Kitchen Side)
730pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass

Thursday October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

815am Mass
930am Craft Ladies (Hall Stage Side)
730pm Choir Practice (for Sunday 830am mass)

Friday October 8

815am Mass
900am Adoration
1200pm Benediction
100pm Wedding

Saturday October 9 – Saint Denis & Companions

900am Mass
1000pm Altar Servers Training (Church)
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Council Room)
330pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday October 10 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses
1200pm RCIA BOTW (Hall Kitchen Side)
200pm Baptisms

Mass Intentions This Week...

Saturday October 2

500pm For the Souls in Purgatory
req. by The DeSouza Family

Sunday October 3

830am In 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 Repose of the soul Romeo Padios
req. The Padios Family

Monday October 4

815am Repose of the soul of Emily Vehm

Tuesday October 5

815am Repose of the soul of Charles Daly
req. by Joan, Tommy & Family

Wednesday October 6

730pm ~Repose of the soul of Helen & Joseph sr.
Hovorka, req. by Joe Hovorka
~Repose of the soul of Felice Falcone
req. by Ives & Susan Mazzarolo
~For the intention of Melissa, Joey & the baby
req. by The Family

Thursday October 7

815am Repose of the soul of Dominga Bolanos
req. Anna Maria Gonzalez

Friday October 8

815am For the intention of Father Chris, req. by CW

Saturday October 9

900am ~Repose of the soul of Honesto Lim Osma
req. by Maria Rivamonte & Family
~Repose of the soul of Conso Lacion Lim
req. by Maria Rivamonte & Family
~Repose of the soul of Sonia Lim
req. by Maria Rivamonte & Family
~Repose of the soul of Charles Daly
req. by Phyllis Peter & Family