

Sunday November 14, 2021 – 33rd 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 6:30pm-7:15pm Fridays 9:00-9:45am Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm

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 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,

Are we ready? Next weekend we celebrate Christ the King and mark the last Sunday of one liturgical season and prepare for the beginning of another. Are we ready to reflect on how we might start anew once again? This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that there's a beginning and an end to everything and reminds us not to spend too much time or energy in focusing on the details of what's going to take place and how, but to prepare ourselves as Christians to start over; to approach our faith (ideally every day) in a renewed way. We are being encouraged to stay awake, to be alert this week. Friends, might we consider the ways we can be more attentive Christians in the world. May God bless your week!

Faithfully yours,

Fr. Chris

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 to set up a time to stop by. One of our pastoral team members 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"). Another option is to download the Tithely App on your phone and select "St. Bernadette Catholic Church". You are given many options here and a tax receipt is issued. **Your donations, are always MUCH appreciated!**

Parish 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. We require you to:

- † Wear a face mask covering your nose and chin
- † Maintain social distancing
- † Frequently sanitize your hands
- † DO NOT come if you feel unwell in any way or have been exposed to COVID-19

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>

[NOVEMBER 14 – 10:15AM](#)

[NOVEMBER 21 – 12:00PM](#)

[NOVEMBER 28 – 8:30AM](#)

[DECEMBER 5 – 10:15AM](#)

November Anniversaries

November 1 st	Druce & Margaret Ayres (52 years)
November 8 th	Wilfred & Noreen Pierre (52 years)
November 27 th	Carlisle and Cheryl Gomes (28 years)
November 30 th	Kevin & Catherine Sheridan (53 years)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration & Morning of Reflection



We will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Saturday, December 11** starting with the 9:00am Mass using the prayers for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This celebration and time of reflection will take the place of our Parish Advent Retreat this year: it will be livestream and uploaded to our Parish Youtube as well. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Mother of the Americas and she blessed the whole continent with her appearance on the Tepeyac hill, in Mexico to St. Juan Diego. Reflections given by our Pastor Fr. Chris, our Grand Knight, Sir Mike Sims and José González as well as a Knights' Honour Guard, Mexican Music, and the blessing of the Banner as well as Litanies offered in Honour of Our Lady. Attendees will also receive a *Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe* brochure. All are welcome, registration not required.

Sunday Missals



We will be selling 2022 St. Joseph's Missal in the Parish Hall (with the dedicated help of our Collection Counters) after all of the Masses on Sunday November 14 and Sunday November 21.

THE PRICE OF THE SUNDAY MISSAL will be \$5.00

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks you for your generous support of our work with *Neighbours in Need* who depend on your charity throughout the year and especially at Christmas. Due to the pandemic restrictions, we are not able to collect toys for the children through the Angel Tree again this year. A cash donation or gift cards would be greatly appreciated! Envelopes will be available on the table in the narthex on Nov. 14 and the **Christmas Collection will be on Sunday November 28th**. If you have any questions, please call 905-626-4864. Thank you in advance!



Daughters of Isabella

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



Booking 2022 Mass Intentions

Once again, we offer for parishioners and those who wish to book ahead for Mass intentions into 2022, the opportunity to do this on **Saturday December 18** from **9:30am to 11:30am** in the Parish Hall.

Social distancing policy in effect.

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION
Registration is now closed. Any registrations submitted at this time must be approved by Father Chris. The sacramental preparation program will begin on **Saturday November 13 at 10:00am** in the parish hall and parents will receive all the details from Monika Matelski, our Sacramental Coordinator. The sacramental preparation booklets will be distributed on this day.

CONFIRMATION

Registration is now closed. Any registrations submitted at this time must be approved by Father Chris. Parents have been emailed the first reflection for Confirmation, which is to be completed by **Sunday November 28** and submitted to either Father Chris or Father Kevin after Mass.



Catechists - Teachers Needed

We continue to call for help, as we assemble teams to prepare our young people for their sacraments. You don't need to have experience, just to have a passion to teach and be a Catholic yourself. *Aspiring teachers might consider this, as training will be provided and working as part of a catechetical team will allow us to share the work.* Catechists needed for:

- **First Reconciliation & Communion**
- **Confirmation**
- **RCIA for Young People (children & teens)**



Property & Building Council Update

Work on the doors is well underway and should be completed in the next week or two. This week wiring was completed for several new electronic access devices to be installed to our new and refurbished doors.

We hope to have our new skylights installed in January. We have been assured by the contractors that as soon as all parts are in, these units will be installed right away.

As part of our upgrading and improvement projects, we are also looking at adding a handicap-access washroom to the parish hall and highlight other improvements at the same time.

We will begin our parish fund raising in December and will continue this through 2022.

We invite youth in grades 5 to 8 for our next EDGE Night on Friday November 26 at 7:00pm-8:30pm in the parish hall. We will focus on the virtue of temperance, as we look to Doctor Strange to understand how the virtue of temperance frees us to choose good!

Please speak to **Monika Matelski, Youth Coordinator** or email her at youth@stbernajax.com to come and attend an Edge Night or to register for the full year!

We Need Your Help

URGENT: PARISH CLEANING – our Parish Cleaning Contract has come to an end. In the interest of exploring the best option for the parish, Fr. Chris is not rushing into another contract and consulting with the Finance Council and Property & Building Council on this matter. In the meantime, Fr. Chris kindly asks if parishioners who have a little time, might consider helping us on a temporary and voluntary basis to keep the main areas of the church and parish hall clean. If you might help us out, please contact the Parish Office and leave us your name and number

FUNERAL SERVERS – We are looking for parishioners to help us as volunteers for funerals. This would be primarily to serve at funerals and we would provide training for this.

CHOIR MEMBERS – We continue to look for new members for our parish choirs, especially our 10:15am Sunday choir. If you'd like to be a part of any of our choirs, please contact the Parish Office.

SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS TEAM MEMBERS – If you have skills with website design, social media applications, we could use your help. Please contact the Parish Office and let us know that you might be interested in helping us out here.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES – We continue to look for new members for many of our parish ministries. Please let us know that you'd like to be involved and we might be able to help find something that fits you!



Next Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass

On Thursday December 16 we welcome all those who have registered with their guests to celebrate another Candlelight Vigil (starting at 6:30pm) followed by a Memorial Mass (at 7:00pm). The Vigil will begin with meditative instrumental music and conclude with prayer. 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 in March. We ask for a suggested donation of \$25 for the candle that is yours to keep! 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.

Around the Parish This Week...

Sunday November 14 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses
1200pm RCIA BOTW (Council Room)
200pm Baptisms

Monday November 15 – Saint Albert the Great

815am Mass
915am Theology of the Body (Hall Kitchen Side)
700pm Knights of Columbus- Deceased Members
Mass

Tuesday November 16 – Saint Margaret of Scotland

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

Wednesday November 17 – Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

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

Thursday November 18 – The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter and Paul

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

Friday November 19

815am Mass
900am Confessions
1000am Daughters of Isabella (Hall)
930am Book Club (Virtual)
700pm Bereavement Group (Virtual)

Saturday November 20 – Our Lady's Saturday

900am Mass
1000am Meditation (Virtual)
1000am – 230pm Christmas Bazaar (Hall)
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Council Room)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday November 21 – Christ the King

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

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday November 13

500pm Repose of the soul of Michele Marucci

Sunday November 14

830am Repose of the soul of Veronica Ego-Aguirre
1015am Repose of the soul of Lucy Mendes
1200pm Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
500pm For the parishioners of St. Augustine Parish, QC
700pm Repose of the soul of Issac Maricar

Monday November 15

815am For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday November 16

815am Repose of the soul of Linda Palillo

Wednesday November 17

730pm ~For the deceased members of the Hovorka &
Senior Family req. by Joe Hovorka
~For the deceased members of the Legion of
Mary
~Repose of the soul of Marie Forkan
~For the intention of the priests & parishioners
of St. Bernadette's
~For the intention of the Sister Raine, priests &
Parishioners of St. Augustine Parish, QC

Thursday November 18

815am Repose of the soul of John & Annie Fernandes

Friday November 19

815am Repose of the soul of Ester Espiritu

Saturday November 20

900am ~Repose of the soul of Alistair Hinshelwood
~Repose of the souls of Jose & Eduarda Oliveira
~For the intention of the priests & parishioners
of St. Francis de Sales
~For the intention of the priests & parishioners
of St. Patrick Church
~For the intention of the priests & parishioners
of St. Patrick's Basilica in Montreal
500pm Repose of the souls of Antonietta & Leonardo
Colucci

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve/Day

Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ



*****Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, like Sundays are considered holy days of obligation.***

Friday December 24 (Christmas Eve) Masses

4:00pm

5:30pm

7:00pm

8:30pm

10:00pm

12AM (Midnight Mass)

Saturday December 25 (Christmas Day) Masses

8:30am

10:00am

12:00pm

***** There will be no 5:00pm or 7:00pm Masses***

Sunday December 26 Masses

8:30am

10:15am

12:00pm

***** There will be no 5:00pm or 7:00pm Masses***

New Year's Eve/Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Friday December 31 New Year's Eve Masses

4:00pm

5:30pm

7:00pm

Saturday January 1, 2022 New Year's Day

9:00am,

10:30am

12:00pm

***** There will be no 5:00pm or 7:00pm Masses***

Sunday January 2, 2022

8:30am

10:15am

12:00pm

***** There will be no 5:00pm or 7:00pm Masses***