



# 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 6:00pm-6:45pm Saturdays 3:30-4:15pm 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)

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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

## JOIN THE ST. BERNADETTE MASS on YOUTUBE

We will continue to upload the Parish Mass on the Parish YouTube channel. It will also be livestreamed each day and at other times when we are able (see the website). If you are unable to join us at the Church, please join us there. <https://bit.ly/3iFoScP>

## FOR YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY AND PROTECTING ONE ANOTHER

1. Do not come if you are unwell
2. Check your temperature
3. Arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass
4. Ushers will escort you to your seat
5. Please wear a mask covering your nose & chin
6. Use hand sanitizer
7. Inside - Follow arrows, including for Holy Communion

**13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
**JUNE 27, 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 TWO OFFICE HOURS**

**Phase II begins on June 30.** Our Parish Office IS OPEN. The office will be open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9am to 4pm (as per the front of the bulletin) and Saturday and Sunday 9:30am to 1:30pm effective **Monday July 5.** If you need anything outside those times, please call or email the Parish Office. If you need to speak with Fr. Chris, 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 for the time being. 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**

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 12:00PM Mass will be livestreamed as this is the Parish Farewell to Father Raymond.**

**NEW CONFESSION TIMES starting JULY 5**

**With one priest in the parish for a short while, we will need to adjust confession times to allow for adequate Mass preparation. New times will be 6:00pm to 6:45 on Wednesday evening and 3:30 to 4:15pm on Saturday.**

## 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 Friends,

We say farewell to Father Raymond this weekend. I want to take this opportunity to share a few thoughts with you about our Associate Pastor.

I will miss my young confrère. The ways he contributes to making Rectory life enjoyable, our lunch conversations, watching some stand-up comedy together, his zeal and enthusiasm for life in general and for the priesthood. There was a great peace coming to a new parish after many years in Vocations, to serve with a young priest whom I knew well as a seminarian. A personal joy for me is to have witnessed him grow from his early days in the seminary through to ordination and to see the priest that he has become (and is becoming). It is truly edifying to see the impact he's had on so many lives here at St. Bernadette as well.

I wish him well. I know he will do well. His "new" Pastor is a senior priest and a great mentor for Fr. Raymond. I truly believe he will grow and himself become a great Pastor in the years to come. I wish many successes and every blessing upon Fr. Raymond in his new assignment.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,



Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor*

### Sacraments & Faith Formation Update

Confirmations and First Holy Communions are under way and we look forward to completing both by the end of July. We are also working hard to move up some of our Baptism dates if possible as well.

During the summer, our dedicated Faith Formation teams will be hard at work preparing for the Fall.

### 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:

**\*\* Wedding Coordinators (NEW)**

**\*\* Baptism Coordinators (NEW)**

**\*\* Altar Servers (if returning please let us know)**

### 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.

### 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. We will study Israel's Exodus from Egypt, 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.

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

### **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

### **Sunday June 27 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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

### **Monday June 28 – Saint Irenaeus**

815am Mass  
600pm First Communion Mass  
700pm St. Vincent de Paul (virtual)

### **Tuesday June 29 – Saint Peter and Saint Paul**

815am Mass  
600pm First Communion Mass  
730pm RCIA (virtual)

### **Wednesday June 30 – The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**

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

### **Thursday July 1 – Canada Day**

900am Mass (*church closed after Mass*)

### **Friday July 2**

815am Mass  
900am Adoration  
300pm Benediction

### **Saturday July 3 – Saint Thomas**

900am Mass  
1100am First Communion Mass  
100pm First Communion Mass  
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (virtual)  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

### **Sunday July 4 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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

### **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  
1015am <no intention>  
1200pm Missa pro populo  
500pm For the parishioners of St. Augustine Parish, QC  
req. by St. Bernadette's Parish  
700pm <no intention>

### **Monday June 28**

815am Repose of the soul of Joanne Heckman  
req. by Valerie Ross

### **Tuesday June 29**

815am For the intention of Rita & Jamil Sakeh  
req. by Amerah Hanna

### **Wednesday June 30**

730pm ~ For the repose of the soul of Francis McCarthy  
req. by Pat & Marie McCarthy  
~ For the repose of the soul of Fiona Gruninger  
req. by Janet Lee Martell & Terry Winter

### **Thursday July 1**

900am For the repose of the soul of Francis McCarthy  
req. by Pat & Marie McCarthy

### **First Friday July 2**

815am For the intention of the Militia of Immaculata  
730pm <no intention>

### **Saturday July 3**

900am ~ For the intention of Noreen Pierre  
for her birthday  
~ Repose of the soul of Conrado E. Cortez  
req. by Susan Rivera  
500pm Repose of the soul of Peter Finn  
req. by Tricia Root

### **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

### **\*\* YOUR FEEDBACK NEEDED \*\***

As we begin to return to worship and with summer upon us, we are considering the possibility of stopping our livestreaming of weekday Mass in Phase III. In the days and weeks ahead, Fr. Chris welcomes your feedback on whether we should keep this. Please call or email him.

## From Parish Ministries



### **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)



### **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.



### **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. We meet virtually. Contact Rose Heron 905-683-9055 or [rosemary.heron@naturalfamilyplanning.ca](mailto:rosemary.heron@naturalfamilyplanning.ca)