

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 (email/calls answered only)**

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE - Masses temporarily suspended

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

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SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms every 2nd and 4th 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

5th Sunday of Easter

MAY 2, 2021

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, as we continue to keep our parish up & running, especially during these difficult times is MUCH appreciated!**

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

Many parishioners choose this convenient method for their offerings. Forms are at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CHANGE in OFFICE HOURS

As a result of the "Stay-at-Home" order issued by the Province of Ontario, and for the duration of this lockdown order – **our Parish Office will be OPEN every day – but closed to the public.** If you need anything, please call or email ahead and Myrna will make arrangements to greet you and provide for your needs. If you need to speak with Fr. Chris or Fr. Raymond, we welcome you by appointment only.

LIVESTREAM MASS

Daily Mass will be livestreamed at 8:15 each day and Sunday Mass at 5:00pm Saturday. Please subscribe to our parish YouTube for notifications of upcoming Masses

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5GPuRkr4S4DjxoQz_WUmWg



Please pray this coming week, for:

- Rev. Mr. Arthur Lee
- Rev Mr. Andrew Taylor

Who will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Toronto by Cardinal Collins on Saturday May 8, 2021 at 10am (*livestreamed from St. Michael's Cathedral*).



CHANGES during PARISH LOCKDOWN

Due to the Stay-at-Home order issued by the Province of Ontario on Friday and effective Monday morning, please note the manner in which will respond until this lockdown is lifted.

SUNDAY MASS & WEEKDAY MASS LIVESTREAMED

Weekday Masses will be livestreamed at **815am**, **Monday through Friday and at 900am on Saturday**. For the time being, Wednesday's Mass (which is normally preceded by Our Lady of Perpetual Help devotions) will be simply the daily Mass. Our Sunday Mass will be livestreamed at **5pm every Saturday** and thus be available for viewing all day Sunday. Our Sunday Mass will have a reduced choir. Please join us for Mass online if possible at <https://bit.ly/2HqxVRO>

SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICES

We will welcome those who wish to attend for Communion Services on Sunday, and hope that you will have viewed the Parish Mass on YouTube. Since we need a volunteer greeter and the Priest Celebrant, Communion Services will be limited to 8 people. Registration for Communion Services will be via Eventbrite and we will run from **10am to 5pm** on Sunday (3 each hour). It will not be possible for personal prayer time on Sundays.

WEEKDAY PRAYER TIME

The Church will be open for periods on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. No more than 10 people are permitted in the church at one time and the pew card system will be reinstated. Please sit only where a green (not pink) pew card is in place.

VIRTUAL COFFEE & COCKTAILS

*We will continue Coffee with Father on Friday mornings (the link will be the same each week). Effective immediately, **we will not be continuing** the evening virtual gathering due to lack of interest.*

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Parish Confessions are suspended at this time. For anyone requiring the Sacrament of Penance, please email Fr. Chris/Fr. Raymond directly or contact the office.

From the News...



Ives and I have many things in common: we were both born in Argentina of at least one Italian parent and came to Canada as children. Yet, Ives was raised in a devout family while I was not. As spouses, we are supposed to help each other get to Heaven, so Ives helps me grow in piety and I help him grow in patience.

St. Bernadette is the first parish we've attended as a married couple since 2007. We received a warm welcome from our community and we've appreciated all the ways the dedicated priests provide opportunities for us to deepen our faith and the way the parishioners put it into action! We wanted to contribute where we could, so Ives continued his long membership in the Knights of Columbus and we also chose to serve at Mass: I as a lector, and Ives as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. We have the privilege of bringing the Lord to seniors who long to receive Him, but have limited mobility. The RCIA is another rewarding ministry in which we participate. It is a joy to share our faith with those who are seeking the Truth in Catholicism.

We are grateful to have so many opportunities to live out our faith, as members of the Body of Christ and as members of the St. Bernadette Parish community.

Pastor's Note: Susan and Ives are very dedicated to our parish community in many different ministries and do a great job of balancing work and parish life! They have mentioned many of these ways here but their openness to new ways the Holy Spirit calls them is an inspiration (to me but I'm sure others as well).

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.

Around the Parish This Week...

Saturday May 1– St. Joseph the Worker

- 900am Mass (*livestreamed but closed to public*)
- 200pm Junior Legion of Mary (virtual)
- 500pm Sunday Vigil Mass (*livestreamed but closed to public*)

5th Sunday of Easter – May 2

- 1000am – 500pm Communion Services

Monday May 3- Saints Philip & James

- 815am Mass (*livestreamed but closed to public*)
- 930am Theology of the Body (virtual)
- 7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul (virtual)

Tuesday May 4- Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis

- 815am Mass (*livestreamed but closed to public*)
- 6:45pm Legion of Mary (virtual)
- 730pm RCIA (virtual)

Wednesday May 5

- 815am Mass (*livestreamed but closed to public*)

Thursday May 6- St. François de Laval

- 815am Mass (*livestreamed but closed to public*)

Friday May 7

- 815am Mass (*livestreamed but closed to public*)
- 1030am Coffee with Father (Fr. Chris)
- 730pm Cocktails with Father (Fr. Raymond)

Saturday May 8– Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine

- 900am Mass (*livestreamed but closed to public*)
- 500pm Sunday Vigil Mass (*livestreamed but closed to public*)



Ministry Highlights

After this pandemic, many of our ministries are going to work at "rebuilding". This new section will highlight our many ministries and in time offer us opportunities to serve in various ways in the parish.

Registration Teams

Part of our re-opening plan, a temporary ministry to welcome parishioners, greeting them and ensuring their safety, this ministry has been many dedicated people from Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary School as well as Couples for Christ and other individuals who allow our Ministers of Hospitality (who were doing this before) greet and welcome everyone into the Church. We VERY MUCH appreciate this important ministry and the many young people who are a part of this ministry.

St. Bernadette Parish Mass Intentions

Since during the lockdown we celebrate our Sunday Mass, Saturday at 5pm – all Sunday Mass intentions will be offered and announced by the priest at the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass.

Saturday May 1

- 900am For the intention of doctors, nurses, and all frontline workers
- 500pm ~ For the repose of the soul of Fred Lawrence Jr. req. by The Lawrence Family
- ~ For the repose of the soul of Florinda Bautista req. by Exal Montes
- ~ For the parishioners of St. Augustine Parish, QC req. by St. Bernadette's Parish
- ~ For the repose of the soul of Darlene Rostek req. by Mary Fitzsimmons

Sunday May 2

Mass intentions for Sunday will be announced at the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass

Monday May 3

- 815am Repose of the souls of the Corriero Family req. by Sara Da Silva

Tuesday May 4

- 815am Repose of the soul of Joseph Hiddinck req. by Noreen & Wilfred Pierre & Family

Wednesday May 5

- 815am ~ For the intention of Filomena Vigilante
- ~ For the intention of Deswig Fernandes
- ~ For the repose of the soul of Gerald Woods req. by the parish

Thursday May 6

- 815am Repose of the souls of the Beattie & Kilgallon families, req. by Don & Julia

Friday May 7

- 815am For the intentions of the Militia of Immaculata

Saturday May 8

- 900am Repose of the soul of Errol Gay req. by Marcia Francis
- 500pm For all my deceased relatives req. by Monique Perry
- ~ For the repose of the soul of Alistair Hinshelwood, req. by Dorothy Hinshelwood
- ~ For the parishioners of St. Augustine Parish, QC req. by St. Bernadette's Parish
- ~ For the repose of the soul of Fred Lawrence Jr. req. by The Lawrence Family



Ministry Opportunities

Sunday Communion Service Volunteers

We are looking for those who are comfortable and healthy to help welcome parishioners into the church, leading and guiding to assigned places, offering a little instruction. Each volunteer would be asked to commit to a one-hour shift between 10am to 5pm.

Weekday Church/Prayer Captains

We are looking for those who are comfortable and healthy to help ensure the safety and health guidelines are followed in the church, and that provincial guidelines concerning capacity are followed. Each volunteer would be asked to commit to a one-hour shift between 11am to 2pm or 4pm to 7pm.

If you are able to offer your help, please email Father Chris directly pastor@stbernajax.com or contact the Parish Office. We thank you in advance!

Grateful & Sad



Our beloved Associate Pastor, Father Raymond will be departing at the end of June, as he begins a new assignment as Associate Pastor of St. Justin Martyr Parish in Markham. Father Raymond will have completed three years as our Associate Pastor and it is important for him to have at least another parish experience before becoming a Pastor!

Father Raymond has been dedicated to his ministry here at St. Bernadette's; working with young adults to start a ministry dedicated to them, making hospital visits, working with people young and young-at-heart alike, filling in as RCIA Coordinator for a time, leading pilgrimages, sharing with us his good homilies – and these are only a few of the ways he has made a lasting impact here at St. Bernadette's. Father Raymond will be missed, and we will find a way to celebrate his time with us before he leaves at the end of June.

Mother's Day



On Sunday May 9th, we celebrate Mother's Day and especially the mothers of our parish. While we will be having Communion Services in the church, one of the priests will be blessing the mothers of our parish on the southeast side of the church (near the Rectory Garage).

We will form a line of vehicles and remain inside and Father will come around and give a blessing to mum and family. We would like to invite families, where possible, to come with mum so that she may be blessed with you present during these following times:

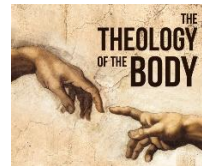
1100am to 1200pm

100pm to 200pm

300pm to 400pm

For those of us who's mum is with the Lord, please email or call Father Chris or Myrna directly and we will also have a list of mothers at the altar for the Sunday Mass (livestreamed on Saturday at 5pm). For those who can't make it, Father Chris will offer a special blessing at the end of the livestreamed Mass.

From Parish Ministries



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 sharing & part fellowship delving deeply into our Faith.



Coffee & Cocktails with Father

Each Friday at **10:30am**, one of our priests host by virtual link, a community gathering for conversation, fellowship and friendship. Save this link as it is the one we will use each week for our gathering!

<https://meet.google.com/qbp-eocv-gob>



Militia of the Immaculata

The Militia of the Immaculata will begin to meet virtually every 2nd Thursday of the month (next – Thursday May 13th) 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