Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

CLERGY
Fr. Robert Barras, Pastor
Fr. Dominic Pistone, in Residence
Deacon Kevin Woodvine

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:8:30 am
Wednesday: 7:00 pm
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am,* 11:00 am,
and 5:00 pm
*Live streamed on YouTube

RECONCILIATION
Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm, or by appointment

BAPTISM
To begin the process of having your child baptized, please call the office or visit our website.

FUNERALS
Please contact the parish office if there is a death in the family. The parish will cooperate with funeral arrangements. A priest will assist the family with funeral preparations.

MARRIAGE
It is necessary for couples to contact the parish when the engagement is made. You should be a registered active member of the parish. Allow nine to twelve months for preparation for the sacrament. Extra time must be allotted if either of the parties has been married before.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPi

Welcome to St. Bernadette Church

"Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!" (Psalm 81:1, ESV). Welcome to this opportunity to praise God.

Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday Aug 14, 2022	$ 13,869.62
Holy Day	791.00
Faith Direct**	13,967.58
Total Collection	$ 28,628.20
Budget	33,245.22
Over (under) budget	$ (4,617.02)

** Faith Direct is a weekly average based on a monthly total

Thank you for your continued commitment to St. Bernadette Parish. We pray for your continued generous support of God's work here at St. Bernadette.

2022-Diocesan Services Fund

As of August 16, 2022	
Goal	$ 145,000
Paid to Date	$ 119,610
Over (under) goal	$ (25,390)

DSF 2022
www.archgh.org/dsf

Wedding Anniversary Blessing

On the first Sunday of the month, each couple that is celebrating their wedding anniversary that particular month will have an opportunity to receive a blessing towards the end of Mass.

Before Mass, on the way in, each couple will be invited to pick up a prayer card, write their names on it, and place it on the Prayer Wall for continued prayers that month.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Kevin Woodvine at 281-486-0337 x104 or woodvinek@stbchurch.org

Readings of the Week

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Welcome to St. B's!
Please Join Us for a New Member Orientation

Welcome! If you are new to St. Bernadette Church, we'd like to thank you for coming. We hope that you'll be comfortable and feel at home. We look forward to getting to know you and sharing information about St. B's and the many activities available with you. We would like to invite you to take a walking tour of the grounds, meet other parishioners, and ask questions over a light lunch on **Sunday, September 18 at 12 noon** (after 11 am Mass) in the Parish Life Center. Please call Suzanne Staron at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org for more information.

Mass Schedule

The Summer Sunday 5:00 pm Eucharist will return to its regular time of 5:30 pm on September 11.

The Screwtape Letters
By C.S. Lewis
Fall Semester AFF Series

Begins Tuesday, September 6
Sessions at both 10:00 am and 7:00 pm
Marius Room of the PLC

Inquiries, contact Jason Honeycutt at honeycuttj@stbchurch.org

"A moderated religion is as good for us as no religion at all… and more amusing."

Jr. High Faith Formation

Training for Pre-K thru 8th Grade Leaders/ Catechists/ CoreTeam. Today, August 28, 3:00 – 4:30 in the PLC. Thank you for sharing your faith with the youth of our parish! Interested in helping or finding out more? Contact me at the email below!

Pre-K-12th Grade, **Whole Family Catechesis, Faith Formation** Registration is OPEN now! It is a life-long journey of faith!

Go to *https://www.stbchurch.org/new-registration-for-whole-family-catechesis* or use the QR code below.** All on-line registration! Sign up today!

Important dates:
Registration price increases **August 29**
Saturday, September 10 – Parent and Catechist welcome and information meeting in the Parish Life Center from 10 am -12 pm. Learn what Whole Family Catechesis has planned for this year, pray together for all our students, have fellowship.
Sunday, September 18 – age specific Faith Formation, Pre-K-adult begins. JrHigh meets in the gym from 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm. Parents, bring your student into the gym and meet their group lead; at 5:15, come to the gym and sign-out your student from small group. **No drop off**, please, for the safety of the students in the parking lots.
Sunday, September 18 – All adults are invited to meet in the Mini Hall from 4:00 – 5:15 pm for your own Faith Formation journey.

- *www.stbchurch.org => Parish Life => Faith Formation => JrHigh 6th-8th*
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Questions? email me bartosm@stbchurch.org
Marianne Bartos, JrHigh FF

** Use this QR code to sign up for WFC, the Faith Formation program here at t. B

Indoor Fitness Activities

Participate in Get Fit While You Sit. Join us for gentle DVD facilitated workouts on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 am in the Parish Life Center. These chair and standing routines will teach you skills for breathing exercise, relaxation, and meditation. Wheelchair accessible. All ability levels are welcome. No fee or registration needed. Call Suzanne Staron at 281-486-0337 x110 for more information.

Join the indoor walking group. The group meets at 1:30 pm on Monday and Wednesdays in the Brandsma building gym. All ability levels are welcome; walk at your own pace. You are welcome to bring a friend. No registration is needed. Call Suzanne Staron at 281-486-0337 x110 for more information.

Eat Healthier with easy recipes. Check out the American Heart Association website for free healthy and easy to prepare recipes. You can even sign up to have recipes emailed to you. *https://recipes.heart.org/en/*

Need help with… Stress Management? Sleeping? Mental Health Issues? Quitting Smoking/Tabaco/Vaping? Find free resources at: *https://www.heart.org/en/*

Parish Gift Store Open

St. B's Vision Gift Store will be open on **Sunday, September 4, from 9:30-10:30 am.** **We have lots of new merchandise.** Shop for a wide variety of Catholic and Christian items. Rosaries, crosses, crucifixes, angel figurines, wedding gifts, Baptism gifts and more. The Gift Store is located off the lobby of the Parish Life Center.

Technology Donations

Do you have new or like-new technology looking for a home? St. B's could use some tech items including:

- Chromebooks
- Computer Monitors, flat/widescreen, 17" or larger
- Laptops, working and less than 5 years old
- Other items such as digital cameras, computer projector, etc.

If you have a technology item that you would like to donate, please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org Tax donation receipts available. Thank you so much!

Beloved: A Marriage enrichment program

Six sessions: September 12, 19, 26 and October 10, 17, 24

So you've shared an anniversary or two... or twenty... and you've learned a lot about yourselves and each other through your marriage so far. But what if marriage is more than you think it is?

Beloved explores the true meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage. Here you'll discover the deepest spiritual, emotional, and practical realities of what your marriage can and should be. Through an exploration of Scripture, Tradition, and Church teaching, God's plan for your marriage will come alive.

Each session will begin at 6:30 pm and end at 8 pm. Childcare will be available. Registration is required.

The registration for the entire program is $10 and you can register online at: *www.stbchurch.org/married-couples-retreat-registration*

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Time & Talent

Summer of Service

Contact Suzanne Staron at 281-486-0337 x110 or starons@stbchurch.org for more information.

Everyone Can Help. When you are at the parish, if you see trash in the grass, bushes, parking lot or inside the Church, please pick it up and toss it in a trash can. It only takes a second of time and truly makes a difference. What an easy way to show your respect and love for God's house.

New Maintenance/Handyman Volunteers: Things break at the Parish. It's inevitable. Can you help with basic maintenance issues? We could really use some help on occasion with projects such as changing light bulbs in low ceilings, changing ceiling tiles in low ceilings, touch up painting, basic carpentry, fixing kneelers in Church, etc., **or** if you have a special skill to share, please let us know. Just tell us where you could help. The Church provides the tools and supplies. Adult volunteers would help on an as need basis during the week or Saturday morning. We will work with your schedule. ***We do have a few projects now, if you are available.*** Call Suzanne for information.

Donate large household items including furniture pickup - Habitat Re-Store. Habitat for Humanity Re-Store will pick up large items in good condition from your home, including: furniture, appliances, cabinets, flooring, doors, appliances, hardware, lights, paint and wall coverings, and much more! The Re-Stores are the home improvement stores and donation centers of Houston Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization. The Re-Store locations sell new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials, appliances, flooring, cabinetry, and more. What a great way to reduce, reuse and recycle!. Schedule the pickup online at: *https://onlinedonationpickup.com/houstonhabitat/#intro*

Do you enjoy cleaning and organizing? There were a few projects that we did not complete during the last Summer Service Day. We could use 3-4 volunteers to help in the PLC kitchen and storage areas. Tasks may include organizing, sweeping closet floors, wiping off shelves or walls, etc. We are pretty flexible about scheduling. Teens can volunteer with a parent. Service hours are available. Call Suzanne for information.

Eagle Scout, Gold Award or other badge/award - these projects are coordinated by St. B's Time and Talent Office. We have been blessed with many wonderful projects that have truly benefited the parish over the years. Please consider helping your parish. We maintain a list of project ideas and will work with you until project completion. Please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org for more information. Thank you for considering doing a project to benefit St. B's!

Make an Owl Craft for Homebound Individuals. This is a fun activity for the whole family. Make an owl craft and drop it off at the Time and Talent Office by September 4. Crafts will be distributed to individuals who are homebound to brighten their day. Other small craft items are also accepted and welcome. Template and directions can be found on the Time and Talent webpage at *https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent* Summer of Service section #5

Bottled Water for Mercy Tree. St. B's volunteers feed a hot lunch to individuals who are homeless or in need in the Clear Lake area once a month. With the hot weather, Mercy Tree could use extra cases of bottled water for their clients. If you would like to donate a case of water, please bring it to the Parish office no later than Friday, September 16. **Please label it Mercy Tree**. You could also bring the water directly to our food serving at Mercy Tree on Monday, September 19 at 11:20 am. Please come to the back parking lot of the Church of Christ.

Interested in Volunteering and Getting Involved, but Not Sure Where? We can help you explore a variety of volunteer opportunities with various time commitments. No pressure. Call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org to learn more.

A LITTLE UNSURE?

Masses for the Week

AUGUST 28 THRU SEPTEMBER 03, 2022

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: All Parishioners
Sun. 8:30 am: All Parishioners
Sun. 11:00 am: Martin Torres, Jr.+
Sun. 5:00 pm: Angelo Micocci+
Mon. No Mass
Tues. 8:30 am: Emernciana Caparas+
Wed. 7:00 pm: Eleanor Caldwell+
Thurs. 8:30 am: Sr. Claudia Winter+
Fri. 8:30 am: Alfred Dyer, Jr.+
Sat. No am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:
Louis Misita, 08/28/1990; Bill Campbell, 08/28/1996; Angelo Micocci, 08/28/2004; Robert Galindo, 08/28/2015; Thomas Kochuba, 08/29/1993; William Wade, 08/29/1999; Mark Peil, 08/29/2003; Kenneth Ramke, 08/29/2005; Wanda Ramke, 08/29/2021; Bailey Papesh-Schmidt, 08/30/1997; Frederic McConnell, 08/31/2000; Brenda Smith, 08/31/2003; Christopher Bowden, 09/01/1983; Clara Lopez, 09/01/1997; Eddie Sue Gilbert, 09/01/1999; Robert Poirier, 09/01/2005; Susan Patin, 09/01/2013; Frank Birkenseher, 9/01/2016; Jeannine Peter, 09/01/2021; Christopher Hodapp, 09/02/1983; Sarddha Coorey, 09/02/2005; Greg Shaskan, 09/02/2010; Jane Saladin, 09/02/2018; Harry Mullins, 09/03/1985 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.

St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus Council 10959 received the 2021-2022 Texas State Quick Start Award. Receiving the award was Grand Knight Phil Prasek and past Grand Knight Richard Guzman. The award was presented by District Deputy Joe Kramer.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Some people have "the rich relation" in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

Oftentimes, these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy's latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard's pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. Cindy wants you to ask her where she got the priceless artifact in Istanbul, so she can talk about the many antiquities dealers she visited. Richard wants you to ask about his new boat, so he can talk about how well business has been this year. Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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