

# 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 5:30 pm

\*Live streamed on YouTube

## RECONCILIATION

See inside for Advent Reconciliation schedule.

## BAPTISM

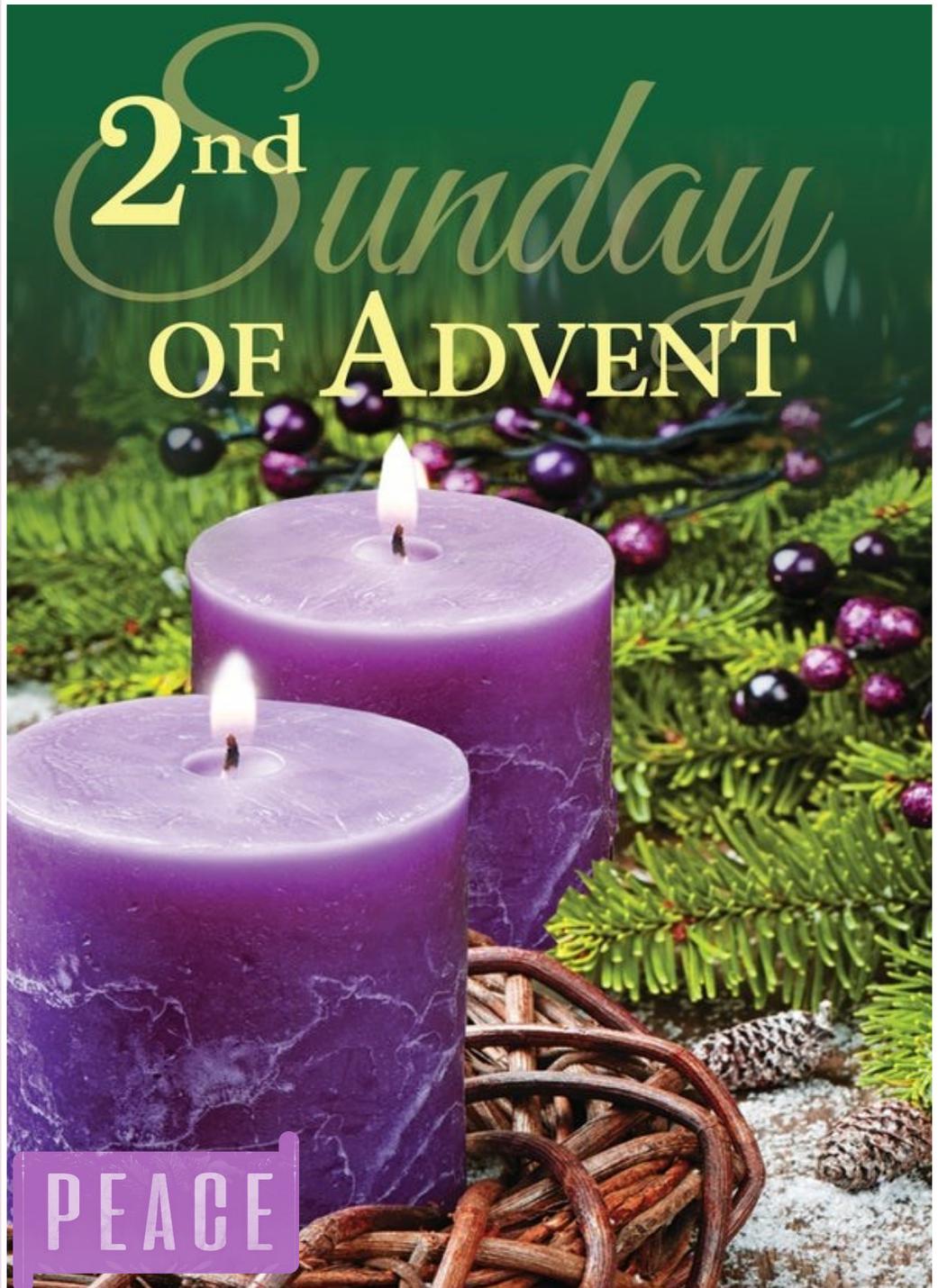
To begin the process of having your child baptized, please call the office or visit our website.

## FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office if there is a death in the family. The parish will cooperate with funeral arrangements.

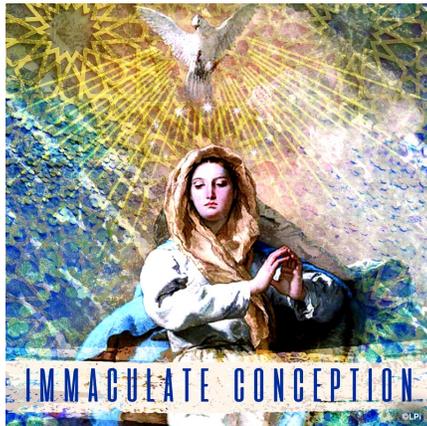
## MARRIAGE

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.



## Welcome to St. Bernadette Church

Welcome to the promise of Advent:  
Amid barren trees, Isaiah  
announces spring growth — a  
“shoot” representing new life in  
Jesus.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,  
17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab  
and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3  
and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1  
-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday: The Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-  
3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/  
Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4  
and 6/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps  
80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of  
Advent** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7,  
8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

## Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday Nov. 20, 2022	\$ 10,810.62
Faith Direct**	<u>14,520.08</u>
Total Collection	\$ 25,330.70
Budget	<u>33,245.22</u>
Over (under) budget	<u>\$ (7,914.51)</u>

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

### 2022-Diocesan Services Fund

As of Nov. 22, 2022

Goal	\$ 145,000
Paid to Date	\$ 147,767
Over (under) goal	\$ 2,767

Thank you for your continued commitment to St. Bernadette Parish and the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF). For DSF 2022 we have made goal and will receive a 100% rebate on every dollar over goal. We pray for your continued generous support of God's work here at St. Bernadette.

## 2022 Advent at St. Bernadette

### PARISH ADVENT CONFESSIONS

7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 6

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will **not** be offered at St. B's on the Wednesdays of Advent. Please take advantage of the opportunities throughout Advent at our area churches at 7 pm:

**Dec. 13** -St. Paul; **Dec. 15** -St. Helen; **Dec. 20** -St. Mary, League City

**Saturdays** at St. Mary, LaPorte from 4 – 5 pm

**Wednesdays** at St. Clare from 7 – 8:15 am and **Thursdays** from 6 – 7 pm

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8 -8:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass

Parish Offices Closed

### LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 pm in the Parish Life Center

### SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

**Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

4:30 pm Church Mass † 4:45 pm PLC Mass  
7:00 pm Church Mass and 10:00 pm Church Mass

**Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

8:30 am Church Mass 11:00 am Church Mass

**\*NO Sunday Night Mass**

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

**January 1, 2023 Regular weekend schedule:**

Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass; Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am. 5:30 pm

### SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Sunday, January 8 Regular weekend schedule**

## Elementary Faith Formation

### Happy Second Sunday of Advent!

"O holy, patient, and loving God, in this season of grace-filled longing, we await the coming of your Son and our Savior. It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time. There are many distractions: commitments seem to pile up, and expectations are high. In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives, we need your help to remind us of what is important and necessary. While many of those things that we do not need will come to us in packages gleaming and bright, the one gift that will last comes from you alone, gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your love. Bless us, our family and friends, and the food and the company that we share. Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate the birth of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen."

~ from *The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook*

How are you preparing your heart for Jesus? One way we prepare our hearts for Jesus is by going to confession. We will have an opportunity Thursday, December 6 at 7pm

#### Upcoming Dates:

##### **December 6**

Parish Advent Confessions 7 pm

##### **December 11**

Elementary meets in The Parish Life Center (PLC)

Morning Class 9:40 am-10:45 am

Afternoon Class 4 pm-5:15 pm

##### **December 18**

Lessons and Carols in The PLC 4 pm -Bring the whole family!  
(Make sure to check your e-mail for more details)

Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or have not been receiving Evangelus.

Courtney Fossati

[Fossatic@stbchurch.org](mailto:Fossatic@stbchurch.org)

## Jr. High Faith Formation

- **WFC, JrHigh Faith Formation**
  - ⇒ **Sunday, December 4** – No in-person today.
  - ⇒ **Watch your emails for opportunities for JrHigh events.**  
We hope to have some in-person and/or on-line events during advent. Stay tuned!
  - ⇒ **Gospel Weeklies** – if your JrHigher did not get their new set of Gospel Weeklies, stop by the front office and pick them up.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - ⇒ **JrHigh Expedition Summer Camp – Registration is OPEN!**  
It will be June 26-30 at Forest Glen. Spots are limited, so register soon on the JrHigh webpage.\*
- **Be sure to check your email for more JrHigh opportunities and links to the JrHigh pages for at-home Gospel Weeklies resources!!**

\* [www.stbchurch.org](http://www.stbchurch.org) > Parish Life > Faith Formation .> JrHigh 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> or use the qr code  
Questions? email me [bartosm@stbchurch.org](mailto:bartosm@stbchurch.org)  
Marianne Bartos, JrHigh FF



## Nursery

**Nursery-** Well-child, for children 3 months to 2 ½ years, drop off with volunteer caregivers.

- December 4 at 11 am
- December 11 at 8:30 am
- December 18 at 8:30 am and 11 am
- December 25 at 11 am

**Calming room:** A video and sound feed of the Mass is available while families sit in the room.

- December 4 at 8:30 am
- December 11 at 11 am
- December 25 at 8:30 am
- Each Saturday and Sunday 5 pm Mass

Please check the St. Bernadette nursery webpage for updates or stop by the nursery that is down the left hallway of the church. <https://stbchurch.org/parish-nursery>

**Calling all Parishioners.** Join us in providing a fun and safe environment for the children in our nursery during our Sunday 8:30 am and 11 am Masses. Have opportunities for EVERYONE to be involved! To join our ministry, please contact Aurora Summa at 281-486-0337 x254 or [summaa@stbchurch.org](mailto:summaa@stbchurch.org). Adults must complete a 60 minute online Safe Environment training prior to volunteering, details to be provided.

## Pre-K Faith Formation

**GospelWeeklies** Whole Family Catechesis (WFC) Pre-K Faith Formation  
Pflaum  FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM 2 ½ to Pre-K 5 years old

Meet in the classrooms on December 4 for age specific catechesis. The Pflaum Gospel Weeklies encourages parents to cut out the flame on the back of their child's handout and glue to purple candle of the Advent wreath found on the November 27 handout. You can pray a Hail Mary as a family as you paste the flame on the wreath.

WFC Pre-K FF parents are invited to a Christmas pageant in the Mini Hall on December 11. Pageant schedules are as follows: 9:30 am (for 8:30 am class), 10:30 am (for 9:40 am class), 12 pm (for 11 am class) and 5 pm (for 4 pm class). Please remember your camera.

On December 18 no meeting in the classrooms, instead all Pre-K children are invited to attend with their family a special parish event on Lessons and Carols at 4 pm in the Parish Life Center!

Call Aurora Summa at 281-486-0337 x254 or email at [summaa@stbchurch.org](mailto:summaa@stbchurch.org) if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering in the WFC Pre-K Faith Formation ministry. Additional help is needed for our 8:30 am and 11 am classes.

## Christian Action

### Neighbors Served by Your Christian Action:

Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Financial Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
Sep-22	98	452	10	\$6188.14***	227.5
Oct-22	276	951	463	\$2,784.33	354
Nov 1-27, 2022	94	449	6	\$2,505.61	164.5

\*\*\* Includes a \$1,400 matching donation to Immaculate Heart of Mary, our twinning parish, for the purchase of a new refrigerator.

Christian Action is here to serve registered parishioners and families in our community. We serve our neighbors in crisis living in the following zip codes: 77062, 77058, 77059, 77598. We assist with utilities, food, and clothing. We have a clothing distribution four times a year.

Neighbors in need may call on Monday or Wednesday (9:30 - 11:30 am) to pick up bags of supplemental groceries on Tuesday or Thursday (9:30 - 11:00 am). No walk-ins. Families in need are eligible for food assistance once a month. **Phone numbers for the food pantry: 832-915-5677, 832-915-5678**

Christian Action donation drop off hours are Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We **DO NOT** accept expired food items, glass containers, large items or furniture.

### NEW THIS YEAR...CHRISTIAN ACTION'S ADVENT CALENDAR OF GIVING!

Traditionally, advent calendars are used to count down the days of Advent in the run up to Christmas. Most calendars comprised a series of doors or windows to open, revealing a picture, small chocolate or little gift for each day. But the reverse advent calendar turns this trend on its head. Instead of receiving a gift, those taking part in a reverse calendar DONATE an item each day or perform an act of kindness. At the end of advent, the calendar will result in a collection of 24 goods (plus the bonus days) that can be dropped off at Christian Action in time for Christmas and the New Year.

This year Christian Action is inviting you to join us in our Advent Calendar of Giving. Each day, you'll see an item to donate to Christian Action or an act of kindness to perform! You may pick up the calendars in the Narthex of the Church or at the Christian Action office.

### CHRISTIAN ACTION GIVING TREES! DUE THIS WEEKEND, DECEMBER 3-4, 2022!

You may bring the gift to the Mass you attend and place them in the Christian Action bin (there's a box attached to the bin for gift cards) or drop them off at the Christian Action office on Monday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Thank you for all that you do. We are blessed to have parishioners so kind and generous as you!

### YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...

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|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| ◇ Egg Cartons (Dozen) | ◇ Shampoo      | ◇ Cereal      | ◇ Small bottle Cooking Oil |
| ◇ Canned Soup         | ◇ Toilet Paper | ◇ Apple Juice |                            |



Thank you for keeping Christian Action in mind on your next trip to the grocery store.

## Bereavement Ministry

Beginning in January 2023 the Grief and Loss Support Group will no longer be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. We will begin a new program call *Seasons of Hope: A Support Group for the Bereaved*. It is a six consecutive week program that will meet three times a year.

We will begin on Monday, January 23 at 6 pm in the mini-hall. *Seasons of Hope* is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, tradition, and practice of the Catholic Church. For those searching for hope, a *Seasons of Hope* group is a nurturing link to the Church, the Almighty, and other people of faith who are also mourning.

If you would like additional information about *Seasons of Hope* or if you would like to talk to someone one on one about your loss, please contact Deacon Kevin Woodvine. 281-486-0337 x104 or email: [woodvinek@stbchurch.org](mailto:woodvinek@stbchurch.org)

## Time and Talent Service Opportunities

Contact Suzanne Staron at 281-486-0337 x110 or [starons@stbchurch.org](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org) for more information.

**Make a Paper Angel** Here is a simple craft idea that only needs a few sheets of paper. Make an angel for individuals in the parish who are sick or shut-in or for a neighbor or someone you know who could use a little cheer during the season.



Instructions can be found at: <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent/service-activity-section>. If making angels for parishioners, please drop them off to the Time and Talent office by December 15.

Teens can earn one service hour for making 20 angels that are dropped off at the parish.

**Electronic Recycling Day** Have old electronics that need recycling? Drop your items off at the Ellington Airport/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center on Saturday, December 11, 2022 from 9-3 pm. Recycle televisions, computers, monitors, printers, hard drives and other electronic devices at no cost. For more information visit: <https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/clearlake.html>. Consider reaching out to a neighbor or friend during this season and taking their unwanted electronics as well.

**Beautify the Parish Grounds or a local Park** This is a way for you or your family to spread kindness and help our community either with a group or on your own, anytime, anywhere! Grab a trash bag and pair of gloves and pick up trash at the parish or a local park. If you want to volunteer with other parish volunteers, please come any Saturday morning around 8 am to the garage in the back parking lot.\* You are also welcome to come on your own as your schedule permits to clean up the parish grounds. Thank you for helping to keep our grounds looking nice and clean! \*Teens can earn a service hour for picking up trash with a parent/guardian on Saturday morning.

### Mow, sweep, rake, etc.

All of the parish grounds care is completed by our fantastic parish volunteers. Could you help mow, edge, rake, or sweep? Adult volunteers meet at 8 am on Saturdays in the garage in the back parking lot. New volunteers are always welcome. Help as your schedule permits. For more information, please call or email Suzanne.

### Pasadena Salvation Army Angel Tree Christmas Event

Our friends at the Pasadena Salvation Army need your help this holiday season! Volunteers needed daily through December 15 (Saturdays too!). Help prepare and sort donated gifts for those in need. Please Contact Captain Tiffany Salgado for more details or to sign up! [Tiffany.Salgado@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Tiffany.Salgado@uss.salvationarmy.org) or call 832-469-0385

**Mercy Tree—Feed the local homeless a hot meal.** Individuals, families or small groups can volunteer to provide a meal for those in need. Cook or pick up a simple meal for 20 individuals. Some dates in December are still available. Check the open dates and locations at: <https://www.themercytree.org/volunteer-1.html> Email [volunteer@themercytree.org](mailto:volunteer@themercytree.org) for more information or to signup.

### Caring for Pets

This is a great family activity and a way to reach out to a neighbor who may be alone during the Advent season! Dogs love the taste of pumpkin, and it can even offer some health benefits, so why not make some dog treats to share. Here are 3 simple and fun dog treat recipes with 4 ingredients or less. Check out the no bake recipe! Put some dog treats in a bag for our furry friends and share them. The link can be found at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent> see the service section.



### Caring for God's Animals: No Sew Catnip Toy

This is a great way to spread some cheer with a senior neighbor or those who may be alone during the holidays. Make a cat toy and brighten someone else's day by giving it to him/her for their cat. The directions can be found at: <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent> see the service section.

### Make a Holiday Blessing Bag

Blessing Bags are gallon-size Ziploc bags that contain items that people who live on the street find useful. Bags are kept in the car, so when you encounter a person who is experiencing homelessness, you can offer the person a bag. **Want to make bags, but don't feel safe giving them out? Drop them off at the Church's Time and Talent Office for others to distribute.** To Make: Fill bags with any individually wrapped snacks such as breakfast/protein bars, peanut butter or cheese crackers, single-packaged nuts, Vienna sausage in pop-top can, potted meat or tuna packets, bottled water or Gatorade. Add a few other items such as: a warm cap, new socks, hand warmers, warm gloves, combs, hand lotion, lip balm, soap, hand sanitizer, toothbrush/toothpaste, plastic eating utensils, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Please avoid items with alcohol such as mouthwash. Write a note of encouragement and include a Bible verse. Please also include: "For assistance with food, shelter, etc. call 211." You can drop items off at the parish office and [label for Time and Talent](#) so it gets to the right place.

### 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 or email Suzanne to learn more.

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

## Masses for the Week

DECEMBER 04 THRU DECEMBER 10, 2022

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: The Homebound  
 Sun. 8:30 am: Thomas Edward Fraser  
 Sun. 11:00 am: Genevieve Auzenne+  
 Sun. 5:30 pm: All Parishioners  
 Mon. No Mass  
 Tues. 8:30 am: Hubert J. Brasseaux, Sr.+  
 Wed. 7:00 pm: John I. Brown III+  
 Thurs. 8:30 am: Souls in Purgatory  
 Fri. 8:30 am: John R. Arnold+  
 Sat. No am Mass

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

James Watson Jr., 12/06/2005; Hubert Brasseaux, 12/06/2017; Philip Kenney, 12/07/2005; Patrick Shuffler, 12/07/1999; William Summa, 12/07/2019; Edmond Gatti, 12/08/1982; Thomas Lamb, 12/08/1999; Leo Sarabia, 12/09/2018; Leland Derrick Jr., 12/10/1989; Frederick Johnston, Sr., 12/10/1995 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.



Barbara C. Gillis  
 November 23, 2022

## Christian Meditation

The task of meditation is to bring our distracted mind to stillness, silence, and attentiveness to God's presence within.

**In-person times** of Christian Meditation at St. Bernadette:

- Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7 am in the church building
- Tuesday at 9 am brides' room in the church building
- Third Saturday of the month at 7 am in the church building

**Zoom times:** Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 7:30 am.

The Zoom link and additional information can be found at: <https://www.stbchurch.org/christian-meditation>

## Saint Bernadette Monthly Breakfast and K of C "Keep Christ in Christmas" Decal and Pin Distribution

Remember to stop on by the PLC **today**, December 4, for the St. B's KofC monthly breakfast. In addition to enjoying a delicious breakfast with your fellow parishioners, please plan on stopping by our table to pick up a "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnetic car decal and "Christmas Begins with Christ" pin. The items are free until we run out; however, **donations will be accepted and appreciated!**



## First Monday Rosary



The Knights of Columbus of St. Bernadette (Council 10959) invites everyone to join the Knights on Monday, December 5, at 7 pm in the church, to pray the Rosary.

The Rosary is a beautiful prayer and devotion of the Church. The repetition of the prayers in the rosary are meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each mystery. Each mystery is taken from the Gospels and leads us to a deeper understanding of who Christ is. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells.

All are welcome, even if this will be the first time you pray the Rosary or if you pray the Rosary daily.



## Save the Date!

Parish wide Advent/Christmas Festivities  
 Thursday, December 15  
 6:30 till 9:00 pm in the PLC

Food, Fun, Fellowship, and Songs for the family to enjoy, hosted by Men of the Cross and Women at the Well.  
 More details to come.



The parish offices will be closed on Thursday, December 8 to honor the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

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