

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

REGULAR 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

Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm or by
appointment.

BAPTISM

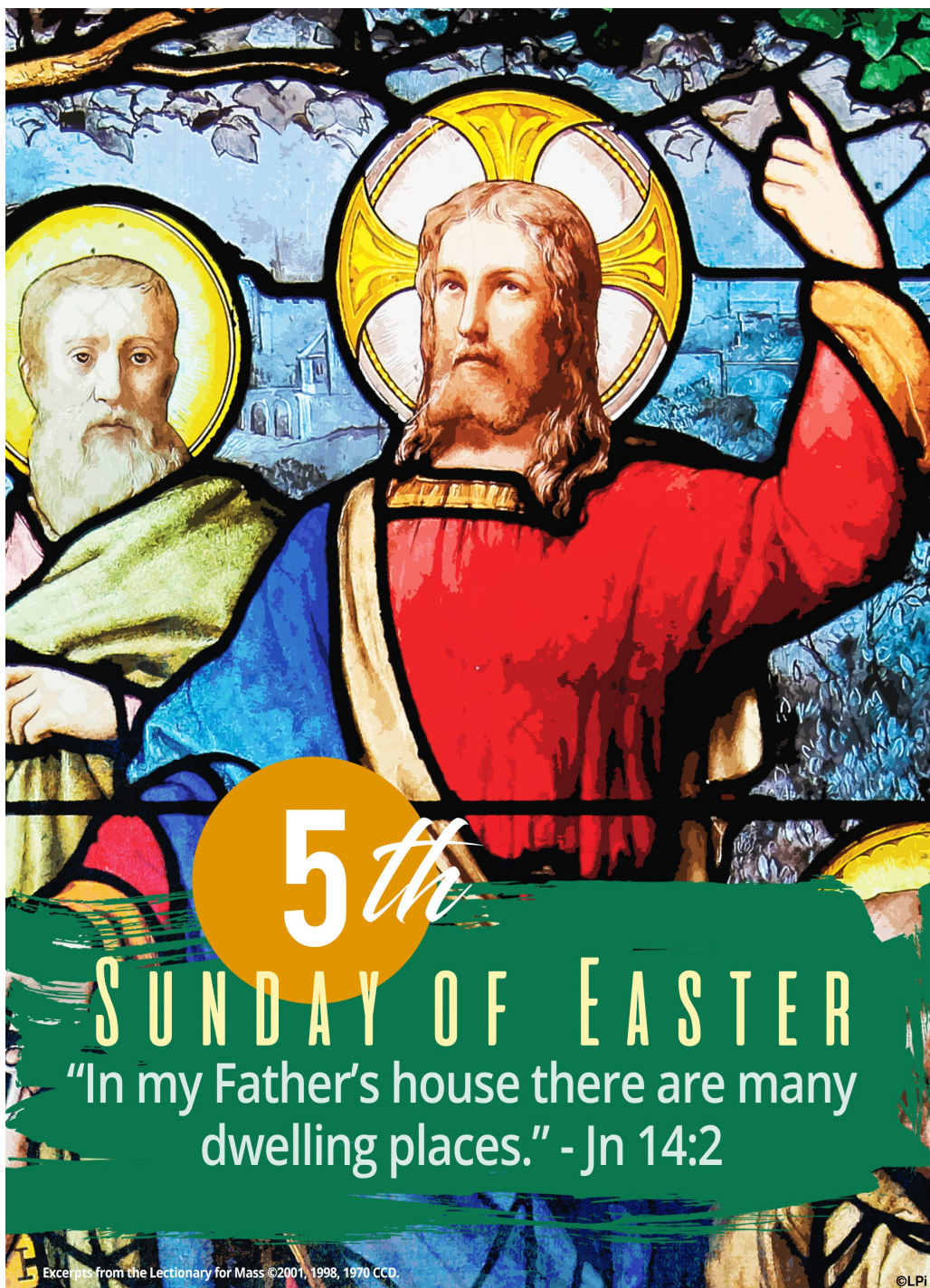
To begin the process of having your
child baptized, please call the office
or visit our website.

FUNERALS

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

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.



5th

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many
dwelling places." - Jn 14:2

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Welcome to St. Bernadette Church

You are a royal priesthood, God's own people. Welcome to worship, that we may proclaim the mighty acts of God, who called us into his marvelous light.
(Based on 1 Peter 2:9.)



Readings for the Week

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
(22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
(1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday April 23, 2023	\$ 17,320.62
Faith Direct**	14,498.30
Total Collection	\$ 31,818.92
Budget	33,245.22
Under budget	\$ (1,426.29)

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

Upcoming 2nd Collections

May 21 – Catholic Communications

2023-Diocesan Services Fund

As of April 25, 2023

Goal	\$ 143,000
Paid to Date	\$ 69,012
Under goal	\$ (73,988)

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.



Have Questions?

If you or someone you know has questions about the Catholic Faith and would be interesting in learning about the process of becoming Catholic, reach out to Matthew Crews by emailing crews_m@stbchurch.org or learn more on our website by scanning the QR code



In-Coming 9th Graders!

If you are planning to begin Confirmation Preparation in 10th Grade, you need to be registered and attending regular High School Faith Formation during your 9th Grade year.

The Archdiocese requires all Confirmation Candidates to have one-year of High School Faith Formation prior to beginning Confirmation Preparation.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Honeycutt at honeycuttj@stbchurch.org

You can register here:



CONFIRMATION
PREPARATION



May Crowning at St. Bernadette

"May Crowning" is a traditional Catholic ritual that occurs in the month of May and it recognizes Mary as Queen of heaven and earth. Since medieval times, there has been a correlation between Mary and the month of May. May is considered the season of the beginning of new life. "May Crowning" marks a new spiritual season. Our Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, lifted us right out of the last long, cold days of winter and firmly planted our hearts in the warm and promising soil of spring. -Walk to Mary

Introduction

Allow the First Communicants to place flowers in front of the statue of Mary.

Prayer

All: We confess Christ to be the King of creation and call upon Mary, our Queen. May we walk in their likeness spending ourselves for the sake of others. Content with our place in this life may we one day hear your voice inviting us to take our place in heaven and receive the crown of victory.

Hail Mary (3x)

Leader: Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee, blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thine womb Jesus

All: Holy Mary Mother of God pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death

Hail Holy Queen

All: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears
Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Leader: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Immaculate Mary

All: Immaculate Mary, thy praises we sing;
Who reignest in splendor with Jesus our King.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria!
Ave, ave, Maria!

In heaven, the blessed thy glory proclaim;
On earth we, thy children, invoke thy fair name.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria!
Ave, ave, Maria!

We pray for God's glory; may His kingdom come;
We pray for His vicar, our father, and Rome.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria!
Ave, ave, Maria!

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth,
And bless, dearest Lady, the land of our birth.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria!
Ave, ave, Maria!



Congratulations
and many blessings
to all the
First Communicants!



WFC, JrHigh Faith Formation

• **JrHigh Faith Formation Calendar**

- ⇒ After all Masses this weekend, join us for the May Crowning at the outside statue of Mary in the circle.
- ⇒ Registration is open for 2023-24 Faith Formation Season. Check out the webpage*
- ⇒ Did you get the Thursday emails? If not, check your junk mail; if not there, email me** to make sure I have your correct email address.

• **Upcoming Events:**

- ⇒ What do YOU want to do with other JrHighers over the summer? Send me an email** with your ideas!
- ⇒ Sign up to help with the Elementary VBS. Check out the webpage, *Parish Life > VBS*; or <https://www.stbchurch.org/vacation-bible-school-information>

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 > Parish Life > Faith Formation > JrHigh 6th-8th* or use this QR code.

Questions?

**email me bartosm@stbchurch.org
Marianne Bartos, JrHigh FF



Christian Action

NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION:

Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Financial Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
Jan-23	118	580	237	\$696.75	268
Feb-23	135	658	7	\$1,230.85	267
Mar-23	146	755	2	\$425.97	396
Apr-23	221	1112	419	\$479.39	342

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 4 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.

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.

Phone numbers for Christian Action: 832-915-5677, 832-915-5678

YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...



- Paper grocery bags
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Small jars of cooking oil
- Fruit Juice (no glass containers)
- Cereal
- Jelly (no glass containers)
- Instant potatoes

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

Bereavement Ministry

We will begin a new program called *Seasons of Hope: A Support Group for the Bereaved*. It is a six consecutive week program.

Our next series will begin on Saturday, June 3 beginning at 9 am.

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.

We are asking of individuals to please register for *Seasons of Hope* a week prior to June 3. You may register by calling Deacon Kevin Woodvine at 281-486-0337 x104 or by email woodvinek@stbchurch.org or by completing the online registration form at <https://www.stbchurch.org/grief-support>

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We invite you all to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am in the Tasker Room of the Parish Life Center. As we knit and crochet the shawls, we pray that those who will receive them may receive God's healing and comfort.

The prayer shawls are then delivered to those in need.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from our prayer shawls, call Lillian Teixeira at 281-488-4412



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 7:45 am in the church building
- Third Saturday of the month **new start time is 7:45 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>

Time and Talent

Architects, Interior Designers, and Commercial Facilities Managers Needed for a Special Project

Calling all architects, interior designers, and commercial facilities managers that are interested in donating a little time and their talent to help the parish with a special project! We need your input in a project at the parish. All that is required is one evening meeting in May. For more information or to help please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org.



Electronic Recycling at Ellington in May. Start rounding up your old or broken electronics. The City of Houston is offering an electronic recycling drop-off day at the Ellington Airport/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center on **May 13** (second Saturday), from 9 am - 3 pm. Residents are invited to recycle unwanted televisions, cell phones, fax machines, DVD or VCR players, wire, printer cartridges, power cords, computers, monitors, printers, hard drives and other electronic devices. There is NO COST. Consider reaching out to neighbors or seniors and offer to take their items as well. Donating or recycling consumer electronics conserves our natural resources and avoids air and water pollution. For more information including size limit on TV's: <https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/clearlake.html> PS. For your safety, don't forget to wipe/destroy your computer hard drive before donating.



Summer Weekday Social. Last summer, we did a waffle bar social after morning Mass. What about this year? We need you to help us plan a simple social. You could also help with areas such as help with setup, help with decorating or cleanup. Tell us where you want to help. No long-term commitment. Please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org to help or for more information.

Summer Parish Potluck. If you enjoy being part of a team and organizing/planning events, we would love to have your assistance planning summer potlucks. Please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org for more information.

Volunteer Mugs. If you forgot to get your Volunteer Mug at the appreciation lunch, please stop by the Time and Talent Office or call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 to arrange evening or weekend pickup.

Volunteers Needed for New Member Socials. 3-4 times a year on a Sunday morning, we hold welcome orientations for new parishioners. Volunteers are needed to help with areas such as greeting, help with refreshments, help keep young children entertained and help with cleanup. Just let us know where you want to assist. New volunteers are welcome! You do not need to be a long-time parishioner to help. We will work with your schedule, help when you can. Please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org for more information.



Interested in getting involved? We have a variety of volunteer opportunities both-in person and at-home projects. Email Suzanne at starons@stbchurch.org or call 281-486-0337 x110 to explore opportunities or get on the email list.

Scout Projects. Are you interested in working on an Eagle Scout, Gold Award, or other Scout project at St. B's? If you are interested in doing a project at St. B's, please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 to explore options and start the process.

Safe Haven Training for all Volunteers. Safe Haven is required for all parish volunteers. Once you take the training you can volunteer at the parish. Safe Haven is an approximately one-hour online training that you can do at home or here at the parish. The link is <https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/> You can take the training at the parish if you would like computer assistance or do not have a computer. For questions or to schedule a time to take the training at the parish, please call 281-486-0337 x111.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

May 7 thru May 13, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Patricia Sinski+
 Sun. 8:30 am: All Parishioners
 Sun. 11:00 am: All Parishioners
 Sun. 5:30 pm: All Parishioners
 Mon. No Mass
 Tues. 8:30 am: Rhonda Schmitt+
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Michelle Dotter+
 Thurs. 8:30 am: Fernando Lapuz+
 Fri. 8:30 am: John Koerschner+
 Sat. No am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Joseph Gallagher, 05/07/1997; Tyler Janney, 05/07/2000; Augustine Elsenbroich, 05/08/2002; April Moorman, 05/09/1983; Gaetano Ruggiero, 05/10/2007; Michelle Dotter, 05/10/2019; Joseph Rudd Jr., 05/11/1997; Joseph O'Reilly, 05/11/1998; Charles Heliker, 05/11/2000; Dick Nelson, 05/11/2004; Thomas Heard Jr., 05/11/2005; Napoleon Casapao, 05/12/2010; Marcey Castanon, 05/12/2010; Yupha Hasitavej, 05/12/2014; Bebe Moore, 05/13/2014 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.

Are you interested in a new Catholic High School in the Bay Area? If so, please attend an informational meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 10:00 am at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School. Dr. Haney, our Catholic Schools Superintendent, will also attend. See QR code for more details.

**GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP**

Saturday, May 27, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Ave Maria Center, St Laurence Catholic Church

How would you like to experience the power and the charismatic gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT? If so, attend the Gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT Workshop to be held in the Ave Maria Center of St Laurence Catholic Church, 3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land 77479. This is a hands-on presentation of the charismatic gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT (1 Cor. 12:7-11). The Workshop will culminate with a powerful healing service. Free, open to all and lunch is provided. To register, go to the St. Laurence website www.stlaurence.org/holy-spirit-workshop. **Walk-ins not allowed.** For more information call Deacon Rey Arellano, 713-854-8804

"Say
 the Rosary
 every day,
 to bring peace
 to the world
 and the end
 of the war."

Words spoken by our
 Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP



What do you think is the value of your stewardship? Do you believe that through your actions both great and small that God can touch people, heal them, and change their lives? Too often we can mistakenly assume that what we do, say, or offer can have little effect in the grand scheme of life. We are

simply poor sinners in need of salvation so what could we do anyway?

Jesus speaks very powerfully to what can be done by those who believe in him and follow him. He says in John's Gospel, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." Greater ones than these? Think about all the miracles of Jesus recorded in sacred Scripture. You and I can do works greater than those?

St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." We are Christ to a world that needs him. It is the Christ in you that responds to the Christ in me. If it were only you alone going about doing good works and deeds, then your stewardship would amount to little. But if you bear the name Christian, and you approach your discipleship seriously, you can truly do greater things. If you understand your stewardship as a way that Jesus works in our world, then this way of life, cultivating and sharing your gifts at every turn, becomes more valuable than all the gold in the world.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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