

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 5:00 pm

*Live streamed on YouTube

RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISM

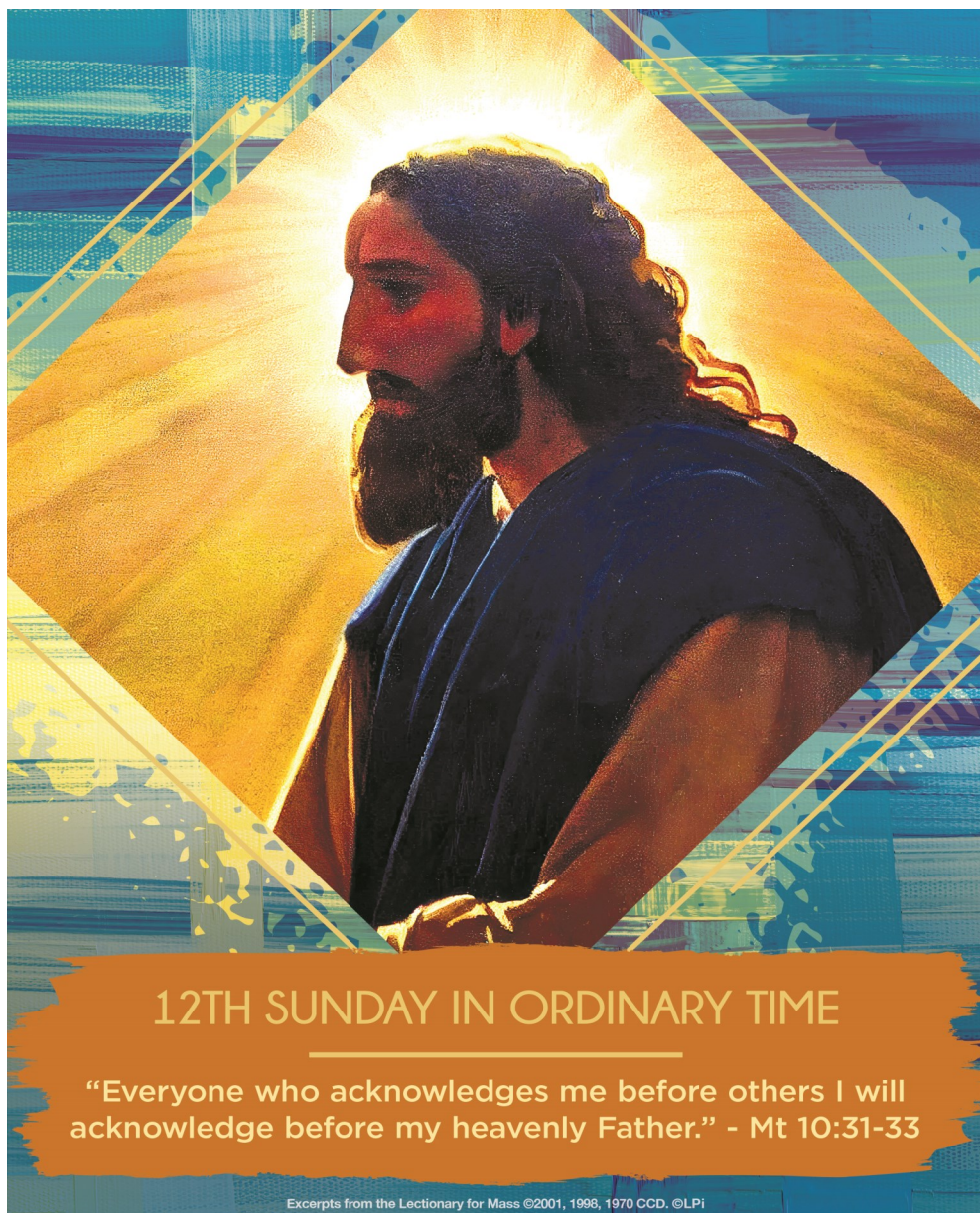
To begin the process of having your
child baptized, please call the office
or visit our website.

FUNERALS

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

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.



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will
acknowledge before my heavenly Father." - Mt 10:31-33*

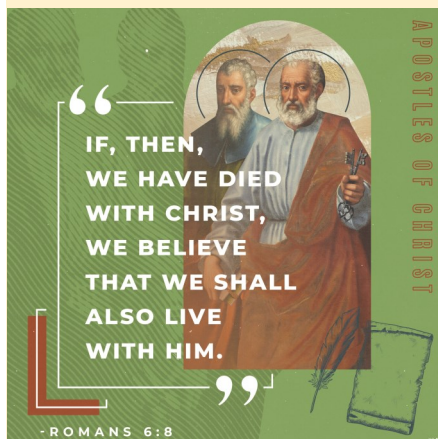
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*Jesus encourages his disciples not to be afraid. What are some
fears you have that you could turn over to God?*

Welcome to St. Bernadette Church

Welcome! The Holy Spirit calls us together as the church to worship and praise God, made known to us in Christ. Peace be with you all.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/
Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps
15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/
Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-
18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7,
8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps
19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-
20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day:*
Acts 12:1-11/
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8
-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-
18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-
22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-
5/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-
47, 48-49, 50 and 53,
54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-
16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-
17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom
6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37
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Faith Commitment of Treasure

Special Collection: St. Mary Seminary – June 11, 2023 \$ 29,749.45

Upcoming Second Collections

July 2 – Peter's Pence

July 23 – St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag

2023-Diocesan Services Fund As of June 13, 2023

Goal \$ 143,000

Paid to Date \$ 106,283

Under goal \$ (36,717)

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.

Texas Catholic Herald

Check out the digital edition of the Texas Catholic Herald! Read the latest issue online now at www.archgh.org/digitaleditions

St. Bernadette Monthly Breakfast

Please join your fellow parishioners, on Sunday, July 2, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Life Center. Breakfast is prepared and served by the St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 10959.



Parish



ANNULMENT OR DECLARATION OF NULLITY

What does Declaration of Nullity or Annulment mean? Who can request this? What does the process look like? How do you even begin?

St Bernadette will be hosting an informational meeting regarding Declaration of Nullity or Annulments on Thursday, June 29. Anne Bryant, J.C.L., Director of the Tribunal from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will be giving a short presentation and will answer questions about Declaration of Nullity or Annulments. Please RSVP by Monday, June 26, to woodvinem@stbchurch.org or call Eli Woodvine at 281-486-7664



TIME AND TALENT

Summer of Service

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

Lord, Hear Our Prayer. Take time to pray for the requests on the Parish Prayer Heartline. Sign up to receive prayer requests through Evangelus. Do you have a prayer intention at this time? Send it to our Prayer Heartline at cantoybailo@gmail.com

Make Bird Feeders to Keep Houston Beautiful & Care for God's Creation. Help take care of birds by making homemade bird feeders to hang in your yard! Fun for all ages. Once you hang your bird feeder watch and reflect on God's creation while identifying the birds coming to the feeder. A brief reflection question, a bird chart, and bird feeder directions can be found at www.stbchurch.org/time-talent see Service Section



The Freeman Library Bookstore regularly needs adult volunteers. Volunteers sell, straighten, and shelve books. Link to signup and more information can be found at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent>

Caring for our Youngest Parishioners. Our parish Nursery is open for some Masses and we volunteers. Do you enjoy playing with babies and toddlers? If so, we need you to assist during a Mass time 1 time a month or as a sub. We will work around your vacation schedules. Adults and parent/child teams are especially needed. Teens can also help. Give it a try and if it's not for you, you can discontinue.

Learn CPR in 60 Seconds. Learn what to do if a family member, friend or other person needs help. Short CPR training video by American Heart Association at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent> Summer of Service #2 section.

CPR Instructor Needed: St. B's will would like to have free CPR skills classes onsite. Participant certification cards are not necessary. If you are a CPR instructor, please email Suzanne at starons@stbchurch.org.

Power Wash a Sidewalk. Sidewalks and other areas of the Church can always use a little TLC. The church has a power washer, we just need a volunteer or two to help. Volunteers are also able to use their own equipment if they want. Please email Suzanne at starons@stbchurch.org for more information.

Surprise a Servant. Think of those who serve you in your daily life, from the mailman to the person who loads your car with groceries. Take a moment to write a thoughtful message and a word of encouragement in a notecard, expressing your gratitude for what they do to help make your life easier. A little surprise might be exactly what they need to lift their spirits and remind them that there is hope in humanity and in Jesus Christ!

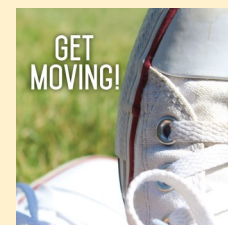
Talent Show Committee. Would you be interested in helping organize a parish talent show? Please email Suzanne at starons@stbchurch.org



Indoor Summer Fitness Activities

This summer you can do some things a little differently by caring for your body and discovering ways you can sustainably rejuvenate the body God gave you. Try to commit to a healthier lifestyle by adding indoor exercise to your day. Here are a few ideas:

Participate in Get Fit While You Sit. Join us for gentle DVD facilitated workouts on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. 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. Email Suzanne at starons@stbchurch.org for more information.



Join the indoor walking group. The group meets at 1:30 p.m. 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. Email Suzanne at starons@stbchurch.org for more information.



EARLY CHILDHOOD CONNECTIONS



REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2023-2024

ECC strives to meet the needs of the

children of our diverse community. We welcome all children. Our positive Christian learning environment recognizes the uniqueness of each child as we work with parents to prepare their child for success. Registration is open! Scan the QR Code to find out more!



Current Families Registration Fee, Tuition Rates, and Class Options

Registration Fee \$200

Days/Tuition

2 days – Monday/Wednesday (1s & 2s ONLY) \$235

2 days Tuesday/Thursday \$240

3 days Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday \$345

4 days Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday \$400

5 days Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday (Pre-K 3s & 4s ONLY) \$465

Ages 1-year-old to 5 years-old

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All classes must have a minimum for the class to be offered.

Discounts

Sibling Discount: 10% off total tuition of all children in the same family.

Family Discount: Non-Refundable

Registration Fee; First Child = \$200

Second child in family = \$125

All other children in family = \$50

Military Discount: 10% off total amount of tuition with proof of Active Military ID Card

Extended Day Options

Breakfast Bunch 8:00-9:00 a.m. For an additional fee

MAGIC 1-2 p.m. OR 1-3 p.m. For an additional fee

Back to School Meet and Greet on Monday, August 28.

First Day of School is Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

Jennifer Nevins – St. Bernadette Early Childhood Connections 281-486-0337 x114
or Direct line: 832-915-5700;
nevinsj@stbchurch.org www.stbchurch.org

CHRISTIAN ACTION

NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION:

| Date | Families | Individuals | # of Individuals Clothing | Financial Assistance | # of Volunteer Hours |
|-----------------|----------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Apr-23 | 221 | 1112 | 419 | \$479.39 | 342 |
| May-23 | 71 | 335 | 4 | \$1,026.14 | 203.5 |
| June 1-14, 2023 | 47 | 201 | 0 | \$332.03 | 129 |

Phone numbers for the food pantry: 832-915-5677, 832-915-5678



RED APPLES FOR IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ARE HERE! Join your Christian Action in our Back-to-School Supply Drive, benefiting children at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, our twinning parish. It's easy...just pick an apple from the rack, buy the supply listed on the apple, and return supply to the

Christian Action bin in the Narthex of the church or to Christian Action by July 30, 2023. Together we can make a difference!

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE! GREEN APPLES ARE HERE!

Who is ready to join us in serving the community for our biggest back to school event yet?



We partnered with Hope Active and Clear Creek Independent School District to provide backpacks and school supply sets to deserving families and students.

Our goal is to ensure that every student in our local school district can start the school year off on the right foot. Will you help? The goal for Hope Active is to serve a thousand students!

And, we at your Christian

Action, are hoping to at least sponsor 150 students with your help.

Please consider sponsoring a student or two. For \$60, a deserving student will receive a brand-new backpack and school supplies for a whole year. **ALL THE FUNDS ARE**

DUE BY JULY 1! You may write a check out to St. Bernadette, and write "HOPE ACTIVE" on the memo, or to donate directly online go to the link <https://donorbox.org/back-to-school-bash-1> or scan the following QR code



You may also pick up a calculator tag! CCISD High School students in certain math classes require a TI-84 Plus Calculator and cannot afford it. Christian Action at St. Bernadette will sponsor students in the CCISD!



That we have the strength and courage to be joyful witnesses of our Catholic faith in all circumstances.

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." Matthew 10:32

ADULT SPIRITUAL LIFE

Discernment for the Spiritual Life Committee

The Spiritual Life Committee (SLC) is comprised of parishioners who assist the Director of Spiritual Life ministry. The SLC is having a morning of prayer for anyone who is interested in discerning being member of the committee.

The Spiritual Life ministry of St. Bernadette engages and supports parishioners and the staff in their spiritual life by offering diverse opportunities to recognize God's presence in their life and to nurture their relationship with God.

We ask those who are interested in attending to please contact Deacon Kevin at woodvinek@stbchurch.org or 281-486-0337 ext. 104



Young Adults Café Catholica 2023: Rise Up!

The Café Catholica summer series is open to all young adults (ages 18-39) and features dynamic speakers, prayer, and socializing. Café Catholica 2023 will be held in person at St. Anne Church (2140 Westheimer Rd., Houston) on three Mondays in July starting on July 10. Each night will include Confession at 5:15 p.m., Mass at 6:15 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m., and talk at 8:15 p.m. This year's theme is: Rise Up! Come for all or part of the evening, no registration is needed to attend. Donations are accepted.

- July 10: Q&A with Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston
- July 17: SPIRIT NIGHT: Rise & Run: Living Chastity in Friendship & Dating. Brian Butler, Co-Author of Theology of the Body for Teens
- July 24: Decisions, Direction & Discernment: How Mary, Joseph and the Saints can Help. Paul George, Author and National Speaker

For more information about this event, go to www.archgh.org/cafecatholica or contact the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry at or yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778.



WFC, JrHigh Faith Formation

Upcoming Events:

We have some fun clinics scheduled for JrHigh to learn new skills, improve current ones, and find out what it's like to do these activities in high school – hope you can join us! **Please register* so we know how many to expect.**

- Basketball, Tuesday, July 18, 3-5 p.m.
- Volleyball, Wednesday, July 19, 3-5 p.m.
- Dance Line, Thursday, July 20, 3-5 p.m.

If there is something else you'd like to do, email me!

6th Grade Fish Camp registration is open! Thursday, August 17, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Will I be ready for Intermediate School? Will I find all my classes??? Will I sit with anyone at lunch??? How does God fit into my life in Intermediate School??? We have great advice and fun and food to help you get ready! Register* soon – invite a friend to register*!

Entering 7th-9th grade? – We need your help for the 6th **Fish Camp leadership!** Register* to **share your advice and wisdom** to make it a great transition for those starting 6th grade!

JrHigh Faith Formation Calendar

- **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.

* 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

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK JUNE 25 THRU JULY 1, 2023

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| Sat. Vigil | 5:00 pm: | Mia Alvarez |
| Sun. | 8:30 am: | All Parishioners |
| Sun. | 11:00 am: | Time & Talent Volunteers |
| Sun. | 5:30 pm: | John Koerschner+ |
| Mon. | No Mass | |
| Tues. | 8:30 am: | Sick & Shut-in's |
| Wed. | 7:00 pm: | Parish Volunteers |
| Thurs. | 8:30 am: | Virginia Dunlavy+ |
| Fri. | 8:30 am: | Brigitta Immaculata |
| Sat. | No am Mass | |

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Sonny Tibbals, 06/25/1983; Carl William Hohmann, 06/25/2013; Margaret Lampton, 06/25/2017; Kelly Lynn Ladyga, 06/26/1995; Cy Hodapp, 06/26/2004; George Finley, Sr., 06/26/2017; Patrick McClay, 06/27/1981; Maria Gil, 06/27/2002; Peter Gareri, 06/27/2012; Rasmee Hasitavej, 06/27/2014; Maurice Godbout, 06/28/1983; Chuck Kilpatrick, 06/28/1999; Dorothy Jurisich, 06/28/2007; William Hebert, 06/28/2019; Christopher Fitzgerald Sr., 06/29/1981; Raul Valenzuela, 06/29/1997; Liboria Strada, 06/29/2001; Nina McPhearson, 06/29/2013; Joseph Mangiafico, 06/30/2001; Kevin Higgins, 06/30/2007; Sean Higgins, 06/30/2007; Elmer Harkleroad, 07/01/2001; Patrick Hypolite, 07/01/2003; Joyce Runte, 07/01/2011; Fidel Gonzalez, 07/01/2013 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.



You are worth more than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:31)

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to the twelve apostles as they prepare to go out and preach the good news. He's urging them to take courage and to trust in their heavenly Father's care. His words would help them as they began their missionary expedition but would also help them for the rest of their lives. Although they might face suffering or rejection,

they could draw strength from remembering that they are "worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31).

The disciples probably had to cling to these words often as they went forth to witness. Not everyone accepted their preaching, and they couldn't work miracles as consistently as Jesus had (Matthew 17:16-20). But it didn't matter because their worth came not from what they did but rather from who they were: children of God. They could rely on their Father's care for them no matter what. They could trust that his love wasn't based on their success or accomplishments. It was based on the fact that he had created them in his image and likeness. He loved them, eternally, simply because *he is love*.

Jesus speaks these words to you today: *You are worth more than many sparrows*. The same Father in heaven who cared for those disciples cares for you. He sees your every joy and every difficulty and loves you through all of them. He even loves you when you stumble! He rejoices when you witness to his goodness and delights when you care for your family. He values you when you are confined to bed and all you can do is offer him your pain. He sees it all. He loves you, not because of what you do, but because of who you are.

You are more than the sum of your successes and failures. You are a beloved child of your Father in heaven—you are worth more than many sparrows.

"I trust in you, Jesus, because you care for me."

—The Word Among Us

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Answer:

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?