



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.



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow
after me is not worthy of me." - Mt 10:37-38*

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*Jesus teaches his disciples about the challenges and rewards of
following him. What do you personally find most challenging or
rewarding in following Jesus?*

Welcome to St. Bernadette Church

As our nation prepares to celebrate its independence, we praise God for the freedom to gather for worship.
Welcome to all.



Readings for the Week

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Independence Day Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-3

Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday June 18, 2023	\$ 14,178.00
Faith Direct**	<u>14,739.87</u>
Total Collection	\$ 28,917.87
Budget	<u>33,245.22</u>
Under budget	\$ (4,327.35)

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

Upcoming Second Collection: July 23 – St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag

2023-Diocesan Services Fund

As of June 20, 2023	
Goal	\$ 143,000
Paid to Date	\$ 109,253
Under goal	\$ (33,747)

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.



The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday this week.

Happy Independence Day!!



Parents are welcome to attend the Baptism preparatory workshop prior to the birth of your child. Godparents are encouraged to attend with the parents.

The remaining dates for the 2023 Baptism preparatory workshop schedule are on August 13 and October 15.

For more information and to register please visit: <https://www.stbchurch.org/infant-baptism-class-registration>

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Living with Christ Subscriptions

Living with Christ publication subscriptions are now available. Please stop by the church office to subscribe and make your payment of \$16 for the year. Subscriptions will begin in September, 2023.

About Living with Christ

Whether in church or at home, *Living with Christ* is ready to guide you through the prayers and readings of the Mass each day, ready to encourage and console you in hard times, ready to inspire you and ennoble your spirit as you go through your day.



Elementary Faith Formation

Happy July! I pray you all are staying cool and enjoying summer!



Thank you to all who made VBS 2023 Stellar! We had a great week shining Jesus' Light! Be sure to check out the pictures and please fill out the survey so I can hear from you!



Faith Formation Registration is open for the 2023-24 year. Check out the webpage or scan the QR code and register today!

Courtney Fossati, Fossatic@stbchurch.org

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

•We had a great time at Brave/Expedition Summer Camp, despite the heat!

•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 pm.
 - ♦Volleyball, Wednesday, July 19, 3-5 pm.
 - ♦Dance Line, Thursday, July 20, 3-5 pm.
- If there is something else you'd like to do, email me!

⇒**6th Grade Fish Camp** registration is open! Thursday, August 17, 6 pm - 9 pm. 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



Forty Weeks - An Ignatian Path to Christ with Sacred Story Prayer

We will have an introductory meeting on July 30 after the 8:30 am and 11 am Mass times in the conference room located in the main admin building. You are welcome to come to one of these meetings.

Deacon Kevin will be available to answer any questions that you may have and he will be presenting how the Forty Weeks will flow as an individual and with the small group gatherings. Books should be purchased and delivered by August 15.

There is still time to register for this small group. For additional information and to register for a Forty Weeks small group beginning in August, please complete the online registration at <https://www.stbchurch.org/forty-weeks> or by scanning the QR code.

Any questions please contact Deacon Kevin at 281-486-0337 x104 or woodvinek@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 1-21, 2023	59	260	0	\$332.03	156.5

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.

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 the food pantry: 832-915-5677, 832-915-5678

OUR NEXT CHRISTIAN ACTION CLOTHES QUARTERS CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION EVENT: Saturday, July 29 from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Parish Life Center (PLC).

The clothing pantry needs the following items:

- New boy's underwear size 6-8, 10-12, 14-16, 18-20
- New girl's underwear size 6, 10, 12, 14, 16.
- New socks (all sizes, children and adult)
- New or gently used **baby** clothes (**girls** all sizes)
- New or gently used **Toddler's** clothes (**boys & girls** all sizes)
- New or gently used **children's** clothes (**boys & girls** all sizes)
- New or gently used **children's shoes**

Clothes Quarters



Donations are accepted Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Christian Action office or you can drop them off in the Christian Action bin in the Narthex of the church.

Volunteers are needed to help with setting up on Friday, July 28 from 9:00 am -12:00 pm and during the event on Saturday, July 29 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you would like to assist for the event, you must register. Please contact Eli Woodvine at christianaction@stbchurch.org or visit www.stbchurch.org/christian-action to register as a volunteer. Please remember that you will need to have completed Safe Environment/Safe Haven if you are 18+, and children 17 and under need to be accompanied by an adult.

CHRISTIAN ACTION WILL BE CLOSED JULY 3 and 4 IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY



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!**

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



TIME AND TALENT

Summer of Service

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

Support our Troops: Make a Paracord "Survival" Lanyard. We are making lanyards for Operation Gratitude, which supports the military, veterans and First Responders. Not only do these lanyards look cool, but they can also be used to save a life in an emergency situation. Operation Gratitude includes them in Care Packages because they're both functional and meaningful, as they are handmade by an American who wants to show their appreciation to our Military and First Responders. Volunteers provide their own supplies. St. B's will mail the lanyards. Drop off lanyards to the Time and Talent Office no later than **July 24**. **Link to the directions can be found at** <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent> **Service Activities section.** Teens can earn 1 service hour for every 5 bracelets made.

Talent Show Committee. Would you be interested in helping organize a parish talent show? Contact Suzanne!



Make a Thinking of You Card for shut-ins. You can make a homemade card anytime during the summer. Please make cards 8 ½ x 11 or smaller. Any medium. All ages are welcome to participate. No envelopes are needed. Drop items off at the parish receptionist or Time and Talent office.

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. Call Suzanne for more information.

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center on Clear Lake City Blvd. Is in need of office volunteers. The Blood Center depends on volunteers support in many capacities and always is seeking more individuals to join us in our mission of saving lives. **Link to signup and more information can be found at** <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent>

Beautifying the Community and Parish Grounds. Picking up litter can be a fun, simple, free activity that can have instant results for your Parish and your community. Take a few moments to walk around the beautiful and peaceful Church grounds and pick up sticks, pinecones and trash or as you go out for walks in your neighborhood. Just take a bag and some gloves and pick up trash along the way.

Caring for the Environment. Volunteers can help Saturday mornings at 8 am caring for the parish grounds. A variety of tasks are available such as sweeping, picking up trash, mowing, edging, weeding, etc. Adults, teens and parent/child teams are welcome. Volunteers help 1-2 hours. Teen service hours are available.

Make a Hope Bag. Hope 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 or protein bars, peanut butter and cheese crackers, single-packaged nuts, Vienna sausage in pop-top can, bottled water or Gatorade. Other items can include: combs, hand lotion, lip balm, soap, hand sanitizer, toothbrush/toothpaste, plastic eating utensils, sunscreen, insect repellent and new socks. 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 get's to the right place.

Electronic Recycling at Ellington in July. 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 July 8 (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.



Entertainment Group. Do you belong to or know of a group that could provide entertainment at a parish pot-luck? Pro bono or low-cost family friendly entertainment group/act is needed. Please contact Suzanne for more information.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

JULY 2 THRU JULY 8, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Robert and Maureen Flinn+
 Sun. 8:30 am: Easter Gift
 Sun. 11:00 am: All Parishioners
 Sun. 5:30 pm: Cesar Alberto Garcia-Franco+
 Mon. No Mass
 Tues. 8:30 am: All U.S. Service Members
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Dominga G. de Castro+
 Thurs. 8:30 am: Our Country
 Fri. 8:30 am: Alfred Eugene Hagan+
 Sat. No am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Wilmet McIntyre, 07/02/1986; Michael McMahon, 07/02/1989; Lawrence Adler, 07/02/2000; Marilyn David, 07/03/2003; Edgard Paiz, 07/03/2019; Aaron Denton, 07/04/1987; Antonina Ruisi, 07/04/2004; Enola Trahan, 07/04/2011; Samuel Corsack, 07/05/1984; Gloria Perez, 07/05/1991; Thomas Daly, 07/05/1992; Anne Grisanti, 07/05/1997; Pauline Fults, 07/05/2002; Charlene Mooney, 07/05/2004; Rose Mary Godbout, 07/07/1997; Ismael Riveron, 07/07/2000; Frank Resch Jr., 07/07/2003; Vincente Gonzales, 07/07/2005; Sidney Bourg, 07/07/2013; Maryland Hannagan, 7/7/2021; Earl Ashley, 07/08/1988; Ann Smith, 07/08/2000 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.

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 x104

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>



Meditation

Death no longer has power over him. (Romans 6:9)

It's easy to skim over Paul's words here. Of course death has no power over Jesus! He has already died and come back to life. But the power of Jesus' resurrection did more than make him able to pass through walls and ascend into heaven. Paul also says that Jesus has "died to sin once and *for all*" (Romans 6:10, emphasis added). He isn't the only one whose life has been changed. By his death and resurrection, he has destroyed the power of sin and death over everyone. And Baptism gives us access to all the blessings of his risen life!

Now, experience tells us that Baptism doesn't mean that we can walk through walls as Jesus did. And it certainly doesn't guarantee a life of sinless perfection. But it does release us from the *permanence* of sin and death.

Because Baptism washes us clean of original sin, we no longer live under a constant fear of God's judgment. We can rejoice in the knowledge that "there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). And when we do sin, we can quickly repent and come back into that freedom.

Because Baptism unites us with Jesus, the deathless one, we have the hope of a resurrection to the same eternal life that Jesus knows. Death is no longer a tragic end for us; it's the doorway to a new, glorious beginning!

Because Baptism immerses us into Jesus' own dying and rising, we are no longer hopelessly tethered to sin. We have received a new grace enabling us to say no to temptation whenever we choose. We are now free to "live in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

If this sounds too good to be true, be assured that it's both very good and very true. Spend time today reading this passage over and over. Ask the Spirit to show you how you—yes, even you—are indeed set free from the power of sin and death!

*"Jesus, I praise you! By your cross and resurrection, you have set me free!"
 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Psalm 89:2-3, 16-19; Matthew 10:37-42*



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what's happening in the
parish!

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