

# *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**

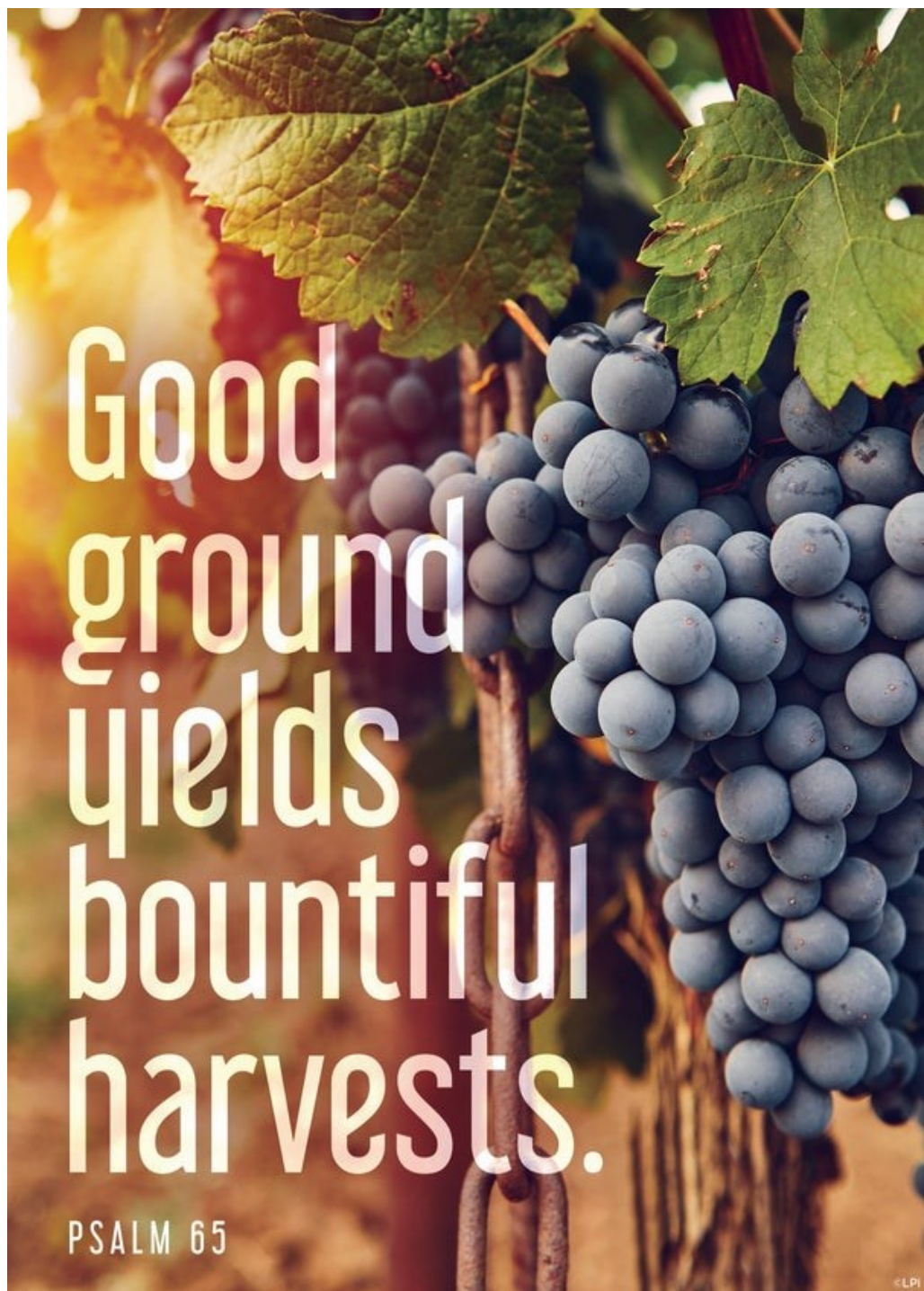
To begin the process of having your  
child baptized, please call the office  
or visit our website.

## **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.



## Welcome to St. Bernadette Church

Welcome to worship in the name  
of God the Creator of this  
beautiful summer day, Jesus our  
Savior, and the Holy Spirit our  
Counselor each and every day.  
Amen.



## Readings for the Week

**Sunday: 15th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time** Is 55:10-11/Ps  
65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/  
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b  
-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14,  
30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps  
103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1  
and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/  
Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps  
116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/  
Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor  
5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time** Wis 12:13, 16-  
19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/  
Rom 8:26-27/  
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

## Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday July 2, 2023	\$ 14,230.20
Faith Direct**	<u>14,512.00</u>
Total Collection	\$ 28,742.20
Budget	<u>35,343.65</u>
<b>Under budget</b>	<b>\$ (6,601.45)</b>

\*\* 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 July 5, 2023

Goal	\$ 143,000
Paid to Date	\$ 114,164
<b>Under goal</b>	<b>\$ (28,836)</b>

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.

## Adult Spiritual Life

### Beloved *part II*: A Marriage enrichment program

Coming this September: Three new *Beloved* episodes

*Beloved* explores the true meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage, by exploring  
Scripture, Tradition, and Church teaching. God's plan for your marriage will  
come alive!!

All sessions will be on Monday evenings, September 11, 18, and 25. Doors  
will open at 6 pm and we will conclude by 8 pm.

Registration is \$10 per couple and registration is required.  
Registration can be completed at <https://www.stbchurch.org/married-couples-retreat-registration> or by scanning the QR code

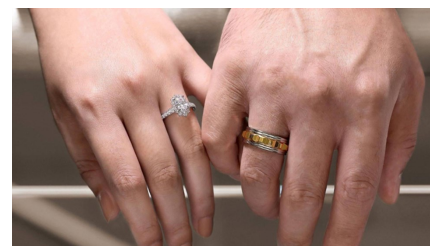


Any questions please contact Deacon Kevin Woodvine 281-486-0337 x104  
[woodvinek@stbchurch.org](mailto:woodvinek@stbchurch.org)

## Holy Matrimony

Marriage is a life-long commitment and  
we want your relationship to be a joy-  
filled one for many years to come. The  
entire process – which can take 9-12  
months- helps to prepare the engaged  
couple to enter into life together as one.

For more information and to complete the inquiry form, please visit <https://www.stbchurch.org/holy-matrimony>



If you are civilly married or married outside of the Catholic Church and have  
questions about being married in the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon  
Kevin [woodvinek@stbchurch.org](mailto:woodvinek@stbchurch.org) or 281-486-0337 x104



## Nursery News

Below is a list of some resources for families with young children:

- A children's church library is located in the narthex/vestibule. Take a book to enjoy during Mass and return for the following Masses. The Catholic Kid Bulletin and crayons are also available.
- During July, the nursery will be available for well child drop off during the 11 am Mass. The space will be opened as a calming room for all other Masses. Please check the St. Bernadette nursery webpage for schedule updates. <https://stbchurch.org/parish-nursery>
- There are benches in the narthex/vestibule if you need to step out of Mass. We also have speakers in the front of the church, that broadcast the sound of the microphones used during Mass, in case you have to step out of the building.
- **Before entering the Ladies restroom there is a lounge with tv and sound access to the Mass. Gliders are available for seating.**



Hopefully these resources help to allow you to participate in Mass each Sunday.

If you have any questions, contact Aurora Summa at 281-486-0337 x254 or [summaa@stbchurch.org](mailto:summaa@stbchurch.org).

## 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 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 the 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](http://www.stbchurch.org) => Parish Life => Faith Formation => JrHigh 6th-8th or use this QR code  
Questions? email me at: [bartosm@stbchurch.org](mailto:bartosm@stbchurch.org)  
Marianne Bartos, Jr High Faith Formation



Meditation

... *the one who hears the word of the kingdom. (Matthew 13:19)*

What was “the word of the kingdom” that Jesus refers to in today’s Gospel passage (Matthew 13:19)? Simply this: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand” (4:17). It’s the “word” that Jesus proclaimed when he launched his public ministry. He had come to usher in God’s kingdom, and he wanted his disciples—and all of us—to help it expand and grow and bear fruit. Let’s look at this familiar parable of the sower and the seed from the perspective of bearing fruit for God’s kingdom.

Jesus doesn’t want us to be the seed that falls on the path—the people who never really understand the scope of God’s call to them. Our faith isn’t just a matter of following a set of rules. Jesus invites us to something greater: cooperating with him in making his kingdom a reality wherever we live and work. And if we think we aren’t worthy or talented enough, he wants us to recognize that those thoughts are from the evil one!

Jesus also warns us not to become the seed that falls on rocky soil—those who feel overwhelmed by the hardships and sacrifices involved when we say yes to God’s call. He knows that we can persevere only when we are rooted in him and focus not just on the difficulties but also the blessings of following him.

Finally, taking up Jesus’ call to bear fruit for his kingdom means making it the most important priority in our lives. He doesn’t want us to be like the seed among thorns and let other concerns distract us from his own concerns.

Today at Mass, ask yourself, *How is Jesus calling me to bear fruit for his kingdom? How will I respond?* Remember, you’re not on your own! Jesus is with you always, giving you the grace day by day to help you make his heavenly kingdom a reality, right where you are!

*“Jesus, help me to understand how I can bear fruit for you.”*  
*Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 63:10-14; Romans 8:18-23*

*The Word Among Us*

## Christian Action

### NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION:

Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Financial Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
May-23	71	335	4	\$1,026.14	203.5
Jun-23	70	299	1	\$567.27	225.5
July 1-6, 2023	13	54	0	\$235.89	20.5

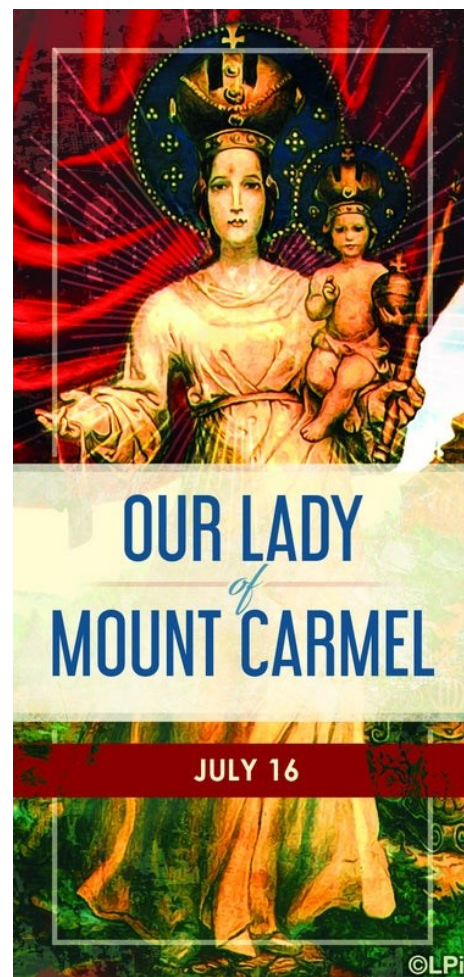
Christian Action is here to serve registered parishioners and families in our community. We serve our neighbors in crisis living in the following zip codes: 77062, 77058, 77059, 77598. We assist with utilities, food, and clothing. Christian Action donation drop off hours are Monday - Thursday 9:00 am 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



### CALCULATORS FOR CCISD HS STUDENTS!

There's still time to help out with the calculators! CCISD High School students in certain math classes require a TI-84 Plus Calculator and cannot afford it. We need 15 more calculators to meet our goal of 70. **These are due by July 31, 2023.** We are so close. A big thank you to those who have helped out with the calculators so far! The parishioners at St. B's are extremely generous and I appreciate you. Thank you!



## 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.  
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 and 4s ONLY) \$465.

**Ages 1-year-old to 5 years-old** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. - 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 am for an additional fee. MAGIC 1-2 pm OR 1-3 pm 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 832-915-5700; [nevinsj@stbchurch.org](mailto:nevinsj@stbchurch.org)

## Time and Talent

### Summer of Service

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

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



**Cook a meal for local individuals who are homeless.** Mercy Tree is in need of additional individuals or families to provide a lunch for 20 individuals who are homeless. If you or your family would be interested in providing a full meal for 20 people on a weekday or weekend, there are open dates. Meals can be as simple as hotdogs or sub sandwiches or as gourmet as you wish. Teen service hours are available. Link to the signup can be found at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent>

**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](mailto:cantoybailo@gmail.com)

**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.

**Caring for animals. Make Homemade Dog Treats.** This is a fun project to help our furry friends of individuals who are homebound, at a local animal shelter, or to help people in need with a dog who don't have resources for dog treats. After making treats, put a few treats in several small zip lock bags with a card and drop off at the Time and Talent Office for distribution. The recipe can be found at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent> **Summer of Service section**



**Cookie Baking for First Responders!** Let's bake cookies for First Responders and make cards to show our appreciation! Join this fun cooking activity and say thank you to our community heroes! Drop off your cookies to the local police, constable, EMS and fire fighters. Please be sure to call ahead to ensure that they are able to accept home-baked goods.



**Donate Gently Used Clothing to St. B's.** This summer help those in need by donating your gently used clothes or shoes, new underwear and new socks to our parish Christian Action to help those in need. This can be a family activity to teach children the value of selfless giving. Everyone in the family can search their closets and dressers for items to donate. Round up your donations now and drop off donations in the green bin at the church (bring when you come to Mass) or at Christian Action Monday-Thursday 9 am to 12:00 pm.

**Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen is continuing to serve food to the homeless.** Volunteers are needed to help provide a free hot lunch to about 400 chronically hungry guests daily (except Mondays), and breakfast on the weekends. Please call 713-824-0344 between 8 am and 11 am, Tuesday through Sunday, or email [lcronin@mhihouston.org](mailto:lcronin@mhihouston.org), to help. Soup Kitchen is located at 2009 Congress.



**Make a Craft for shut-in's.** All ages can make any small craft item at home to be taken to individuals who are shut-in. Some children's craft kits are available from the parish receptionist. Make the item and return it when complete. Drop items off at the parish receptionist or Time and Talent office.



**Safe Haven Training for all Volunteers.** Safe Haven training is required for all parish volunteers. Once you take the training you can volunteer at the parish. Safe Haven is approximately one hour of online training that you can do at home or at the parish. The link is <https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/> For questions or to schedule a time to take the training at the parish, please call 281-486-0337 x111.



## Masses for the Week

July 16 thru July 22, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Kathleen Hughes Hurley+  
 Sun. 8:30 am: Tom Dotter+  
 Sun. 11:00 am: All Parishioners  
 Sun. 5:30 pm: Araceli Manonog  
 Mon. No Mass  
 Tues. 8:30 am: Sick and Infirm  
 Wed. 7:00 pm: The Unborn  
 Thurs. 8:30 am: All Faithful Departed  
 Fri. 8:30 am: Fr. Tom Butler+  
 Sat. No am Mass

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Christopher Garcia, 07/16/1997; Kenneth Hill, 07/16/2000; Laura Kroepe, 07/16/2002; Carmen Ortiz, 07/16/2006; Robert Mack, 07/16/2010; Kane Kimmey, 07/17/1982; James Runte, Sr., 07/17/1991; Lori Rodriguez, 07/17/1996; Henry Lewis, 07/17/1998; Adele Babin, 07/17/2003; Isabella Tolentino, 07/17/2012; Tom Dotter, 07/17/2016; Gloria Collier, 07/17/2019; Michael Secino, 7/17/2021; Richard Harris Jr., 07/19/1991; Jalvie Fontenot, Jr., 7/19/2021; Basimah Abusada, 07/20/2011; Janet Smock, 07/21/2022; Rosena Delmas, 07/22/2005; Robert Gene Pongetti, 07/22/2013 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP



Over the years I have wasted a lot: a lot of money, a lot of time, and a lot of talent. Sometimes I didn't realize I was wasting these things but, after reflection, I realized I could have done more and accomplished much greater things. Of course, I think that is part of our imperfect humanity. It truly is easier for us to waste our gifts than grow them into something more.

The parable of the sower speaks about the word of God that gets planted in our hearts. If the soil of our heart is rich, than the word will grow and change us. If that soil is rocky or full of weeds, the word will lie there without any impact, bearing no fruit.

This parable can be applied to living a stewardship way of life as well. As sowers, we have been given the seeds of our time, talent, and treasure. We have a choice of where to plant these gifts. As good everyday stewards, we are called to plant them wisely and prudently. Oftentimes it is not enough to simply give away what we have. We need to discern the best places to sow these gifts so the maximum harvest can grow. This takes prayer, reflection, and study. Without a solid discernment process, we can find ourselves sowing seeds endlessly without much to show for it. But joyful is the person who has used one's gifts wisely, for the bounty of the harvest is great.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Baptism

*Born into the Christian Community on  
 July 8, 2023  
 April Rose Figueroa*



*Primitivo "Tivo" R. Perez  
 July 5, 2023*

## Community News

St. Paul's English Woman's ACTS retreat will be November 9 through 12 at The CRC in Dickinson. The cost is \$230.00 for retreatants. Scholarships and payment plans are available, as costs should not be prohibitive.

The Team Discernment meeting is on July 25 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's and naturally, there will be food.

For information contact Director Helena Gerales at 281-704-4793, Co-Directors Carol Gracia at 832-277-2518 or Corina Gomez at 713-865-1907.



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