

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.



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

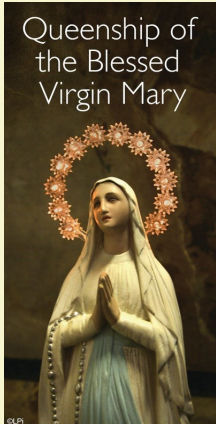
Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your
faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the
woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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Welcome to St. Bernadette

Paul writes: "The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29, NRSV). God has called you, so receive his gifts for you today: his love, his forgiveness, his life.



Readings for the Week

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday Aug 6, 2023	\$ 16,244.62
Faith Direct**	<u>13,854.65</u>
Total Collection	\$ 30,099.27
Budget	<u>35,343.65</u>
Under budget	\$ (5,244.38)

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

Upcoming Second Collection: Sept 3 – Catholic University of America

2023-Diocesan Services Fund

As of Aug 8, 2023

Goal	\$ 143,000
Paid to Date	\$ 133,759
Under goal	\$ (9,241)

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.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

The Knights of Columbus St. Bernadette Council is hosting a Watermelon Social on Sunday, August 27 following the 11:00 am Mass.
Look for us when you exit the front of the church.
All are invited to stop by and enjoy!



Sunday, August 27
8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Mini-Hall

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

**Free Pint of Blue Bell Ice
Cream & Stack of Pancakes
from IHop!!!**

Walk-In's Welcome or **Schedule an
Appointment** at giveblood.org
sponsor code 1121



Adult Spiritual Life

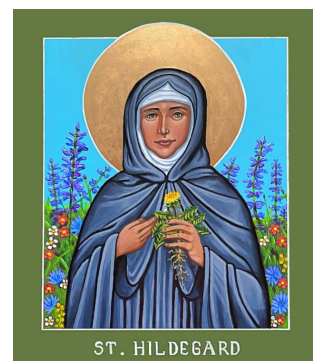
Special Presentation

On Sunday, September 17, join us after the 8:30 am and 11 am Eucharists in the PLC as we will have a 30-minute presentation on Hildegard of Bingen and our upcoming parish wide retreat initiative: **Pilgrimage into Nature**. We also will have Deacon Kevin's 50th birthday cake and treats to dine upon.



walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY



Ladies, save the date for Tuesday, October 17 as we will have an introductory night about beginning a 'Walking with Purpose' group at St. Bernadette. Stay tuned for additional information.

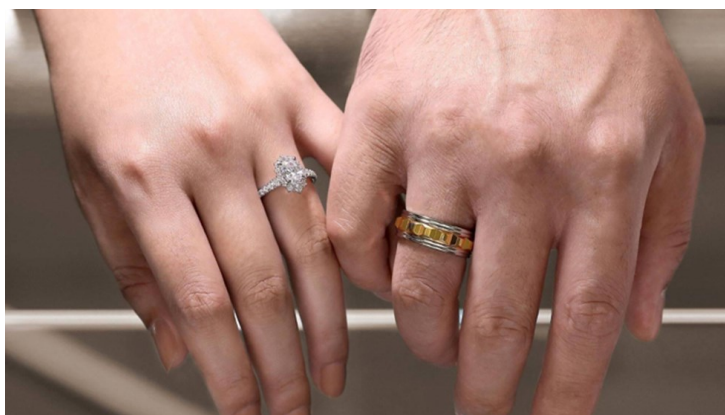
Beloved *part II*: A Marriage enrichment program

Sessions will be September 11, 18, and 25. Doors will open at 6 pm and we will conclude by 8 pm. You are welcome to attend one or all three sessions. We do ask every couple to please register.

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!!



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



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 or 281-486-0337 x104



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend for married couples will be held November 03-05, at the Holiday Inn Houston Westchase (10609 Westpark Drive, Houston, TX 77042). Share this beautiful experience and opportunity with your spouse close to home where you will be affirmed and supported in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship. For more information call Brian and Tina Little (281-773-4014, brian.tina.little@wwme.org) or go to houstonme.org to apply.

Time and Talent

Summer of Service

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

Make Blessing Bags: If you would like to make Blessing Bags, but don't feel comfortable passing them out, just drop them off at the Time and Talent Office for distribution. Please call or email Suzanne for a list of items to include.

Thank you for expressing an interest in refreshing the gazebo!

To date, several people have expressed an interest in helping refresh the gazebo. This will likely be a Fall Service Day activity.

Fall Fun Day Help: Looking for

people who would be interested in being on a committee to help organize and implement a Parish Fun Day this Fall. Help is needed with planning, publicity, gathering supplies, organizing games, food coordination, and more! Sponsors and in-kind donations are also needed. This is an exciting new opportunity. New volunteers welcome!



Gift Store Volunteer Helpers

Needed: We are looking for adult volunteers who could help staff the Parish Gift Store on the first Sunday of the month from 9:30-10:30 am and/or staff the store for weekday special openings. Volunteers work as part of a team. Individuals should be comfortable with electronics. We

will teach you how to work the register.

Senior Adult Activity

Group: Are you interested in helping plan and implement activities for seniors at St. B's? We will have a brainstorming meeting soon.



CPR Instructor Needed. St. B's would like to have free CPR skills classes onsite. Participant certification cards are not necessary. *If you are a CPR instructor*, please email or call Suzanne.

Have you been contacted? If you expressed an interest in volunteering and have not heard from someone, please let us know. Email or clerical errors can happen. We do need 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

Days - Tuition

2 days Monday/Wednesday (1s and 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 for 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 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
Jun-23	70	299	1	\$567.27	225.5
Jul-23	176	849	484	\$1,735.03	318.5
Aug 1-9, 2023	28	118	0	\$757.44	83.5

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

DIAPER DRIVE!!! The month of September!

Christian Action and the Knights of Columbus Council 10959 have partnered up to host a diaper and baby wipes drive throughout the month of September! The diapers and baby wipes will benefit parents in need at the Community Pregnancy Center of Pasadena and Christian Action. Your donations will help ensure that parents in need will receive sufficient supplies to keep their child clean, dry, and healthy.



The drive is for the larger sized diapers (size 4, 5, 6) and baby wipes.

You may drop off the items in the green bin marked Christian Action in the narthex of the church or drop them off at your Christian Action office M-Th 9- noon! You may also bring them to the Parish Breakfast on September 3, or to any of the Beloved Program evenings. Should you have questions regarding donations, please e-mail christianaction@stbchurch.org.

Christian Action will be closed August 21-22, 2023. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Blessing of the Animals Wednesday, September 27

Deacon Kevin will begin the blessing at 6 pm in the prayer circle located in the parking lot near Christian Action. For those of us who have lost a pet, you are welcome to bring an item or picture to place on our table of remembrance. Please contact Deacon Kevin at 281-486-0337 x104 or woodvinek@stbchurch.org if you have any questions. Thank you.



FAITH FORMATION MEETINGS

Whole Family Catechesis and JrHigh Faith Formation

Upcoming Events:

- Parent Meeting for the parents of PreK thru 12th graders.



Faith Formation will have a parent meeting on **Sunday, August 27, doors open at 3:00, meeting starts at 3:15** in the Parish Life Center. Come find out what Faith Formation will look like this year, our expectations, and our commitment to our Faith Formation families.



JrHigh Faith Formation:

- **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

Masses for the Week

AUGUST 20 THRU AUGUST 26, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Luisa Gudelosao
 Sun. 8:30 am: Ted Byington+
 Sun. 11:00 am: All Parishioners
 Sun. 5:00 pm: Mariano and Lucia Spezzapria+
 Mon. No Mass
 Tues. 8:30 am: Ann Brossman+
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Bette Lewis+
 Thurs. 8:30 am: Rosauo Gregorio+
 Fri. 8:30 am: Ann Tweedy+
 Sat. No am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Jeffrey Karnyski, 08/20/1993; LaVerne Hewitt, 08/20/2007; Donald Rosenburg, 08/20/2017; George Turnak, 08/20/2021; George Lawler Jr., 08/21/1996; Melva Wear, 08/23/1985; Shirley Gant, 08/23/2004; Sam Bruno, 08/23/2011; James Robinson, 08/24/2001; Frank Badali, 08/24/2004; Pamela Mire, 08/25/1988; Mary Elizabeth Ogden, 08/25/1992; Margaret Collura, 08/25/2001; Mary Teixeira, 08/25/2010; James (Bob) Middleton, 08/25/2011; Erlinda Sabal, 08/26/1986; Janice Kelly, 08/26/1989; Leno Croce, 08/26/1995; Lucy Reeder, 08/26/2009 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.

Bereavement Ministry

Our next 6-week series of *Seasons of Hope: A Support Group for the Bereaved* will begin on Saturday, October 14 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 Season 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>



The remaining 2023 Baptism preparatory workshop is scheduled for: October 15

Parents are welcome to attend the Baptism

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

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



Indoor Fitness (All Abilities)

Participate in Get Fit While You Sit and Meet New People!

Join us for gentle DVD facilitated workouts on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 am in the Parish Life Center. Chair and standing routines will teach you skills for breathing exercise and relaxation, while doing gentle stretching. Wheelchair accessible. All ability levels are welcome. No fee or registration needed. Call Suzanne Staron at 281-486-0337 x110 for more information.



The Jubilee Year of Mercy is now in the history books and looking back I wonder if I have been changed at all by the observance. Certainly the focus on mercy wasn't all about God's mercy toward me? Yes, I focused on my sin and the need for God's forgiveness and grace, but hopefully that changed how I live my life and how I offer mercy to others.

The mercy we receive from God is not something we are to keep bottled up or hidden from others. Jesus taught us to treat others the way we would like to be treated and to love everyone, even our enemies. When Jesus healed the Canaanite woman I wonder what she did next. I would hope she in turn offered mercy and healing to others. Of course, I know she was imperfect just like me so I am sure in no time she was back to needing the mercy of Jesus. Her demon was gone, but there is always a new evil around every corner.

However, the fact that we are a broken people always in need of mercy does not lessen the command for us to offer mercy. Mercy is a gift like so many others that God lavishes on us with great generosity. We are called to cultivate this and share it with others as well. If we cannot do that then what was the real effect of God's mercy in our lives? If we do not allow God to change us into more generous stewards ready to offer mercy and love to all, then perhaps we are fooling ourselves that we are true disciples of Jesus at all.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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parish!

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