

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.



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in
heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall
be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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Welcome to St. Bernadette

Welcome to worship and a time of fellowship as the family of Christ. I invite you to greet those around you in the peace of the Lord.

**Live in harmony
with one another;
be sympathetic,
love as brothers,
be compassionate
and humble.**



Readings for the Week

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

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-2

Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday Aug 13, 2023	\$ 15,517.24
Faith Direct**	<u>13,854.65</u>
Total Collection	\$ 29,371.89
Budget	<u>35,343.65</u>
Under budget	<u>\$ (5,971.76)</u>

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

Upcoming Second Collection: Sept 3 – Catholic University of America

2023-Diocesan Services Fund

Goal	\$ 143,000
Paid to Date	\$ 142,253
Under goal	\$ (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.

Parish Gift Store Open Next Sunday September 3

Lots of New Merchandise!

Visit the Parish Gift Store on Sunday, September 3, between 9:30-10:30 am. It's conveniently located in the lobby of the Parish Life Center.

Discover an array of meaningful items:

- Rosaries
- Prayer books and journals
- Baptismal, wedding, and Confirmation gifts
- Statues and inspirational pieces
- Holy Water fonts and bottles
- Wall crosses and crucifixes
- Religious craft kits for children and more!



Payment methods include cash, credit cards, and checks. Please bring small bills for smoother transactions. The Gift Store is operated by dedicated volunteers, and we're eager to serve you. If we have additional volunteers, we can even extend our hours.

If you're interested in joining our team of volunteers, please get in touch with Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org. Your support and involvement are greatly appreciated!



Saint Bernadette Monthly Breakfast

Please join your fellow parishioners for breakfast on Sunday, September 3, after the 8:30 Mass in the Parish Life Center.

Breakfast is prepared and served by the St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 10959.

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



New School Year – New Opportunities! Looking for Bible Study and Community?

Men's Bible Study on Mondays, 9:00-10:00 am, Youth Room
Sunday-to-Sunday Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am, Youth Room
Sunday-to-Sunday (Zoom, see website), Wednesdays., 7:00-8:00 pm.
Questions: contact Jason Honeycutt, honeycuttj@stbchurch.org



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>

Take part in the "Get Fit While You Sit" program and Meet New People

We invite you to participate in easygoing DVD-guided workout sessions every Tuesday and Thursday mornings, starting at 10 am, located in the Parish Life Center. These routines, suitable for both seated and standing positions, will provide you with techniques for breathing exercises, relaxation, and gentle stretching. It is also a great way to meet new people!



The sessions are accessible for individuals using wheelchairs and walkers. Regardless of your ability level, you're encouraged to join us – no prior registration is required. **Classes are open to the community** at no cost, so pass the word along! For additional details, feel free to contact Suzanne Staron at 281-486-0337 x110.

Adult Spiritual Life

Come and learn about Hildegard of Bingen, Saint and Doctor of the Church on Sunday, September 17; join us after the 8:30 am and 11 am Eucharists in the PLC. 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 a birthday cake and treats to celebrate Deacon Kevin's 50th Birthday.



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



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.

Time and Talent

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

NEW Invitation to Brainstorming Session: Daytime Activity Group: Interested in contributing to the planning and execution of daytime activities for seniors and others at St. B's? We're looking for individuals who are enthusiastic about organizing events a couple of times a year. Activities could range from hosting ice cream socials and engaging in board game sessions to container or herb gardening workshops, arranging talks by special speakers, or enjoying potluck gatherings, the possibilities are endless. This promises to be a fun and relaxed group.

Our brainstorming session is scheduled for **Thursday, September 7, at 11:00 am in the Parish Life Center.** For more details or to become part of this exciting venture, please contact Suzanne. Let's make meaningful connections and memorable experiences happen!



Seeking Energetic Volunteers to Welcome New Members: We're in search of enthusiastic individuals to join our team in extending warm welcomes to our newest members. Throughout the year, we organize orientations 3-4 times, and we'd love your assistance.

Volunteers can play a pivotal role in this process by greeting individuals with a smile, providing kitchen support, providing table and chair setups, offering guided tours, extending phone invitations, and lending a hand wherever needed. If the idea of creating a friendly and inviting atmosphere resonates with you, we invite you to step forward and make a difference. Your contribution will be invaluable in making new members feel at home.

To become a part of this heartwarming initiative, please contact Suzanne. Let's come together to make our new members' experience truly welcoming!



NEW Join our Fun Day Committee: We're excited to assemble a committee to create an unforgettable Parish Fun Day this upcoming fall. This is your chance to be part of something special and contribute in various roles such as planning, publicizing, coordinating games and supplies, organizing food, and more!

If you're passionate about adding joy to this event, we'd love to have you on board. If you're new to volunteering, don't hesitate – your enthusiasm is all that's needed. **Sponsors and in-kind donations are eagerly welcomed.** To dive into the excitement, reach out to Suzanne. Let's create an unforgettable Fall Fun Day for our community!



Get Involved by Volunteering! Getting involved in volunteering at St. Bernadette Church is a wonderful opportunity to make a meaningful impact within the parish community and beyond. By offering your time and skills, you become part of a compassionate network dedicated to supporting others and building up the kingdom of God here on Earth.

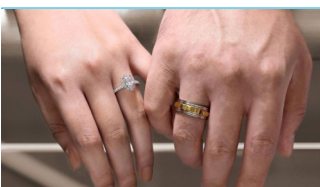
Whether you have a few hours to spare or a specific talent to share, volunteering allows you to connect with like-minded individuals and forge lasting relationships. From assisting with events and outreach programs to contributing to worship services or faith formation initiatives, to behind-the-scenes projects, grounds care, refreshment and kitchen help and more, there's a role tailored to your interests and availability.

Embrace the chance to give back, grow spiritually, and create a welcoming environment where everyone can thrive. Your contribution, no matter how small, adds to the collective effort of sharing God's love and making a positive difference.



Hands-Only CPR Instructor Request: St. B's aims to host free CPR skills classes on-site, no participant certification cards required. If you're a CPR instructor and could help people learn hands-only CPR, please reach out to Suzanne.

Haven't Heard Back? If you expressed interest in volunteering but haven't been contacted, please notify us. Email and clerical errors can happen. Connect with Suzanne, your involvement is needed.



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

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 1-20, 2023	28	118	10	\$757.44	189

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 Monday - Thursday from 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.

YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...

Deodorant
Small plastic jars of cooking oil
Instant potatoes
Cereal
Tuna
11b bag of rice
Toothpaste



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



**Knights of
Columbus®**



Tickets are still on sale for the St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus charity fund-raising event at TopGolf in Webster on October 19. This is a fun, social event, not a golf tournament. If you cannot attend, please consider a donation to support our charities.

All participants will receive three (3) hours of golf, dinner, and drinks. The event will benefit several charities: Christus Point of Light Clinic in Dickinson, St. B's Christian Action, Community Pregnancy Center of Pasadena, Helping Hands, American Wheelchair Mission, Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, and Mercy Tree. Tickets are \$75.

For Tickets and Donations

1. Go to: www.kofc10959.org
2. Go to TopGolf Charity Event Section of the Home Page
3. Click: "TopGolf Registration"

You can also scan this code with your phone to access the ticket site



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
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www.stbchurch.org



Masses for the Week

AUGUST 27 THRU SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Primitivo Perez+
 Sun. 8:30 am: Francisco Perez+
 Sun. 11:00 am: All Parishioners
 Sun. 5:00 pm: Marlena Proctor+
 Mon. No Mass
 Tues. 8:30 am: Ernie Bischoff+
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Hector Hugo Gutierrez+
 Thurs. 8:30 am: US Service Members
 Fri. 8:30 am: Souls in Purgatory
 Sat. No am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Ophelia Strong, 08/27/1996; Marie Kinsella, 08/27/2007;
 Louis Misita, 08/28/1990; Bill Campbell, 08/28/1996;
 Angelo Micocci, 08/28/2004; Robert Galindo,
 08/28/2015; Thomas Kochuba, 08/29/1993; William
 Wade, 08/29/1999; Mark Peil, 08/29/2003; Kenneth
 Ramke, 08/29/2005; Veronica Rodriguez, 08/29/2013;
 Wanda Ramke, 08/29/2021; Bailey Papesch-Schmidt,
 08/30/1997; Frederic McConnell, 08/31/2000; Brenda
 Smith, 08/31/2003; Christopher Bowden, 09/01/1983;
 Clara Lopez, 09/01/1997; Eddie Sue Gilbert, 09/01/1999;
 Robert Poirier, 09/01/2005; Susan Patin, 09/01/2013;
 Frank Birkenseher, 9/01/2016; Jeannine Peter,
 09/01/2021; Christopher Hodapp, 09/02/1983; Sarddha
 Coorey, 09/02/2005; Greg Shaskan, 09/02/2010; Jane
 Saladin, 09/02/2018 on the anniversaries of their entrance
 into Heaven.

Priest email/texting scams

Please be aware about an ongoing text and email message scam requesting gift cards claiming to be from Fr. Bob. We want to clarify that these messages are **NOT** from Fr. Bob or St. Bernadette.

Lately, there has been an uptick in reports regarding deceptive email solicitations that seek financial support, often requesting gift cards. These emails are sent from accounts or text messages that falsely identify themselves as Archdiocesan priests.

It's important to note that we will never initiate contact with you to request money through gift cards or similar means. Similar to emails, if you receive a message from an unfamiliar number or sender, the best course of action is to disregard it.

Do not purchase any gift cards in response to such messages and we recommend refraining from engaging with the numbers provided in these text messages. Your vigilance is greatly appreciated.



Jalvie J. Fontenot
 August 9, 2023

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>



Ingredients for true success

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

—George Washington Carver



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what's happening in the
parish!

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