



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

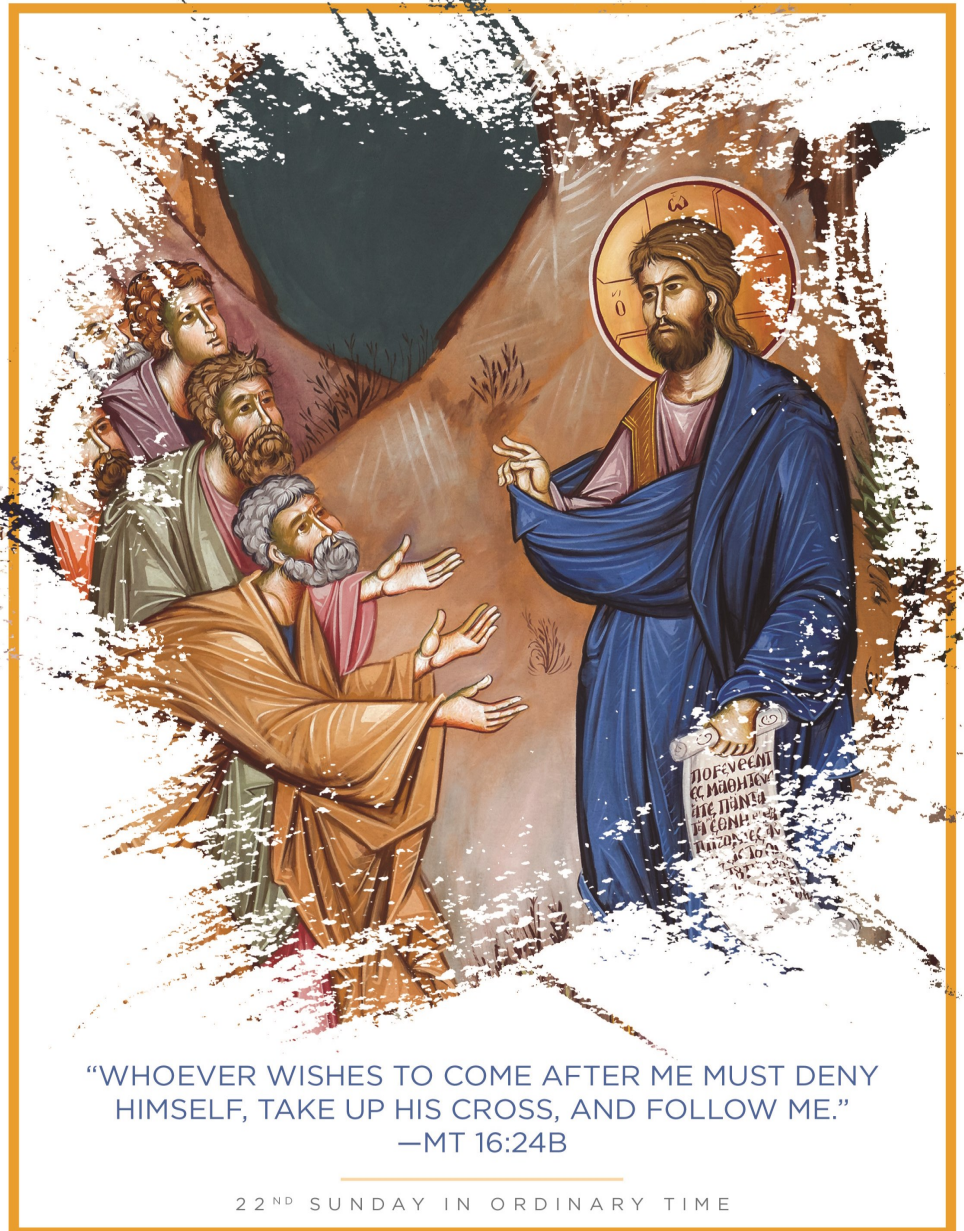
To begin the process of having your
child baptized, please call the office
or visit our website.

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.



"WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY
HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME."
—MT 16:24B

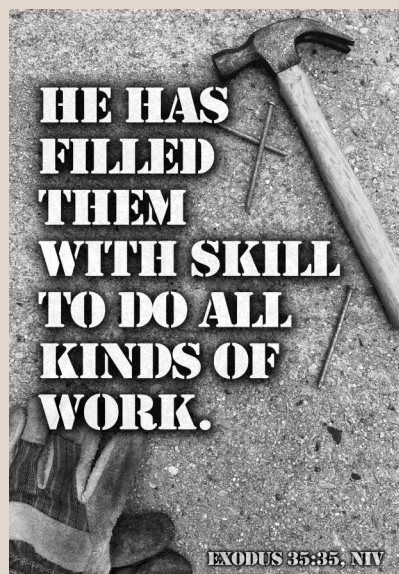
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Peter is resistant to Jesus's revelation that as the Messiah, he is
destined to suffer and die before rising. How do you react to news
difficult to hear?

We're so glad
**YOU'RE
HERE!**



**The Parish Office will be
closed for Labor Day**

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday Aug 20, 2023	\$ 14,458.00
Faith Direct**	<u>14,211.81</u>
Total Collection	\$ 28,669.81
Budget	<u>35,343.65</u>
Under budget	\$ (6,673.84)

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

Upcoming Second Collection: Oct 22 – World Mission Sunday

2023-Diocesan Services Fund As of Aug 22, 2023

Goal	\$ 143,000
Paid to Date	\$ 136,389
Under goal	\$ (6,611)

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.

Wedding Jubilee Masses

Beloved couples, Your love has been a testament of God's love, the living sign of the Sacrament of Marriage. To honor this achievement, his Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, invites you to join him in this Eucharistic Celebration reminiscent of your wedding when you said "I do" before Him. Celebrations commemorating your anniversary at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart:



50th Wedding Jubilee Mass – September 24, 2023. Registration fee: \$40
Registration link: <https://archgh.swoogo.com/50wedjubilee2023>

25th Wedding Jubilee Mass – October 29, 2023. Registration fee: \$40
Registration link: <https://archgh.swoogo.com/25thWedJub2023>

Upcoming Vocation Events: Fall 2023 Andrew Dinners

Andrew Dinner is an evening of prayer, group sharing, and dinner with Fr. Richard McNeillie, Vocations Director and Diocesan parish priests. For young men ages 14 - 18. *Optional - parents may attend.*

Tuesday, September 12: St. Theresa, 705 St Theresa Blvd, Sugar Land
Friday, September 29: Christ the Redeemer, Community Center, 11507 Huffmeister Rd, Houston

Friday, September 29: St. Vincent de Paul, 6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston

Friday, October 13: St. Anthony of Padua, 7801 Bay Branch Dr., The Woodlands

Friday, October 13: St. Ignatius of Loyola, 7810 Cypresswood Dr., Spring
Friday, November 10: St. Thomas More, 10330 Hillcroft St, Houston

For more information or to register scan the QR code, email vocations@archgh.org or call 713-652-8239.





WFC, JrHigh Faith Formation

JrHigh Faith Formation

- Faith Formation will start on Sunday, October 8.
- **If you didn't make it to the Parent Meeting** on August 27, the calendar and other information can be found on the webpage*.
- **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 => Faith Formation => JrHigh 6th-8th
Or use this qr code Questions? Email me
bartosm@stbchurch.org Marianne Bartos, JrHigh FF



WFC, High School Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation

I will be the interim High School Faith Formation Director until we hire a Youth Minister. Looking forward to seeing my former JrHighers!!

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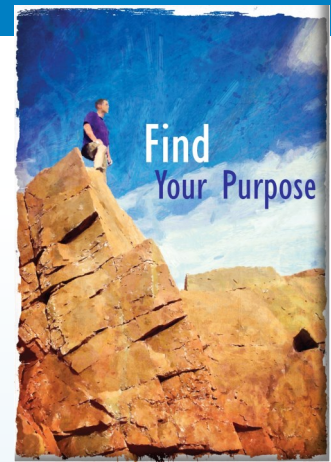


Now is the time: Bulletin Ad Space Available

Interested in supporting our parish bulletin?
Want to connect with fellow parishioners weekly?
Advertise in the St. Bernadette weekly bulletin.
Options for businesses or In Loving memory
sponsorship available.

St. Bernadette Church partners with Liturgical Publications (LPI) for the bulletin. Ad spaces open, seeking your support. Your ad/sponsorship lets parishioners receive the bulletin at no church cost.

Rates start at \$37/month (\$445 total), includes free month, ad design, 4 yearly changes. Contact Tina Watson at 512-431-9413 or twatson@4lpi.com for info. Thanks for your support!



Youth Ministry Job Opening

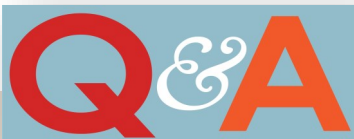
Join the dynamic team at St. B's as we search for a passionate Youth Minister. As the Director of Ministry to Youth, you'll have the remarkable opportunity to ignite and nurture the faith of our High School Youth at St. Bernadette Catholic Church. Your mission? To craft a vibrant youth ministry program that mirrors the values of *Renewing the Vision*.

Your role involves developing a ministry plan that addresses each intentional mode outlined in *Renewing the Vision*: Advocacy, Catechesis, Community Life, Evangelization, Justice, Leadership, Pastoral Care, and Prayer/Worship.

Know someone perfect for this role? Spread the word and share this exciting opportunity with them! The detailed job posting can be accessed at: <https://www.archgh.org/media/20646/parish-7426-director-to-ministry-to-youth-082223.pdf> or use the QR code.

Join us in shaping the spiritual journey of our youth at St. B's!





Question: What does the Church say about suicide?

Answer: Unfortunately, despite the Church's clear teachings in resources like the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, there are still many people who are confused about what the Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide.

While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional, and even physical illness — as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse — can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults reflects, "Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can "diminish the responsibility of one committing suicide" (pg. 293).

Parishes and grief support groups show special care and concern for those families that have lost a loved one to suicide. And communities should always try to be mindful of those who might be at risk of suicide or self-harm.

If someone is contemplating suicide, please know that help is available, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline simply dial 988. Spread the word about 988 Lifeline's free, confidential, 24/7 services.

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 1-23, 2023	41	181	10	\$757.44	207.5

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 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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

YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...

Deodorant	Instant potatoes	1lb bag of dry beans
Small plastic jars of cooking oil	Cereal	1lb bag of rice
	Canned Tuna	Toothpaste

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

Your Christian Action will be closed Monday, September 4, and Tuesday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

Adult Spiritual Life

Blessing of the Animals Wednesday, September 27

Deacon Kevin will begin the blessing at 6 p.m. 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 ext 104 or woodvinek@stbchurch.org if you have any questions. Thank you.



A Marriage Enrichment Program: BELOVED Part II:

There is still time to register for this marriage enrichment program!! Sessions will be September 11, 18, & 25. 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 ext. 104 woodvinek@stbchurch.org



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. Any questions please contact Deacon Kevin or Ann Prasek.



Come and learn about Hildegard of Bingen, Saint and Doctor of the Church on Sunday, September 17, join us after the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. 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.

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 a.m. 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!



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 parish 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.



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

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

We invite you to participate in easygoing DVD-guided workout sessions every Tuesday and Thursday mornings, starting at 10 a.m. 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.

Masses for the Week

SEPTEMBER 3 THRU SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	Parish Volunteers
Sun.	8:30 am:	Firefighters
Sun.	11:00 am:	All Parishioners
Sun.	5:00 pm:	Law Enforcement Personnel
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Chris Vallarian
Wed.	7:00 pm:	All Laborers
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Healthcare Personnel
Fri.	8:30 am:	Church Workers
Sat.	No am Mass	



Prayer for those who Labor

Dear Lord,

Please bless and protect the men and women whose work contributes to the labor force and supports families and those in need. Give them strength when they face challenges, grace in times of stress, and renewal as they rest. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Harry Mullins, 09/03/1985; Demeterio Bueno, 09/04/1990; James O'Bar, 09/04/2000; Joseph Loftus Jr., 09/04/2005; Barbara Herrick, 09/04/2014; Russell Van Keuren, 09/05/1994; Connie Slaughter, 09/05/2007; Gary Garner, 09/07/1985; Gertrude Selle, 09/07/1994; Kenneth Maxey, 09/08/1990; Joseph Drake, 09/08/1997; Patrick McGrane, 09/08/2004; Marcel Mougme, 09/09/2007; William Carson, 09/09/2022 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.

ST. BERNADETTE 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. 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.
nevinsj@stbchurch.org www.stbchurch.org

DO NOT CONFORM
YOURSELVES TO THIS AGE
BUT BE TRANSFORMED
BY THE RENEWAL OF
YOUR MIND...

ROMANS 12:2

Gospel Meditation

God forbid! (Matthew 16:22)

Isn't that the way these things often happen? One minute, you're filled with good and holy thoughts. Then the next minute, someone says something that upsets you, and you respond with anger, jealousy, resentment, or some other negative emotion. We all know what that's like!

So it should be no surprise to see Peter "rebuke" Jesus, the man he had just proclaimed to be "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16, 22). When he hears Jesus predict his coming death, Peter becomes upset. In a flash, he loses his peace and clarity. Instead of humbly asking Jesus what he means, he tries to tell Jesus what he

should and should not do. And that passionate response earns Peter a stern rebuke of his own: "Get behind me, Satan!" (16:23).

So how can we get to the point where we can hold onto our peace and our trust in the Lord no matter what happens? The answer lies in today's second reading: "Be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:2). We *can* change. We can learn how to put aside our fallen sinful thoughts and ideas and take on Jesus' way instead. Or as Jesus told Peter, we can learn to think "as God does" (Matthew 16:23).

For Peter, this meant accepting that the way of Jesus, the Messiah, is the way of self-giving love, not self-preservation. For us, it may mean asking for the grace to embrace Jesus' call to forgive "seventy-seven times" (Matthew 18:22), or to turn the other cheek (5:39), or to choose not to be served "but to serve" (20:28), or any of Jesus' other teachings that we find difficult.

Today's story about Peter shows us that this kind of change is not a once-and-done event. It happens over time, often with stops and starts. But it does happen, day after day, decision after decision. We *can* be transformed!

"Jesus, teach me how to think and act as you do!"

—The Word Among Us