



# 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.



## 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my  
brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As  
many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you,  
not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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## Welcome to St. Bernadette

Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship — a chance to be fed and nourished by God's Word before being sent again to serve the world in the week ahead.



## Readings for the Week

**Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday** Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

**Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

## Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday Sept 3, 2023	\$ 13,337.62
Faith Direct**	<u>14,211.81</u>
Total Collection	\$ 27,549.43
Budget	<u>35,343.65</u>
<b>Under budget</b>	<b>\$ (7,794.22)</b>

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

**Upcoming Second Collection:** October 22 – World Mission Sunday

### 2023-Diocesan Services Fund

As of Sept 5, 2023

Goal	\$ 143,000
Paid to Date	\$ 137,870
<b>Under goal</b>	<b>\$ (5,130)</b>

With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. Getting started with eGiving is easy. Here are the ways to sign up.

- Visit [faith.direct/TX631](http://faith.direct/TX631)
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757
- Scan the QR code



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.

## Clear Lake United Methodist Church and St. Bernadette Catholic Church present:

*2023 Meet the Composer Weekend Featuring Jaime Cortez*

**Friday, September 29  
5 - 8 pm**

Outdoor Festival and  
Concert at Clear Lake  
United Methodist with food  
trucks and family friendly  
activities

**Saturday, September 30  
5 pm Mass**

at St. Bernadette  
with Jaime Cortez and  
combined choirs

**Sunday, October 1  
9 and 10:30 am**

Worship Services at Clear  
Lake United Methodist

Please join us beginning September 20 as we  
pray a novena for the success of our  
upcoming event!

God of all creativity and goodness,  
we call upon you as we prepare to join our  
neighbors in fellowship  
and open our doors of worship to others:  
grant us the grace to receive the other with  
love and respect;  
fill our hearts with a desire to seek that which  
unites us  
rather than focus on our differences.  
May our time together, especially in sung  
prayer,  
draw us ever closer to you and be a beacon of  
hope to the world around us.  
May the gift of music be an invitation to  
others  
and transcend different languages and  
cultures  
so may we all seek to build Your Kingdom  
here on earth. Amen.





## Pre-K Faith Formation

Whole Family Catechesis (WFC) Pre-K  
Faith Formation – 2 ½ to Pre-K 5 years old

**Gospel Weeklies**  
Pflaum  FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM



If you have not already registered for WFC Pre-K Faith Formation go to <https://www.stbchurch.org/new-registration-for-whole-family-catechesis> or use the qr code.

Important dates:

- **Sunday, September 17**-WFC Pre-K FF Catechist Formation/ Training in the Parish Life Center from 3-4:50 pm (doors open at 2:45 pm).
- **Sunday, October 1**-WFC Pre-K FF Open House. Two meeting time options: 9:30 am or 10:15 am in the Pre-K FF classrooms down the left hallway of the church.
- **Sunday, October 8** – age specific Faith Formation, Pre-K-adult begins.

Call Aurora Summa at 281-486-0337 x 254 or email at [summaa@stbchurch.org](mailto:summaa@stbchurch.org) if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering in the WFC Pre-K Faith Formation ministry. Junior High and High School students, we have opportunities for service opportunities for school or Confirmation.

## Jr High Faith Formation

**Catechist/CoreTeam formation and meeting** for Pre-K - 12<sup>th</sup> grade leaders of Faith Formation on Sunday, Sept 17, 2:45 – 4:45 pm in the PLC.

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 in the Thursday email.

**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.

If you haven't registered, **registration is open for 2023-24** Faith Formation Season. Check out the webpage ([www.stbchurch.org](http://www.stbchurch.org) => Faith Formation => JrHigh 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) or use this qr code.

Questions? email me [bartosm@stbchurch.org](mailto:bartosm@stbchurch.org)  
Marianne Bartos, JrHigh FF



## High School Faith Formation

**Catechist/CoreTeam formation and meeting** for Pre-K - 12<sup>th</sup> grade leaders of Faith Formation – Sunday, Sept 17, 2:45 – 4:45 pm in the PLC.  
Faith Formation will start on Sunday, October 8.

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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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Questions? email me [bartosm@stbchurch.org](mailto:bartosm@stbchurch.org)  
Marianne Bartos, High School FF



## Adult Spiritual Life

### Pilgrimage into Nature

As we begin this pilgrimage, we are to quiet ourselves and hear God calling us to be with him. We do this by separating ourselves from our daily routines as we journey into nature, opening ourselves to contemplate God's presence as we encounter God's creation. Then we can respond to God's call with gratitude and gratefulness.

Our souls yearn to connect with the Divine and we long to get closer to God. A *Pilgrimage into Nature* is a special way for us to encounter God in creation. For more information, please visit the webpage *Pilgrimage into Nature* by scanning the qr code. Any questions please contact Deacon Kevin at [woodvinek@stbhchurch.org](mailto:woodvinek@stbhchurch.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 7:00 am in the church building; Third Saturday of the month at 7:45 am in the church building.

**Zoom times:** Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 7:30 am. The Zoom link and additional information can be found at: <https://www.stbchurch.org/christian-meditation>

### Walking with Purpose

St. Bernadette will host an introductory *Walking with Purpose* meeting on October 17 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please join us to experience a *Walking with Purpose* lesson and to share insight about how this program can best meet the needs of the women of St. Bernadette. Click on the qr code to register for the introductory meeting. The fee for the meeting is \$5 until October 10. After October 10 the fee will be \$15.



### 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 individuals to please register for *Seasons of Hope* a week prior. You may register by calling Deacon Kevin Woodvine at 281-486-0337 x104 or by email [woodvinek@stbchurch.org](mailto:woodvinek@stbchurch.org) or by completing the online registration form at <https://www.stbchurch.org/grief-support>

## Time and Talent

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

### Join Our Volunteer Newsletter for Exciting Updates!

- Are you passionate about making a difference?
- Want to stay informed about upcoming volunteer opportunities?
- Eager to be part of a caring community?

Sign up for the  
Volunteer Newsletter

Look no further! Join our Volunteer Newsletter and be the first to know about impactful volunteering events, inspiring community initiatives, and exclusive volunteer tips and resources. Stay connected and make a positive impact. Subscribe now through your Evangelus account or email Suzanne and be part of something special.

### Seeking Enthusiastic Volunteers to Welcome New Members

We are actively seeking individuals brimming with enthusiasm to join our team in extending warm and heartfelt welcomes to our newest members. Throughout the year, we organize orientations 3-4 times, and we wholeheartedly invite you to be a part of this experience.

Volunteers can play a pivotal role in this process by offering warm smiles, providing valuable assistance in the kitchen, arranging tables and chairs, guiding our newcomers through the facilities, extending friendly phone invitations, and lending a helping hand wherever it's most needed. If the idea of fostering a friendly and inviting atmosphere resonates with you, we encourage you to step forward and make a meaningful impact. Your contribution will be invaluable in ensuring that our new members feel genuinely at home.



To become an integral part of this heartwarming initiative, please reach out to Suzanne. Let's come together as a community to ensure that our new members' journey is truly welcoming and memorable!

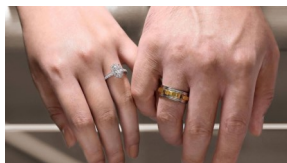
### Behold the remarkable achievements of Scouts!

St. B's collaborates closely with Scouts engaged in pursuing a variety of awards, including the prestigious Eagle Award. Have you had the chance to observe the beautifully crafted benches and chairs adorning the outside entrance to the church? Or perhaps you've noticed the benches thoughtfully placed near the Nursery entrance? These impressive installations are the result of recent projects successfully undertaken by dedicated Scouts. Notably, one Scout undertook the construction of a versatile rolling cart as part of his project. What's even more remarkable is that these Scout projects were accomplished without incurring any expenses for the parish.

Do you happen to know a Scout who is in search of a meaningful project? St. B's maintains a list of project ideas suitable for both boys and girls participating in Scouting programs. For further details and inquiries, please feel free to reach out to Suzanne.

## 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.



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



For more information and to complete the inquiry form please scan this qr code or contact Deacon Kevin at [woodvinek@stbchurch.org](mailto:woodvinek@stbchurch.org) or 281-486-0337 x104

## Preparing for Advent and Christmas? "The Gospel of Luke" Bible Study

Take a dive into the Nativity in preparation for Advent and Christmas!

Sessions begin on Tuesday, September 19, in the Marius Room.

Sessions at both 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

No registration needed, just bring your Bible!

Questions – contact Jason Honeycutt at

[honeycuttj@stbchurch.org](mailto:honeycuttj@stbchurch.org)



## Christian Action

### NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION:

Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Financial Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
Jul-23	176	849	484	\$1,735.03	318.5
Aug-23	64	293	12	\$757.44	268
Sept 1-10, 2023	12	49	0	\$725.90	29.5

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 Monday through Thursday from 9 - noon! You may also bring items to any of the *Beloved Program* evenings. Should you have questions regarding donations, please e-mail [christianaction@stbchurch.org](mailto:christianaction@stbchurch.org).

### YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...

- Deodorant
- Cereal
- Canned Tuna
- 1 pound bag of dry beans
- Toothpaste
- Canned pasta
- Toilet paper

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

## You're Invited to a Potluck Celebration!

Join us for a Potluck gathering filled with good food and great company. It's a perfect opportunity to share your favorite dishes and stories with others. Let's come together to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of meeting new people or catching up with friends, laughter, and food. We will also have interest sheets to sign up for future activities (Pickleball, movies, speakers, board games, basketball, crafts, etc.).



**Date:** Thursday, October 19

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Parish Life Center

Please bring a dish to share, whether it's your signature recipe, a treasured family favorite, or a purchased item such as pizza or fried chicken. We'll provide the drinks and utensils.

Please **RSVP** and sign up for a food item by October 12. RSVP to Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email [starons@stbchurch.org](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org) to help with planning.

Invite a friend! Let's make this potluck a memorable occasion! We look forward to seeing you there.

## Join Us for a Bow-Making Lesson!

Are you ready to add a creative touch to your gift-giving or decorating skills? We invite you to join us for a fun and informative bow-making lesson! Whether you're a beginner or just looking to enhance your bow-tying prowess, this session is perfect for everyone.

During this interactive workshop, you'll learn the art of creating beautiful bows for various occasions, from gift wrapping to holiday decorations. Our experienced instructor will guide you through the steps, providing tips and tricks to make your bows truly impressive.



**Date:** Thursday, October 19, at 12:30ish (the end of the Parish Potluck)

**Location:** Parish Life Center – Tasker Room

**Supplies to bring:** Spool of Wired ribbon- must be wired; 2.5" is good size and inexpensive scissors (such as in the school supply section or from the Dollar Store).

Come and discover the joy of crafting stunning bows that will add a special touch to your gifts and décor. We can't wait to see you there! For more information, please contact Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110.



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

September 17 - 23, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: All Parishioners  
 Sun. 8:30 am: John (JB) Mulvany+  
 Sun. 11:00 am: All Parishioners  
 Sun. 5:00 pm: All Parishioners  
 Mon. No Mass  
 Tues. 8:30 am: The ill and infirm  
 Wed. 7:00 pm: The homeless  
 Thurs. 8:30 am: US Service members  
 Fri. 8:30 am: Faithful Departed  
 Sat. No am Mass

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:**

Sophie McNamara, 09/17/2009; Ted Thompson, 09/18/1987; Marlene Goduto, 09/20/2000; Coleen Houser, 09/21/1992; Tex Morrison, 09/21/2002; Shellie Martin, 9/21/2018; Donald Miller, 09/22/1986; Marion Spears, 09/22/1997; Lollie Belle Bienvenu, 09/22/2003 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.

**St. B's Mass Intentions Available**

Requesting a Mass for loved ones, whether they are living or deceased, is a cherished Catholic tradition. You can ask the priest to offer a Mass for various reasons, such as thanksgiving, special intentions (like birthdays), or most commonly, for the peace of a departed soul.

To request a Mass Intention, please fill out the form at <https://www.stbchurch.org/mass-intentions>. A suggested Mass Intention donation of \$5.00 is appreciated but not obligatory.

**Blessing of the Animals**

St. Bernadette's blessing of the animals will be held on Wednesday, September 27 in the prayer circle located in the parking lot near Christian action.



We will have a table of remembrance 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Kevin at 281-486-0337 x104 or [woodvinek@stbchurch.org](mailto:woodvinek@stbchurch.org)



The final Baptism preparatory workshop for 2023 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 scan the qr code

**HEALING MINISTRY WORKSHOP AT ST. LAURENCE PARISH**

Marian Hall, Ave Maria Center  
 3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land 77479  
 October 7, Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

*The Hearts of Jesus and Mary* Prayer Group invites all to this workshop, led by Steve and Tim Kroeger of St. Ignatius of Loyola Church and Mathew Jacob of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. In this workshop you will learn how to more effectively pray for healing and overcome obstacles to emotional and physical healing. You will also receive healing prayer and a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and his gifts.

Register at no cost at <https://www.stlaurence.org/hearts-of-jesus-and-mary>

Registration is necessary, and participation will be limited to the first 250 registrants. We will not be able to accommodate last-minute walk-ins. Lunch will be provided.

For questions, call Deacon Rey at 713-854-8804 or Margie Calo at 281-980-4711.





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what's happening in the  
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