

# 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

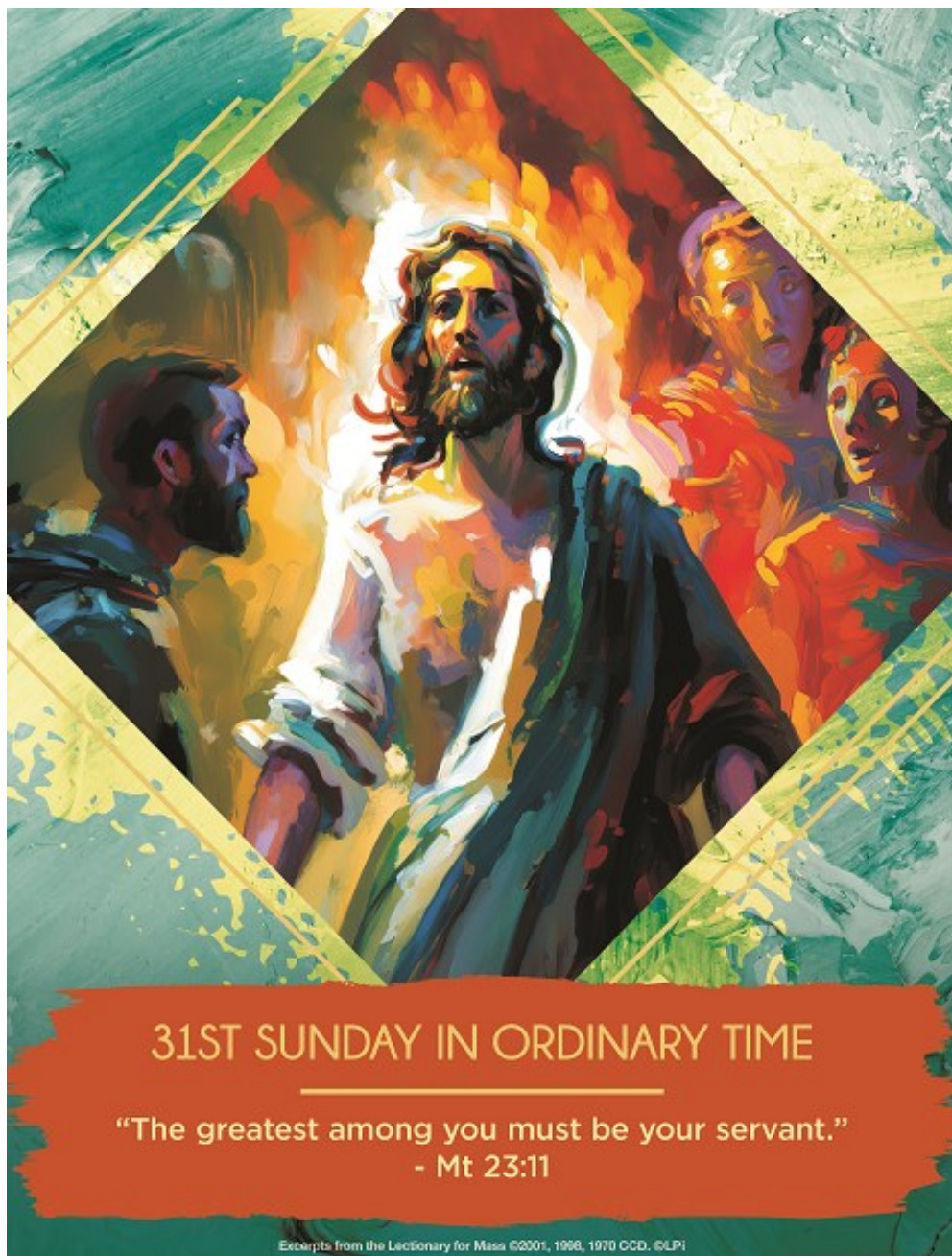
To begin the process of having your  
child baptized, please call the office  
or visit our website.

## 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.



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The greatest among you must be your servant."  
- Mt 23:11

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*Jesus challenged the crowds and his disciples to be as servants to each  
other, acting always in humility.  
How might you be a servant to someone at work or at home?*

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week** Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

**Monday:** Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday: Election Day** Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday: Veterans Day** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

## Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday Oct 22, 2023	\$ 25,901.43
Faith Direct**	<u>14,231.59</u>
Total Collection	\$ 40,133.02
Budget	<u>35,343.65</u>
Over budget	<u>\$ 4,789.37</u>

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

## Upcoming Second Collection:

November 19 – Campaign for Human Development

## 2023-Diocesan Services Fund as of Oct 24, 2023

Goal	\$ 143,000
Paid to Date	\$ 151,344
Over goal	\$ 8,344

*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 Picnic, Sunday, November 12

Meals Served 12-2 pm; Activities and Games for All Ages 1-3 pm

Mark your calendars and get ready for an unforgettable day of fun and fellowship! Our Parish Picnic is just around the corner, happening on Sunday, November 12. The BBQ meal kicks off at 12 noon, purchase your tickets now. The excitement continues with a variety of activities starting at 1 pm. Don't miss out on the festivities! We'll also pay a special tribute to our honored veterans.

## This is the Last Weekend to Buy Meal Tickets

You are welcome to bring your own meal, but if you wish to purchase BBQ, hamburger and hotdog meal tickets for the Parish Picnic this is the last weekend. Please note, **NO BBQ tickets will be available the day of the Picnic.** The last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, November 5. Buy tickets at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent>. A very limited number of hotdog and hamburger tickets will be available on the day for a higher price.

Meal Tickets will also be available after all the Masses on November 4/5. **Please bring exact cash.** 3 meat BBQ plate from Joe's BBQ is \$23. A hamburger or hotdog plate cooked by the Knights of Columbus is \$6.



## Parish Picnic Needs Volunteers

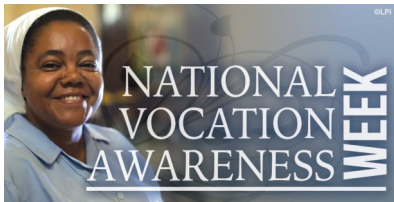
The parish Picnic, scheduled for Sunday, November 12, needs enthusiastic volunteers to help with areas such as setup/ take down, ice cream, popcorn, a children's game, etc. Adults, teens, and parent/child teams are needed. New volunteers are welcome to join the fun! Teen service hours are available. **Signup to volunteer at an area at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent>** Call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email [starons@stbchurch.org](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org) for more information.



## Blood Drive on Sunday, November 12 9:30-2:30 pm!

We're gearing up for a life-saving event, and we need your help! Our next Blood Drive is **Sunday, November 12, from 9:30-2:30 pm**, in the mini-hall. Your generous donation could make a world of difference for someone in need. Sign up for an appointment and get processed quicker at [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) use sponsor code 1121. Free blanket to successful donors! Together, we can give the gift of life. This drive is open to the community! Walk-in's welcome.

Invite a friend. For more information, please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110.



## First Monday Rosary

The St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus invites everyone to join us on Monday, November 6, at 7 pm in the church, to pray the Rosary.



The Rosary is a beautiful prayer and devotion of the Church. The repetition of the prayers in the rosary are meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each mystery. Each mystery is taken from the Gospels and leads us to a deeper understanding of who Christ is. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells.

All are welcome, even if this will be the first time you pray the Rosary or if you pray the Rosary daily.

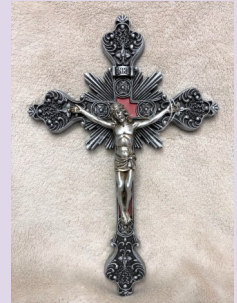


## Parish Gift Store Special Openings

The Gift Store will be open **Sunday, November 12** from 12-2 pm during the Picnic.

### Advent and Christmas Sale.

The Gift Store will have a special Advent Sidewalk Sale on Sunday, November 19 from 9:30-10:00 and 12:00-12:30 pm. Stop by to get an Advent wreath, gift item or something for yourself!



## Ladies Luncheon-Cultural Traditions

Join us for a Ladies luncheon on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 11:30 am at the Parish Life Center.

Bring your favorite dish that your family cooks to celebrate your cultural roots. Let's appreciate, enjoy and share our traditions.

If you need additional information, please call Carmen Moreno at 281-486-5186 or Mary Demeny at 281-488-3610. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Sweet Tooth Alert! Candy Donations Needed!

The Parish Picnic is on the hunt for individually wrapped candy. Got some leftover Halloween sweets? We'll take those too! Your candy donations will help make our Picnic extra sweet for everyone. Please drop candy off at the church office and **make sure to label it as "Picnic."** Thank you for your generosity!



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

We invite you all to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am in the Tasker Room of the Parish Life Center. As we knit and crochet the shawls, we pray that those who will receive them may receive God's healing and comfort. The prayer shawls are then delivered to those in need.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you know of anyone who would benefit from our prayer shawls, call Lillian Teixeira at 281-488-4412



## Adult Spiritual Life

### Waiting in Joyful Hope

#### An Advent Evening of Prayer and Reflection

Everyone is welcome to join us this evening as we reflect upon the Canticles in the Gospel of Luke

Presented by St. Bernadette Spiritual Life Committee  
Music by: Heather Finley, harpist

Monday, November 27 at 7 pm, St. Bernadette Catholic Church

### More than a women's bible study

In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are?



*Living in the Father's Love*, a brief but powerful Bible study, is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself.

Join Walking with Purpose as we begin this study in January 2024. To assist with planning, we ask you to please register by December 22, 2023.

### God's Plan for Love

#### St. Bernadette Engaged Couple's Retreat

January 19-20, 2024

For more information and to register please scan the QR code.



### St. Bernadette Men's Retreat

Joseph: Man of God

Saturday, January 27, 2024 in the PLC

Come and join us as we explore who the step-father to Jesus was and how he can be a role model for us today.

All attendees will receive the book: *Consecration to St. Joseph* by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC

Cost is \$50. Early bird price before January 8 is \$35. Seating is limited to 75 men.



Breakfast and a BBQ lunch is included.

For additional information and to register please scan the QR code. Questions: please contact Grant Bue, Phil Prasek or Deacon Kevin Woodvine.

### DIY Retreat

Considering take an afternoon or an entire day to spend time in God's creation by yourself, as a date with your beloved, or with your children, grandchild, nieces, nephews, or even your godchild.

You are welcome to scan the QR code below for additional information and how to begin *Pilgrimage into Nature* or pick up a booklet in the entry of the church building.

Any questions please contact Deacon Kevin at [woodvinek@stbhchurch.org](mailto:woodvinek@stbhchurch.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
Aug-23	64	293	12	\$757.44	268
Sep-23	63	286	3	\$2,046.86	153.5
Oct 1-25, 2023	72	315	0	\$2,233.86	155

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

### CHRISTIAN ACTION GIVING TREES COMING NEXT WEEKEND!

### YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Instant potatoes
- Toothbrushes (adult and children)
- Canned pasta
- Cereal
- Deodorant
- Canned vegetables

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



## Jr High and High School Faith Formation

### • JrH AND High School Information

#### Upcoming Dates:

- November 5 – No Faith Formation – Check your “Thursday email” for the link to the webpage and at-home lesson information.
- November 12 – Parish “Picnic” – come have a fun time
- November 19 - No Faith Formation - Thanksgiving Break
- November 20 – Brave/Expedition Camp Movie night – get in the mood for “Thy Kingdom Come”
- November 26 – No Faith Formation - Thanksgiving Break
- December 3 – Family Advent Celebration in the PLC
- **Brave The Wilderness Summer Camp**, for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, June 24-28, 2024 – Registration is open!! Use the qr code to access the information/registration page.
- **Did you get the Thursday emails? WE NEED YOUR HELP** – we are researching why some emails are not receiving our messages. Please help us out and let me know if you have not received them (check junk/spam also.) The more data we receive from our families, the better we can research the problem. Email \*\* me if you are not getting them. They are sent out on Thursdays.
- **How can I help?** The first step is to take Safe Haven, our safe environment approval process: <https://www.stbchurch.org/safe-environment-virtus> The next step is to email me [bartosm@stbchurch.org](mailto:bartosm@stbchurch.org)

\*[www.stbchurch.org](https://www.stbchurch.org) => Faith Formation => JrHigh 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

\*[www.stbchurch.org](https://www.stbchurch.org) => Faith Formation => High School

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





**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

NOVEMBER 5 THRU NOVEMBER 11, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Dorothea Przybyla+  
 Sun. 8:30 am: Cathy Blanchard+  
 Sun. 11:00 am: Frederico Pigatto+  
 Sun. 5:00 pm: All Parishioners  
 Mon. No Mass  
 Tues. 8:30 am: Serafin & Guadalupe Canales+  
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Rita & Frederick Lando+  
 Thurs. 8:30 am: Vu-Ho Family  
 Fri. 8:30 am: Rodney Johnson, Jr.+  
 Sat. No am Mass

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:**

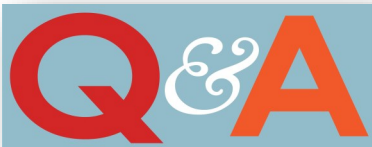
Glen De Valcourt, 11/05/1984; Lori Ann Justice, 11/06/1990; Mary Ledoux, 11/06/1998; Enrique Matias, 11/06/2015; Arnold Justice, 11/07/1992; Carmelo Asuncion, 11/07/2009; David Rich, 11/07/2018; Geraldine Graves, 11/08/1980; Rose Vetri, 11/08/2002; Mary Moore, 11/08/2006; Mildred Zucehowski, 11/10/2001; Fernando Frank, 11/10/2014; John Walters, 11/10/2020; Marie Ferraris, 11/11/1985 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.



*The flower arrangement on the altar was donated by John and Annie Frederick in honor of their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which they celebrated on October 21, 2023.*

**Join Our Team - Plant Maintenance Technician Wanted!**

St. Bernadette Catholic Church, a vibrant Catholic community, is looking for a full-time Plant Maintenance Technician. In this role, you'll be responsible for overseeing daily operations, including equipment, grounds, maintenance, safety, and HVAC systems. If you can tackle basic maintenance tasks like carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, and more, we'd love to hear from you. Be a part of our team; apply today! For the complete job description visit <https://www.stbchurch.org/job-openings>

**Question:**

Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

**Answer:**

All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.



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what's happening in the  
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