



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.



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You know neither the day nor the hour."

- Mt 25: 13

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*Wisdom is presented as a virtue seeking to be found. How might you
search for wisdom this week?*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



LAST CHANCE TO FILL OUT SURVEY!

Gathering this information is great way for us to plan for the future as well as improve the parish as a whole. We ask that every family participate in this vital endeavor. **We would like to hear from everyone. The deadline to fill out the survey is Tuesday, November 14!**

Surveys can be found in church and can be returned in the offertory basket or to the parish office. The survey can also be filled out online.

Go to the parish website: www.stbchurch.org. On home page, click on "Planning Study". You can also fill it out on your phone by scanning the QR code:



Your input is vital in shaping our plans and determining the future of our Catholic family for years to come. **Be assured that this questionnaire is highly confidential and not a formal solicitation.** It is geared however, to obtain and gauge the sentiments, attitudes, and support of our parishioners for the proposed capital campaign project.

For more information about the study, please contact the parish office, 281.486.0337 or email planningstudy@stbchurch.org

Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday Oct 29, 2023	\$ 13,170.62
Faith Direct**	<u>14,231.59</u>
Total Collection	\$ 27,402.21
Budget	<u>35,343.65</u>
(Under) budget	\$ (7,941.44)

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

Upcoming Second Collections

November 19 – Campaign for Human Development

2023-Diocesan Services Fund

As of Oct 31, 2023

Goal	\$ 143,000
Paid to Date	\$ 153,200
Over goal	\$ 10,200

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.


#iGIVECATHOLIC
NOVEMBER 28, 2023


SUPPORT YOUR PARISH!
Participate in #iGiveCatholic by donating on #GivingTuesday, Nov. 28

IT'S AS EASY AS ...

1

VISIT
iGiveCatholic.org

2

SEARCH
for your Parish

3

DONATE
\$10 or more

Give early! Advanced giving runs Nov. 13-27

Parish Picnic Today!

12-2 pm: Eat as a parish family. Limited number of meal tickets still available. Bring Your Own Food or Call Out for Food. Join us!

1-2 pm: Galveston Community Band in the Parish Life Center

1-3 pm: Adult Bingo, Kid's Bingo, Imagination Play Area, Football Watch Party, Games, Cake Walk, Karaoke, Giant Jenga, Popcorn, Ice Cream, Soda, Service Project, Ask the Coast Guard, Ask a Constable and more!

9:30-2:30 pm: Blood Drive

Fun for Everyone! Hope to see you there!

Blood Drive Today! Sunday, November 12 9:30 am - 2:30 pm



Stop by our Blood Drive today, **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. 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.

Parish Gift Store Special Openings

Advent and Christmas Sale. The Gift Store will have a special Advent Sidewalk Sale on Sunday, Nov. 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!



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



Adult Spiritual Life

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 am ; the third Saturday of the month at 7:45 am

Zoom times: Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 7:30 am. The Zoom link and additional information can be found by scanning the QR code.



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

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 or 281-486-0337 x104

Time and Talent

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

A Heartfelt Thank You!

To all our amazing volunteers who joined us for the recent Morning of Service – your hard work and dedication in refreshing the gazebo, cleaning tables, and helping with lawn care was truly outstanding. You've made our community even more beautiful. Thank you for being the difference!

P.S. We have not quite finished painting the gazebo and will be scheduling another Saturday workday soon. We are looking for a few adults to help for an hour or more to help paint the top part. Please call Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 if you could help or for more information.



A Big Picnic Thank You!

We extend our sincere gratitude to all those who generously donated supplies and prizes for our Church Picnic. Your support and contributions have truly made a significant impact on our event. Thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness. We appreciate you!

Children's Craft Service Activity-Thanksgiving Week

Calling all parent/child teams! Join us at the Parish Life Center on Monday, November 20, from 1 to 2 pm for a crafting session to create crafts for those who are in the hospital or homebound. A parent or guardian must accompany children. Teens are also welcome to participate and earn service hours. For additional details, please contact Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110.

Volunteer at Our Gift Store!

Join our team of dedicated adults and become a gift store volunteer. Volunteers help 1 Sunday a month from 9:15-10:30 am or help with special events such as sidewalk sales. Training is provided. Share your time and passion for helping others while enjoying a rewarding experience. Make a difference today! Contact Suzanne for more details at 281-486-0337 x110.



This Thanksgiving, call someone who is alone, bereaved, or going through a difficult time. Some people may be alone or going through a difficult time this Thanksgiving/holiday season. Reach out to him/her just to say *hello*. Even a 5-minute call can help someone feel connected and loved.

Make a Hope Bag. Hope Bags are gallon-size Ziploc bags that contain items that people who live on the street find useful. Bags are kept in the car, so when you encounter a person who is experiencing homelessness, you can offer the person a bag. Want to make bags, but don't feel safe giving them out? Drop them off at the Church's Time and Talent Office for others to distribute. To Make: Fill bags with any individually wrapped snacks such as breakfast or protein bars, peanut butter and cheese crackers, single-packaged nuts, Vienna sausage in pop-top can, bottled water or Gatorade. Other items can include: combs, hand lotion, lip balm, soap, hand sanitizer, toothbrush/toothpaste, plastic eating utensils, sunscreen, insect repellent and new socks. Please avoid items with alcohol such as mouthwash. Write a note of encouragement and include a Bible verse. Please also include: "For assistance with food, shelter, etc. call 211." Teens can earn 1 service hour for every 10 bags assembled and donated to the Time and Talent Office.

Lawn Care Volunteers Needed

Did you know our church lawn care is handled by dedicated volunteers? We're looking for more helping hands to beautify our grounds. We provide the equipment. Join us in mowing, edging, and weed eating – it's a great way to make a difference. We can even train you to use the riding lawn mower, if you are interested. Join a group just 1 time a month or as your schedule permits or come individually and work on an assigned task. Ready to help? Contact Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org. Let's keep our church looking its best together!



Chalk Message Project for All Ages. Now that the weather is cooler and people are going for walks, fill your driveway or sidewalk with positive chalk messages, Bible verses or drawings. As people in your neighborhood go for walks, they will enjoy your upbeat artwork.

Christian Action

NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION:
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.

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-23	75	328	1	\$2,582.07	197.5

Phone numbers for the food pantry: 832-915-5677, 832-915-5678

CHRISTIAN ACTION GIVING TREES ARE HERE!

YES, the Giving Trees are REALLY here! Christian Action wanted to give everyone the opportunity to get their shopping done early and benefit from all the deals that come up! The Giving Trees are out in the narthex of the church.

Here are the multiple ways you can be involved in the Christmas drives this year:

1. Christian Action partnered up with Hope Active and CCISD again to provide toys to children in the school district
2. Toy drive for Immaculate Heart of Mary, our twinning parish
3. Gift card drive for parents in CCISD
4. Sleeping Bag drive for The Mercy Tree
5. Adopted families from CHRISTUS Point of Light Clinic



The Christmas Giving Trees are adorned with paper ornaments that express Christmas wishes from children or organization. Please feel free to choose an ornament. Each will have a requested gift. If you are able to purchase a gift, please do. Please do not wrap the gifts, and attach the paper ornament to the gift.

You may bring the gift to the Mass you attend by **Sunday, December 3, 2023**, and place them in the Christian Action bin (there's a box attached to the bin for gift cards) or drop them off at the Christian Action office Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Thank you for all that you do. We are blessed to have parishioners so kind and generous as you!

CHRISTIAN ACTION WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 20-24, 2023. HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING!

Jr High and High School Faith Formation

• JrH AND High School Information

Upcoming Dates:

- November 12 – Parish “Picnic” – come have a fun time! See more info in the bulletin and the weekly emails
- 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 in the PLC
- **Brave The Wilderness Summer Camp, “Prepare the Kingdom”** for 7th-12th graders, June 24-28, 2024 – Registration is open!! Use the qr code to access the information/registration page.
- **Movie Night – for JrH and High School – “Prepare the Kingdom” themed movie.** Monday, November 20, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the PLC. Free will donation for pizza and snacks.
- **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

*www.stbchurch.org => Faith Formation => JrHigh 6th-8th

*www.stbchurch.org => Faith Formation => High School



Questions? ** email me bartosm@stbchurch.org Marianne Bartos, JrHigh FF

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 12 THRU NOVEMBER 18, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: John Koerschner+
 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: Ted Byington+
 Wed. 7:00 pm: John Koerschner+
 Thurs. 8:30 am: Kathleen Ann and Karen Marie Widmar+
 Fri. 8:30 am: Rodney Johnson, Jr.+
 Sat. No am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Kermit Applewhite, 11/12/1997; Louis Cutropia, 11/12/2007;
 Katherine Mayer, 11/13/1992; Irma Pierce, 11/13/2005; James
 Rodgers, 11/14/2004; Pamela McEnery, 11/15/1994; Russell
 Selle, 11/15/1997; Beverly Mervin, 11/16/1985; Lilia
 Dum Dumaya, 11/17/1989; Lilliam Washburn, 11/17/1990;
 Michael Barrett, 11/17/2002; Margaret Armstrong, 11/18/2015
 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.



October 26, 2023
 Claude F. Douglas



The 2024 schedule
 for the Baptism
 Workshop is:
 January 7, June 2,
 August 18, and
 October 20.

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



For more information and to register
 scan the QR code

Office of Child and Youth Protection Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

The Safe Environment compliance training and renewal training is a condition of employment and for volunteer ministry in our Archdiocese. All clergy, employees, contracted school personnel, volunteers, members of groups, movements, and organizations over the age of 18, who work, volunteer or participate in any capacity are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and a criminal background check before they may begin employment or volunteer activities. Mandatory renewal training must be completed every five years and a new background check submitted before the five-year expiration of prior training. The training is free and can be done from home. For more information, contact our Parish Safe Environment coordinator at safeenvironment@stbchurch.org

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP



For all I know this Everyday Stewardship reflection is the last one you will ever read. That's not because I fear you will no longer get something out of reading these. At least, I hope not! It is because Jesus may very well return by this time next week. Then there will be no more need for reflections like these in bulletins, on websites, or wherever else you are reading this. You think the odds are against this happening in the next few days? I can gamble from time to time but I guess this is not something I am willing to say won't happen for sure. We do believe Jesus will come again, don't we?

For all of us there are things we put off until tomorrow. Sometimes, that tomorrow never comes. We act like we have all the time in the world. However, time on this earth is for certain one thing that does not exist in unlimited supply. Death is the primary way earthly time ends for us. Yet there will come a time when Jesus returns and if you and I are still living at that time, I hope he finds us ready.

Are you ready for such an event? Have you taken seriously your decision to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Has that decision moved you to live a life of stewardship where all you have and are belongs to God? Or have you put all of that off to somewhere down the road? Chances are you will be reading next week's reflection and nothing too earth changing will have happened. But then, maybe, just maybe, this time is when we all lose that bet. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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what's happening in the
parish!

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