

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

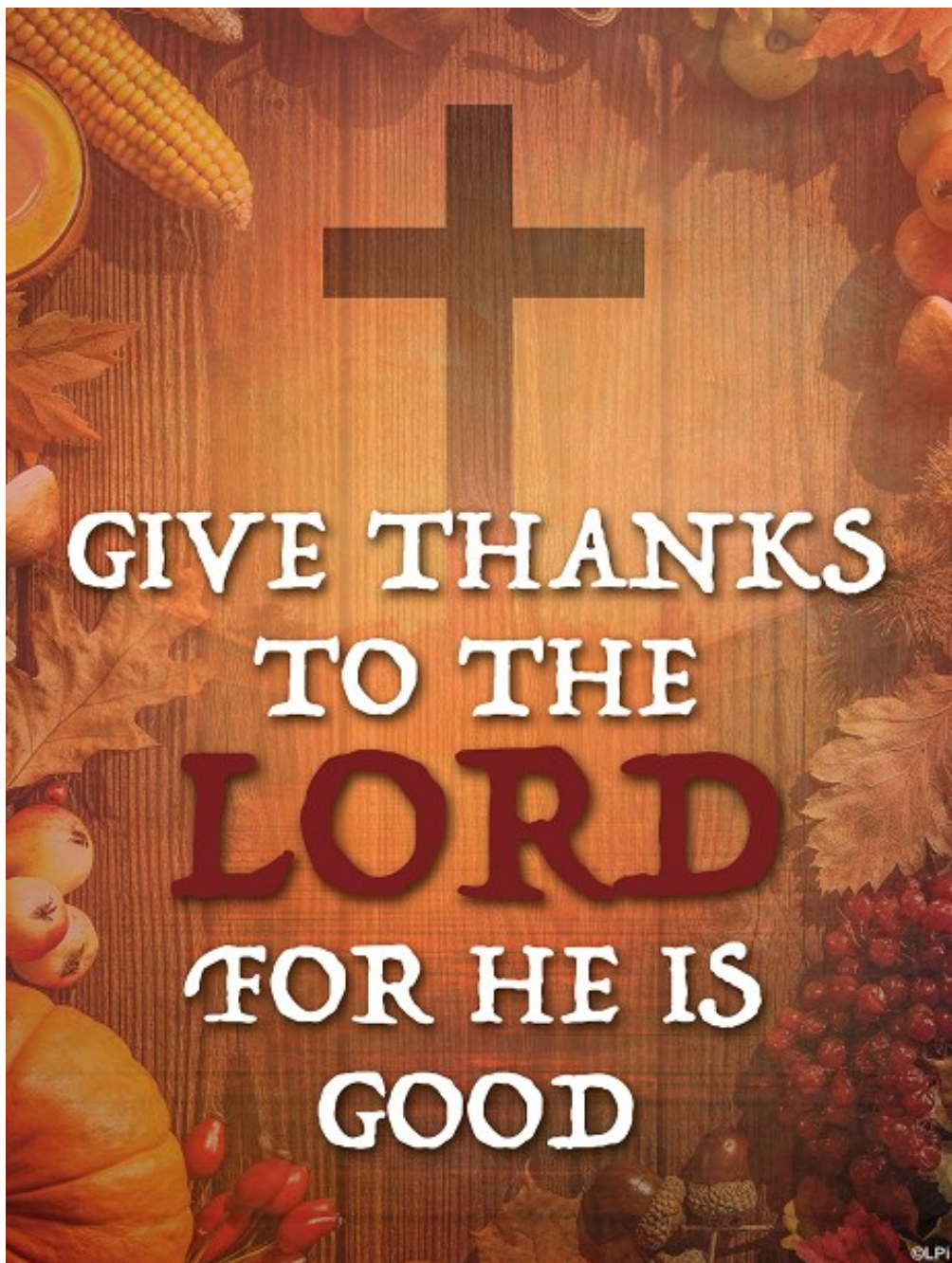
To begin the process of having your
child baptized, please call the office
or visit our website.

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.



*Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts
faithfully and prudently in the parable of the talents.
What gifts have you used well in your life?*



Readings for the Week

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

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6,
8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day 1 Mc 2:15-29/
Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16
and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Thanksgiving Eve Mass

THIS Wednesday, November 22 at 7 pm

Prepare for this holiday of gratitude and fellowship with your parish family, giving thanks to God for all that we have been given!

You are welcome to bring any food items you want blessed with you to Mass in preparation for your Thanksgiving celebrations!

There will NOT be Thursday daily Mass.



Christian Action

NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION:

Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Financial Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
Sep-23	63	286	3	\$2,046.86	153.5
Oct-23	75	328	1	\$2,582.07	197.5
Nov 1-6, 2023	96	475	423	\$0.00	122

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

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your heartfelt response to our annual Thanksgiving Drive! Your Christian Action will be helping over 200 families in the Clear Creek Independent School District, our twinning parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Denver Harbor, parishioners and friends in need in our community. It is exciting to be putting the great love of all parishioners in our St. Bernadette Family into ACTION! Thank you for your contributions and overwhelming kindness.

ST. B HAS THE BEST VOLUNTEERS!!!

Your Christian Action Clothes Quarters clothing distribution on November 3rd was amazing and the volunteers were a true blessing! We served 81 families, 423 individuals (209 adults and 214 children). Almost EVERYTHING went within 45 minutes! Volunteers graciously donated over 100 hours of their time. My heart is full of joy and gratitude! THANK YOU! We appreciate you.



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



#iGIVECATHOLIC
NOVEMBER 28, 2023



SUPPORT YOUR PARISH!

Participate in #iGiveCatholic by donating on #GivingTuesday, Nov. 28

IT'S AS EASY AS ...



VISIT

iGiveCatholic.org



SEARCH

for your Parish



DONATE

\$10 or more

Give early! Advanced giving runs Nov. 13-27

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.

St. Bernadette Early Childhood Connections strives to place each child in the best learning environment. Our teaching staff is highly qualified and strives to meet the individual needs of children.

January is a great time to start school!
Contact us today to schedule a tour.

Registration is open!

Scan the QR Code to find out more!



Current Families Registration Fee, Tuition Rates, and Class Options:

Registration Fee \$200.

2 days – Monday/Wednesday (1s & 2s ONLY) \$235.

2 days Tuesday/Thursday. \$240.

3 days Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday \$345.

4 days Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday \$400.

5 days Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday (Pre-K 3s & 4s ONLY) \$465.

Ages 1-year-old to 5 years-old 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. All classes must have a minimum for the class to be offered.

Discounts: Sibling Discount: 10% off total tuition of all children in the same family.

Family Discount: Non-Refundable Registration Fee. First Child = \$200, Second child in family = \$125, All other children in family = \$50.

Military Discount: 10% off total amount of tuition with proof of Active Military ID Card

Extended Day Options:

Breakfast Bunch, 8:00-9:00 am. For an additional fee.

MAGIC 1-2 pm OR 1-3 pm For an additional fee

Jennifer Nevins 281-486-0337 x114, 832-915-5700
nevinsj@stbchurch.org www.stbchurch.org

2023 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

AT ST. BERNADETTE

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 3

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Waiting in Joyful Hope

Monday, November 27

7:00 pm in the Church

ADVENT PENANCE NIGHT

7:00 pm Tuesday, December 5

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will **not be offered at St. B's on the Wednesdays of Advent.*

Please take advantage of the opportunities throughout Advent at our area churches at 7 pm:

November 28	St. Paul
December 4	Mary Queen
December 13	St. Luke
December 14	St. Helen
December 19	St. Mary, League City
December 20	St. Hyacinth
Wednesdays at St. Clare from 7 am – 8:15 am and Thursdays from 6 – 7 pm	

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 7 - 7:00 pm Vigil Mass

Friday, December 8 - 8:30am Mass

Parish Offices Closed

LESSONS & CAROLS: AN ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, December 17

3:30 pm in the Parish Life Center

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23 - 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24 - 10:00 am Mass

SOLEMNITY of CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 24 - *Christmas Eve*

4:30 pm Church Mass - 4:45 pm PLC Mass

7:00 pm Church Mass

10:00 pm Church Mass

Monday, December 25 - *Christmas Day*

8:30 am Church Mass

SOLEMNITY of MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2023 - 10:00 am Mass

not an obligation this year

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

Time and Talent

Contact Suzanne Staron at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org 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 p.m. 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 call Suzanne.



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 a.m. 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! Call Suzanne for more details.

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 weedeating – 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? Call or email Suzanne. 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.

Beautifying the Community and Parish Grounds. Picking up litter can be a fun, simple, free activity that can have instant results for your Parish and your community. Take a few moments to walk around the beautiful and peaceful Church grounds and pick up sticks, pine cones and trash. Or as you go out for walks in your neighborhood, take a bag and some gloves and pick up trash along the way.

Local Opportunity: Provide a Lunch to those in Need this Holiday Season. This holiday season, extend a helping hand by providing a lunch for 20 local individuals in need through the Mercy Tree. Whether you're an individual, a family, or a small group, everyone is welcome to volunteer. Make it a family affair and involve all members in this act of kindness. You can either prepare or pick up a simple meal for 20 individuals. Your meal can be as straightforward as sandwiches or hotdogs or as gourmet as you'd like. As of now, they have several available dates in December, including Christmas Day. To get involved, visit <https://www.themercytree.org/volunteer-1.html>

Donate Blood. St. B's just hosted a blood drive, however; there is still a need for blood. A donation center is right down the street on Clear Lake City Blvd. You can give them code 1121 and St. B's will get credit for your donation. giveblood.org sponsor code 1121

Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen serves food to the homeless. Volunteers are needed to help provide a free hot lunch to about 400 chronically hungry guests daily (except Mondays), and breakfast on the weekends. Please call 713 824-0344 between 8 am and 11 am, Tuesday through Sunday, or email lcronin@mhouston.org, to help. Soup Kitchen located at 2009 Congress.

Pre-K Faith Formation

Gospel Weeklies

Whole Family Catechesis (WFC)
PreK Faith Formation
Pflaum FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM 2 ½ to PreK 5 years old

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving Break. No meeting in classrooms for all Pre-K classes on November 19 and 26. All Pre-K classes are invited to a Whole Family Catechesis event on December 3 at 4:00 pm in the Parish Life Center. The theme is Advent. No in person classes the morning of December 3.

At-home Pflaum Gospel Weeklies handout, coloring/activity pages can be found in your child's class folder. Additional resources can be found at <https://www.pflaum.com/>.

Call Aurora Summa at 281-486-0337 x 254 or email at 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 hours.

Greetings and blessings to all St. Bernadette Families!

I pray you all enjoy the season and time together!
Enjoy the prayer below and I am looking forward to seeing you at our Advent event December 3 at 4 pm in the PLC (Parish Life Center)

Thanksgiving Prayer

Good and gracious God, we give You thanks today, as we do all days, first and foremost for the gift of creation and the gift of life. We ask You to bless this food, that it may nourish us and sustain us, and strengthen our ability to do Your will.

We pray in thanksgiving for all the hands involved in bringing it to our table. You tell us, Lord, that to whom much is given, much is expected.

May this meal and the fellowship we enjoy not only serve as clear reminders of Your love of us, but of Your call for us to share Your love and to serve our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need.

We ask this as we ask all things, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Elementary Faith Formation

Advent - Afternoon Only - PLC and Gym
Dec. 10 Morning/Afternoon
Dec. 17 Lessons and Carols
Jan. 21 Morning/Afternoon
Jan. 28 Morning/Afternoon
Feb. 4 Lent - Afternoon Only - PLC and Gym
Feb. 18 Morning/Afternoon
Feb. 25 Morning/Afternoon
Mar. 24 Stations of the Cross - Afternoon Only, PLC Only
Apr. 14 Morning/Afternoon
Apr. 28 Morning/Afternoon
May 5 May Crowning After All Masses

Times:

K-5th Grade Morning = 9:40 – 10:45 am
K-12th Grade Afternoon = 4:00 – 4:50 pm

Jr High and High School Faith Formation

JrH AND High School Information

Upcoming Dates:

- 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.

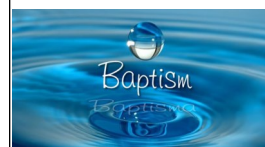
Monday, November 20, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the PLC. Free will donation for pizza and snacks.

- **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



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 please scan the QR code



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 19 THRU NOVEMBER 25, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: John Koerschner+
 Sun. 8:30 am: Rita and Frederick Lando+
 Sun. 11:00 am: Cathy Blanchard+
 Sun. 5:00 pm: All Parishioners
 Mon. No Mass
 Tues. 8:30 am: Dorothea Przybyla+
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Rodney Johnson, Jr.+
 Thurs. 8:30 am: All Parishioners
 Fri. 8:30 am: All Parishioners
 Sat. No am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Angelina Hopkins, 11/19/1989; Martin Woelkers, 11/19/1998; Celeste Crespo, 11/19/2003; Vera Melinder, 11/19/2007; Anna D'Amico, 11/19/2008; Robert Mueller, 11/19/2008; Kathleen Rivard, 11/20/1989; Beverly Paul, 11/20/2016; Doris Carter, 11/21/2002; George Weller, 11/21/2003; Gerald Wobbe, 11/21/2018; Barbara Thompson, 11/22/1990; Joseph McConnell, 11/22/1995; Laura Mantrom, 11/22/1995; Margaret White, 11/22/1998; Clarence Barton, 11/23/1992; Barbara Gillis, 11/23/2022; Donna Timmermeyer, 11/24/1990; Willis Drake, 11/25/1997; Basilisa Rabang, 11/25/2001; Lloyd MacDougal, 11/25/2003; Lorraine Manha, 11/25/2013 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.

Adult Spiritual Life**More than a women's bible study.**

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



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?

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.

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.



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

Questions: please contact Grant Bue, Phil Prasek or Deacon Kevin Woodvine.

Pilgrimage into Nature

Are you looking for a way to draw yourself and your loved ones closer to God? Consider spending time on a pilgrimage into nature.

You are welcome to scan the QR code 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

**Join us at the Gala**

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2023
 Time: 6 pm to Midnight (childcare ends at 11)
 Place: Parish Life Center

Attire: Semi-Formal; optional Kentucky Derby Inspired

Early Bird Tickets \$90 through November
 Price goes up to \$100 December 1.
 January 1 Tickets are \$125

**Get your tickets by November 30
 for the early bird ticket price!**



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what's happening in the
parish!

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