

# 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

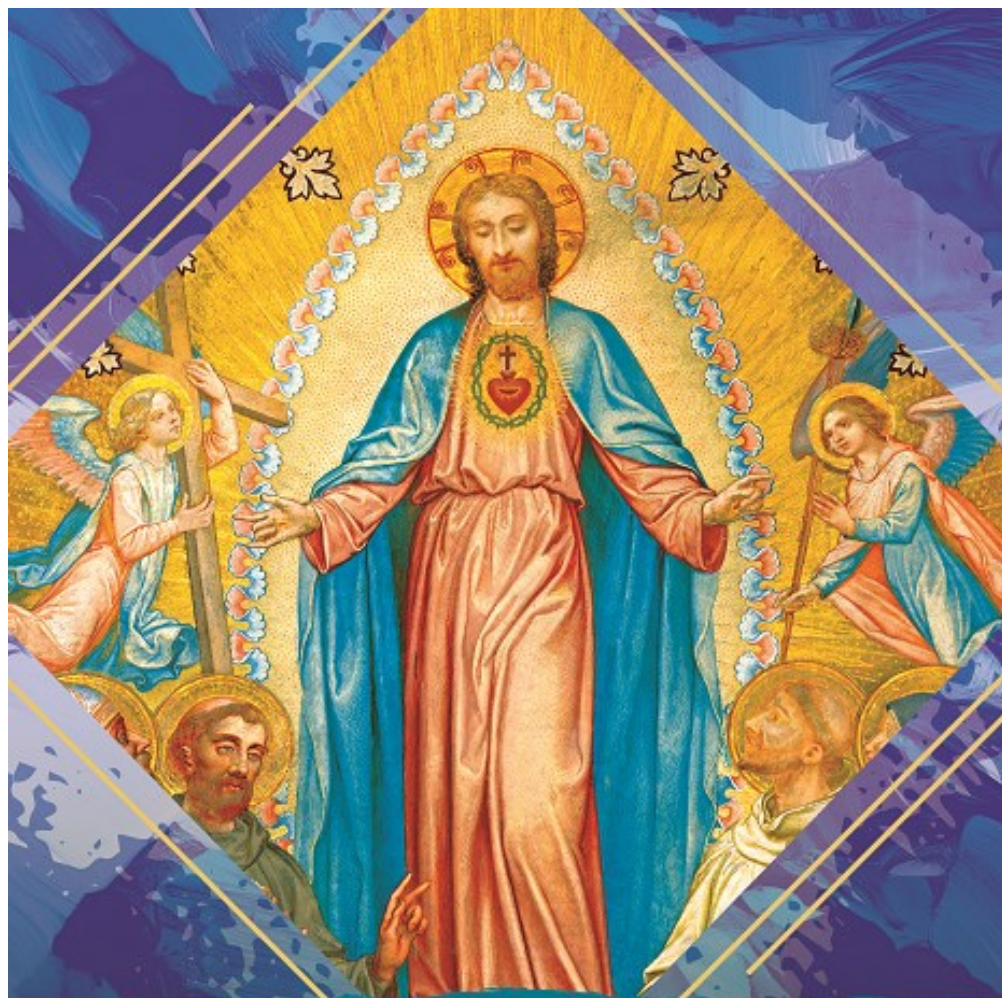
To begin the process of having your  
child baptized, please call the office  
or visit our website.

## 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.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the  
least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40

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*Paul teaches the Corinthians how believers are destined to share  
in resurrected life with our Lord Jesus Christ. What do you  
imagine resurrected life with Christ will look like?*

## Readings for the Week

**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

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

**Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



## Saint Bernadette Monthly Breakfast

Please join your fellow parishioners for breakfast on Sunday, December 3, after the 8:30 am Mass in the Parish Life Center.

Breakfast is prepared and served by the St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus Council 10959.



All proceeds go to the parish.

## Faith Commitment of Treasure

|                     | <u>Sunday Nov. 5, 2023</u> | <u>Sunday Nov. 12, 2023</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Regular Collection  | \$ 23,161.12               | \$ 13,712.62                |
| All Saints          | 1,808.00                   | 115.00                      |
| Faith Direct**      | <u>14,231.59</u>           | <u>14,231.59</u>            |
| Total Collection    | \$ 39,200.71               | \$ 28,059.21                |
| Budget              | <u>35,343.65</u>           | <u>35,343.65</u>            |
| Over (Under) budget | \$ <u>3,857.06</u>         | \$ <u>(7,284.44)</u>        |

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

**Upcoming Second Collection:** Dec 8 – Retirement Fund for Religious

**2023-Diocesan Services Fund** As of Nov 14, 2023

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Goal         | \$ 143,000 |
| Paid to Date | \$ 158,059 |
| Over goal    | \$ 15,059  |

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.

## 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](mailto:nevinsj@stbchurch.org) [www.stbchurch.org](http://www.stbchurch.org)





## Christian Action

## NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION:

| Date           | Families | Individuals | Indiv. Clothing | Financial Assistance | Volunteer Hours |
|----------------|----------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Sep-23         | 63       | 286         | 3               | \$2,046.86           | 153.5           |
| Oct-23         | 75       | 328         | 1               | \$2,582.07           | 197.5           |
| Nov 1-13, 2023 | 111      | 552         | 423             | \$1,132.66           | 180             |

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!****DUE NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 2-3, 2023!**

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 organizations. 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.



Bless a family in need this Christmas!

You may bring the gift(s) 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!

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

- Instant potatoes
- 1lb bag of laundry detergent
- Canned pasta
- Cereal
- Deodorant
- Canned vegetables

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

**2023 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS****AT ST. BERNADETTE****1<sup>ST</sup> 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 - 8:30 am Mass**

*Parish Offices Closed*

**LESSONS & CAROLS:  
AN ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE**

**Sunday, December 17**

**3:30 pm in the Parish Life Center**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Saturday, December 23 - 5:00 pm Vigil Mass**

**\*Sunday, December 24 - 10:00 am Mass**

*\*Please note: We will not have the regular Mass schedule on December 24. **The 10 am Mass will be the only Mass in the morning on December 24.***

**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*

## Time and Talent Service Opportunities

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

### Decorate the Parish Grounds with Christmas Lights

Adults and parent/child teams can help decorate bushes and parish grounds with Christmas lights. Weather permitting, we will



decorate Saturday, December 2, in the morning. Rain date, Saturday, December 9. To sign up please call Suzanne.

### Scout Day of Service

St. B's Time and Talent is offering various projects for the BSA Day of Service on Saturday, December 9. The BSA Day of Service is a new program; it is an opportunity for Scouting families across the 16 counties served by the Sam Houston Area Council to participate in unit-developed service projects to benefit the local community.

### Snowman Crafts

Here are 2 simple craft ideas. Make a no-sew snowman or make a cotton ball snowman for individuals who are in the hospital during the holidays. Instructions can be found at: <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent>

service activity section. If making crafts for parishioners or local hospital patients, please drop them off to the Time and Talent office by December 17. Teens can earn 1 service hour for making 10 no-sew snowmen that are dropped off at the parish.



### Electronic Recycling Day

Have old electronics that need recycling? Drop your items off at the Ellington Airport/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center on Saturday, December 10, 2023 from 9-3 pm. Recycle televisions, computers,

monitors, printers, hard drives and other electronic devices at no cost. For more information visit: <https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/clearlake.html> Consider reaching out to a neighbor or friend during this season and taking their unwanted electronics as well.

### Beautify the Parish Grounds or a local Park

This is a way for you or your family to spread kindness and help our community either with a group or on your own, anytime, anywhere! Grab a trash bag and pair of gloves and pick up trash at the parish or a local park. If you want to volunteer with other parish volunteers, please come any Saturday morning around 8 a.m. to the garage in the back parking lot\*. You are also welcome to come on your own as your schedule permits to clean up the parish grounds. Thank you for helping to keep our grounds looking nice and clean!

\*Teens can earn a service hour for picking up trash with a parent/guardian on Saturday morning.

### Mow, sweep, rake, etc.

All of the parish grounds care is completed by our fantastic parish volunteers. Could you help mow, edge, rake, or sweep? Adult volunteers meet at 8 a.m. on Saturdays in the garage in the back parking lot. New volunteers are always welcome. Help as your schedule permits. For more information, please call or email Suzanne.

### Mercy Tree—Feed the local

**homeless a hot meal.** Individuals, families or small groups can volunteer to provide a meal for those in need. Cook or pick up a simple meal for 20 individuals. Some dates in December are still available. Check the open dates and locations at: <https://www.themercytree.org/volunteer-1.html>

Email [volunteer@themercytree.org](mailto:volunteer@themercytree.org) for more information or to signup.

### Make a Holiday Blessing Bag

Blessing 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/protein bars, peanut butter or cheese crackers, single-packaged nuts, Vienna sausage in pop-top can, potted meat or tuna packets, bottled water or Gatorade. Add a few other items such as: a warm cap, new socks, hand warmers, warm gloves, combs, hand lotion, lip balm, soap, hand sanitizer, toothbrush/toothpaste, plastic eating utensils, sunscreen, and insect repellent. 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." You can drop items off at the parish office and label for Time and Talent so it get's to the right place. Teens can earn 1 service hour for every 10 bags made.

### Interested in Volunteering and Getting Involved, but Not Sure Where?

We can help you explore a variety of volunteer opportunities with various time commitments. No pressure. Call or email Suzanne to learn more.

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

## Pre-K Faith Formation

# Gospel Weeklies

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

No meeting in classrooms for all Pre-K classes on November 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](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 hours.



## 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@stbchurch.org](mailto:woodvinek@stbchurch.org) or 281-486-0337 x104



## WFC, Jr High and High School Faith Formation

• **Welcome to Christopher Sentmanat!** Christopher is our new Director of High School Faith Formation! We are blessed to have him on our Faith Formation Team! Feel free to send him an email\*\* and keep him in your prayers. Watch your emails for more information on extra event and activity opportunities!

**•JrH AND High School Information**

Upcoming Dates:

- ⇒ November 26 – No Faith Formation - Thanksgiving Break
- ⇒ December 3 – **Family** Advent Celebration in the PLC – Families are invited to meet in the PLC at 3:45 to get ready for a prayerful, beautiful Advent season!
- ⇒ December 10 – Regular Faith Formation - meet in the gym.
- ⇒ December 17 – Lessons and Carols PARISH FAMILY EVENT – 3:30 – 5:45 in the PLC

• **Brave The Wilderness Summer Camp, "Prepare the Kingdom"**

for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, June 24-28, 2024 – Registration is open!! Use the qr code to access last year's video, more information and registration.



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

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

\*\*[bartosm@stbchurch.org](mailto:bartosm@stbchurch.org) Marianne Bartos, JrHigh FF 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

\*\*[sentmanatc@stbchurch.org](mailto:sentmanatc@stbchurch.org) Christopher Sentmanat, High School FF, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 26 THRU DECEMBER 2, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Harold and Betty Buckley+  
 Sun. 8:30 am: Tivo Perez+  
 Sun. 11:00 am: Margaret and Mike Widmar+  
 Sun. 5:00 pm: All Parishioners  
 Mon. No Mass  
 Tues. 8:30 am: Leslie Pennington+  
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Merle Thomas Carlson+  
 Thurs. 8:30 am: Mark Correo+  
 Fri. 8:30 am: Rodney Johnson, Jr.+  
 Sat. No am Mass



## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Sandra Jacobs, 11/27/1981; Edwin George, 11/27/2002; Theresa Dittmann, 11/27/2005; Maria Schmidt, 11/27/2006; Sam Long, 11/27/2019; June Hyer, 11/29/1980; Stephinie Stout, 11/29/1989; Maurizio Paolini, 11/29/1998; Rodolfo Dum Dumaya, 11/30/2014; Clarence Vincent, 12/02/1991; Troy Bacon, 12/02/1991; Alfred Morrey, 12/02/2017 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.

## Waiting in Joyful Hope

An Advent Evening of Prayer and Reflection

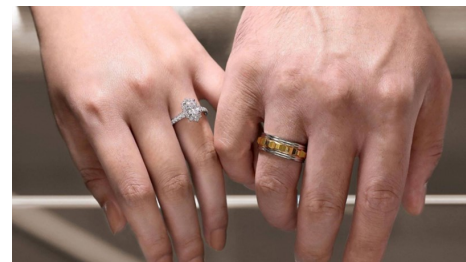
Everyone is welcome to join us this evening as we reflect upon the Canticles in the Gospel of Luke

Presented by St. Bernadette Spiritual Life Committee

Music by: Heather Finley, harpist

Monday, November 27 at 7 pm

St. Bernadette Catholic Church



Marriage is a life-long commitment and we want your relationship to be a joy-filled one for many years to come.

For more information and to begin the preparation to receive the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, please complete the inquiry form by scanning the QR code below or contact Deacon Kevin at [woodvinek@stbchurch.org](mailto:woodvinek@stbchurch.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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happening in the parish

[www.stbchurch.org](http://www.stbchurch.org)

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