

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

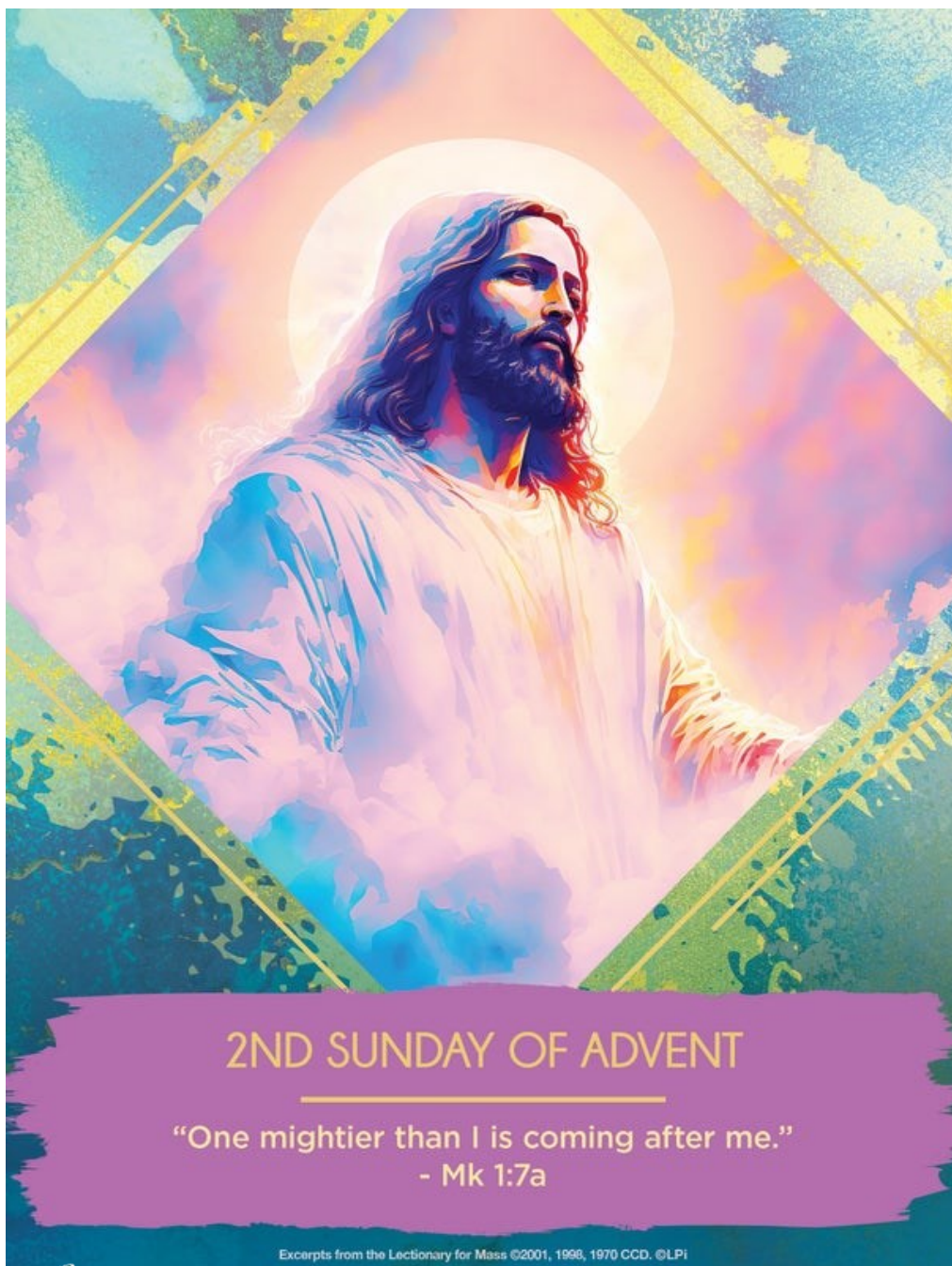
To begin the process of having your
child baptized, please call the office
or visit our website.

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.



*Fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed the arrival of
Jesus, "one mightier than I...(who) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
Where do you sense the Holy Spirit present in your life?*

Welcome to St. Bernadette

The prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist call through the ages: "Prepare the way of the Lord!" This second Sunday of Advent we gather to do just that. Welcome.



Readings for the Week

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday Nov. 26, 2023	\$ 14,194.00
Faith Direct**	15,120.35
Total Collection	\$ 29,314.35
Budget	35,343.65
(Under) budget	\$ (6,029.30)

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

Upcoming Second Collection:

January 28 – Bishops' Fund for Latin America

2023-Diocesan Services Fund As of Nov 28, 2023

Goal	\$ 143,000
Paid to Date	\$ 159,768
Over goal	\$ 16,768

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.

2023 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. BERNADETTE

ADVENT PENANCE NIGHTS

**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:

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

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

*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)

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 our presenter, Bruce Williamson, will help us explore who the step-father to Jesus was and how he can be a role model for us today.

Cost is \$50. Early bird price before January 8 is \$35. Seating is limited to 75 men. All attendees will receive the book: Consecration to St. Joseph by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC.



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

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 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 mornings 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 morning at 7:30 am.

The Zoom link and additional information can be found by scanning the QR code.



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-23	153	721	425	\$1,363.67	299

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

FRIENDLY REMINDER!

Here at Christian Action, we appreciate all the donations you provide and keeping us in mind when you go to the grocery store! Just a friendly reminder that the green bin in the Narthex of the Church, labeled "Christian Action", is for your convenience to drop off items for **CHRISTIAN ACTION**. Please **DO NOT** use this bin as a "dumpster". Please see below a list of items we distribute in the food pantry. We **DO NOT** accept expired food items, glass containers, large items or furniture. In the clothing pantry, we accept gently used or new clothing and shoes. We don't have the space or capacity to accept household items, toys or large furniture.

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| • Cereal | • Tuna | • Bar Soap |
| • Chili, canned | • Instant Potatoes | • Deodorant |
| • Bagged Rice | • Cooking Oil | • Cleaning Products |
| • Dry Beans | • Eggs | • Dish Detergent |
| • Canned Vegetables | • Butter/Margarine | • Laundry Detergent |
| • Ravioli/SpaghettiOs | • Fresh produce and fruit | • Diapers All Sizes (Especially Size 4, 5 and 6) |
| • Fruit Juice | • Meat/Chicken | • Diaper wipes |
| • Soup | • Bread | • Adult Diapers (any size) |
| • Peanut Butter | • Milk | • Feminine Hygiene Products |
| • Jelly | • Oatmeal | |
| • Macaroni & Cheese | • Granola Bars | |
| • Pasta | • Shampoo | |
| • Pasta Sauce | • Tooth Brush/Tooth Paste | |
| | • Toilet Paper | |

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

**CHRISTIAN ACTION WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 22, 2023-JANUARY 2, 2024.
HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

Time and Talent Service Opportunities

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

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 9, 2023 from 9:00 am - 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.

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.



Make a Cheer Bag

Brighten the day of someone who needs some cheer this Christmas with a Cheer Bag. Engage the whole family in this heartwarming activity. Use a holiday-themed lunch sack or decorate a lunch sack, and fill it with 3-4 items such as: travel-sized hand lotion, lip balm, hot chocolate, packaged cookies, an ornament, fun head band boppers, puzzle book or adult color book with colored pencils. Include a Christmas card (homemade cards are great, too) that says, *We care about you! Merry Christmas from your friends at St. Bernadette Church* or something similar. Deliver the bag directly to someone you know that needs some cheer or drop it off at the Time and

Talent Office for distribution. Your small act of kindness can make a significant difference in bringing Christmas cheer to someone.

Crafts to Spread Joy

If you're a crafter eager to share small crafts and bring cheer to others who may be going through a difficult time this Christmas, please drop off your creations at the Time and Talent Office by December 14, 2023. Your creative contributions will surely bring joy to others this Christmas.

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 gets to the right place. Teens can earn 1 service hour for every 10 bags made.



Cookie Baking for First Responders!

Let's bake cookies for First Responders and make cards to show our appreciation! Join this fun cooking activity and say thank you to our community heroes! Drop off your cookies to the local police, constable, EMS, hospital workers and fire fighters. Please be sure to call ahead to ensure that they are able to accept home-baked goods.



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.

The Houston Food Bank has many volunteer opportunities this holiday season, including kid-friendly projects, which can vary from inspecting and sorting food, to packing food into family-sized bags, to stocking the Emergency Food Pantry. Children as young as age 6 can volunteer alongside a parent or guardian. Volunteer shifts are available daily, but hours vary. Sign up at: <https://www.houstonfoodbank.org/ways-to-give/give-time/volunteerwithhfb/>

City Wide Club Christmas Eve

Feast needs volunteers for the annual feast held at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Volunteer shifts are available in the morning and afternoon on December 22 and 23. Volunteers age 16+ can help with meal prep or the feast. Sign up at <https://citywideclub.com/volunteer-registration/>



Pre-K Faith Formation

Gospel Weeklies

Pflaum FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Whole Family Catechesis (WFC)

Pre-K Faith Formation 2 ½ to PreK 5 years old

WFC PreK FF families are invited to a Christmas Pageant in the Mini Hall on December 10. Pageant schedules are as follows: 9:30 am (for 8:30am class), 10:15 am (for 9:40 am class), and 4:20 pm (for 4 pm class). Please remember your camera.

On December 17, no meeting in the classrooms, all PreK families are invited to a special parish festival of Lessons and Carols at 3:30 pm in the Parish Life Center! The Festival is a service of Scripture and song. We will listen to Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News.

No meeting in the classrooms on December 24, December 31, and January 7. See you in the classrooms on January 14, 2024.

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.

WFC, Jr High and High School Faith Formation

Upcoming Dates:

December 10 – Regular Faith Formation - meet in the gym at 3:45 for our opening activity.

⇒ **JrHigh** – Parents, walk your JrHigher into the gym and sign them in. At 4:50, go to their small group leader and sign them out of small group.

⇒ **High School** – If picking up, park in a parking spot in the back parking lot.

December 17 – Lessons and Carols PARISH FAMILY EVENT – 3:30 – 4:45 in the PLC

December 24, 31, January 7 – No Faith Formation

January 14 – Circle of Grace – at home lesson

January 21 – Regular Faith Formation, Sunday at 3:45.

•**Brave The Wilderness Summer Camp, “Prepare the Kingdom”** for 7th-12th graders, June 24-28, 2024 – Registration is open!! **Spots are limited** so register today with your down payment to hold your place. Use the qr code to access last year's video, more information, and registration.



•**“The Run For The Roses”** is the theme for this year's Gala! **We need help creating a gift basket for the Gala silent auction** – JrH and High School are creating a “Manly Themed Basket”. Gift cards to hardware stores, specialized tools, etc are needed! Check your Thursday email for more ideas. Deadline for items is January 21, 2024.

•**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>

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

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

**bartosm@stbchurch.org Marianne Bartos, JrHigh FF 6th-8th

**sentmanatc@stbchurch.org Christopher Sentmanat, High School FF, 9th-12th

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 tuition for 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 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

nevinsj@stbchurch.org

281-486-0337 x114 or 832-915-5700

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

DECEMBER 10 THRU DECEMBER 16, 2023

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Theresa Ray+
 Sun. 8:30 am: Mario Garcia
 Sun. 11:00 am: Jan Perry Vincent Yap+
 Sun. 5:00 pm: All Parishioners
 Mon. No Mass
 Tues. 8:30 am: Alfred Eugene Hagan+
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Mario Garcia
 Thurs. 8:30 am: JoAnn M. Jackson+
 Fri. 8:30 am: Dorothy+ and Herman Rabert+
 Sat. No am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Leland Derrick Jr., 12/10/1989; Frederick Johnston Sr., 12/10/1995; Anita Kumar, 12/11/2013; Ralph McNamara, 12/12/1999; Cecelia Gonzales, 12/12/2005; Isrrael Gonzales, 12/12/2016; Richard Carnes 12/13/1978; Roger Thomas, 12/14/1999; Tony Garcia, 12/14/2015; Rose Raborn, 12/15/1992; John Simon, 12/15/2006; Jesse Dollar, 12/16/1990; Judith Newcomer, 12/16/1994; James Rodrigues, 12/16/1999; James White, 12/16/2006 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.

Interested in Child Care here at St. B's?

St. B's Early Childhood Connections is always striving to create a program that provides for the social, emotional, spiritual, and educational development of our children. To that end, we also focus on our families' needs and financial considerations.

With annual Registration approaching, we would appreciate your feedback regarding how the program is structured including the days and times of our program. Our hope is to meet the needs of others in our parish and the community. Maybe your children could attend if there were a few changes to the hours.

If you have children ages 1-5 years old, please consider completing the survey to help us make decisions for the 2024-2025 school year.

Scan the QR code to participate. The Password is ECCSurvey2023

Please complete the survey asap.
 Deadline is December 20.



We appreciate your opinion to help us shape the future of the program!

The floral arrangement at the shrine honoring the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is in remembrance of the beloved deceased members of the Legion of Mary and the active members of the Legion of Mary.

**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.

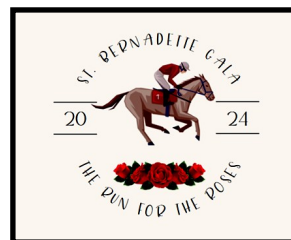


Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

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



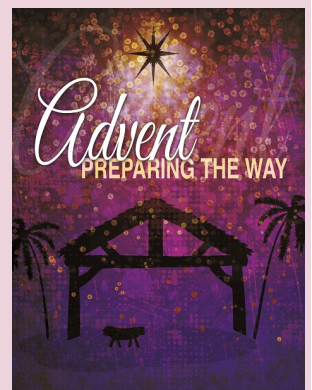
Tickets are \$100.
Jan. 1 Tickets are \$125

Get your tickets by
 December 31 for a good deal.

Advent Prayer

Dear Lord, Open our eyes
 to the people
 You have specifically placed
 in our path
 so that we can speak healing
 and comfort to them.

Help us to prepare
 for the coming
 of Your kingdom, together.
 Amen.



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happening in the parish