

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, and 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

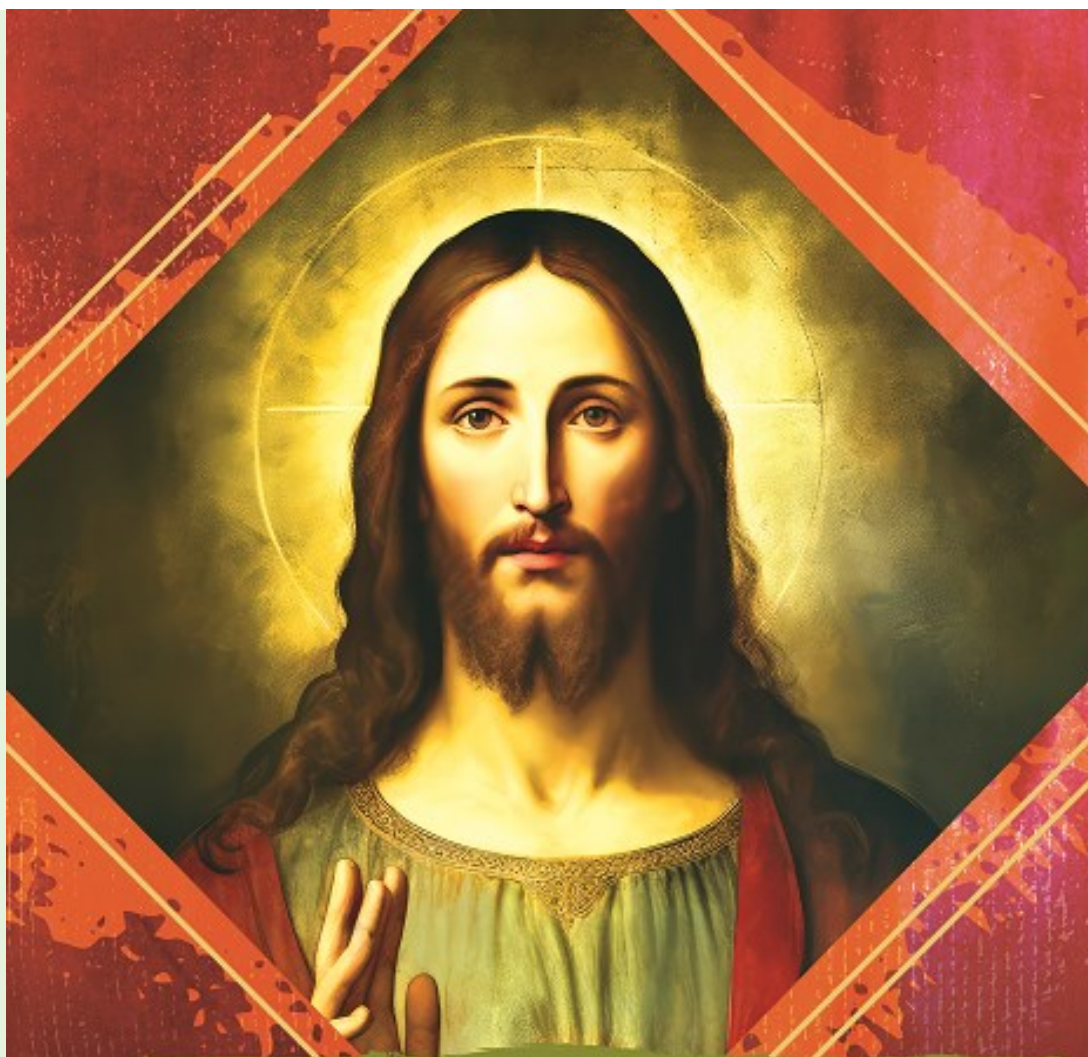
To begin the process of having
your child baptized, please call the
office or visit our website.

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.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he
watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of
God." The two disciples heard what he said and
followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-36

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Welcome to St. Bernadette

Welcome! We worship as we live — in the name,
and under the guidance of God the Father, Son
and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Martin Luther King Day 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/ Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/ Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-2

Join us at the Gala

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024

Time: 6 pm to Midnight
(childcare ends at 11)

Place: Parish Life Center

Attire: Semi-Formal; *optional*
Kentucky Derby Inspired

Tickets are \$125.

Last Day to purchase tickets is January 23

Menu

HORS D'OEUVRES

DOUBLE CREAM BAKED BRIE

JUMBO SHRIMP WRAPPED WITH

HICKORY BACON

DR PEPPER BRAISED SHORT RIBS

SALAD

PECAN CRUSTED CHICKEN

HERB ROASTED MASHED POTATOES

GRILLED ASPARAGUS

DESSERT

OPEN BAR

ENTERTAINMENT and

LIVE and ONLINE AUCTION

Gala Raffle Tickets on Sale after most
Masses January 20, 21, 27 and 28



Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday Dec. 31, 2023	\$ 15,525.62
Faith Direct**	14,742.77
Total Collection	\$ 30,268.39
Budget	35,343.65
Under budget	\$ (5,075.26)

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

January 28 – Bishops' Fund for Latin America

February 18 – Black and Indian Missions

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.

This Week! Join Us for a Parish Potluck Lunch

Ready to connect with the St. B's community and make new friends in 2024? Whether you're a familiar face or a newcomer, come join us for a delightful potluck filled with great food and even better company. It's your chance to savor a variety of delicious dishes while building connections with fellow parishioners.

Details:

Date: **Thursday, January 18, 2024**
(Corrected date)

Time: 11:30 am

Location: Parish Life Center

Who: Everyone is welcome!

What to Bring: Contribute to our feast by bringing a dish to serve 6-10 people. It can be your special recipe, a cherished family favorite, or even store-bought treats like pizza or fried chicken. We'll provide the drinks and utensils.

Contact: Connect with Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org. Feel free to invite a friend – it's bound to be a memorable occasion! We're excited to kick off the new year with you.



Let's Get Crafty!

Join us for an exciting Mix Media Collage Valentine Card crafting lesson! Unleash your creativity on **Thursday, January 18, at 12:30 pm in the Parish Life Center, right after our potluck lunch.** Just bring your glue (stick or liquid), scissors, and favorite markers – we've got additional supplies covered. All skill levels are welcome! Don't pass up this fun opportunity to connect with new faces and express your artistic side. For more details, contact Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or starons@stbchurch.org. See you there for a crafty good time!



Christian Action

NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION IN 2023:

January 1st to December 31, 2023		Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Electricity Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
Families Served	547	Jan-23	118	580	237	\$696.75	268
Total Individuals	2,694	Feb-23	135	658	7	\$1,230.85	267
Adults 18+	1,478	Mar-23	146	755	2	\$425.97	396
Children 17-	1,216	Apr-23	221	1112	419	\$479.39	342
Families Served with Food	405	May-23	71	335	4	\$1,026.14	203.5
Families Served with Clothing	226	Jun-23	70	299	1	\$567.27	225.5
Electricity Assistance	\$14,574.34	Jul-23	176	849	484	\$1,735.03	318.5
Number of Volunteer Hours	3,293.50	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
		Nov-23	153	721	425	\$1,363.67	299
		Dec-23	67	307	10	\$1,662.90	219.5

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 electricity, food, and clothing. We have a clothing distribution 2 times a year. Neighbors in need may call on Monday or Wednesday (9:30 - 11:30 am) to pick up bags of supplemental groceries on Tuesday or Thursday (9:30 - 11:00 am). No walk-ins. Families in need are eligible for food assistance once a month. 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**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! St. Bernadette Christian Action "Sponsor an Item"

Each year we invite our St. Bernadette family to choose one or more items they would like to sponsor for our food pantry. The commitment is for one year. As you are discerning, please keep in mind that the number of families we serve and the cost of food has increased. We serve 70-80 households a month.

List of items to Sponsor for your Christian Action Food Pantry!

Cereal	Jelly	Butter/Margarine	Tooth Brush (adult and kids)	Laundry Detergent (small bag or container)
Chili, canned	Macaroni & Cheese	Fresh produce and fruit	Tooth Paste	Diapers Size 5
Bagged Rice	Pasta	Frozen Chicken	Toilet Paper	Diapers Size 6
Dry Beans	Pasta Sauce	Bread	Bar Soap	Diapers Size 4
Canned Vegetables	Tuna	Milk	Deodorant	Diaper wipes
Ravioli/Spaghetti Ohs	Instant Potatoes	Oatmeal	All Purpose Cleaner	
Fruit Juice	Cooking Oil	Granola Bars	Dish Detergent	
Peanut Butter	Eggs	Shampoo		

Name	Phone	Item(s)	Quantity (Monthly)

Please return this form to Christian Action office or place in the green bin marked Christian Action in the narthex of the church. You may bring your item(s) to the Mass you attend and place it in the green bin marked Christian Action in the narthex of the church or drop them off at your Christian Action office Monday -Thursday 9-noon! **Should you have questions regarding donations to your food pantry, please e-mail christianaction@stbchurch.org**

Time and Talent Service Opportunities

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

Mailing Project:

Join us on **Tuesday, January 23** for a parish mailing. We need volunteers to help with stuffing, sealing, labeling, and stamping mail. To lend a hand, call or email Suzanne.



Make Snacks or Baking Opportunity:

Would you be interested in baking a finger food item or making a finger food snack for our volunteers working on the mailing project on Tuesday, January 23. Items can be



dropped off at the parish office on Sunday or Monday during the day. Please email or call Suzanne for more information.

Hospitality Volunteer: We're looking for new volunteers to help greet and assist our newest members. Opportunities include quarterly lunch events, giving tours, designing and/or putting out table decorations, calling and welcoming new members, setting up tables and chairs, food prep, greeting new members, baking cookies, and assisting with publicity. Let's find the perfect role for you! Call Suzanne to find out more.

Gift Store Volunteers: Calling adult volunteers to support the parish gift store. Help during special events or dedicate 1 Sunday a month between morning Masses. Be part of a team guiding shoppers and processing transactions. Training and support provided. For more details, please call Suzanne.

Explore Volunteer Opportunities: Not sure where to volunteer? We can

help you discover various opportunities with flexible time commitments. No pressure. Call or email Suzanne to learn more.

Safe Haven Training: All parish volunteers are required to complete Safe Haven training. This 1-hour online session ensures a safe environment for all volunteers. Access the training at <https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/>. For assistance or to schedule training at the parish, call 281-486-0337 x111.

CPR Instructor Needed: St. B's aims to offer free CPR skills classes onsite. If you are a CPR instructor, we'd love to hear from you. Call or email Suzanne.

Calling All Adults for a Special Volunteer Opportunity! Care for Our Church Grounds: We invite you to join our dedicated team of volunteers for an essential task – tending to our church grounds. Every Saturday morning, we come together to mow, weed eat, edge, and air blow the sidewalks. We will teach you how to use our riding lawnmower, if interested.

Your contribution, 1 time a month for 1-2 hours, will make a meaningful impact. You can also help as needed with special projects. We provide the equipment. We're currently seeking a few more adult volunteers to enhance the beauty of our parish surroundings. Can we count on your support? For more details, please reach out to Suzanne. Let's work together to nurture the physical space we all cherish. *If you have an*



interest in donating working gas powered lawn equipment or high quality power washer, please call.

You Made a Difference: Our dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly behind the scenes in December. Here are just a few of the projects:

- Made Hope Bags for those in need
- Distributed Hope Bags to the homeless
- Extended Christmas Blessings to Mercy Tree clients through hygiene bags that also included winter items such as gloves
- Made crafts for individuals who are sick or shut-in. Crafts were distributed to Meals on Wheels clients as well as local hospital patients and nursing home residents. Items were also given to our homebound parishioners.
- Cleaned and decorated the parish grounds for Advent and Christmas
- Baked treats for special volunteer projects
- Painted outside doors around the campus
- Setup tables and chairs for various events including Christmas Masses
- Decorated the grounds, Church and PLC for Advent and Christmas
- Prepared and put music aids in the books in the Church
- And much more!

Your contributions matter! Thank you for making a positive impact. Not involved, yet? What are you waiting for? Get

involved in your parish in 2024.

Now's the "right" time!

Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Get Fit While Meeting People this New Year



Join us for a fresh start in the new year! Meet new people and get fit while you sit in our "Get Fit While You Sit" class. Join the friendly group for a gentle DVD-facilitated workout on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 am in the Parish Life Center. Whether you prefer sitting or standing, these chair and standing routines focus on breathing exercises, relaxation, and meditation. Feel free to remain seated throughout the workout if that's what suits you best. The exercises will be presented

with warmth, respect, and an appreciation for each person's unique abilities. Men and women of all ability levels are welcome, and the class is wheelchair accessible. Best of all, there's no fee or registration required! For more information, contact Suzanne Staron. Let's kick off the new year together with fitness and community!

WFC, Jr High and High School Faith Formation Happy New Year!!

JrH AND High School Information

(see below for JrH and High School specific events)

Upcoming Dates:

- ⇒ **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. Check out the web page * or qr code to access last year’s video, more information, and registration. Deadline to register is February 1, 2024.

• **“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?** If not, email** us.

• **How can I help?** The first step is to take Safe Haven, our safe environment approval process: <https://www.stbchurch.org/safe-environment-virtus>

JRHIGH

JrHigh Youth Rally!! An amazing day of fun, food, and fellowship with 6th 8th graders from all over the Archdiocese. This year it will be on **Saturday,**

February 24, at St. Helen in Pearland, nice and close!. Featuring National Speaker, Maggie Craig <https://www.maggie-craig.com/>

Early registration due January 28, \$50; late registration due February 4, \$60. Check out the web page * or qr code for JrHigh for registration information.

HIGH SCHOOL

Announcing a new High School Bible Study! Starting in January of 2024, there will be a weekly "High School Bible Study and Fellowship" available for all high schoolers. Check your Thursday email for the date and time. Open Gym night – weekly event. Check your Thursday email for the date and time.

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

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

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

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

Join the St. B's Indoor Walking Group

Step into a healthier lifestyle with your New Year resolution for fitness! Join our Indoor Walking Group. Walk with us every Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 pm in the Brandsma building gym. Remember, the Brandsma building entrance is exclusively open for walkers from 1:30 to 1:40 pm, so mark your calendar and don't miss the entrance time!



Everyone is welcome, regardless of fitness level, and you're encouraged to walk at your own pace. Feel free to bring a friend for extra motivation. No registration is required, making it a fantastic opportunity to connect with others while staying active.

For more details, reach out to Suzanne Staron at 281-486-0337 x110. Lace up your walking shoes and let's stride into a healthier lifestyle together!



Early Childhood Connections

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.

Come to our Open House on February 4
Save the Date - Details coming soon!

Registration is open!

Scan the qr code to find out more about our school!



Jennifer Nevins - St. Bernadette Early
Childhood Connections 281-486-0337
x114 or Direct Line: 832-915-5700

nevinsj@stbchurch.org
www.stbchurch.org

“The time is always right
to do what is right.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

St. B's Blood Drive

Sunday, February 18, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Mini-Hall (Admin. Building)

The Blood Drive is open to the community. Invite your friends! Walk-Ins Welcome! Get in faster by scheduling an appointment at giveblood.org



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

JANUARY 14 THRU JANUARY 20, 2024

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Henry Robledo, Jr.+
 Sun. 8:30 am: Ted Byington+
 Sun. 11:00 am: All Parishioners
 Sun. 5:00 pm: Samuel Edgar Harper+
 Mon. No Mass
 Tues. 8:30 am: Antonio Dat Ngo+
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Emma Hyde+
 Thurs. 8:30 am: Isaac Nathan
 Fri. 8:30 am: Virginia Garcia
 Sat. No am Mass



January 7, 2024

Mary E. Demy

Remembrance Days for Miscarriage and Infant Loss

Our parish will be joining the Remembrance Days for the Little Ones, an observance to honor children lost due to miscarriage or infant death. If you or someone in your family have experienced this tragic loss, we stand with you in love and solidarity. Please join the



Remembrance Days starting on March 14 with a community novena, a healing webinar on March 22 and Mass on March 23. For information and to sign up, please visit ilovestellamaris.org/miscarriage-infant-loss or scan the QR code, or contact Deacon Kevin Woodvine at woodvinek@stbchurch.org or 281-486-0337 x104

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:**

Joseph Rausa, 01/14/1989; Margherita Pieri, 01/14/2017; Thomas Condon, 01/15/2001; Eugene Delmas, 01/16/1999; Alfred Valdez, 01/16/2022; Marie Pascal, 01/17/2000; John Coleman, 01/17/2008; Edward Rychik, 01/18/1995; Eugenia DeValcourt, 01/18/1995; Andrew Garcia, 01/18/2005; Anthony Valdez, 01/19/1999; Margaret Mayall, 01/20/1989; Marie Macina, 01/20/1991; Mark Garcia, 01/20/1993; Freda Benden, 01/20/1999; Kathleen Tibbetts, 01/20/2014; Margaret Oetting, 01/20/2013 on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.

**Adult Spiritual Life**

Open our Hearts 2024 - If you would like to be involved in a small faith sharing community or you would like the series *Open our Hearts* for yourself or family, please contact Deacon Kevin Woodvine or visit our small faith community webpage for more information. <https://www.stbchurch.org/small-faith-sharing-groups> or scan the QR code.

Deadline to order is January 22.

Books will be available to pick up on February 11.



DIY Retreat - Consider taking 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 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 morning 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.



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For updates and to see what's
happening in the parish