

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

Please see inside front cover for
Lenten reconciliation schedule

BAPTISM

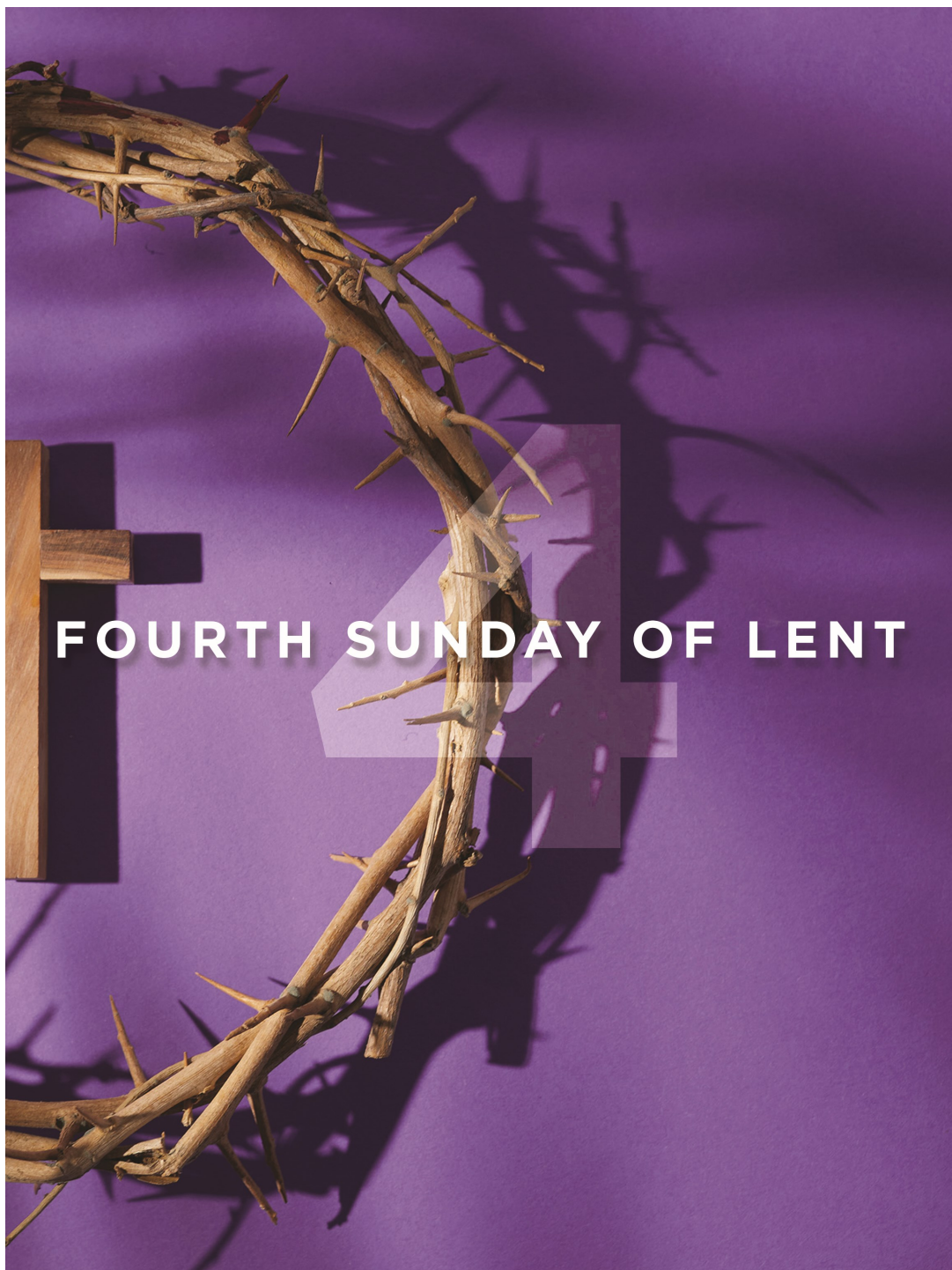
To begin the process of having
your child baptized, please call the
office or visit our website.

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.



Readings for the Week

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday Feb. 18, 2024	\$ 12,277.62
Faith Direct**	14,934.89
Total Collection	\$ 27,212.51
Budget	35,343.65
Under budget	\$ (8,131.13)

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Mar 29- Holy Land Collection; Apr 28- Home Missions

2024-Diocesan Services Fund as of Feb. 27, 2024

Goal	\$ 151,000
Paid to Date	\$ 28,860
Under goal	\$ (122,140)

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.

Liturgy

Upcoming Formation for New Liturgical Ministers

Formation for NEW Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion **Wednesday, March 13 at 7:45 pm in the Conference Room.** Must be a fully initiated Catholic (*Baptized and Confirmed*); If married, marriage must be recognized by the Church; Must be living a life in good standing with the Church.



NEW Hospitality Ministers Sunday, March 17 at 2:00 pm in the Church. Youth are welcome to serve; Parent / child teams welcome for children 10 - 14 years old.

Greeters: Arrive early to greet the people of God as they enter the Church, Help put people who need assistance in touch with Ushers.

Ushers: Help count the number of people at Mass, Take up the collection, Assist with the Communion procession, Distribute bulletins after Mass.

NEW Altar Servers Thursday, April 11 at 5:30 pm in the Church. Server must be at least 10 years old and have received 1st Communion; at least 1 parent must attend Formation Session with their child

Office of Music & Worship - Cristina Garcia -Luense,
Director 832-915-5616 worship@stbchurch.org
www.stbchurch.org/liturgical-ministries.

Scan the QR code to sign up for a ministry or email Cristina so we can prepare for you to join us!

All volunteers must take our online Safe Environment Formation. Visit www.stbchurch.org/safe-environment-virtus or email safeenvironment@stbchurch.org.



LENT

Fasting and Abstinence Reminders: Abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (*health permitting, all Catholics 14 years old+*) Fast on Good Friday by all Catholics ages 18—59: 1 full meal + 2 small meals (no snacking; drinking fluids is allowed)

Fridays of Lent: Rosary and Stations of the Cross in the Church: 5:00 pm *child friendly* Stations of the Cross;

6:00 pm Rosary; 6:30 pm Parish Stations of the Cross

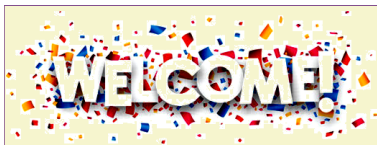
Parish Penance Nights: **The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be offered at St. B on the Wednesdays of Lent.*

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



March 12, St. Paul; March 13, St. Hyacinth;
 March 14, St. Clare.

More at www.stbchurch.org/lent



Welcome New Members

Are you new to the Parish or would like to learn more and get involved? Come meet fellow parishioners, ask any questions you may have, learn how to get involved, and if you'd like, take a walking tour of the grounds. We have 2 upcoming orientation opportunities. Both events are family friendly!

Thursday, March 21 at 11:30 am. Join us for an informal potluck gathering on Thursday, March 21, at 11:30 am! Bring along your favorite dish to share as we come together for good food and great company. Please join us!

Sunday, April 7 at 12 noon. You're invited! Join us on Sunday, April 7 for Mass at 11 am, followed by a delightful light lunch in the Parish Life Center. Lunch will be provided, and your RSVP would be greatly appreciated to help us with the food count. Looking forward to seeing you there! For more information, reach out to Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or starons@stbchurch.org. We look forward to welcoming you!





Lenten Fish Fry

Prepared and served by
Knights of Columbus
Council 10959.

All Fridays during Lent Except Good Friday from 4:30 pm till 7:00 pm

Dine in or take-outs available if you
come into the Parish Life Center.

\$ 12 per plate.

Fried catfish – French fries – hush
puppies and coleslaw are included.

You're Invited! Parish Potluck

Join us for a potluck celebration on **Thursday, March 21 at 11:30 am!** Let's gather together for a joyful feast as we anticipate the arrival of Easter. Bring your favorite Easter theme dish for 6-10 people to share and join in the festivities. Don't have time to cook? You can bring a store-bought item such as a sandwich or fried chicken. Drinks will be provided. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy delicious food and great company as we prepare our hearts for the Easter season. Everyone is welcome. Invite a friend. Come and meet some new people or catch up with friends. See you there!



Time and Talent Spring Break Service Spectacular!



March 14: Crafting or Refreshing the PLC! Join us on Thursday, March 14, from 1-2 pm. in the Parish Life Center. We'll have craft projects to make that will be given to homebound individuals for Easter and supplies to spruce up the PLC for Easter. Choose your project, and teens can earn service hours. All ages welcome. Teens and children can participate with an adult.

March 14: Just for Fun! Join us for a shamrock earring activity on March 14 at 1 pm. Supplies provided. All ages welcome. Teens and children can participate with an adult.

March 17: Caring for the Environment. Join us on Saturday, March 17 at 8:00 am to care for the parish grounds. Weather permitting. Children and teens can participate with an adult. Service hours available for teens. Meet at the garage in the back parking lot.

At Home Project: Join the Fun: Easter Bag Project for Mercy Tree! Get creative and help spread Easter joy to Mercy Tree clients who are homeless or in need. We need volunteers to put together Easter bags filled with essentials and treats. In a gallon zip lock bag, include travel-sized deodorant, toothpaste, lotion, lip balm, shampoo, body wash, and a toothbrush. *Note: please make sure items are travel-size.* Add in some individually wrapped snacks, a comb and a pair of men's casual socks. Don't forget to include an Easter card or note! It can simply say, *Happy Easter from your friends at St. Bernadette Church.* You can also decorate the bag and include some Easter Candy, if interested. If you're short on time, you can still contribute by dropping off items for the bags. Please bring your completed bags to the Time and Talent Office **by March 17, 2024.** Label items for Time and Talent. Let's make Easter special for those in need! Teens can earn 1 service hour for every 10 bags made.



At Home Project: Make Bird Feeders to Keep Houston Beautiful & Care for God's Creation. Create homemade bird feeders and reflect on God's creation. Find materials and instructions at www.stbchurch.org/time-talent Fun for all ages!

At Home Project: Learn Hands Only CPR. Watch a short training video by the American Heart Association. Link at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent>

At Home Project: Make a Paracord Lanyard for the Military. When you craft a paracord lanyard, you are providing a service member or first responder with a tangible and lasting expression of your gratitude and a symbol of the appreciation of grateful Americans everywhere.

The lanyard provides 5 feet of cord that can be used in an emergency situation among other instances.

Paracord lanyards will be sent to Operation Gratitude. Please drop items off at the Time and Talent Office by March 20. Directions can be found at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent> Teens can earn 1 service hour for every 5 lanyards.



At Home Project: Make a Thinking of You or Easter Card or Craft for homebound individuals. All ages can participate! Make a homemade card or small craft item anytime during Lent. Please make cards 8 1/2 x 11 or smaller; any medium. No envelopes needed. Drop off at the Time and Talent Office by March 20.

At Home Project: Wrap Up Kindness: Plasticware Project! We need individuals and families to help wrap plasticware for Mercy Tree, which provides hot lunches to local individuals experiencing homelessness or in need. Here's how you can help: Purchase plastic forks, spoons, and knives, along with paper napkins. Roll 1 fork, 1 spoon, and 1 knife in 1 or 2 napkins and secure the bundles with string, tape, or small rubber bands. If you're unable to assemble the items, you can donate the items to Time and Talent for others to assemble. Mercy Tree provides meals 7 days a week, feeding about 20 people per day. Please drop off completed items or items to donate at the parish office, labeled as Time and Talent, so it gets to the right place. Teens can earn 1 service hour for every 50 packs made. For questions, contact Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110.

Project H2O/Trash Bash for all ages.

Join fellow parishioners in cleaning up trash to improve the environment and make the community safer. Cleanup our Galveston Bay watershed along Bay Area Park on Saturday March 23, 2024 from 8:30-12:30 pm! Trash Bash is the largest, single-day waterway cleanup in Texas. Registration and info. at <https://www.stbchurch.org/time-talent>



For more information on these or other St. B's volunteer opportunities, please contact Suzanne at starons@stbchurch.org or 281-486-0337 x110

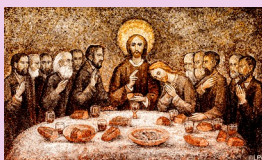
Elementary Faith Formation



- Calling all VBS goers! It's time to register for all who want to dive into friendship with God! We want participants and volunteers! Just scan the QR code or register online today!
- Register Here for VBS 2024!



- Please keep all those preparing for their sacraments in your prayers!
- Happy Spring Break!



Summer 2024 Program

"Explore Our World: Land, Ocean & Space"

"Explore Our World: Land, Ocean & Space" provides hands-on, educational activities based on the idea that children learn best when allowed to EXPLORE!



Session 1: June 4-20; Session 2: July 9-25
Ages 1-Elementary Age.

Scan for more information about summer!

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

nevinsj@stbchurch.org
www.stbchurch.org



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus

Charity Garage Sale

Saturday April 6, 2024

7:00 am – 2:00 pm

To donate items in support of our charities, please contact Rob Zabinski at 281-908-6789

EARLY CHILDHOOD CONNECTIONS REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2024-2025



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 offers a safe and positive setting filled with learning opportunities to stimulate young minds during their early growing years.

Exciting News! New Hours 9:05 am - 2:00 pm

Registration is open! Classes for ages 1-5. Choose from 2, 3, 4, 5 day options! Scan for more information



WFC, Jr High and High School

JrH AND High School Information:

(see below for JrH and High School specific events)

•Upcoming Dates:

- ♦ **March 24** – Stations of the Cross during Faith Formation time – family event!
- ♦ **April 14 and April 28** – Faith Formation in-person
- ♦ **May 5** – May Crowning after all Masses

•Did you complete the Circle of Grace lesson? If you have not completed this at home lesson with your JrHigher or High Schooler, please do so soon. Once completed, submit the "completion" form. More details are in the Thursday emails.

•Do 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:

•Jr High Special Events: Let me know what ideas you have and what days/times work for your family. I am here for YOU!!

HIGH SCHOOL:

•Attention all High School Seniors! The **Father Marius Zadinski Memorial Scholarship** is accepting applications. Applications for the scholarship are available at the church office or church website. The letters, applications, and transcripts must be received by the Church office no later than March 25, 2024 by 4:00 pm.



•High School Bible Study- weekly event!
Wednesday High School Bible Study will be from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Location: Brandsma Youth Room. Check email for cancellations.

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

Christian Action

NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION:

Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Electricity Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
Jan-24	67	309	20	\$1,540.57	187
Feb-24	62	284	20	\$426.16	191.5

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**

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS ARE HERE!

Christian Action will be serving the most delicious homemade **Chicken Noodle Soup** at our Lenten Soup Supper this Monday evening, March 11. Soup will be served starting at 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm or until we run out! The Lenten Soup Suppers are hosted in the Parish Life Center (PLC) each Monday throughout the Lenten Season. This is a family and community building time and we hope everyone will



attend! The final soup supper this Lent will be March 18. Men of the Cross / Women at the Well will serve CHILI! Donations are accepted at the door which are distributed to well-vetted outreach agencies in our community. Proceeds will go to PRO TERRA SANCTA (<https://www.proterrasancta.org/en/>) and KNOM Radio Mission (<https://knom.org/>).

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE "TO GO" OPTION WILL NOT BE OFFERED THIS YEAR.**

40 DAYS OF CHRISTIAN ACTION: Do something special this Lent: This year Christian Action is inviting you to join us in our 40 Days of Christian Action Calendar. Each day, you'll see an item to donate to Christian Action or an act of kindness to perform! You may pick up the calendars in the Narthex of the Church. Your donations may be dropped off in the green bin in the narthex of the church or at Christian Action (Monday thru Thursday 9 am - 12 pm). Thank you for walking this Lenten journey with us, and helping to assist a neighbor!

YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS... Small jars of cooking oil, Pasta, Pasta Sauce (no glass jars), Instant Potatoes, 1# bag of rice, 1# bag of dry beans, Jelly (no glass jars), kid friendly snacks.



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

Rings of Fire: God's Grandeur Solar Eclipse Events!

Solar Eclipse Event and Potluck! Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Life Center!

Bring your appetite and a dish to share for 6-10 people as we indulge in a delightful potluck feast. No time to cook? No worries! Grab some pizza or fried chicken on the way. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

- ⇒ Step into a digital portable planetarium and embark on a captivating tour of the solar system, marveling at the beauty of the Sun, Moon, and and eclipse..
- ⇒ Engage in a solar art activity. Let's come together in fellowship and wonder, as we bask in the magnificence of the universe and the glory of our Creator. Don't miss out on this extraordinary event!



Solar Eclipse Watch Party Monday, April 8.

Starts at 12:20 pm; Max View 1:40 pm

- ⇒ **Solar Eclipse Viewing Party:** Catch a glimpse of this phenomenon in our parking lot for an unobstructed view. A limited number of solar eclipse glasses will be available for attendees.
- ⇒ **Solar Eclipse Live Stream.** Prefer indoors? Watch the path during a live stream of the eclipse on the big screen in the Parish Life Center.

We need YOU!

We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers like YOU to lend a hand. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or new to the scene, there's a role for everyone! We need helping hands with chair set up, decorating, greeting, assisting with crafts, and more. It's a fun-filled opportunity. Whether you can spare an hour or more, your contribution will make a world of difference.

Special skills? If you are an astronomer willing to volunteer to answer questions about the eclipse or bring a telescope at either event, please let us know!

To volunteer contact Suzanne at 281-486-0337 x110 or email starons@stbchurch.org

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 10 THRU MARCH 16, 2024

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: All Parishioners
 Sun. 8:30 am: Col. Karol "Bo" J. Bobko, USAF
 Sun. 11:00 am: All Parishioners
 Sun. 5:00 pm: Lucia Spezzapria+
 Mon. No Mass
 Tues. 8:30 am: Mary Demeny+
 Wed. 7:00 pm: All Parishioners
 Thurs. 8:30 am: All Parishioners
 Fri. 8:30 am: Benigno Dou+
 Sat. No am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Mary Kinzer, 03/10/1998; Rosita Maristany, 03/10/2015; Andrea De La Rosa, 03/11/2005; Shirley Herring, 03/11/2022; Maureen Daily, 03/11/2023; Shirley Manha, 03/11/2023; Jeanette Moore, 03/12/2008; John Colello, 03/13/1998; Alicia Jimenez, 03/13/2002; Jasper Gotch, 03/14/1991; Larry Monthly, 03/14/1992; Marian Monroe, 03/15/2005; Linda McDavid, 03/15/2007; Wanda Roubleau, 03/15/2019; Richard Lampton, 03/15/2022; Robert Enderbrook, 03/16/1989; Elsa Ashley, 03/16/1990; Filemon Pacia, 03/16/1994; Raymond Gomez, 03/16/2009; Melissa Gutierrez-Gonzalez, 3/16/2013; Bertha Galindo, 03/16/2020; on the anniversaries of their entrance into Heaven.



James L. Malik
 February 20, 2024

HOLY WEEK at St. Bernadette

March 24: Palm Sunday- Regular Mass Schedule.
Sunday Masses will begin in the Plaza, weather permitting

March 28: Holy Thursday- 7 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration; 9:30 pm Night Prayer and close of Night Watch (PLC)


March 29: Good Friday- 12 pm Stations of the Cross (*Church*); 7 pm *Celebration of the Passion with Adoration of the Cross and Communion

March 30: Holy Saturday- 8 pm The Great Easter Vigil will begin in the Plaza with the Easter fire

March 31: Easter Sunday- 6:30 am Mass in the Church; 8:30 am *Mass in the Church ; 11 am Mass in the Church; 11:15 am Mass in PLC. *No Sunday evening Mass.*

**Livestreamed via the St. Bernadette YouTube channel*

**Adult Spiritual Life****St. Bernadette 2024 Women's Retreat: Reclaiming Friendship**

 Scan the QR code for information on and to register for St. Bernadette Women's Retreat to be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024.



Holy Spirit Fellowship: "Do you want to overcome discouragement, attachments, weakness, sinfulness, and suffering? Do you want to learn how Jesus Christ supports us with His Grace and satisfies our desire for holiness? Then, come and join the Holy Spirit Prayer Group and Fellowship on the Fourth Sunday of the month at the Mini Hall at 1PM to praise, worship and listen to Fr. Michael E. Gaitley MIC, Jesus Mercy priest, on Consoling the Heart of Jesus. Everyone is welcome."

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.



Bereavement Ministry: Our next 6-week series of *Seasons of Hope: A Support Group for the Bereaved* will begin on Thursday, April 4 beginning at 6:30 pm.

We are asking of individuals to please register for *Seasons of Hope* a week prior. You may register by calling Deacon Kevin Woodvine at 281-486-0337 x104 or by email woodvinek@stbchurch.org or by completing the online registration form by scanning the QR code.



Remembrance Days for Miscarriage and Infant Loss: St. Bernadette 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.

Everyone is welcome to 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





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