



Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

CLERGY

Fr. Robert Barras, Pastor
Deacon Rick Ewan
Deacon Jason Fossati
Deacon Kevin Woodvine

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE-PLC

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

REGULAR 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.



16th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was
Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat
beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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**Knights of
Columbus®**

It's Watermelon Time!

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Watermelon Social on **Saturday, July 26** following the 5:00 pm Mass.

Look for us when you exit the Summer Church (Parish Life Center) and enjoy some refreshing watermelon!



Readings

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday July 6, 2025	\$ 11,832.00
Faith Direct**	<u>14,286.36</u>
Total Collection	\$ 26,118.36
Budget	<u>34,752.31</u>
Under budget	<u>\$ (8,633.95)</u>

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

A Special Opportunity for Those 70½ Years Old and Older:

You can give any amount (up to a maximum of \$108,000) per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as St. Bernadette without having to pay income taxes on the money. Gifts of any value \$108,000 or less are eligible for this benefit and you can feel good knowing that you are making a difference at St. Bernadette. This popular gift option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution, or QCD for short.

Why Consider This Gift?

- Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.
- Beginning in the year you turn 73, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD).
- You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.

Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

We encourage you to consult with your retirement plan administrator or your tax or financial advisor to determine whether this option would be advantageous to your financial and tax circumstances.

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.

Upcoming Second Collections: Aug 10 – Infirm Priests

2025-Diocesan Services Fund as of July 8, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 90,574
Under Goal	\$ (73,256)

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign

As of July 8, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 2,998,058
Payments Received to Date	\$ 1,871,316
Total Number of Donors	617
Expenditures to Date	\$ 1,656,385

The Campaign Committee would like to thank all the families who have contributed to this campaign and have made it a great success. May God Bless Your Stewardship!

Spiritual Life

Laura Breaux breauxl@stbchurch.org 832-915-5643

Access all Spiritual Life programs at
www.stbchurch.org => Parish Life => Spiritual Life

GRIEF SUPPORT: The St. Bernadette Grief Support will begin another session of *Seasons of Hope* in the Fall. Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome. In addition to the *Seasons of Hope* program, we now offer an on-going support group on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at **6 pm in the conference room in the church**



office building. If you are interested in attending *Seasons of Hope* and/or the on-going support group, or know someone who might be, please complete the inquiry form on the parish website

www.stbchurch.org/grief-support.

SUMMER OF HOPE: Summer of Hope is an at-home retreat for individuals and/or families this summer. Take some time to dive deeper into God's abundant grace! It only costs a few minutes a day, or whenever you can carve out time to be in the presence of the Lord. Download your free at-home retreat guide today at www.stbchurch.org/summer-of-hope-1.



SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Bernadette will host an on-site adult retreat for men and women **October 17-18, 2025**. The theme is **DIVING DEEPER into FAITH through PRAYER**. All adult men and women are invited to attend. Childcare will be provided. Registration opens August 1 on the church website: www.stbchurch.org/retreats.

Come and see!



YOUNG ADULTS – CAFÉ CATHOLICA SUMMER PROGRAM 2025: Hope in the Lord: The Café Catholica summer series is open to all young adults (ages 18-39) and features dynamic speakers, prayer, and socializing. Café Catholica 2025 will be held in person at St. Vincent de Paul (6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston) on four Mondays in July starting on June 30th. Each night will include Confession at 5:15 pm, Mass at 6:15 pm, Dinner at 7:15 pm, and Talk at 8:15 pm. This year's theme is: Hope in the Lord. Come for all or part of the evening! No registration is needed to attend. For more information, or to access livestream and/or recordings, visit: <https://archgh.org/cafecatholica>.



Time and Talent

Suzanne Staron 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org

You Can Be Part of Our New Chair Project! Chair Moving Volunteers! Adults and Teens Needed.

Our new Parish Life Center/Church chairs are arriving! We need to put out the new chairs. We need adult and teen volunteers to help move chairs on



Wednesday, July 23 in the morning. This is a **short-term, hands-on project** and a great way to serve your parish while getting to know others. Volunteers will be lifting and moving chairs, and teens can earn service hours for school. New Volunteers are welcome!

If you're interested in learning more or helping, please contact Suzanne Staron. Thank you for considering lending a hand!

Looking for Parish Social Event Volunteers! New Opportunity

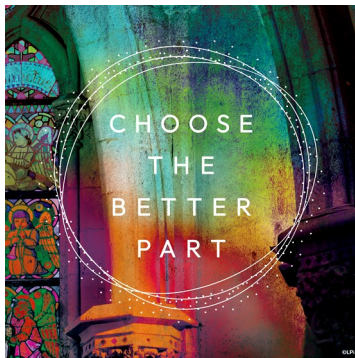
Do you enjoy bringing people together? We're looking for friendly volunteers to help plan and implement parish social events, including weekend potlucks, parish picnics, new member socials, and more! We need help with everything from planning to publicity. Help with tasks where your gifts best fit. You'll be working as part of a team, and planning meetings will be held in the evenings or on Sundays to fit your schedule. This is a great way to meet others, build community, and share your talents with your parish family.

If you'd like to help or learn more, please contact Suzanne Staron. We'd love to have you on the team!

Parish Grounds Cleanup (Saturdays) Help keep our parish grounds looking neat and a source of pride! All grounds care is done by volunteers, and families can get involved by picking up trash, weeding, raking, and sweeping.

Adults (21+) can also help by mowing with a push or riding mower, edging, and using a leaf blower. Equipment and training are provided. This activity is great for all ages. Please wear closed-toe shoes and bring garden gloves if you have them. As part of our Family Volunteering program, this can be a family experience. At least two family members, including at least one adult, are required to work together and experience volunteerism together. Please note that teen or child drop-off is not allowed for this activity. Service hrs. for NHS, etc. are available. Meet at the garage in the back parking lot at 8 am.





Parish Gift Store Open Sunday, July 27

Stop by the Parish Gift Store on Sunday, July 27—open after the 8:30 Mass and before and after the 11:00 Mass!

Looking for Baptism gifts? We got you covered! We also have beautiful wall art, Rosaries, crosses, crucifixes, baptismal gifts, Holy Water bottles, Rosary bracelets, prayer books, statues, angel figurines, and more!

We accept cash, credit cards, and checks—please bring small bills if paying with cash. Come, find something meaningful!



St. Bernadette Early Childhood Connections REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2025 - 2026

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.

In selecting the number of days of attendance for your child, a parent should consider his/her child's interests, readiness, social skills, and emotional development. A child is considered registered once the online Registration Process is complete, including payment of the registration fee. The registration fee is non-refundable.

In addition to the online registration information, we require BACK TO SCHOOL paperwork due by August 1.

REGISTRATION DATES:

CURRENT STUDENTS AND SIBLINGS Mon, Feb 3, 2025

PARISH ONLINE REGISTRATION Mon, Feb 10, 2025

OPEN ONLINE REGISTRATION Mon, Feb 17, 2025



Scan the QR Code to register or visit your www.MyProCare.com account.

Jennifer Nevins

St. Bernadette Early Childhood Connections
281-486-0337 x114 or Direct line: 832-915-5700
nevinsj@stbchurch.org www.stbchurch.org



Registration Fee, Tuition Rates, and Class Options:

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$200 Feb 3 - 14

Registration Fee: \$225 Feb 15 - April 30

Late Registration Fee: \$250 May 1

Days and Tuition:

2 days – Monday/Wednesday (1s & 2s ONLY) \$305

2 days Tuesday/Thursday \$310

3 days Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday \$440

3 days Monday/Wednesday/Friday (1s & 2s ONLY) \$430

4 days Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday \$510

Pre-K Friday \$80

Ages 1-year-old to 5 years-old 9:05 am -2:00 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. **2nd Child's reg fee will be charged to account after initial Registration fee received.

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

✓Back to School Meet and Greet
Monday, August 25, 2025

✓First Day of School
Tuesday, August 26, 2025



Garage Sale

Saturday, July 26

8:00 am - 1:00 pm in the mini hall

Hosted by St. B's ECC

To prepare, we will be collecting items you no longer need or want to sell. ECC will be taking collections until July 24. Please consider these guidelines when donating items:

- No appliances
- Nothing broken
- Clean clothing
- Clean items

If your donation is a shopping bag or 2, please feel free to drop off the item at the church office Monday -Friday 8 am – 4 pm. Let them know it's for the garage sale! If your item is large or multiple bags and multiple trips please contact Jennifer at nevinsj@stbchurch.org to arrange a convenient time to drop off the donation. Large donations will not be collected the week of July 21.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact nevinsj@stbchurch.org.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In life, there are so many “Marthas” — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

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Join In This Summer! Board and Card Game Group

All ages are welcome for some summertime fun and games! Join us Thursdays July 17, August 7 and 21 from 1:00–3:00 pm in Room 201 of the Brandsma Building (yes, we have an elevator!).

We play games like Rummikub and Dominos—but feel free to bring your favorite! We will teach you how to play, if interested. If there is an interest in family friendly games such as Twister, etc. we are able to provide the space. Friends and families are welcome.

Looking for a Game Space?

If you have your own group and need a spot to play, come join us during our game time!

Job Opportunities! Teachers and Substitutes NEEDED

ECC needs qualified, loving, devoted and energetic teachers and substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year! If you love working with children and would enjoy a part time career working with little saints, ECC is the place for you:

- ⇒ Family Friendly
- ⇒ Flexible Days
- ⇒ No Working on Holidays
- ⇒ Short Work Days
- ⇒ Wonderful Collaborative Environment
- ⇒ Short Commute

Reach out today to find out more information or to schedule an interview.

Contact Jennifer Nevins at nevinsj@stbchurch.org or (281) 486-0337 ext. 114



WFC, Jr High and High School Faith Formation

JrHIGH and HIGH SCHOOL Information

(see below for JrH and High School specific events)

- **Faith Formation Registration for 2025-2026 is open!** Register soon! Deadline is August 14.
- **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: www.stbchurch.org/safe-environment-virtus

JRHIGH* and HIGH SCHOOL** Events

- **Social events for JrHigh** – Email with ideas for JrHigh activities this year!
- **St. B Youth Doubles Pickleball Tournament** – August 1 at 2 pm. Sign up you and your teammate on the HS website!
- **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.
- **High School Youth Group** – Join the Saint Bernadette Youth Group on the website.

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

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

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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

July 20 - 26, 2025

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm: Larry and Betty Nikiel
Sun. 8:30 am: All Parishioners
Sun. 11:00 am: Grant and Rose Bue
Sun. 5:00 pm: Family of Emmanuel
"Johnny" Clebert

Mon. No Mass

Tues. 8:30 am: Miguel Angel Castillo
Wed. 7:00 pm: Richard Lee Cornelius+
Thurs. 8:30 am: David Kerry Clark+
Fri. 8:30 am: Guillermo Salazar+
Sat. No am Mass



Marsha A. Ford

July 1, 2025

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

INVITE PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT AND
RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question:

Abraham's treatment of the three strangers modeled the value of hospitality in the ancient world. What are some ways you show kindness and warmth to others?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul found reasons to rejoice despite suffering for his faith in Christ and his mission to the Gentiles. How do you find joy and hope in difficult situations?

Gospel Question:

Jesus teaches Martha that her anxiety and worry can be calmed by listening to his words. How can you be present this week to an anxious friend or co-worker?

Indoor Walking Group

Walk into wellness! Embark on a journey to better health with our Indoor Walking Group. Join us every Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 pm in the Brandsma building gym. The Brandsma building entrance is only open for walkers from 1:30 to 1:40 pm, so don't miss your window!



All fitness levels are welcome, and you're encouraged to walk at your own pace. Feel free to bring a friend along for added motivation. No registration is required, and it's a fantastic opportunity to connect with others while staying active.

Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters... and then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your heaven as my guide. Amen.

Daily Meditation: Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham. (Genesis 18:1)

Isn't it mysterious? Genesis 18:1 tells us that "the Lord appeared to Abraham." But then Abraham saw "three men" (18:2). The visitors were later identified as angels, but one seemed to be the Lord himself (18:20-22). It's hard to know exactly what Abraham saw and at what point he realized that he was in the presence of Almighty God.

Here's another mystery: this same Lord will be with everyone gathered at every Mass today. We will hear his voice in the readings and see him in the host and chalice on the altar. So let's take a look at how Abraham responded to God's presence to see how we can respond to him today.

First, Abraham gave God his *full attention*. He stopped what he was doing and "ran" to meet him (Genesis 18:2). As Mass begins, you can imitate Abraham as you try to put aside any distractions and be attentive to the Lord.

Next, he *bowed down* (Genesis 18:2). While this might have been a traditional greeting, it also showed that Abraham recognized his visitors' dignity. Imagine yourself

bowing low as you pray the Gloria and praise God in the responsorial psalm.

Then, Abraham offered to God *the best he had*—fine flour and a choice steer (Genesis 18:6-7). When the gifts are brought to the altar, you can offer your life to the Lord. Give him your love and fidelity.

Finally, Abraham *waited on his guests* (Genesis 18:8). That's something you can do after Holy Communion, as you pray quietly in adoration. Enjoy your time with the Lord and listen to him.

So remember Abraham when you come into God's mysterious, surprising presence today. Let the promise of his love fill your heart with reverence. Generously offer him your attention, your worship, the best of who you are. As you do, you'll come to see him more and more clearly. Just like Abraham.

*"Lord, thank you for revealing yourself to me in mystery.
Help me to respond to you wholeheartedly!"*

Psalm 15:2-5; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

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