



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.



17th Sunday

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

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek
and you will find; knock and the door will be
opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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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!



**Knights of
Columbus®**

It's Watermelon Time!

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Watermelon Social on Sunday, August 3 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: 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

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20,
21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7,
8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt
13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-
6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps
81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt
14:1-12

**Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary
Time** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,
14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Faith Commitment of Treasure

Sunday July 13, 2025	\$ 21,986.14
Faith Direct**	<u>14,286.36</u>
Total Collection	\$ 36,272.60
Budget	<u>34,752.31</u>
Over budget	<u>\$ 1,520.29</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 15, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 91,259
Under Goal	\$ (67,741)

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign

As of July 15, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 2,997,248
Payments Received to Date	\$ 1,902,255
Total Number of Donors	623
Expenditures to Date	\$ 1,699,347

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

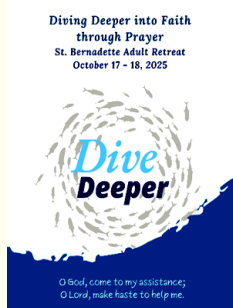
Access all Spiritual Life programs at
www.stbchurch.org => Parish Life => Spiritual Life

COMBINED MEN AND WOMEN ADULT RETREAT THIS FALL!

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. The St. Bernadette Adult Retreat Team has been planning for and preparing this retreat an entire year in advance. You don't want to miss this very special retreat experience tailored especially for St. Bernadette's faith community. Space is limited, so be sure to register early!

The cost is \$65/person, if registered and paid before October 1, and includes all materials, a catered dinner on Friday, as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday. The retreat begins at 6:00 pm on Friday, October 17 and concludes with 5 pm Mass on Saturday, October 18. Participants will sleep at home on Friday evening and return to St. Bernadette on Saturday. Free childcare will be provided, but this service must be reserved at time of retreat registration.

Registration opens August 1 on the church website: www.stbchurch.org/retreats. Scan the QR code or visit the webpage for more information. **Come and see!**



MEN OF THE CROSS: All men 18 years of age and older are invited to attend the monthly potluck dinner and faith fellowship on the first Thursday of each month. The next gathering is **Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 pm in the Mini Hall**, located in the church office building. Bring a dish to share and a friend or two, as well! Come celebrate with men of faith! For more information, scan the QR code, or visit www.stbchurch.org/men-of-the-cross, to complete the inquiry form.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: All are invited to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry on the **second Tuesday** of each month at **11:30 am in the Conference Room** of the church office. As we knit and crochet the shawls, we pray that those who will receive them will receive God's comfort, strength and love. The prayer shawls are then given to those in need of them. If you know of anyone who would benefit from our prayer shawls, please contact Lillian Teixeira, 281-488-4412.

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>.



Pre-K Faith Formation

Gospel Weeklies

Whole Family Catechesis (WFC)
PreK Faith Formation - 2 ½ to PreK 5 years old

Pflaum  FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

2025-2026 Faith Formation registration is open!

Make sure to sign up online. <https://www.stbchurch.org/new-registration-for-whole-family-catechesis> or scan the QR code below. Our PreK classes are for children 2.5-PreK 5 years of age. We have 3 in-person Sunday PreK FF classes to choose from. Families can drop off their child with trained adult catechists who have completed Safe Environment training. We have a few family events throughout the year. In each class, the children learn about the Sunday Gospel through talking, cutting, folding, listening, and singing! The Sunday PreK Faith Formation registration cost covers weekly Pflaum Gospel Weeklies snack, handouts, coloring and activity pages, and craft materials. The Faith Formation year starts September 14.

Call Aurora Winstead at 832-915-5648 or email at winstead@stbchurch.org if you have any questions about WFC Pre-K Faith Formation ministry or are interested in volunteering.



Job Opportunities! Teachers and Substitutes NEEDED

ECC needs qualified, loving, devoted and energetic teachers and substitutes for the 2025 - 2026 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



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.

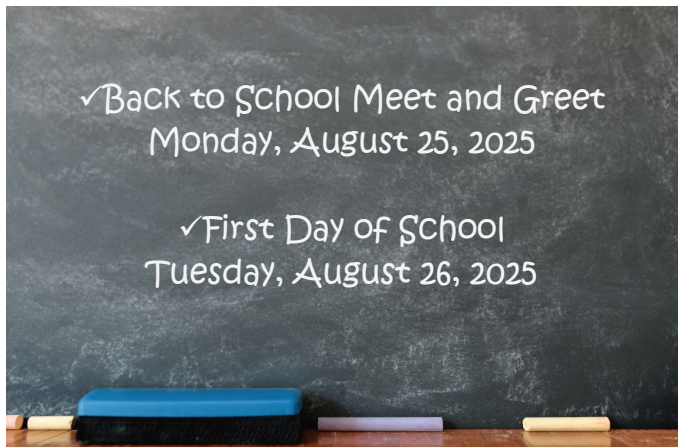
Discounts:

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.



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

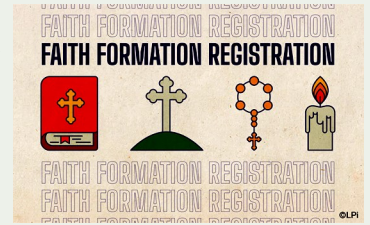
"Lord, teach us to pray." The disciples are asking how to approach God, how to communicate with Him. Jesus' answer? Have no fear, and have no embarrassment. God waits at the door. Knock. The conversation is yours to start.

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WFC, Jr High and High School Faith Formation

JrH 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! (Bring your own Pickleball Paddles)
- **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 to stay informed about youth events and meetings.

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

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

**sentmanatc@stbchurch.org Christopher Sentmanat, High School and Junior High FF, 6th-12th



Christian Action

NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION IN 2025:

Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Electricity Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
May-25	78	392	20	\$1,807.87	200.5
Jun-25	86	388	10	\$2,555.93	220
July 1-16, 2025	58	264	0	\$1,665.78	126

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 and food. 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 ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL THE DONATIONS, BUT PLEASE DO NOT USE THE CHRISTIAN ACTION BIN AS A DUMP BIN! We DO NOT accept expired food items, glass containers, large items or furniture. Clothing and shoe donations are on pause. Donation days and hours at the Christian Action office are M-Th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. THANK YOU.

Phone numbers for Christian Action:
832-915-5677, 832-915-5678

YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS... Canned pasta, All-purpose cleaner, Deodorant, 1 lb bag/box Spaghetti, Shampoo, 1lb bag of rice, 1lb bag of dry beans, Toothpaste, Adult and Children toothbrushes, Granola bars, Brown paper grocery bags .Thank you for keeping Christian Action in mind on your next trip to the grocery store.

Time and Talent

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 starons@stbchurch.org, or 832-915-5644. We'd love to have you on the team!

Parish Grounds Cleanup (Saturdays)

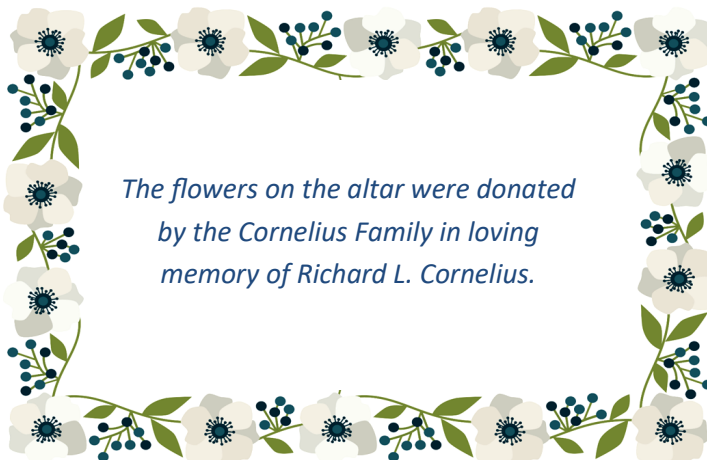
Help keep our parish grounds looking neat and a source of pride! All grounds care is done by volunteers, and families can get involved by picking up trash, weeding, raking, and sweeping. Adults (21+) can also help by mowing with a push or riding mower, edging, and using a leaf blower. Equipment and training 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.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

July 27 - August 2, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	Robert Pongetti+
Sun.	8:30 am:	Richard Lee Cornelius+
Sun.	11:00 am:	Ruth Jacobs+
Sun.	5:00 pm:	All Parishioners
Mon.		No Mass
Tues.	8:30 am:	Amparados Territorio+
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Ignatius D'Couto+
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Brooke Harrar Reynolds
Fri.	8:30 am:	Nic MacKenzie+
Sat.		No am Mass



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

*INVITE PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT
AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE*

1st Reading Question:

Abraham questions God about how He passes judgment on people. What questions do you have for the Lord?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul teaches the believers in Colossae that through his cross and resurrection from the dead, Jesus united Jews and Gentiles by their shared faith in him. How does your faith in Jesus bring you closer to others?

Gospel Question:

Jesus encourages his disciples to be persistent and bold in praying to God. Can you think of a time when God answered a bold prayer from you?

Prayer for Hope

Lord, Restore my hope!
Where I fear the future, write
a new script in my heart.
Where I doubt Your goodness,
fill me anew.
Give me steadfast hope for a
beautiful tomorrow.
Amen.

Daily Meditation: Luke 11:1-13

I tell you, ask . . . (Luke 11:9)

Have you ever heard the phrase “You never know unless you ask”? It’s true in so many situations. For example, you might never know if your boss will give you a raise unless you ask. Or you might never know what your ailing friend needs unless you ask how you can help him.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a man who hoped that his neighbor would give him some bread to feed his guest. It was late at night, so he wasn’t sure. But he would never know unless he asked! So he knocked on his neighbor’s door—and persisted until his neighbor finally got out of bed and gave him what he needed (Luke 11:5-8).

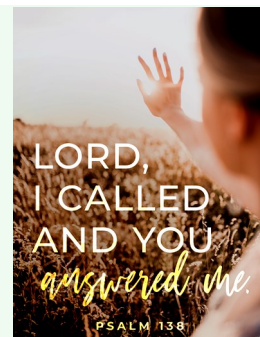
Jesus told this parable to encourage us to ask our heavenly Father for whatever we need. Have you ever hesitated in asking God for something? Perhaps you thought you didn’t deserve what you were asking for. Or maybe you suspected that God wouldn’t answer you—so you didn’t bother trying. Maybe you even feared that he would think you were being too demanding!

But that’s not how Jesus wants us to relate to our Father. He knows that God provides everything that we need, so he wants us to approach him with confidence and make our requests. That’s why he taught his disciples to ask for their “daily bread” when they prayed (Luke 11:3). Jesus also knows that by coming to God with our needs, we not only acknowledge our dependence on him, but we also come to know him and trust him more deeply.

Is there something you’ve been hesitant to ask God for? Or is there something you’ve asked for in the past and haven’t received? Then be like this persistent man who wasn’t shy about knocking at his neighbor’s door at midnight. Keep knocking at God’s door, and trust that he will give you the bread that you need (Luke 11:9)!

*“Father, you are the giver of all good gifts. Help me to be bold
and ask for what I need.”*

Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8; Colossians 2:12-14



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