

# 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.



## 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.” - Lk 12:40

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Jesus teaches the disciples to be vigilant and prudent with  
the gifts God has given to each of us. What are some of your  
gifts that you share with others?



## WELCOME



*Life is often hard, for many reasons. So we gather to be fed and strengthened by Jesus, our Good Shepherd; to be assured of his presence and goodness. Welcome to worship.*



Where can you see this stained glass window at St. B's?

*Gazette*

## READINGS

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 /Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1  
 Friday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

## FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday July 27, 2025	\$ 13,746.00
Faith Direct**	<u>16,093.81</u>
Total Collection	\$ 29,839.81
Budget	<u>34,752.31</u>
<b>Under budget</b>	<b><u>\$ (4,912.50)</u></b>

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

### Upcoming Second Collection

September 7 – Catholic University of America

### 2025-Diocesan Services Fund as of July 29, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 94,759
<b>Under Goal</b>	<b>\$ (64,241)</b>

### Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign as of July 29, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 2,997,661
Payments Received to Date	\$ 1,918,286
Total Number of Donors	624
Expenditures to Date	\$ 1,794,252

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!

### Online Giving Update

We're excited to share that Faith Direct will soon be upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving—our new, secure giving platform. This upgrade will happen automatically and securely. No action is required from you—your gift schedules and payment details will carry over seamlessly.

What's new about ParishSOFT Giving?

**Weekly Giving:** If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.

**More Flexibility:** Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you—not just the 4th or 15th.

**More Ways to Give:** Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

We're committed to making this a smooth transition. You'll receive more information as we get closer to launch. Thank you for continuing to support St. Bernadette with such generous hearts.

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

*This is a holy day of obligation*

### Thursday, August 14

Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.

### Friday, August 15

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

*The Parish Office will be closed Friday, August 15, 2025.*



**AUGUST 15**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*This feast day commemorates Mary's body and soul taken directly to heaven.*

## WFC, Jr. High & 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!** Deadline is Aug. 14!
- **Would you like to help with FF?** Go on the website to see how you can help.
- **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](http://www.stbchurch.org/safe-environment-virtus)

### JRHIGH \*and HIGH SCHOOL\*\* Events

**Social events for JrHigh – Email with ideas for JrHigh activities this year!**

**High School Bible Study - weekly event.**

Wednesday High School Bible Study will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. 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](http://www.stbchurch.org) => Faith Formation => JrHigh 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

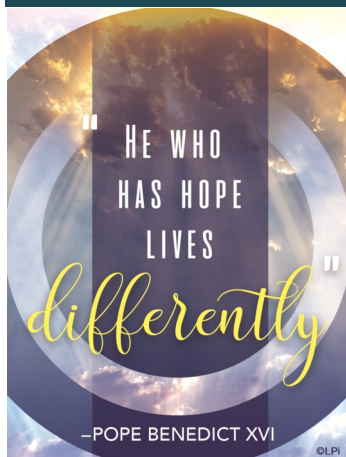


\*\*[www.stbchurch.org](http://www.stbchurch.org) => Faith Formation => High School

\*\*[sentmanatc@stbchurch.org](mailto:sentmanatc@stbchurch.org) Christopher Sentmanat, High School and Junior High FF, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.



## NEW! FALL ADULT FAITH STUDY



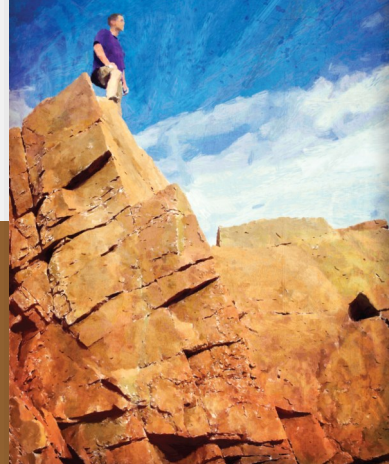
For the Fall Semester, Adult Faith will be studying Pope Benedict XVI's beautiful meditation on the Gospels in the book *Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration*. The book is available with the QR code or [Here](#)



The Study begins September 9th! Sessions are Tuesdays at both 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m., in the Marius Room of the PLC (if the church renovations are not finished, we will meet in the Youth Room). Please contact Jason Honeycutt with any questions or concerns: [honeycuttj@stbchurch.org](mailto:honeycuttj@stbchurch.org).

*We are the servants and God is our master. He has told us His will, and given us all that we need to carry out His directions. Do we have the courage to act as our master desires? Do we have what it takes to be stewards of God's grace?*

## Journey With Us



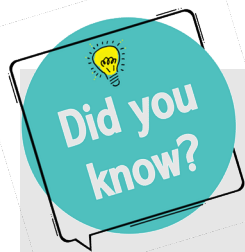
### Young Adults Verbum Tuum Discernment:

### August-November

Join us this fall for Verbum Tuum, a four-part spiritual formation program tailored for young adults eager to discover the mission that God is inviting them to pursue. This initiative is perfect for those seeking guidance on how to discern and follow God's call in their life. Two sessions: Tuesday, August 19, and Tuesday, October 14; paired with two retreats: September 26-27 (overnight) and Saturday, November 1 (day retreat). Register with the QR code below. Scholarships available. For more information [vocations@archgh.org](mailto:vocations@archgh.org) or 713-652-8239







## TIME & TALENT VOLUNTEERS

At St. Bernadette, our parish-wide volunteer ministry is called **Time and Talent**. Whether you serve at a one-time event or in an ongoing ministry, you are part of our **Time and Talent volunteer team**.

All parish volunteers fall under the Time and Talent ministry, which recognizes the unique gifts each person brings to serve our faith community.

For more information or to volunteer contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or email [starons@stbchurch.org](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org)

### Get Started Volunteering

Have you been thinking about getting more involved at the parish? Join us for a brief **Volunteer Orientation** on **Sunday, August 24 at 9:40 a.m.** in the **Parish Conference Room (office building)**.

There's no pressure—just come ask questions, explore opportunities that fit your busy schedule, and find out how to get started. We'd love to help you discover where your gifts can make a difference!



### Greeters, Tour Guides and Behind-the-Scenes Help

Do you enjoy connecting with others and making people feel at home? We're looking for friendly faces to help greet and guide those who are new to our parish community. Whether you'd like to join a team that welcomes newcomers, lead short campus tours (script provided!), or lend a hand behind the scenes at welcome events, there's a role that fits your comfort level and interests. Everyone can contribute in their own way—we'd love to have you join us!

### Special Event Childcare or Sunday Nursery

Love kids and want to make a difference? We need enthusiastic volunteers to help with **childcare during parish special events**

and in the **Sunday nursery**! We will work with your schedule. All activities and toys are provided—just bring your energy, a smile, and help create a fun, safe space for our little ones to play and grow. **Teens can earn service hours**, and **adult volunteers are especially needed**. Come be a part of the joy!

### Classroom Helpers

Looking for a meaningful way to grow in your faith and make a difference? Consider helping teach or assist in a **Faith Formation classroom** on **Sunday morning or afternoon**! Whether you work with **PreK, Elementary, Jr. High or High School**, all supplies are provided—and you don't need to be a theology expert, just have a willing heart. The easy-to-follow guide book outlines everything to say and do, and we'll support you every step of the way. It's a fun, faith-filled opportunity to share God's love with the next generation. **Give it a try!**

### Beautify the Church Grounds

Help maintain the beauty and pride of our parish grounds. All grounds care is performed by volunteers, and families can contribute by picking up trash, weeding, raking, and sweeping. Adults can assist with mowing (push or riding mower), edging, and using a leaf blower. Equipment and training are provided. Meet at the garage in the back parking lot at 8 a.m. on Saturdays.

## PARISH GIFT STORE OPEN

Looking for a Baptism gift or meaningful Catholic item? The Parish Gift Store will be open on **Sunday, August 24** from **9:30–10:50 a.m.** and again from **12:00–12:20 p.m.**

Come browse our selection of Baptism gifts, perfect for welcoming someone into the faith. You'll also find pocket prayer books, holy water bottles, Rosaries, and more.

Stop by—we'd love to help you find something special!



## EARLY CHILDHOOD CONNECTIONS



**REGISTER TODAY FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**  
Registration Fee: \$250.

- Back to School Meet and Greet Monday, August 25, 2025.
- First Day of School Tuesday, August 26, 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION Contact Jennifer Nevins, Director 832-915-5700  
[www.stbchurch.org](http://www.stbchurch.org) => preschool => registration



## ARE YOU SHARING ALL THREE?

At St. Bernadette Church, we invite every parishioner to take an active role in parish life by sharing their **Time, Talent, and Treasure**. Each of these gifts plays a vital part in building a strong, faith-filled community.

Your **time** helps us grow together in prayer and fellowship. Your **talent** brings life to our ministries and events. And your **treasure** supports the mission and daily needs of the parish.

All three are important—and when shared together, they reflect a heart fully engaged in discipleship. **Are you sharing all three with your parish?**

## CHRISTIAN ACTION

### NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION IN 2025:

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 a.m.) to pick up bags of supplemental groceries on Tuesday or Thursday (9:30 - 11:00 a.m.). 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 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **THANK YOU.**

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

### ST. BERNADETTE FAMILY YOU ARE AMAZING!!!

St. B family you continue to SHINE and make my heart smile! Your Christian Action is so grateful for your

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
Jul-25	81	374	0	\$3,500.57	218

participation in the Green Apples and Red Apples Back to School Supply Drives. We collected over 200 backpacks for the Hope Active Back to School Drive benefitting CCISD students. We also collected back to school supplies from over 400 red apples benefitting Immaculate Heart of Mary. Your donation of these school supplies will empower a student with the materials they need to succeed! We can't thank you enough for your generous donations. Your support makes all the difference! **THANK YOU!**

WE'RE DOING  
MORE WITH YOUR  
SUPPORT  
*Thank you*  
...for your...  
DONATION

### YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...

Canned pasta; Shampoo; 1lb bag of rice; 1lb bag of dry beans; Toothpaste; Granola bars; Pasta Sauce (no glass jars); 1lb bag/box Spaghetti; Instant potatoes  
Thank you for keeping Christian Action in mind on your next trip to the grocery store.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

For more information concerning Spiritual Life, contact Laura Breaux at [breauxl@stbchurch.org](mailto:breauxl@stbchurch.org), 832-915-5643.  
Access all Spiritual Life programs at [www.stbchurch.org](http://www.stbchurch.org) => Parish Life=> Spiritual Life

### COMBINED MEN & 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<sup>st</sup>, and includes all materials, a catered dinner on Friday, as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday. The retreat begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 10/17 and concludes with 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, 10/18. 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 is NOW OPEN** on the church website: [www.stbchurch.org/retreats](http://www.stbchurch.org/retreats). Scan the QR code or visit the webpage for more information. **Come and see!**



grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome. In addition to the Seasons of Hope program, we offer an on-going support group on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of each month at **6 p.m. 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](http://www.stbchurch.org/grief-support).



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** All are invited to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry on the **second Tuesday** of each month at **11:30 a.m.** 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.

### WOMEN AT THE WELL ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

All women 18 years of age and older are invited to attend an ice cream social after Mass on **Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** in the **Mini Hall** of the **church office building**. Come join us! For more information, scan the QR code, or visit [www.stbchurch.org/women-at-the-well](http://www.stbchurch.org/women-at-the-well), to complete the inquiry form.



**GRIEF SUPPORT:** The St. Bernadette Grief Support will begin another session of **Seasons of Hope** in the Fall. Anyone

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 10 THRU AUGUST 16, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	Henry Robledo Jr.+
Sun.	8:30 am:	All Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am:	The Edelman Family
Sun.	5:00 pm:	Time and Talent Parish Volunteers
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Helen & Caleb Anniversary
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Arturo Salazar+
Thurs.	8:30 am:	For mutual coexistence
Fri.	8:30 am:	For the Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	No am Mass	



**Born Into Eternal Life**  
Wilma Jane Crucian Siman  
on July 24, 2025

*Welcome!*

### **New to the Parish? We're So Glad You're Here!**

Whether you've just moved to the area, are exploring the Catholic faith, or returning after time away, we want you to know—you are truly welcome at St. Bernadette! We're a vibrant and caring community, and we're excited to have you join us.

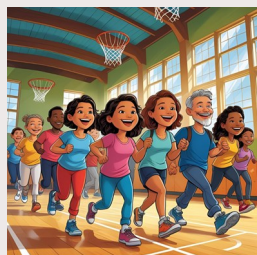
Adjusting to a new parish can come with questions, and we're here to help. Whether you'd like someone to walk you through what's available, answer questions about ministries and events, or provide a tour of the campus, we're happy to assist.

Please feel free to reach out to Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or [starons@stbchurch.org](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org). We'd love to connect with you and help you feel at home. Welcome to the family!



## INDOOR WALKING GROUP

Walk in air conditioning comfort! 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. Doing physical therapy—canes and walkers are welcome! 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.

## MARY SETS THE EXAMPLE

An everyday steward is called to be gracious. I read once that to be a gracious person meant to walk softly, speak with intent, and to leave those you have met feeling that their lives were better that day because they encountered you. What a way to live!

But alas, living like that each and every day is so very hard. I hate to think that sometimes people I have encountered are happy to see me go, but I know that it is true. As Christians we are graced people, but on some days, that grace can seem pretty hidden.

If you are looking for an example of gracious living look no further than Our Lady. She answered the call regardless of the cost and she lived her life with a great dignity in the face of horrible trials. She was a gracious host to the Incarnation in her womb and she continues to invite us to get to know her Son better. She certainly embodies the definition of gracious living above.

We are called to always be ready and open to the call of her Son. He will bring us to those in need, seeking light in a world of darkness. Our hope must be then that after our encounter with another, they will feel enriched by our presence. Of course, we will know, like Our Lady knew before us, that it wasn't about us at all. It was about the Jesus in us meeting the Jesus in them.

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