

# 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.



## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,  
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”  
- Lk 12:50

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Jesus forewarns his disciples that even families will be  
divided over his words. Growing up, how did your family deal  
with tension and conflict?

## WELCOME

We're so glad  
**YOU'RE  
HERE!**

LET  
THE  
HOLY  
SPIRIT  
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heart



## READINGS

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14  
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40  
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12  
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

## FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Aug. 3, 2025	\$ 15,520.00
Faith Direct**	16,093.81
Total Collection	\$ 31,613.81
Budget	34,752.31
Under budget	<u>\$ (3,138.50)</u>

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

**Upcoming Second Collection:** Sept. 7 – Catholic University of America

**2025-Diocesan Services Fund** As of Aug. 5, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 95,869
Under Goal	<b>\$ (63,131)</b>

**Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign** As of Aug. 5, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 2,997,926
Payments Received to Date	\$ 1,925,178
Total Number of Donors	624
Expenditures to Date	\$ 1,820,893

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.

You can still sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/TX631](https://faith.direct/TX631) or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757.

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.

## August Prayer Intention: For Mutual Coexistence

This August, Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray "that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation—for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons."

He reminds us, "We live in times of fear and division... Sometimes we act as if we were alone, building walls that separate us from one another... recognizing in every person an inviolable dignity." His prayer continues, asking God to send the Holy Spirit to rekindle within us a desire to understand, listen, and live together with compassion and respect.

Let us take these words to heart this month. May we become **builders of bridges**, seeking dialogue instead of division, and seeing diversity not as a threat but as a gift that enriches us all.

Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/mU2JBABYZhA> or scan the QR code



## 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 closed** – Registration will reopen on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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 p.m.-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>.



## VOCATIONS NEWS

For more information or to register call 713-652-8239.

**MARIAN DINNER**, evening of prayer, group sharing, and dinner with the Vocation Associate Director and other religious sisters from the Archdiocese for High School Girls ages 14 – 18. Parents may attend. Tuesday, September 16, 2025; at Epiphany of the Lord; 1530 Norwalk Dr, Katy, TX 77450

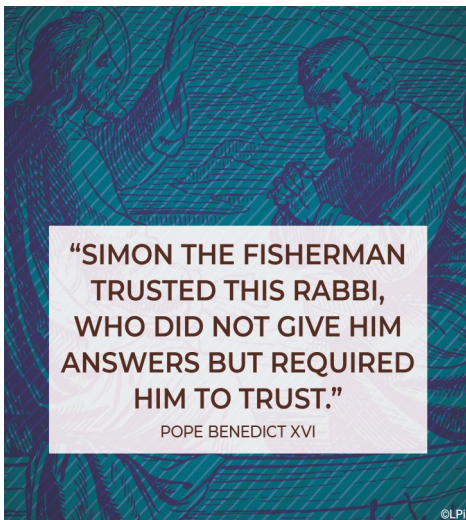
## DISCOVER THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Monthly evenings at St. Mary's Seminary with the Vocations Director learning more about life in seminary.

## SILENT RETREAT SERIES

It can be hard to imagine a path that could fulfill all of the desires God has placed on your heart AND lead you to sanctity. But this is exactly his will for your life! Your heart is designed for fulfillment in carrying out a mission only you can accomplish on this earth — a vocation hand-picked by the God of all creation before you were even born. This Retreat series will be held at St. Mary's Seminary, 9845 Memorial Drive.

## 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).

*Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.*

## 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

### NEW!! ELDER SPIRITUALITY BOOK STUDY: THE GIFT OF YEARS:

Growing Older Gracefully by Sr. Joan Chittister. All adults ages 50 and older are invited to participate. We will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Marius Rm in the PLC, beginning October 1st. The study will be led by Gerry Kraynik. Join us as we explore the blessings, challenges, and burdens of elderhood; and grow with us as we learn how to be a true blessing to our family, friends, and the world. Register today at [www.stbchurch.org/elder-spirituality](http://www.stbchurch.org/elder-spirituality).



### NEW!! WALKING WITH PURPOSE: PASSIONATE DISCIPLESHIP,

a 9-week study of 2 Timothy. Passionate Discipleship is a Bible study focused on equipping women to know Christ and to make Him known. Throughout this Bible study, we will examine 2 Timothy verse by verse as we immerse ourselves in Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy. The group meets weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini Hall, beginning September 11th and runs through November 13th. The cost is \$30. Come join your sisters in faith as we learn to walk closer with our Lord Jesus! Register today by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.stbchurch.org/walking-with-purpose](http://www.stbchurch.org/walking-with-purpose).



**NEW!! WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY:** All adult women are invited to join the Fall 2025 book study on IMMORTAL DIAMOND by Fr. Richard Rohr. Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self explores the deepest questions of identity, spirituality, and meaning in Richard Rohr's inimitable style. The group will resume meeting weekly on Thursdays at 9:30



a.m. in the Youth Rm of the Brandsma Bldg., beginning September 4th, for 12 sessions. For more information and registration, scan the QR code or visit [www.stbchurch.org/womens-book-study](http://www.stbchurch.org/womens-book-study).

**ADULT RETREAT:** All adult men and women are invited to attend the adult retreat DIVING DEEPER INTO FAITH THROUGH PRAYER, which will be held at St. Bernadette October 17-18, 2025. The cost is \$65/person, if registered and paid before October 1st, 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!



**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 offer an on-going support group on the 2nd 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).



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Blessing of the Animals  
Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Deacon Kevin will begin the blessing at 6 p.m. in the prayer circle located in the parking lot near Christian Action. All animals great and small are welcome.



## 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



## 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!

**BAPTISM GIFTS**



## CHRISTIAN ACTION

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

Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Electricity Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
Jun-25	86	388	10	\$2,555.93	220
Jul-25	81	374	0	\$3,968.01	218
Aug 1-17, 2025	30	145	2	\$842.08	50

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 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!**

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

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

## TIME & TALENT

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

### What is Time and Talent?

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.

### New Times!

#### 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. OR 12:10 p.m.** in the **Parish Conference Room (office building) OR by appointment**. 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!

**Church Renovation Completion Celebration Potluck** We're gearing up for our Church Renovation Completion Celebration Potluck this September, and we'd love for you to be part of making it memorable! We're looking for friendly faces to join our short-term planning committee, help with decorating, or lend a hand behind the scenes with kitchen duties. This is a great way



to meet new people, share your talents, and help create a joyful celebration for our parish family. **New volunteers are always welcome—come join us and make this event special!** Call or email to sign up. Supply donations or monetary contributions are also greatly appreciated.

### 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!**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 17 THRU AUGUST 23, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	Mr. & Mrs. Guadalupe Lara+
Sun.	8:30 am:	Andrea R. Domingue+
Sun.	11:00 am:	Deborah Ann Wilson Mize+
Sun.	5:00 pm:	All Parishioners
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Luisa Gudeloso
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Rowena Bullen
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Madeline McPhail
Fri.	8:30 am:	Alexandrina McPhail
Sat.	No am Mass	

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join Catholic men who share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors, and role models and to establish a foundation for charity and community. **Put your faith into action to serve others!**

With each new active member, we can better serve the church, local community, and particularly those in need. In addition to the fellowship and faith development that Knights enjoy through their affiliation, Knights and their families enjoy fun social events and opportunities to make new friends and business contacts.

**Interested in becoming a Knight or have questions?** Scan this code or go to [www.kofc10959.org](http://www.kofc10959.org) and click on About Our Council and then Contact Us. We will be in touch. **If you're already a Knight and would like to transfer your membership** to our Council, please contact Douglas Bradley at 817-360-2370 or [dbradley1999@hotmail.com](mailto:dbradley1999@hotmail.com).



## 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!

## BOARD GAME GROUP

All ages are welcome for some fun and games! Join us Thursdays August 21 and Sept. 4 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. 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 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!



## Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

— Tracy Earl Welliver