



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.



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:30

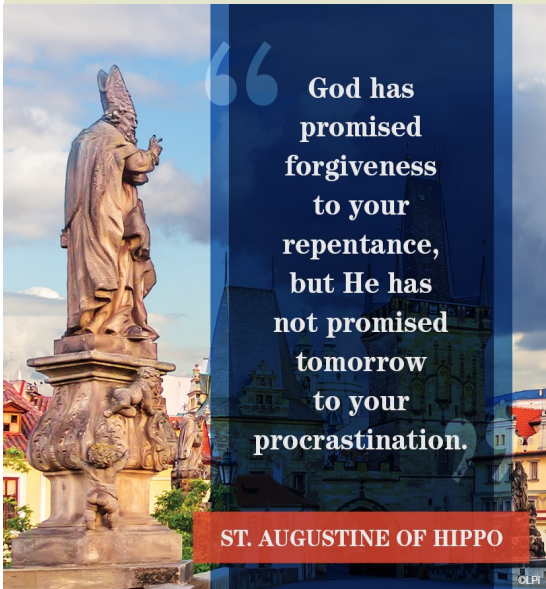
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The author of Hebrews offers words of encouragement for community members struggling and discouraged in their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker you could look to support this week?

WELCOME

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



READINGS

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Aug. 10, 2025	\$ 15,815.62
Faith Direct**	<u>16,093.81</u>
Total Collection	\$ 31,909.43
Budget	<u>34,752.31</u>
Under budget	<u>\$ (2,842.88)</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. 12, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 98,614
Under Goal	\$ (60,386)

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of Aug. 12, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 2,999,443
Payments Received to Date	\$ 1,937,012
Total Number of Donors	629
Expenditures to Date	\$ 1,922,612

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 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday, August 30, 2025
10:00 a.m. in the PLC

Any Catholic suffering from illness of body, mind, or spirit may receive this Sacrament for healing and comfort. If you do not need anointing, please consider helping those in need of this Sacrament get to Church.



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 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 **Mini-Hall**). Please contact Jason Honeycutt with

any questions or concerns: honeycuttj@stbchurch.org.

CHRISTIAN ACTION

832-915-5677, 832-915-5678

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.

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

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.**

DIAPER DRIVE!!! The month of Sept.!

Christian Action and the Knights of Columbus Council 10959 have partnered up to host a diaper and baby wipes drive throughout the month of September! The diapers and baby wipes will benefit parents in need at the Community Pregnancy Center of Pasadena and Christian Action. Your donations will help ensure that parents in need will receive sufficient supplies to keep their child clean, dry, and healthy.

The drive is for the larger sized diapers (size 4, 5, 6, 7) and baby wipes. You may drop off the items in the green bin marked Christian Action in the narthex of the church or drop them off at your Christian Action office M-Th 9-noon! Should you have questions regarding donations, please e-mail christianaction@stbchurch.org or Brother Knight Chris Delgado Chrisdelgadovp@gmail.com.



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, 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.

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 15th.

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

JRHIGH *and HIGH SCHOOL** Events

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

Upcoming Events to look for: JrH Youth Rally and JrH Extreme Challenge

High School Bible Study - weekly event. Wednesday High School Bible Study will be from 5:30 pm-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 => 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.



TIME & TALENT

For more information or to volunteer contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or email starons@stbchurch.org

Church Renovation

Celebration Potluck Our church renovations are almost complete—let's celebrate together! This September, we'll gather for a joyful **Celebration Potluck**, and we'd love for YOU to help make it unforgettable. Whether you enjoy decorating, pitching in with kitchen prep, or being part of the planning team, there's a place for your gifts. It's a wonderful way to meet others, share your talents, and help our parish family rejoice in this milestone. New volunteers are always welcome—come be part of the fun! Donations of supplies or monetary contributions are also appreciated. Ready to join in? Call or email today to sign up!



Picnic Committee and looking for volunteers with all kinds of talents—planning, decorating, organizing games, coordinating food, or simply lending a hand behind the scenes. This is a short-term way to connect with others, share your gifts, and help create a warm and welcoming celebration for our parish family. Interested? Contact Suzanne at 832-915-5644. Let's make this year's picnic the best one yet—together!

Special Event Childcare & Sunday Nursery

Love kids and want to share some joy? Come be part of our childcare team during parish events or in the Sunday nursery! We'll provide the toys, activities, and support—you bring your smile and energy. Teens can earn service hours, and adult volunteers are especially needed. It's a fun, flexible way to make a big difference for our families and youngest parishioners.

Classroom Helpers

Want a chance to grow in faith while making a real impact? Join our Faith Formation team as a teacher or classroom helper on Sunday mornings or afternoons! Opportunities are available with PreK through High School. No experience or theology degree required—just bring your openness and enthusiasm. We provide all the materials, including a simple, step-by-step guidebook, plus plenty of support along the way. It's a joyful way to share God's love, build community, and inspire the next generation of disciples. Why not give it a try?

Be Part of Our Parish Picnic Fun!

The Parish Picnic is just around the corner, and we'd love your help to make it a joyful day for all! We're forming a

Electronic Recycling at Ellington, Saturday, September 13

at the Ellington Airport/Clear Lake Recycling Center from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or until the truck is full. Recycle unwanted televisions, cell phones, fax machines, DVD or VCR players, wire, printer cartridges, power cords, computers, monitors, printers, hard drives and other electronic devices. There is NO COST. For more information including size limit on TV's: <https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/clearlake.html>

PS. For your safety, don't forget to wipe/destroy your computer hard drive before donating. For cell phones, remove your SIM and SD cards, and perform a factory reset to erase all personal information.

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.



BOARD GAME GROUP

All ages are welcome for some fun and games! Join us Thursdays Sept. 4 and 18 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!

BUILDING OUR PARISH TOGETHER

At St. Bernadette Church, we encourage all parishioners to be active participants in parish life by offering their Time, Talent, and Treasure. Each gift is essential in strengthening our vibrant, faith-filled community.

Your time allows us to gather in prayer and build relationships. Your talents bring creativity and energy to our ministries and activities. And your treasure sustains the mission and daily work of the parish.

Together, these gifts show a heart committed to living as a disciple. How are you sharing your Time, Talent, and Treasure with your parish family?

SPIRITUAL LIFE

For more information concerning *Spiritual Life*, contact Laura Breaux at breauxl@stbchurch.org, 832-915-5643. Access all *Spiritual Life* programs at 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. on 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.



NEW!! THERESIANS

INTERNATIONAL If you are an adult woman seeking to deepen your spiritual life with the support of a community of faith-filled women, you are invited to come and see what a Theresian community is all about on Friday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini Hall. Dinner is provided, so an



RSVP is required. Scan the QR Code or visit www.stbchurch.org/theresians to reserve your spot today!



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.



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.



GRIEF SUPPORT: The St. Bernadette Grief Support will offer another 6-week series of *Seasons of Hope* this Fall on alternate Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in the church office conference room, beginning September 13th. 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.



Job Opportunities! ECC Hallway Monitors - Part Time

ECC is seeking a caring Hallway Monitor for the 2024–2025 school year!

We're looking for qualified, loving, devoted, and energetic individuals who are passionate about working with children. If you enjoy a part-time role that supports the daily routines of young learners—and want to make a difference in the lives of our little saints—ECC is the place for you!

Email nevinsj@stbchurch.org for the job description and to schedule an interview.

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

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



New to St. Bernadette? Welcome!

We're so glad you're here—whether you're new to the area, exploring the Catholic faith, or returning after some time away. St. Bernadette is a joyful, caring parish family, and we're excited to have you with us!

Adjusting to a new parish often brings questions, and we're here to help. If you'd like a personal introduction to our ministries, events, and opportunities—or even a tour of our campus—we'd love to connect. Contact Suzanne Staron, Newcomer Coordinator, at 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org. We look forward to helping you feel right at home.



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 24 THRU AUGUST 30, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	Anne Hayes+
Sun.	8:30 am:	Andrea R. Domingue+
Sun.	11:00 am:	Maureen C. Rittgers+
Sun.	5:00 pm:	All Parishioners
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	For the Souls in Purgatory
Wed.	7:00 pm:	James Thoppil+
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Miles Zaunbrecher+
Fri.	8:30 am:	Jerry Dale Yeane+
Sat.	No am Mass	

*Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the narrow gate. Remove
from me anything that distracts me from You,
Your love, Your invitation, Your mission.
Keep me close to You, familiar at every step.
Amen.*



INDOOR WALKING GROUP

Looking for a simple way to stay active and healthy? Join our **Indoor Walking Group** every Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Brandsma Building gym—complete with air-conditioned comfort!

The entrance will be open for walkers from 1:30 to 1:40 p.m., so be sure to arrive on time. All fitness levels are welcome, and you can walk at your own pace. Whether you're in physical therapy, using a cane or walker, or simply wanting some steady exercise, this group is for you.

Bring a friend, enjoy some fellowship, and take a step toward better health. No registration needed—just come walk with us!



inspiration

from the
Gospel

STRIVE TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE

Jesus didn't mince words. As he passed through the towns, he warned his listeners. *There's a gate, and passing through it won't be easy. But you've got to get through it.* This image of a "narrow gate" illustrates Jesus' mission perfectly: he traveled from village to village, "teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem" (Luke 13:24, 22).

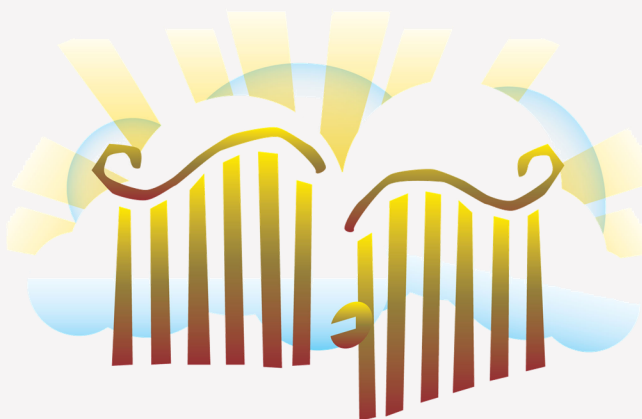
Jesus' whole life pointed toward Jerusalem, where he would fulfill his mission. There he would unveil his Father's plan of salvation as he freely offered his life for us. He never stopped moving toward the cross. And as he went, he visited town after town, teaching all who would listen. This was Jesus' "narrow gate," and he did not avoid it (Luke 13:24).

Even more, he invited everyone to follow him through that gate of obedient, self-giving love. That's because he knows that the narrow gate is the way to eternal life. His warnings might frighten us, but Jesus doesn't want to scare us; he wants to save us. And so every day, he offers us the chance to enter

the narrow gate—by our acts of love and our obedience to his commands.

Just as he visited the towns near Jerusalem, Jesus visits your town, your house, and your heart. He comes to teach you how to follow him all the way to heaven. He invites you to "strive to enter" the gate that leads to eternal life (Luke 13:24). And the best news? *He* is the gate (John 10:7), and his arms are open wide to help you. He is always offering you the grace you need to follow him.

So open your heart to Jesus. If the gate feels too narrow, the path too difficult, or your resistance too great, confess your need to the Lord. Ask for his help! He loves you immeasurably. He embraced the cross so that the narrow gate could open wide for you.



*"Lord, help me to follow you through the narrow gate."
—The Word Among Us*