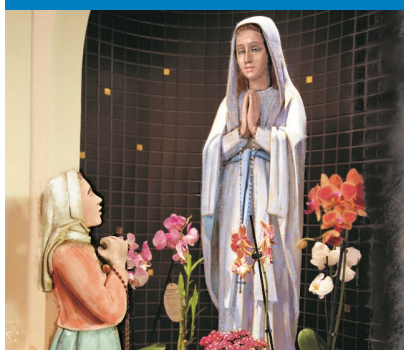




Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

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.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For you will be repaid at the
resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:14

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With the parable of the wedding banquet, Jesus teaches the Pharisees to
be open and even inviting to the poor and marginalized. How might you
exercise this virtue in the coming week?

WELCOME



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.

READINGS

Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd -4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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.

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor," Jesus instructs. "Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Each of us has our own banquet to offer, our own gifts to share. Who will we invite?

TIME & TALENT

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



Put Your Creativity to Work for the Parish

Do you enjoy designing flyers, posters and brochures working with layouts, and eye-catching designs? We're looking for a volunteer with graphic arts skills to help create flyers and handouts for our parish social activities. You can help with one project or more—there's no long-term commitment required. It's a wonderful way to share your talents, meet new people, and help bring our events to life in a fun, creative way. If you'd like to use your gifts to serve the parish (and have a little fun along the way!), we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Suzanne at 832-915-5644 for more details.

Reception Helpers Needed

Do you like meeting people or pitching in behind the scenes? We're looking for volunteers to help with cookie-and-lemonade style receptions possibly one weekend in September after Sunday Masses. You can choose the time and role that works best for you—coordinating, setup, serving, or cleanup. This is a **one-time opportunity**, so no long-term commitment. A simple way to share your time and make our parish gatherings warm and welcoming!

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!

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 **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!

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.

St. B's Job Opening: Maintenance Technician

St. Bernadette Catholic Church, is seeking a **full-time Maintenance Technician**. This position comes with benefits and plays an important role in caring for our parish home.

The Maintenance Technician is responsible for a variety of tasks, including basic plumbing, carpentry, painting, HVAC, landscaping, and general repairs, as well as routine and preventative maintenance. The role also supports parish life by assisting with event setup and teardown, coordinating work with vendors and contractors, and ensuring the safety and security of our facilities. Availability for occasional nights and weekends is required to respond to emergencies or special events.

If you are skilled in maintenance and want to serve the Church community through your work, we invite you to apply. For more information and to submit a resume, please visit <https://www.stbchurch.org/employment-opportunities>



Discipleship in Action: Time, Talent, Treasure

At St. Bernadette Church, we believe being a disciple means sharing our **Time, Talent, and Treasure** to help our parish family thrive. Every gift—big or small—makes a difference and helps our community grow in faith and friendship.

When you give your **time**, you build connections through prayer and fellowship. When you share your **talents**, you bring energy, skills, and creativity that brighten parish life. And when you give your **treasure**, you keep our ministries and mission going strong every day.

Each gift, given with love, shows what it means to follow Christ. How might God be inviting you to share 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.

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. Scan the QR code or visit the webpage for more information. *Come and see!*



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.

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? We're Glad You're Here!

Welcome! Whether you're new to the community, returning to the Church, or simply exploring the Catholic faith, we're delighted you've joined us at St. Bernadette. Our parish is a warm and faith-filled family, and we're grateful you're here.

Starting in a new parish often comes with questions, and we'd be happy to walk with you. If you'd like to learn more about our ministries, events, or campus—or just have someone to connect with—please reach out to Suzanne Staron, Newcomer Coordinator, at 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org. We look forward to welcoming you personally!



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Hello Faith Formation Families!
I pray your school year is off to a great start!
Faith Formation Begins September 14th! If you haven't registered already, registration will open back up September 15th!

We will have a parent meeting on September 7th at 2 p.m. in The PLC (Summer Church). Looking forward to a great year!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions! Courtney Fossati at Fossatic@stbchurch.org



CHRISTIAN ACTION

832-915-5677, 832-915-5678

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 1-20, 2025	61	293	17	\$1,624.54	92.5

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 **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.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT FRESH PRODUCE OR BREAD IN THE GREEN BIN IN THE CHURCH!

DIAPER AND BABY WIPE DRIVE!!! STARTS THIS WEEK AND RUNS THROUGH THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER!

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 items 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.



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.

CHRISTIAN ACTION WILL BE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 1ST & 2ND IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY

WFC, Jr. High & High School Faith Formation

JrH AND High School Info.

(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 or contact me below. (Catechist's always needed!)
- **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 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 31 THRU SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	All Parishioners
Sun.	8:30 am:	Family of Emmanuel "Johnny" Clebert
Sun.	11:00 am:	Miguel Angel Castillo
Sun.	5:00 pm:	Deborah Lambert+
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Deborah Lambert+
Wed.	7:00 pm:	For our relationship with all of creation
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Parish Volunteers
Fri.	8:30 am:	Parish Volunteers
Sat.	No am Mass	

BREAKING PARISH NEWS!

CELEBRATION

SUNDAY

We are excited to celebrate the completion of our church renovations the weekend of **September 20–21!** Join us for fellowship and a chance to explore our newly refreshed worship space.

Stay tuned for exciting details and activity schedule in next week's bulletin!

Let's come together in gratitude for God's blessings and celebrate this new chapter for our parish family!

♣ Be a Part of the Celebration — Volunteer Needs

As we celebrate together, we'd love your help to make the weekend special! Here are some easy ways to pitch in:

- **Sweet Treats** – Bring cookies, donuts, or breakfast pastries (homemade or store-bought) for after-Mass refreshments.
- **Sunday Setup** – Help set up tables and chairs before the morning festivities.
- **Parish Potluck (after the 11:00 a.m. Mass)** – Volunteers needed for kitchen duty, serving, greeting, and cleanup.
- **Creative Helpers** – A graphic artist to design a handout.
- **Tech Whiz** – Someone to create a PowerPoint slideshow.

Every bit of help—big or small—makes a difference! Come join the fun, share your gifts, and help us make this a joyful parish celebration.

Contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 to volunteer.

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. 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!



PRAYER FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Lord,
As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.
Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good.
Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them
well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and
wisdom.
Help them to be kind
to others
and lead others to
be kind to them.
Give their teachers
patience and
understanding and
help them teach
what is just and
true.
Send your angels to
guide and guard
our
children and to
keep them from all harm.
Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and
protection.
Hold them in the palm of your hand
and bring them home safely at day's end.
Amen.

