



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.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down
and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?
... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his
possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:28, 33

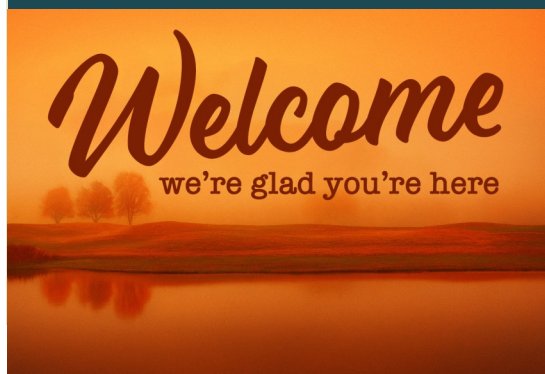
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Jesus challenges the crowds to weigh carefully the high cost of
discipleship. What have you given up following Jesus?

WELCOME



New to St. Bernadette? We're Glad You're Here!

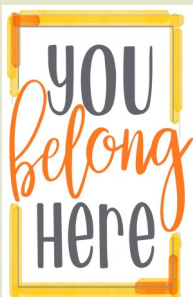
Welcome! Whether you're new to the community, returning to the Church, or simply exploring the Catholic faith, we're delighted you've joined us at St. Bernadette. Our parish is a warm and faith-filled family, and we're grateful you're here.

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!



READINGS

Monday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Aug. 17, 2025	\$ 16,602.24
Faith Direct**	<u>16,093.81</u>
Total Collection	\$ 32,696.05
Budget	<u>34,752.31</u>
Under budget	<u>\$ (2,056.26)</u>

Sunday Aug. 24, 2025	\$ 13,060.62
Faith Direct**	<u>16,093.81</u>
Total Collection	\$ 29,154.43
Budget	<u>34,752.31</u>
Under budget	<u>\$ (5,597.88)</u>

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

Upcoming Second Collections: October 5 – Archdiocese for Military Services
October 19 – World Mission Sunday

2025-Diocesan Services Fund As of Aug. 26, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 105,669
Under Goal	<u>\$ (53,331)</u>

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of Aug. 26, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 2,999,443
Payments Received to Date	\$ 1,941,664
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.

Prayer for Our Relationship with All of Creation The Pope Video – September 2025

In this month's reflection, Pope Leo XIV invites us—following the example of St. Francis—to deepen our awareness of how we are interconnected with all creation. He encourages us to recognize that every creature is loved by God and deserves our respect and care. Through this prayer intention, the Holy Father calls us to nurture a faith that embraces our shared responsibility toward the environment.

Join us in praying for this intention, and take a moment to watch *The Pope Video* online at thepopevideo.org



Celebrating Our Return to the Church!



The time has come to return to our beautifully renovated Church! Let's prepare our hearts and celebrate together.

Friday, September 12, 2025 – Begin a Novena to St. Bernadette after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and again at 7:00 p.m. via YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/@st.bernadettecatholicchurc6489>. A prayerful way to ready ourselves for this joyful transition back.

Starting Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – Masses will be in the Marius Chapel during the transition.

Saturday, September 20, 2025 – Mass in the Renovated Church!

- **Saturday, Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. Mass** – Join us for a **Eucharistic Procession** from the Parish Life Center to the Church. Line the procession route (those with mobility needs may wait inside the Church). We'll pray and sing together as the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle followed by Mass.
- **Explore & Learn** – After Mass, pick up a **Renovation Handout** and walk through the Church to see the beautiful improvements up close!
- **Refreshments After Mass** - Light refreshments outside the Church. Please bring cookies on a disposable tray to share.

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025 – Masses at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the renovated Church!

- **Explore & Learn** – After each Mass, pick up a **Renovation Handout** and walk through the Church to see the beautiful improvements up close!
- **Refreshments & Fellowship** –
- **After 8:30 a.m. Mass:** Light refreshments. Please bring muffins, donuts, or other finger-food breakfast items in a disposable pan to share.
- **After 11:00 a.m. Mass: Parish Potluck in the Parish Life Center!** Bring a main dish, salad, or vegetable dish to share. No time to cook? Pick up a pizza, fried chicken, or another favorite on your way. You can drop off items at the Parish Life Center before Mass.
- **Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass** – Light refreshments outside of Church. Please bring cookies on a disposable tray to share.

Come celebrate, pray, explore, and share fellowship as we begin this new chapter together!

Be Part of the Celebration!

Our renovated Church is ready, and we're preparing for a joyful weekend of celebration! To make it all come together, we need many helping hands—big and small jobs that anyone can do. Will you join in?

Here are some simple ways to help:

- **Sweet Treats** – Bring cookies, donuts, or breakfast pastries (homemade or store-bought) for after-Mass refreshments.
- **Setup Crew** – Help set up tables and chairs in the Parish Life Center the week of Sept. 16.
- **Refreshments Team** – Assist with serving and cleanup after any Mass.
- **Greeters** – Hand out Renovation Handouts after any Mass with a welcoming smile.
- **Event Crew** – Help set up or take down tables, chairs, and possibly a tent for Sept. 21/22.
- **Parish Potluck** (after 11 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 put together a PowerPoint slideshow.
- **Office Help**—Help fold Renovation Handouts at the office, weekday.

Every bit of help makes the celebration more special. Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

For more information or to volunteer contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644

or email starons@stbchurch.org

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!! SEASONS OF HOPE: 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.

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>



Together We Flourish

Being a disciple means living generously and joyfully! At St. Bernadette, we are blessed when parishioners share their **Time, Talent, and Treasure**. Each gift makes a difference—your time deepens friendships and builds community, your talents bring energy and life to our parish ministries, and your treasure ensures that our mission continues to grow and serve others.

Every offering, whether big or small, is a beautiful response to God's love. Together, our gifts transform ordinary moments into extraordinary grace.

How might God be inviting you to step forward today—with your time, your skills, or your resources—to help our parish family flourish?

PREK FAITH FORMATION – 2 ½ TO PREK 5 YEARS OLD

Please sign up for PreK Faith Formation. We have morning and afternoon Sunday class times to choose from. Registration reopens September 15th. Register at <https://www.stbchurch.org/new-registration-for-whole-family-catechesis>

Our Sunday PreK classes are for children 2.5-PreK 5 years of age. The classes are drop off with trained adult catechists who have completed Safe Environment training. We have a few family event opportunities throughout the year.



Important dates:

Sunday, September 7-Pre-K through 12th grade Parent Meeting in the Parish Life Center from 2-4 p.m.

Sunday, September 14 – Faith Formation begins.

Call Aurora Winstead at 832-915-5648 or email at winstead@stbchurch.org if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering in the WFC Pre-K Faith Formation ministry. Junior High and High School students, can receive service hours.

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Are you ready for a new year of Faith Formation? Parent Meeting Sunday, September 7 at 2 p.m. in The PLC/Summer Church.

A few notes:

- The first day of Faith Formation is September 14th!
- Registration will reopen September 15th online!
- Elementary Faith Formation needs you! Consider being a catechist for morning classes! I have Second, Fourth and Fifth grade classes without teachers! Contact me and we can talk through all the details. **All volunteers must be safe Haven Approved**
- Are you receiving the Thursday e-mails? If not, please reach out to me:

Courtney Fossati, Fossatic@stbchurch.org Looking forward to an AMAZING new year!

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

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 1-26, 2025	79	379	21	\$2,101.33	120.5

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!

BABY WIPES AND DIAPER DRIVE IS HERE!!!

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.

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 5:30-6:30 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.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 7 THRU SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	Deborah Lambert+
Sun.	8:30 am:	Kwesi Sackey+
Sun.	11:00 am:	Antonieta Ranche+
Sun.	5:00 pm:	For All Parishioners
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Liam Wetterauer
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Time & Talent Volunteers
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Jeanne Jackman+
Fri.	8:30 am:	Edna Serafica
Sat.	No am Mass	



BOARD GAME GROUP

Come Play & Connect!

All ages are invited for fun, laughter, and games! Join us on **Thursdays, Sept. 4 & 18, from 1–3 p.m.** in Room 201 of the Brandsma Building (yes, there's an elevator!).

We'll have favorites like **Rummikub** and **Dominos**, but feel free to bring along your own game to share. Don't know how to play? No worries—we'll happily teach you!

Bring a friend, bring the family, or just bring yourself—everyone is welcome.

Already part of a game group? If you need a space to play, come join us during game time and make it your own!

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. Final placement of each child will be determined by direct observation of the child in the classroom by the teacher and director.

In addition to the online registration information, we require **BACK TO SCHOOL** paperwork.

It's a great time to register for Preschool Mother's Day Out. Scan the QR Code to register or visit your www.MyProCare.com account.

Current Registration Fee: \$250 Days/Tuition

2 days – Monday/Wednesday (1s & 2s ONLY) \$305

2 days Tuesday/Thursday \$310

3 days Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday \$440

4 days Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday \$510

Pre-K Friday \$80

Ages 1 year-old to 5 years-old 9:05 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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.



Job Opportunities! Hallway Monitor - Part Time

ECC is seeking a caring Hallway Monitor for the 2025–2026 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 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE

The Saint Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 10959 will be partnering with the Saint Clare Knights to host a "Soccer Challenge" on **Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Saint Clare school soccer field at 3131 Eldorado Blvd, Houston, TX 77059.

The competition is designed for boys and girls ages 9 to 14 to demonstrate a basic yet critical soccer skill – the penalty kick. Each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the designated penalty line for their age group.

The goal will be divided into a series of five scoring zones. The upper corners of the goal will be designated as 20-point zones. The lower corners will be designated as 10-point zones and the central region is a 5-point zone.

Registration: Knights will be signing up participants after all Masses Sept. 13th/14th or you can go to: <https://tinyurl.com/KCEntry> to print the registration form and bring it to the competition.

Please contact Mike Kainer at kainers@sbcglobal.net or Phil Prasek at paprasek@comcast.net with questions.