



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

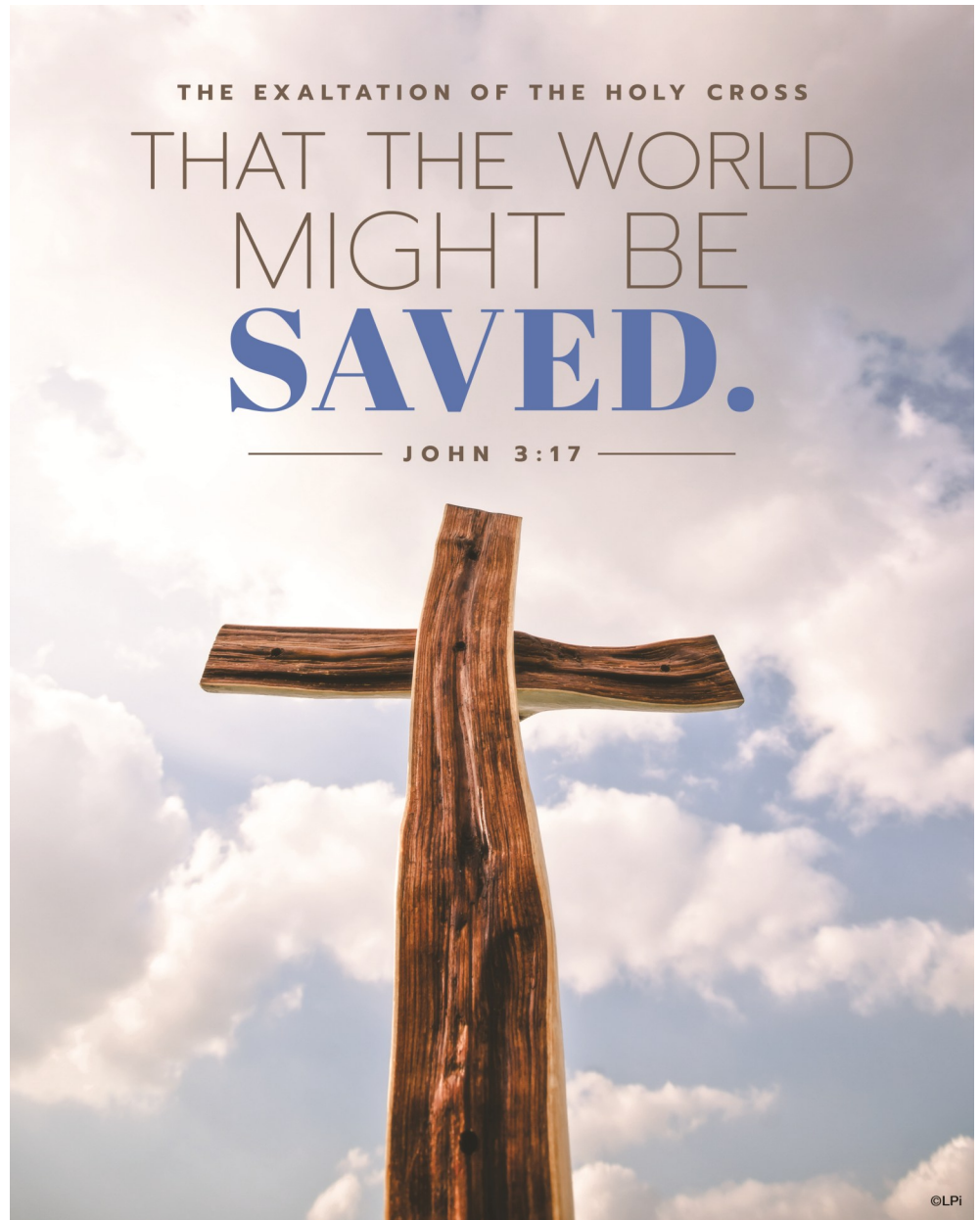
To begin the process of having your
child baptized, please call the office or
visit our website.

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.



God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?

WELCOME



A Place for You at St. Bernadette

Welcome! Whether this is your very first visit, a return after some time away, or simply a step in exploring the Catholic faith, we're so glad you're here. St. Bernadette is more than a parish—it's a family of faith where you are always welcome.

Every new beginning comes with questions, and you don't have to figure it out alone. If you'd like to discover more about our ministries, explore upcoming events, or just have a friendly face to connect with, we're here for you. Contact Suzanne Staron, Newcomer Coordinator, at 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org. We can't wait to get to know you!



READINGS

Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Aug. 31, 2025	\$ 16,324.62
Faith Direct**	14,220.05
Total Collection	\$ 30,544.67
Budget	34,752.31
Under budget	\$ (4,207.65)

** 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 Sept. 2, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 106,349
Under Goal	\$ (52,651)

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of Sept. 2, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 2,999,553
Payments Received to Date	\$ 1,954,602
Total Number of Donors	629
Expenditures to Date	\$ 1,924,292

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

The upgrade from Faith Direct to ParishSOFT Giving is almost here!

As a reminder, you don't need to take any action—your recurring gifts and payment information will transfer automatically.

After the upgrade, you'll log in to ParishSOFT Giving using your same credentials. A link and instructions will be provided at launch.

Benefits you'll enjoy:

- Flexible scheduling and more payment options
- Direct access to edit your account anytime
- Continued access to Donor Support

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

Novena to St. Bernadette prayed in person at the end of every Mass and again at 7:00 p.m. via YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/@st.bernadettecatholicchurch6489>

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.

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.
- **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

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.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



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. 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.



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!

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!*



PREK FAITH FORMATION – 2 ½ TO PREK 5 YEARS OLD

Gospel Weeklies

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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 date

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.



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
Jul-25	81	374	0	\$3,968.01	218
Aug-25	86	413	23	\$3,030.43	143
Sept 1-7, 2025	11	54	1	\$246.22	25

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 Chrisdelgadorvp@gmail.com.

YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...

Canned chicken, Canned mixed vegetables, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Granola bars, Pasta Sauce (no glass jars), 1lb bag/box Spaghetti, Instant potatoes, Jelly (no glass jars), all purpose cleaner. 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)

First Day of Faith Formation! 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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 14 THRU SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	Denise Diminuco+
Sun.	8:30 am:	Family of Emmanuel "Johnny" Clebert
Sun.	11:00 am:	All Parishioners
Sun.	5:00 pm:	Ben and Max Hayes +
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Time and Talent Volunteers
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Our Relationship with All of Creation
Thurs.	8:30 am:	For Healing
Fri.	8:30 am:	Andrea R. Domingue+
Sat.	No am Mass	

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Archdiocesan White Mass

Thursday, October 16, 6:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 3617 Milam St. Join us for the annual Archdiocesan White Mass to pray and offer thanksgiving for our faithful Catholics working in healthcare. Archbishop Joe Vásquez will preside.

Following Mass, there is a dinner with guest speaker Dr. Martin McCaffrey, Neonatologist & Professor of Pediatrics at UNC-Chapel Hill. Registration is not required for the Mass, but please pre-register to attend the dinner/speaker event at <https://archgh.swoogo.com/whitemass>.

For more information, call 713-440-3443 or email zgonzalez@archgh.org.

Archdiocesan Red Mass

Thursday, October 30, 6:15 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy. Join us for the annual Archdiocesan Red Mass honoring those who serve in the judiciary or legal profession. Archbishop Joe Vásquez, main celebrant and homilist. Following Mass, there is an optional dinner with speakers Archbishop Joe Vásquez and Daniel Cardinal DiNardo. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Are you ready for the Sex Talk?

Talking to your kids about sexuality isn't easy, but you don't have to do it alone. Join us for a 10-week journey rooted in John Paul II's Theology of the Body, blending scripture, tradition, and real parent insights. Together, we'll learn about our rich faith, share ideas, pray, and build a supportive community ready to guide our children in love and truth. Fridays, September 19-November 21, from 6-8 p.m. at St. Dominic Chancery (2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77021), Morkovsky Room #204. \$120 per couple or \$100 individual. Register now at: <https://archgh.swoogo.com/TheSexTalkSeries25>. For more information, contact the Office of Family Life at 713-741-8710.



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.

