



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

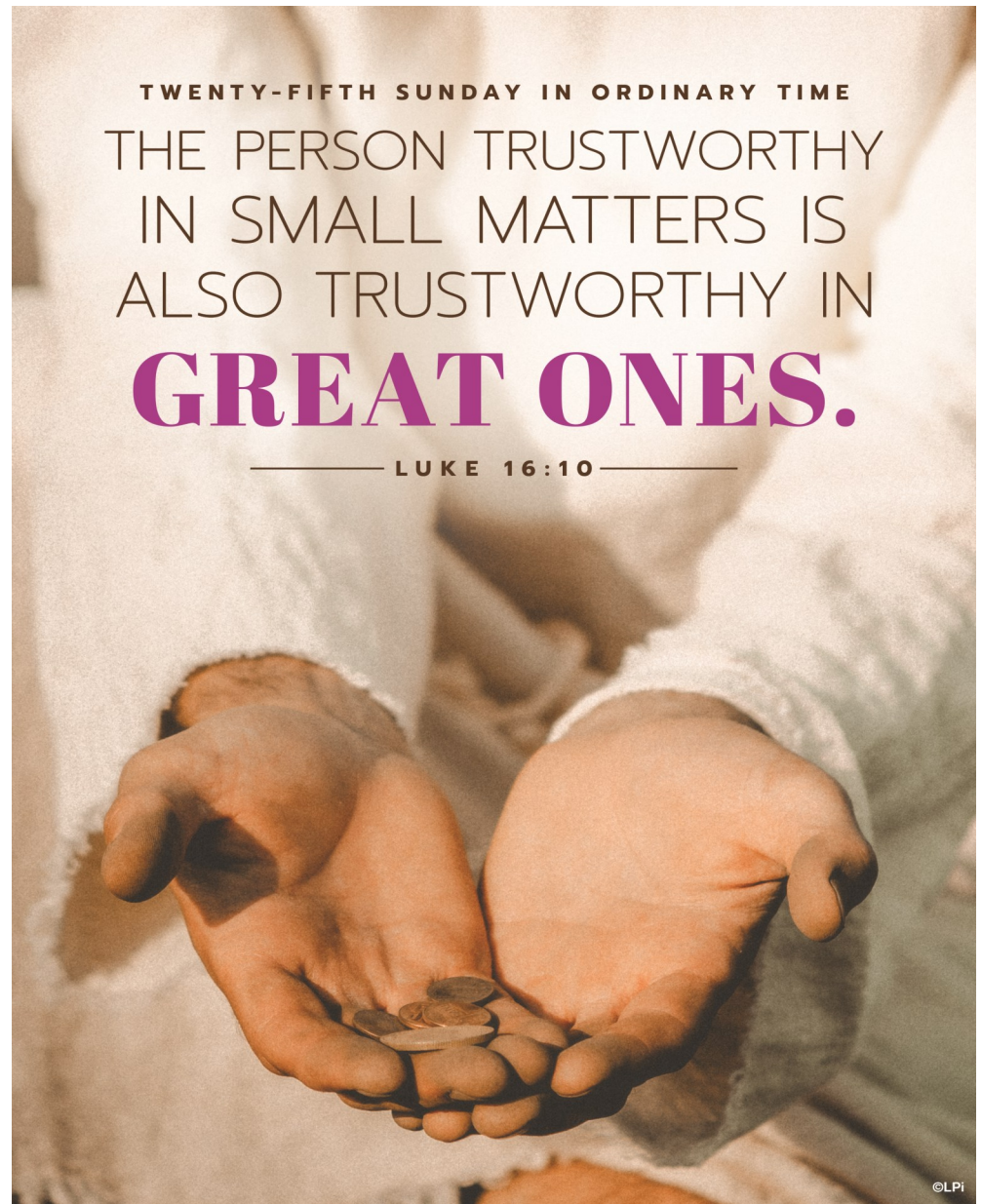
To begin the process of having your
child baptized, please call the office or
visit our website.

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.



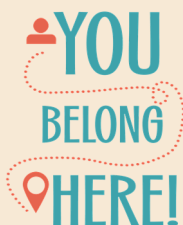
In the parable of the dishonest steward, the disciples learn the importance of honesty and prudence in daily living. What other virtues would you add for the life of a Christian today?

WELCOME



Welcome Home!

Whether this is your very first visit, your first time back in a while, or a step in exploring the Catholic faith, we're delighted you are here. At St. Bernadette, you'll find more than a parish—you'll find a family of faith, prayer, and support. If you'd like to learn more about our ministries, upcoming events, or ways to get involved, contact Suzanne Staron, Newcomer Coordinator, at 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org. We can't wait to journey with you!



Readings for the Week

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Sept. 7, 2025	\$ 16,894.12
Faith Direct**	14,220.05
Total Collection	\$ 31,114.17
Budget	34,752.31
Under budget	\$ (3,638.15)

** 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. 9, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 109,864
Under Goal	\$ (49,136)

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of Sept. 9, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 3,001,323
Payments Received to Date	\$ 1,973,021
Total Number of Donors	630
Expenditures to Date	\$ 1,931,082

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.

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.



Celebrating Our Return to the Church!

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

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.

inspiration from the Gospel

Who Reigns in Your Heart? Discover the Master You Truly Serve

No servant can serve two masters. (Luke 16:13)

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of a steward who had authority over all the resources of his master. However, he used his master's wealth and power to serve his own self-interest. When his master discovered he was squandering his property, he promptly fired the servant. His future uncertain, the servant reduced the debts owed to his master to secure favor for himself with the debtors. Although Jesus commends the steward for behaving prudently, he also tells his disciples, "You cannot serve both God and mammon" (Luke 16:13).

Jesus is clear: we can serve only God or wealth, and whichever one we choose has authority over us, for good or for ill. So how can we know which "master" we are serving?

Imagine a magnificent royal throne. It might be solid gold, encrusted with rubies, or ornately carved from beautiful oak. That throne represents authority and influence; it is the seat of power from which a king rules over his servants. So in this analogy, the "throne"

represents the seat of authority over our hearts, and we can choose who will sit on that throne and reign over us. To whom will we give first place?

When our primary desires are for more money or greater worldly success and recognition, we have placed some form of "mammon" on the throne. And what fruit does that bear? Only the desire for more. We feel restless, envious, and burdened. However, when we give God first place in our hearts, everything else falls into place, and we experience peace, contentment, and a desire to serve him and our neighbor.

What an obvious choice: Jesus is not a belittling master! Rather than demanding that we place him on the throne, he offers us an invitation. *Whom will you serve today?*

So what can you remove from the throne of your heart to make room for Jesus?

"Lord, help me to pursue you above all else today."

—The Word Among Us

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

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!*



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend our on-going support group on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the conference room in the church office building. For questions concerning St. Bernadette's bereavement/grief support ministry, please contact Laura Breaux, at breauxl@stbchurch.org.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION/CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP: Join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m., and every 3rd Saturday at 7:45 a.m. in the side chapel of the church for Contemplative Prayer. *Come, be still and know our God.*

MEN's & WOMEN's MINISTRIES: All adult men are invited to **Men of the Cross**, and all adult women are invited to **Women at the Well**. These groups meet monthly with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by an engaging presentation, faith sharing & fellowship. **Men of the Cross meets on the 1st Thursday** of every month, and **Women at the Well meets on the 2nd Thursday** of every month. The meeting location for both groups is the Mini Hall. Even if you don't have time to cook or pick up food to share, come anyway and bring a friend. *Don't miss out on this very special opportunity to connect in community!*

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Is spiritual direction for you? Often people believe they are not sufficiently "advanced" in their spiritual life to enter into spiritual direction. They may believe spiritual direction is only for clergy, or those well on their way to sainthood. That is simply not true. Spiritual direction is *for anyone who desires a deeper, more intimate relationship with God*. A spiritual director will prayerfully journey alongside you to help you see more clearly the movement in God in your life. Visit www.stbchurch.org/spiritual-direction to complete the inquiry form.



GATHER • CELEBRATE • BELONG

Mark your calendars! Join us on **Sunday, November 9** for our Parish Picnic—an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship for all ages. Enjoy games, activities, and Bingo for both kids and adults. We ask everyone to **start saving new or like-new items** for Bingo prizes, but please hold on to them until we are ready to collect.

Volunteers are needed to help plan this wonderful event, and new volunteers are always welcome! To get involved, contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org.

BOARD GAME GROUP

Come Play & Connect!

All ages are invited for fun, laughter, and games! Join us on **Thursdays, Oct. 2 and 16, 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!

NEWCOMERS

If you are new to our parish—or simply curious to learn more—we invite you to join us for a special **Meet the Pastor** event on **Sunday, October 12, at 12:00 noon** (following the 11:00 a.m. Mass) in the **Parish Life Center**.

Enjoy a light lunch, meet **Fr. Bob**, and connect with fellow parishioners. You'll also have the chance to learn about parish life and ministries, and if you wish, take a guided walking tour of our beautiful campus.

Please RSVP to Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org. We look forward to welcoming you!

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
Jul-25	81	374	0	\$3,968.01	218
Aug-25	86	413	23	\$3,030.43	143
Sept 1-10, 2025	43	216	1	\$2,433.89	67.5

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 benefitting the Community Pregnancy Center of Pasadena and Christian Action...throughout the month of September!!! 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, Canned tuna, Canned Chili, Brown paper grocery bags, Laundry detergent (1lb powder bags or small liquid containers), Thank you for keeping Christian Action in mind on your next trip to the grocery store.



*Jesus,
With your gentle mercy, build my
trust. Help me to believe you when
you say you want good for me. In
every season, give me grace. In every
need, be my answer.
Amen.*



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 open.

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.

Watch for upcoming youth sports events!



*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.



"CATECHISTS ARE PEOPLE WHO KEEP THE MEMORY OF GOD ALIVE; THEY KEEP IT ALIVE IN THEMSELVES AND THEY ARE ABLE TO REVIVE IT IN OTHERS."
- POPE FRANCIS

MASSES FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 21 THRU SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	In Thanksgiving – being back in the Sanctuary
Sun.	8:30 am:	Shelly Curless Allen+
Sun.	11:00 am:	John (JB) Mulvany+
Sun.	5:00 pm:	All Parishioners
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Kwesi Sackey+
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Jacqueline Taylor+
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Dominic Givan+
Fri.	8:30 am:	Mary Thao+
Sat.	No am Mass	

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Gary Paul Chamblee on September 6, 2025

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Young Adult and Campus Ministry: Bayou Awakening

All young adults (ages 18-25) are invited to join us for the Bayou Awakening #34 Retreat. Awakening seeks to bring young adults to a personal encounter with Christ, provide an opportunity for spiritual renewal, and connect young adults to the Catholic Church. The retreat will be held on October 17-19, 2025, at Camp Kappe (7738 Camp Kappe Rd, Plantersville, TX 77363). The cost is \$125 per person, and there are limited scholarships available. To request a scholarship, contact the YACM office at yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778. Deadline to register is October 5. For more information and to register, visit: www.archgh.org/bayouawakening.

FLOWER DONATIONS

Welcome back! We are so blessed to have a "Refreshed and Renewed" Church! The flowers on the altar were gifted by Naomi Hill.

The flower arrangement at the shrine honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary was anonymously donated "In thanksgiving for our return to the church."

The flowers at St. Therese's shrine were donated by Chadette Cornelius: "Congratulations, St. B's, on your new home of worship."

WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME
IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS
AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



SPARKING HOLINESS

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

What
Does It

SPARK

