



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.



26th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses
and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded
if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:31

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**Think
About It**

The rich man had a chance, every day of his life, to choose righteousness. But righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He discovered too late that the only time we have to follow God is now. Here. This moment. Will we take our chance?

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: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Sept. 14, 2025	\$ 27,084.12
Faith Direct**	14,220.05
Total Collection	\$ 41,304.17
Budget	34,752.31
Over budget	\$ 6,551.85

** 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. 16, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 111,369
Under Goal	\$ (47,631)

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of Sept. 16, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 3,002,520
Payments Received to Date	\$ 1,996,718
Total Number of Donors	630
Expenditures to Date	\$ 1,944,887

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!

THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION NARRATIVES OF JESUS TUESDAY NIGHT SCRIPTURE STUDY

Have you ever wondered about the events that took place during Holy Week, leading up to the Resurrection of Jesus? The Tuesday Night Group will be starting an exciting new study on **October 28, 2025**, that will explore all four Gospel accounts that transpired during Holy Week.

In addition, we will incorporate Jim Bishop's investigative book, "The Day Christ Died", which vividly chronicles the events that encompass the death of Jesus.

The Tuesday Night Scripture Study Group meets from **7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Titus Brandsma Building on the Second Floor in **Room 213**. Also, we will be providing a Webex Virtual Meeting Invite for those who are not able to join us in person.

If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact Rich Tarantino at richtara8186@gmail.com. Come Join Us!!!

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.



SPIRITUAL LIFE

For more information concerning *Spiritual Life*, contact Laura Breau 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 (*price increases to \$80/person on Oct. 2nd*). 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!*



ELDER SPIRITUALITY BOOK STUDY: *THE GIFT OF YEARS: Growing Older Gracefully* by Sr. Joan Chittister, begins this **Wednesday at 1:00p in the Marius Rm** in the PLC. All adults ages 50 and older are invited to participate. 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. There is no cost to participate – just provide your own copy of the book.

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.

NEW! GET FIT WHILE YOU SIT

Looking for a fun and gentle way to stay active? Join us for our brand-new Get Fit While You Sit class held **every Tuesday at 10 a.m.**, starting **October 7, 2025**, in the Parish Life Center.

This video-guided program features easy movements that can be done sitting or standing—perfect for all fitness levels and wheelchair accessible. Caregivers are asked to stay with participants.

The class is **open to the community**, so invite a friend and come move with us! For more information, contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644.



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!



Hear, Reflect, Respond: Let Scripture Transform Your Life Today

They have Moses and the prophets. (Luke 16:29)

Jesus draws a stark contrast in today's Gospel between a man who enjoyed his riches but had no concern for others and a poor man, Lazarus, whose life was filled with poverty, suffering, and humiliation. When the rich man died, he was condemned to the "torment" of "flames" in the underworld (Luke 16:24). Lazarus, however, rested peacefully in "the bosom of Abraham" after he passed away (16:22). When the rich man begged Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers about what awaited them, Abraham dismissed his request. "They have Moses and the prophets," he said. "Let them listen to them" (16:29).

Moses and the prophets. That's shorthand for the word of God. It's also a very revealing statement. This parable is not just about the dangers of ignoring the suffering of the poor. It's also about the importance and power of Scripture. It's even more powerful than being visited by someone who has been raised from the dead!



This is a troubling story, but it's also filled with promise.

Jesus is telling us that the word of God can change even the hardest of hearts. Through the commandments God gave to Moses, he told us to be kind and generous toward those in need. And through the words of the prophets, he revealed his own heart for those who are vulnerable and neglected. Now he tells us that if we sit with these words and let them sink into our hearts, his Spirit will draw us out of our own selfishness. He will help us reach out of ourselves and share his love and generosity with anyone who is hurting.

What is Jesus saying to you today? Is there a word or phrase from one of today's Mass readings that is standing out to you? Take that word and ponder it, even if you're not sure what has drawn you to it. Be patient. Be open. Let almighty God speak to you.

"Lord, open my ears to your word! Open my heart to your call!"

The Word Among Us

ST. B'S KoFC MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Please join your fellow parishioners for breakfast and socializing on Sunday, Oct 5th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Life Center.

Breakfast is prepared and served by the St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus Council 10959. All proceeds go to the parish.



PRESCHOOL AND MOTHER'S DAY OUT



REGISTER TODAY FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
Registration Fee: \$250



FOR MORE INFORMATION Contact Jennifer Nevins, Director 832-915-5700. www.stbchurch.org => preschool => registration



PARISH GIFT STORE CLOSING

With gratitude and sadness, I have been informed that we will discontinue the Gift Store. For over 30 years, this ministry has served our parish by providing Catholic resources and gifts. Thanks to your support, the store operated entirely through direct sales and at no cost to the parish.

We are especially grateful to the many volunteers who have given their time and talents to this ministry.

As we prepare for closure, all merchandise will be discounted. The store will be open on **October 5 (9:30–10:50 a.m.)** and for the final time on **November 2**.



CHRISTIAN ACTION

832-915-5677, 832-915-5678

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

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN ACTION? Did you know that Christian Action is more than a

food pantry? Christian Action is the social justice and outreach ministry at St. B. We assist parishioners and those within our community in times of crisis, promote an awareness of the needs of the underprivileged, and provide the opportunity for parish members to become directly involved with charitable works. Christian Action relies solely on the ongoing financial donations and donations of clothing and food from our parishioners and community to be successful.

Christian Action is here to serve registered parishioners and our neighbors in living in the following zip codes: 77062, 77058, 77059, 77598.

We are also one of the main clothing pantries for the Clear Creek Independent School District. Whenever a student or a family member needs clothing, the counselors at the At-Risk Services department of CCISD contact us.

We assist with electricity bills. We pay the whole amount, so the families can have a clean start the next month.

Christian Action is also the lead for other programs and drives at St. B, such as... Parish Lenten Soup Suppers, Back to School Drives for CCISD, Provide Counselor Care Bins at Clear Lake Intermediate School, Thanksgiving Efforts, Christmas Programs, Advent Programs, Serve our twinning parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary (Back to School Drive, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and pay a portion of IHM Cathedralricum tax)

Christian Action is successful because we collaborate with churches, non-profit organizations and other agencies so we don't recreate the wheel and we are able to serve our community to the best of our ability.

Agencies/Organizations we collaborate with: CCISD, Hope Active, Family Promise of Clear Creek, The Mercy Tree, St. Clare, Knights of Columbus from St. B, Gratia Plena, CHRISTUS Point of Light Clinic, Denver Harbor Community, Star of Hope, Bay Area Turning Point, Interfaith Caring Ministries, Texas Avenue Community Church

LAST WEEK OF THE DIAPER DRIVE!!! Help us finish with a bang!

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.

THANKSGIVING BOXES & GIFT CARDS ARE COMING NEXT WEEKEND!!!!

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 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.

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 1-17, 2025	63	312	6	\$3,153.71	116

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 open. Registration on website.

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.



"THE PRIESTHOOD IS THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS."

St. John Vianney

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 28 THRU OCTOBER 4, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	All Parishioners
Sun.	8:30 am:	John & Josephine Durkota+
Sun.	11:00 am:	The Edelman Family
Sun.	5:00 pm:	Eddie Stepchinski+
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Mrunalini Suma Dalal+
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Time and Talent Volunteers
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Orvil Orcino Bueno Sr. +
Fri.	8:30 am:	Charlie Kirk+
Sat.	No am Mass	

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Marie Therese Novosad Morrey on September 18, 2025

JOIN THE JOURNEY: GIVING AS DISCIPLES

In the Catholic Church, stewardship is a vital part of discipleship. We are called to share our **time**, **talents**, and **treasure** as a way of living out our faith and responding to God's blessings.

- **Time:** Volunteering in parish ministries, assisting with Mass, or being present at community events strengthens our parish family.
- **Talent:** Each of us has unique gifts—teaching, music, administration, or hospitality—that help build up our parish and serve others.
- **Treasure:** Financial support sustains parish programs, maintains our facilities, and allows us to reach out in service to our neighbors.

Through sharing our gifts, we grow as disciples, serve our community, and participate in God's work. Stewardship is more than giving; it's living our faith with generosity, joy, and purpose.

PARISH PICNIC —SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9!

Mark your calendars for an **afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship** at our Parish Picnic! There's something for everyone. Come connect with fellow parishioners and enjoy a joyful day together!

We're asking everyone to start **saving new or like-new items for adult and kids Bingo prizes**—hold onto them until we're ready to collect. No glass, DVD's or clothes. Every contribution helps make the day extra special.

Love to help? Volunteers are the heart of the picnic! Whether you've helped before or are new to volunteering, we'd love your support in planning, setting up, or assisting during the event. To get involved, contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org



Question: Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

Answer: Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have “endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life.” (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, “The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty.” (*AL*, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is “not a prize for the perfect,” but “a powerful medicine and nourishment” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.