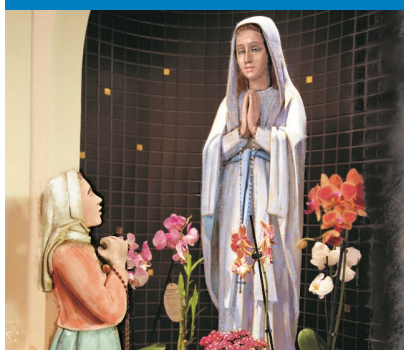




Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

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

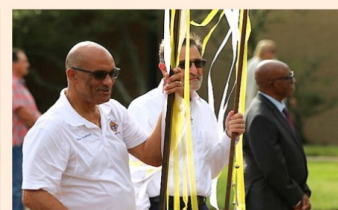
To begin the process of having your child baptized, please call the office or visit our website.

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.



*From mustard seed faith
to a thriving parish!*

Church Renovation
Celebration

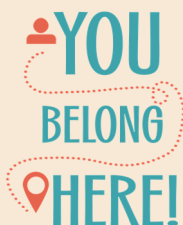


WELCOME



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: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Sept. 21, 2025	\$ 17,968.62
Faith Direct**	14,412.78
Total Collection	\$ 32,381.40
Budget	34,752.31
Under budget	\$ (2,370.91)

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

Upcoming Second Collections October 19 – World Mission Sunday

2025-Diocesan Services Fund As of Sept. 23, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 114,564
Under Goal	\$ (44,436)

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of Sept. 23, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 3,004,070
Payments Received to Date	\$ 2,021,233
Total Number of Donors	631
Expenditures to Date	\$ 1,951,677

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!

It's Time: Faith Direct Has Upgraded to ParishSOFT Giving

Great news—for those of you who use online giving, your account has now been upgraded to ParishSOFT Giving!

- No action required: Your recurring gifts and payment information were securely transferred.
- Log in here: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-631> using your Faith Direct credentials. If needed, use "Forgot Password" to reset your access. If you aren't signed up for online giving and would like you can use the link above to set up an account.

If you have any questions, please contact Donor Support at donorsupport@parishsoft.com or 866-507-8757 or Ann at the church office 832-915-5652. Thank you for your continued generosity.

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS



A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who made our journey through the Church renovation possible. From those who moved and helped create our "Summer Church," to those who supported us throughout our time there, and to everyone who worked so hard to move us back into our Church home—your generosity of time, talent, and spirit has been invaluable.

We are also grateful to those who helped with the celebration as we marked this joyful return.

Because of your dedication, we were able to worship, serve, and celebrate as one parish family. Thank you for sharing your faith in action!

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 now \$80/person. 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 CLOSES on October 12th**. Scan the QR code or visit the webpage www.stbchurch.org/retreats for more information.



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 Breau, Director of Spiritual Life at breauxl@stbchurch.org.



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!**

NEW TIME & LOCATIONS! PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: All are invited to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry on the **second Tuesday** of each month at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Tasker Room** of the **Parish Life Center**. 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!! – December 1-2, 2025 – PARISH ADVENT MISSION with BISHOP BRENDAN CAHILL! ALL ARE WELCOME! Visit www.stbchurch.org/parish-missions More information is coming soon!

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 Making Suzanne Staron at Strides 832-915-5644.



GALA

St. Bernadette Gala 2026
The greatest of these is



1 Corinthians 13:13

Save the Date

Saturday, February 14, 2026

NEWCOMERS

If you are new to St. Bernadette, we invite you to our **Meet the Pastor** gathering on Sunday, October 12, at 12:00 noon (right after the 11:00 a.m. Mass) in the Parish Life Center.

Come enjoy a light lunch, spend time with Fr. Bob, and visit with fellow parishioners. You'll also hear about parish life and ministries, and for those interested, a guided walking tour of our campus will be offered. Please RSVP to Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org.

We look forward to seeing you there!



FAMILY ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus, Spiritual Life Committee & the Faith Formation team invite you and your families to join us for a Family Rosary on Monday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

The Rosary is a beautiful prayer that helps build faithful families and communities. The repetition of the prayers is meant to lead us into restful and contemplative prayer related to each mystery. Each mystery is taken from the Gospels and leads us to a deeper understanding of Christ.



Dear God,

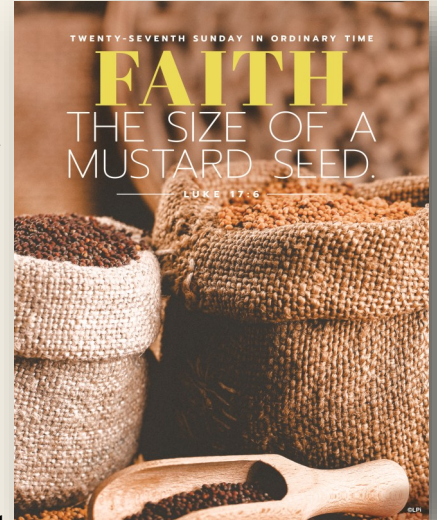
Help us to hear Your voice, especially when You speak on behalf of the voiceless, the overlooked, and the forgotten. Keep our ears attuned, and work through us in a way that loves, blesses, assures, supports, and strengthens LIFE. Amen.



LIVE YOUR FAITH: SHARE YOUR GIFTS

Even the smallest act of faith can make a big difference—just like a mustard seed grows into a large tree.

Sharing your time, talent, and treasure is a way to live out your faith and help our parish flourish. Whether it's volunteering, offering your skills, or giving financially, every contribution counts.



No gift is too small—your generosity, rooted in faith, can grow into something far greater than you imagine. Take a step today and see how your gifts can help our parish community thrive. Explore ways to share your gifts by contacting Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org. Opportunities are available for individuals and families, regularly or as needed.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The St. B's Knights respect and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment, and in every condition. Whether by supporting women and their children during and after their pregnancies through pregnancy center support, marching to defend the unborn and their mothers from abortion, or fundraising for life-saving ultrasound machines, the Knights are building a civilization of life and love. Pray to End Abortion.



HALLWAY MONITOR JOBS PART-TIME

ECC is seeking caring Hallway Monitors 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

PARISH GIFT STORE CLOSING

With gratitude and sadness, I have been informed that the Parish Gift Store will be closing in November. 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!

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 1-24, 2025	78	376	12	\$5,242.91	165.5

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 Cathedraicum 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

THANKSGIVING BOXES & GIFT CARDS ARE HERE!!!! The holidays are sneaking up on us! Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful for the blessings God's given us through the year. We give thanks for our families, our health, our homes, and our jobs. And when the dinner comes to the table, we give thanks for our food.

Please consider participating in St. Bernadette's Thanksgiving drive. What better way to share with those in need than to offer them a chance at a Thanksgiving dinner! This year we are hoping to help families in the Clear Creek Independent School District, our twinning parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Denver Harbor community.

We are starting early so our friends in need can be all set for Thanksgiving and make the most of the pre-Thanksgiving grocery sales! Empty boxes and "turkey" tags will be available for pick up TODAY. Ways you can help... 1. Thanksgiving Fixings Boxes: Pick up a box TODAY and fill it with the list of items included. You are free to pick up more than one box! 2. The Thanksgiving Gift Card Giving Tree will be adorned with "turkey paper ornaments" with a label that asks for a \$30 gift card from Kroger or HEB or Walmart. These gift cards will be provided to the families with a "Sponsored Thanksgiving Fixings Box". This will let the families buy their choice of protein for Thanksgiving! Please feel free to choose a turkey or two or three! 3. Consider doing both... a Thanksgiving Fixing Box and a gift card! You may return the filled boxes and/or the gift card to the Mass you attend and place them in the green Christian Action bin located in the narthex of the Church, or drop them off at your Christian Action office no later than SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025. Christian Action office will be receiving donations Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS... Canned mixed vegetables, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Granola bars, Instant potatoes, Jelly (no glass jars), All-purpose cleaner, Brown paper grocery bags, Small bottle of liquid dish detergent, Soup. Thank you for keeping Christian Action in mind on your next trip to the grocery store.

CHRISTIAN ACTION WILL BE CLOSED OCTOBER 22ND – 31ST. We apologize for any inconvenience.



WFC, JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

JrH AND High School Information

(see below for JrH and High School specific events)

- **Faith Formation Today** – Meet in the PLC. JrH Pickup in the Gym. Doors open 3:30 pm.
- 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 5 THRU OCTOBER 11, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	Antoinette Mattaliano+
Sun.	8:30 am:	Healing Prayers
Sun.	11:00 am:	All Parishioners
Sun.	5:00 pm:	Peter Davy Negroni+
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Roselyn Webb+
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Time and Talent Volunteers
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Noe Miriam & Family
Fri.	8:30 am:	Charlie Kirk+
Sat.	No am Mass	

Please remember our parishioners on the anniversaries of their entrance into heaven. Claude Douglas, Edward Hack, Bayani Ramirez, and Catherine Rushing

PART-TIME BULLETIN & SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

St. Bernadette Catholic Church is seeking a detail-oriented, organized individual to prepare the weekly parish bulletin, co-coordinate the parish Safe Environment Program, and assist with special projects. Candidates should have advanced computer and communication skills, including proficiency in Microsoft Windows 11, Word, Excel, Publisher, Outlook, and OneDrive, with experience in database management, typing, and data entry. InDesign and Canva experience are a plus. The role requires the ability to work collaboratively, communicate effectively with staff, volunteers, and parishioners, and manage multiple priorities in a fast-paced environment. Candidates should also be able to lift 15 lbs., climb a step ladder, and work at floor level when needed. A practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church and the ability to work weekdays with some evening and weekends. For the job description, visit www.stbchurch.org/employment-opportunities



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.

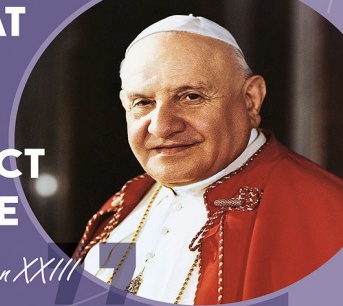
In addition, we will incorporate Jim Bishop's investigative book, "The Day Christ Died", which vividly chronicles the events that encompass the death of Jesus.

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!

SEE EVERYTHING,
OVERLOOK
A GREAT
DEAL,
AND
CORRECT
A LITTLE

Pope Saint John XXIII



Think
About It.

Jesus taught the Apostles that one way to increase your faith is to have the attitude of a servant. How would you describe your attitude most days?

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

