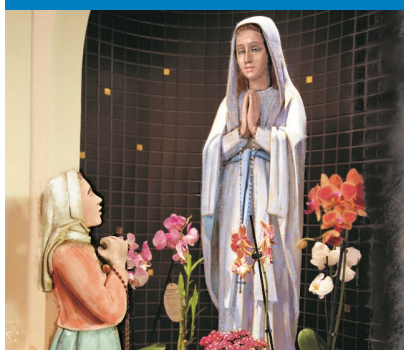




Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

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

MASS SCHEDULE

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.



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to
answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done
for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he
find faith on earth?” - Lk 18:7-8

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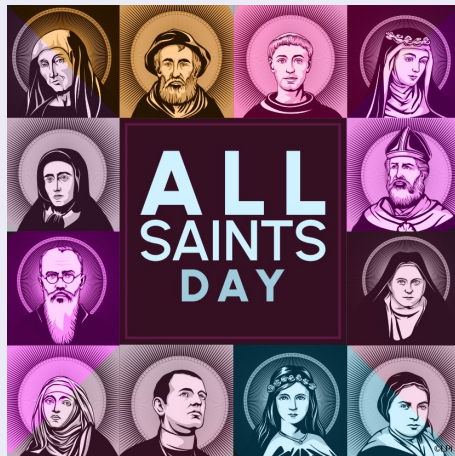
*With the parable of the persistent widow, Jesus teaches the
disciples about the importance of praying often to God. When do
you find yourself praying?*

WELCOME



ALL SAINTS

All Saints Mass on Saturday Nov. 1 at 10 a.m. It isn't a holy day of obligation this year.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Oct. 5, 2025	\$ 23,614.47
Faith Direct**	<u>14,420.52</u>
Total Collection	\$ 38,034.99
Budget	<u>34,752.31</u>
Over budget	<u>\$ 3,282.68</u>

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

Upcoming Second Collections Nov. 9 – Retire Priests; Nov. 16 – Campaign for Human Development; Dec. 14 – Retirement Fund for Religious

2025-Diocesan Services Fund As of Oct. 7, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 118,504
Under Goal	\$ (40,496)

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of Oct. 7, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 3,014,609
Payments Received to Date	\$ 2,047,536
Total Number of Donors	632
Expenditures to Date	\$ 1,976,459

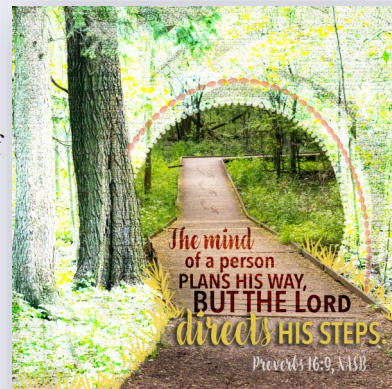
The Campaign Committee would like to thank all the families who have contributed to this campaign and have made it a great success. May God Bless Your Stewardship!

Current St. Bernadette Parishioners: Update Your Family Information. Parish Soft gives current parishioners the opportunity to log in and update family information. 1. Go to the following link <https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com> 2. A New User Registration Form will come up. Fill out the form and hit submit. 3. Your request will be sent to St. Bernadette to obtain confirmation. 4. Once you receive confirmation, you may set a permanent password and make changes to your family information. This system allows you to add family members but it does not allow you to delete them. If you need assistance in adding and/or deleting information or would like to provide your updated information via telephone or e-mail, please contact Ann Zajac at 832-915-5652 or finance@stbchurch.org.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PASTORAL COUNCIL?

The Pastoral Council is a group of parishioners who serve our parish by providing counsel to Fr. Bob on the pastoral needs of St. Bernadette's. We are seeking new members for the 2026-2028 term, and invite you to consider serving as a member of the council.

Members of the PC are parishioners who are good listeners and are open to discerning the will of the Holy Spirit for our parish. Learn more about the work of the PC at one of the upcoming information sessions: Wednesday, Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m. OR Sunday, Nov. 2 at 2:00 p.m. Please call or text Lisa Spence at 832-443-1114 with any questions.



Join Us for the Parish Picnic!

Join us on Sunday, November 9, for a wonderful afternoon of food, fun, and friendship at our Parish Picnic! It's a great way to meet new people and catch up with friends while enjoying the day together.

We'll start with a potluck lunch from 12–1 p.m. featuring hotdogs and pulled pork sandwiches provided by the KofC. Drinks will be provided—just bring a side dish to serve 6–10 people to share.

After lunch, stay for entertainment and games at 1 p.m. Fun for all ages!

We're also collecting new or like-new items for game prizes (please, no glass, books, clothing, or VHS tapes). Label your donation "Picnic" and drop it off at the Parish Office.



Don't miss this chance to relax, laugh, and reconnect with our parish family! Questions? Contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644.

Get Involved Today!

Volunteering at St. Bernadette Church is more than giving your time—it's living your faith in action. Each act of service helps build a stronger, more vibrant parish community and allows us to share Christ's love in meaningful ways.

When you volunteer, you're not just helping with a task—you're making a difference in the lives of others, forming friendships, and growing in your own faith. Whether you can give a little time or a lot, your gifts and talents are needed and appreciated. Every role, big or small, contributes to the life and mission of our parish.

There are opportunities for individuals and families, both short-term and ongoing. Together, we can create a welcoming and faith-filled community where everyone belongs.

To learn more about how you can get involved, contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org. Say "yes" today—and be part of something truly meaningful!



TAMALE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTERS

The Tamale Scholarship Fundraiser Sale will be held on Saturday, October 25th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, October 26th after all the morning Masses.

Tamales at \$15 a dozen will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Checks may be made to St. Bernadette Church. If you need additional information, contact Carmen at 713-962-0907 or email her at morenocarment@sbcglobal.net

We appreciate your continued support of the youth of our parish. The funds generated are awarded to eligible 2026 senior students from St. Bernadette and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

JOIN US AT THE GALA

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2026
Time: 6 p.m. to Midnight (childcare ends at 11)
Place: Parish Life Center
Attire: Semi-Formal; optional theme inspired
Ticket Sales start online Oct. 15th
Tickets are \$100.
Dec. 1st Tickets are \$125



WALKING GROUP

Looking for a simple way to stay active and healthy? Join our **Indoor Walking Group** every Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Brandsma Building gym—complete with air-conditioned comfort!

The entrance will be open for walkers from 1:30 to 1:40 p.m., so be sure to arrive on time. All fitness levels are welcome, and you can walk at your own pace. Whether you're in physical therapy, using a cane or walker, or simply wanting some steady exercise, this group is for you.

Bring a friend, enjoy some fellowship, and take a step toward better health. No registration needed—just come walk with us!

WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS (WFC) PREK FAITH FORMATION – 2 ½ TO PREK 5 YEARS OLD

It is not too late to sign up for PreK Faith Formation. Make sure to sign up online. <https://www.stbchurch.org/new-registration-for-whole-family-catechesis> or scan the QR



code below. Our PreK classes are for children 2.5-PreK 5 years of age. We have 2 in-person Sunday PreK FF classes to choose from. Families can drop off their child with trained adult catechists who have completed Safe Environment training. We have a few

family events throughout the year. In each class, the children learn about the Sunday Gospel through talking, cutting, folding, listening, and singing! The Sunday PreK Faith Formation registration cost covers weekly Pflaum Gospel Weeklies snack, handouts, coloring and activity pages, and craft materials.

Call Aurora Winstead at 832-915-5648 or email at winstead@stbchurch.org if you have any questions about WFC Pre-K Faith Formation ministry or are interested in volunteering.



DO YOU HAVE SECRETARIAL SKILLS? LOOKING FOR A JOB?



PART-TIME BULLETIN & SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

We are looking for a highly organized and detail-oriented individual to manage the weekly parish

bulletin, co-coordinate the parish Safe Environment Program, and support special projects. The ideal candidate will have strong computer and communication skills, including proficiency with Microsoft Windows 11, Word, Excel, Publisher, Outlook, and OneDrive, along with experience in database management, typing, and data entry. This role requires the ability to work collaboratively with staff, volunteers, and parishioners, prioritize multiple tasks, and thrive in a fast-paced environment. Applicants must be practicing Catholics in good standing, available to work weekdays with occasional evenings and weekends. For the full job description, visit www.stbchurch.org/employment-opportunities

NEW TUESDAY NIGHT SCRIPTURE STUDY! THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION NARRATIVES 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.

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

From the cross, Jesus prayed words from the book of Psalms. What were they?

- A. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- B. "I thirst!"
- C. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."
- D. "It is finished!"

Answer: A (See Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34; and Psalm 22:1)

FREE LEGAL WILL

Through a partnership with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, you can create your **legal will for FREE** in as little as 15 minutes by visiting mycatholicwill.com/archgh

- **Create Your Will** – Achieve peace of mind by completing the simple online form. Update or change anytime.
- **Make It Legal** – Have it signed in front of witnesses.

Plan for the future, request Masses, consider a charitable gift, and leave a legacy of faith for generations to come. If you have questions contact Rhonda at rbean@archgh.org

KoFC SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CENTER

Help Us Support the Community Pregnancy Center at the November Breakfast
At the November 2nd breakfast, your Knights of Columbus will be doing a separate special collection for the Community Pregnancy Center (CPC). For 41 years, the CPC has provided free services and ultrasounds to women facing life-changing pregnancy decisions. Because of partners like you, these girls receive Christ-centered education, guidance, and advocacy from trained volunteers, helping them make informed choices. Please help us help CPC so girls choose life for their babies.
Scan & Give for Life



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
Aug-25	86	413	23	\$3,030.43	143
Sep-25	85	406	15	\$5,242.91	196
Oct 1-12, 2025	39	206	0	\$0.00	63.5

THANKSGIVING BOXES & GIFT CARDS ARE HERE!!!!

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.

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 2nd, 2025**. Christian Action office will be receiving donations Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DIAPER AND BABY WIPES DRIVE! WOW! What a successful drive! All the donations will certainly be put to good use! The Community Pregnancy Center of Pasadena and Christian Action are so grateful. Diapers – 6,463; Baby wipes – 26,287; Baby shampoo - 6 bottles; Formula - 30 cans; Baby Bottles - 7; 3 bags of children's/infant clothes



YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS... Canned mixed beans, Canned mixed vegetables, Shampoo, Instant potatoes, All-purpose cleaner, Brown paper grocery bags, Soup, Oatmeal, Chili, 1lb bag of dry beans, Canned pasta, Canned tuna. 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** – FF starts in the Gym. Opening Payer is 3:45 pm, doors open at 3:30 pm.

- Faith Formation Registration—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.

*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 19 THRU OCTOBER 25, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	Thomas Jasso+
Sun.	8:30 am:	For All Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am:	The Edelman Family
Sun.	5:00 pm:	Azucena De Riascos+
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Eleanor Magalona
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Richard Magalona
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Don Ferrell Evangelista
Fri.	8:30 am:	Alex Gudelosao
Sat.	No am Mass	

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*

SAVE THESE DATES!!

- **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!
- **December 14, 2025 – LAS POSADAS – ALL ARE WELCOME!** This is a whole parish event. Visit www.stbchurch.org/las-posadas.
- **January 8, 2026 – YOUNG ADULT DAY OF PRAYER – *Wise Ones Still Seek Him*** – This is a special offering especially designed for young adults who will return to college after the holidays for the Spring 2026 semester. Join us for Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a morning of prayer, fellowship, and concluding with lunch in the Parish Life Center. More information is coming soon!

RESPECT LIFE NOVENA

Join thousands of Catholics praying the Respect Life Month Novena, Wednesday, October 22 – Thursday, October 30. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org/celebrate!



Dear God,

You are the one who finds a way in the darkness, and clears the path for those You love. Help us to trust in Your call, and to answer generously to the unknowns we face, knowing You will never leave us alone.

Amen.



BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: You're not as strong as you think you are.

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

