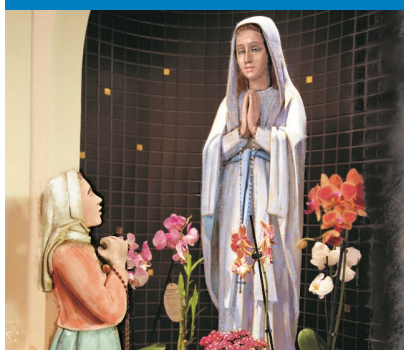




Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

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.



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one
who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:14**

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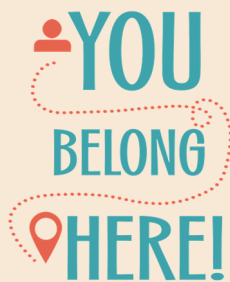
Jesus teaches the crowds about the importance of humility. Does
humility come to you naturally or do you have to work at it?

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: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40



FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Oct. 12, 2025	\$ 20,958.12
Online Giving**	<u>14,420.52</u>
Total Collection	\$ 35,378.64
Budget	<u>34,752.31</u>
Over budget	<u>\$ 626.33</u>

** Online giving is a weekly average based on a monthly total

Upcoming Second Collections: November 9 – Retire Priests; November 16 – Campaign for Human Development; December 14 – Retirement Fund for Religious

2025-Diocesan Services Fund As of Oct. 14, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 121,760
Under Goal	\$ (37,240)

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of Oct. 14, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 3,015,409
Payments Received to Date	\$ 2,052,562
Total Number of Donors	636
Expenditures to Date	\$ 1,977,449

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!

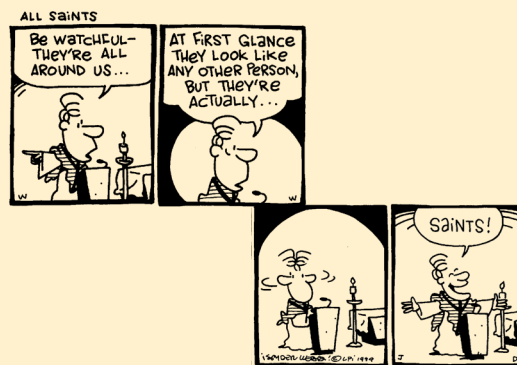
Current St. Bernadette Parishioners: Update Your Family Information.

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.

ALL SAINTS



*All Saints Mass
 Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025
 at 10 a.m.
 It isn't a holy day of
 obligation this year.*



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 No registration necessary. 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!



“PRAYER, HUMILITY,
AND CHARITY
TOWARD ALL ARE
ESSENTIAL IN THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE:
THEY ARE THE WAY
TO HOLINESS.”
Pope Francis

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 ? ??

According to Matthew's account, what was torn when Jesus died?

- A. Mary's headdress — she tore it as a traditional Jewish sign of grief
- B. A Roman guard's sash — Peter grabbed and ripped it in anger
- C. Jesus' robe — the soldiers divided it among themselves
- D. The temple curtain — torn in two from top to bottom



Answer: D (See Matthew 27:51.)

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



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 opened the final time on **Sunday, November 2 from 9:30–10:50 a.m.**



Join Us for the Parish Picnic! Sunday, Nov. 9 at 12 noon

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 at 12 noon 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** such as baked beans, Coleslaw, potato salad, mac and cheese, corn, green beans, potatoes, etc.

After lunch, stay for entertainment from the Galveston Community Band. We will also have games at 1 p.m. Fun for all ages!

Prize Donations Needed: We're collecting new or like-new items for game prizes such as puzzles, games, kitchen gadgets, tools, figurines, toys, DVD's, stuffed animals, and more. (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!

Volunteers are also needed. New volunteers welcome. Contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org



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!



BOARD GAME GROUP

All ages are invited for fun, laughter, and games! Join us on **Thursdays, Nov. 6 & 20, 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 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!

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.**, 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.

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!

KoFC MONTHLY BREAKFAST & MORE



Please join your fellow parishioners for breakfast and socializing on Sunday, Nov 2, after the 8:30 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.

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

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

CHRISTIAN ACTION

832-915-5677, 832-915-5678

NEIGHBORS
SERVED BY YOUR
CHRISTIAN ACTION
IN 2025:

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 1-15, 2025	61	291	1	\$0.00	107

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

1. Christian Action is not currently accepting clothes or shoe donations.
2. Please use the green Christian Action bin in the narthex of the Church for Christian Action donations only.
3. Please do not put fresh produce or bread in the green bin in the Church.

THANKSGIVING BOXES & GIFT CARDS ARE DUE NEXT WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 2!!!!

You don't have to wait until November 2! 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.

YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...

Canned green beans, Canned mixed vegetables, Shampoo, Instant potatoes, All-purpose cleaner, Brown paper grocery bags, Soup, Oatmeal, Chili, 11lb 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 27th – 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 p.m., doors open at 3:30 pm.
 - 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.

*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 26 THRU NOVEMBER 1, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	Emma Starlight Hyde+
Sun.	8:30 am:	All Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am:	Shelly Curless Allen+
Sun.	5:00 pm:	Edward Hack+
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Estaban Magalona+
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Thomas Zajac Sr. +
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Margarita Reyna+
Fri.	8:30 am:	Charlie Kirk+
Sat.	No am Mass	

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 11:30 A.M. PARISH LIFE CENTER

You're invited to our Parish Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch—a time to relax, share a meal, and give thanks for the many blessings in our lives! Bring your favorite Thanksgiving or other dish to share (enough for 6–10 people). Short on time? No problem—grab fried chicken or pizza on the way!

You can also make a monetary donation ahead of time and we will buy food. **Frozen turkey** or **turkey breast donations** also appreciated. Contact Suzanne at 832-915-5644 to arrange drop off time.

Whether you're new to the parish or have been here for years, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, enjoy good food, and celebrate together as a parish family. We'll also be treated to a special performance by members of the Clear Lake Intermediate Choir. Come join the fun and fellowship! Everyone is welcome. Invite friends!

If you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen, setup, decorate, clean up or greet contact Suzanne at starons@stbchurch.org or 832-915-5644.



Dear God,

As we look to the week ahead, help us to remember that You will accompany us at every moment — You who greet us with mercy anew every morning, and grace in abundance each night.

Amen.



CAUGHT IN THE RISING ACTION



Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm."

I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship of time, talent and treasure is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS