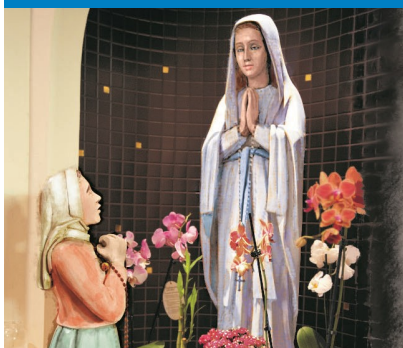




Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

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.



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:39-40

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Our wisdom writer speaks of just souls resting peacefully in God's loving hands. Can you think of a more peaceful image of death?

WELCOME

HEY!
We're so glad
YOU'RE
HERE!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31,
33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps
131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-
5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde,
4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1,
2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps
145:2-3, 4-5, 10-
11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9,
12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6,
8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11,
16-17/Jn 2:13-22



FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Oct. 19, 2025	\$ 31,398.92
Online Giving**	<u>14,420.52</u>
Total Collection	\$ 45,819.44
Budget	<u>34,752.31</u>
Over budget	<u>\$ 11,067.13</u>

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

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

2025-Diocesan Services Fund As of Oct. 21, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 122,146
Under Goal	\$ (36,854)

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of Oct. 21, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 3,016,889
Payments Received to Date	\$ 2,097,840
Total Number of Donors	636
Expenditures to Date	\$ 2,043,224

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.

WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD?

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe “in the resurrection of the body.” Does that mean Christ’s resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus’ resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it’s also a sign of what’s to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It’s an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be *our* body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some

theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus’ resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don’t really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

**Next
Sunday**

**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. **You can drop food items off in the Parish Life Center on your way to 11 a.m. Mass.**

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

Uh Oh... The Prize Bin's Looking Empty! We're collecting new or like-new items for children's and adult 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!

JOIN US
for
LUNCH



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

Halloween Candy Needed

Got leftover Halloween candy or want to buy a bag for the Picnic and volunteer treats? Donate candy for our Parish Picnic and help make our games and activities extra fun. Candy may also be used for volunteer treats. Please label all candy "Picnic" and bring it to the Parish Office. Thanks for helping us make it a treat-filled event! *Candy donations are accepted anytime of year for volunteer treats!*

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.

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Happy All Souls Day! Praying for all loved ones who have passed.

We will have class this weekend, but we will be off next Sunday, November 9. Come enjoy the picnic!

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN.

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: All are invited to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry on the **second Tuesday** of each month at **10:00 am** 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.

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 **6p** in the **conference room in the church office building**. For questions concerning St. Bernadette's bereavement/grief support ministry, please contact Laura Breaux, 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 6:30p, 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!***

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 8:30a, followed by a morning of prayer, fellowship, and concluding with lunch in the Parish Life Center. More information is coming soon!

CAFÉ CATHOLICA LITE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The second Café Catholica Lite of this fall will be held on Thursday, November 20 at St. Thomas Aquinas from 7–8:45 p.m. Our speaker will be Michael Gormley, Mission Evangelist for Paradisus Dei, presenting his talk "The Sheer Joy of Evangelizing: How to Win Souls Without Losing Yours." Michael will share how evangelization, rather than being burdensome or intimidating, is meant to be a source of joy that flows naturally from our love for Christ. He will explore practical ways to share the Gospel with others while staying rooted in prayer, peace, and a balanced spiritual life. The night will include lite snacks, the talk, Q&A, and communal prayer.

Michael has been leading evangelization and ministry efforts for the past 17 years, both as a full-time parish staff member and as a speaker and consultant for parishes, dioceses, and Catholic campus ministries. He has his Undergraduate Degrees in both Philosophy and Theology and a Masters in Theology and Christian Ministry, from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He currently serves as the Mission Evangelist for Paradisus Dei, a ministry dedicated to helping men, couples, and families discover the superabundance of God. Michael is also the founder and creative director of LayEvangelist.com, the co-host to two successful Catholic podcasts: Catching Foxes and Every Knee Shall Bow.

For more information, visit www.archgh.org/cafecatholica

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, November 3rd at 7:00 pm in the PLC.

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.



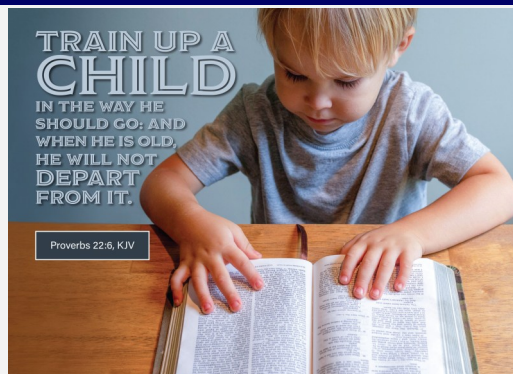
WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS (WFC)

PREK FAITH FORMATION – 2 ½ TO PREK 5 YEARS OLD

For the month of November, our PreK Faith Formation children will remember their deceased loved ones by making 3D candles with prayer reflections. You can find them outside our classrooms. We will meet in the classroom on November 2nd and 16th. No in-person class on November 9th, 23rd, and 30th.

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. Families can drop off their child with trained adult catechists who have completed Safe Environment training. In each class, the children engage in lessons that move from stories about their own life experiences to the Gospel story and actions that build Christian community. 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.



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 PLC. Opening Payer is 3:45 p.m., doors open at 3:30 pm.

- **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

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=> Faith Formation => High School

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Christopher Sentmanat, High School and Junior High FF, 6th-12th.



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-25	69	327	2	\$0.00	140

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 THIS WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 2!!!!

CHRISTIAN ACTION GIVING TREES COMING NEXT WEEKEND!

YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...

Shampoo, Instant potatoes, Brown paper grocery bags, Soup, Oatmeal, Chili, 1lb bag of dry beans, Canned pasta, Canned tuna, 1lb bag of rice, Toilet paper. Thank you for keeping Christian Action in mind on your next trip to the grocery store.

CHRISTIAN ACTION WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 24-28, 2025



MASSES FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 2 THRU NOVEMBER 8, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	For All Parishioners
Sun.	8:30 am:	For the Souls in Purgatory
Sun.	11:00 am:	For our deceased Parishioners
Sun.	5:00 pm:	For the Souls in Purgatory
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Deborah Lambert+
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Christian Carrasco & Family
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Deborah Lambert+
Fri.	8:30 am:	Kelley Brege
Sat.	No am Mass	

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Yvette Alicia Blanchard on October 5, 2025

NOVEMBER 2023 and 2024: Please remember our parishioners on the anniversaries of their entrance into heaven. Patrick Jason Apodaca, Gilbert Choppin, Gerald Gaff, Maria del Carmen Gomez Mendez, Cyril 'Cig' Vergason

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.



POTLUCK



Scan the QR for our website

WHEN GOD SPEAKS LIKE A POLISH GRANDMOTHER

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: “Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business.”

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said “I love you” expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. “Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest... Carry no money... Eat what is set before you... Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand... Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven.”

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

