



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 disciples understood the full meaning of Jesus' cleansing of the temple only after his resurrection from the dead. What has hindsight taught you about your life?

WELCOME



Readings for the Week

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
 Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19



FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Oct. 26, 2025	\$ 15,382.12
Online Giving**	14,420.52
Total Collection	\$ 29,802.64
Budget	34,752.31
Under budget	\$ (4,949.67)

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

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

2025-Diocesan Services Fund As of Oct. 28, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 122,881
Under Goal	\$ (36,119)

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign

As of Oct. 28, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 3,017,303
Payments Received to Date	\$ 2,104,867
Total Number of Donors	637
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.

THE MEANING BEHIND THE FEAST OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Question: November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. What is the significance of this feast?

Answer: Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop's cathedral where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop's authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God's people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

The pope is first and foremost the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314–335) as the papal church and residence;



St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade's inscription refers to it as "the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World." The universal celebration of this feast stresses the unity among Roman Catholics, as they unite themselves with the chair of Peter.

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

Today

Parish Picnic – starts at 12 noon!

Join us for an afternoon of **food, fun, and friendship!** It's a great way to meet new people and reconnect with friends.

12:00 p.m. – Potluck Lunch

- Enjoy **hotdogs and pulled pork sandwiches** provided by the Knights of Columbus.
- Please bring a **side dish** (serves 6–10) — baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, mac & cheese, corn, green beans, potatoes, etc. Short on time? We welcome store bought prepared food!
- Drinks provided.
- Drop off food in the Parish Life Center on your way to 11 a.m. Mass.

1:00 p.m. – Entertainment, Games & Fire Truck Visit!

- Enjoy a performance by the **Galveston Community Band**.
- **Games for all ages** and a special visit from the **local Fire Department** with their fire truck!
- Come share good food, great company, and parish spirit!



Why You'll Want to Attend the Parish Picnic

- Connect & Reconnect – Meet new parishioners and catch up with friends in a joyful setting.
- Celebrate Community – Experience the warmth and spirit of our St. Bernadette family.
- Delicious Food – Enjoy hotdogs and pulled pork sandwiches and a variety of sides from our parish potluck.
- Live Music – Relax and enjoy a performance by the Galveston Community Band.
- Fire Truck Visit – Meet our local firefighters and see the fire truck up close!
- Games for All Ages – Fun, laughter, and friendly competition for everyone.
- Simple, Joyful Fun – No stress, no cost—just bring a side dish to share and enjoy the day!

IN MEMORIA XVI CONCERT

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 23 at 3 p.m. for the annual In Memoria XVI Sacred Music Concert at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. The concert will feature the Archdiocesan Choir. As always, they will remember the priests, deacons, and religious sisters and brothers who served in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and passed away during the past year. They will also honor in a special way Pope Francis. Learn more at <https://www.archgh.org/in-memoria>.

ST. CHARBEL CELEBRATION – NOV. 22

Join the Maronite Catholic community of Our Lady of the Cedars at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart for a Mass and luncheon honoring St. Charbel Makhlouf, the first Maronite saint on the Latin Rite calendar.

- Mass: 10:30 a.m., celebrated by Bishop Elias Zaidan
- Luncheon: Free Lebanese food at the Cathedral Centre
- Special Guests: Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, priests and religious from across the Archdiocese
- Presentations: Life and legacy of St. Charbel

For more info:
parish@olchouston.org

YOUNG ADULTS: JUBILEE AT THE BEACH

All young adults are invited to join us for a Jubilee pilgrimage as we close out the Jubilee Year of Hope. We'll gather on Sunday, November 23, at St. Mary Cathedral Basilica in Galveston (an official Jubilee pilgrimage site) for their 12:30 p.m. Mass. After Mass, we'll gather to pray a Jubilee prayer together, then head to a local restaurant on the beach for lunch and fellowship. No cost to attend, but we ask that you RSVP by November 20 so we can make a reservation. Lunch is on your own. For more information, go to www.archgh.org/yapilgrimage

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

ADVENT DIRECTED PRAYER IN ORDINARY

TIME: Advent is a special time for prayerful reflection. Whether you are currently in spiritual direction or would like to explore spiritual direction, this is a perfect opportunity! This special offering begins with a luncheon and prayer service on Sunday, December 7th at 12:30p when you will be paired with a spiritual director to schedule meetings on the following Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The week will end with a closing ceremony on Saturday, December 13th at 10a. Please visit www.stbchurch.org/spirituality for more information and to register today!

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!***

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.

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!

COME SHARE A MEAL: THANKSGIVING POTLUCK, THURSDAY, NOV. 20

Come share in good food, fellowship, and gratitude as we celebrate the many blessings in our lives! Bring a favorite Thanksgiving dish—or any dish you love—to share (enough for 6–10 people). Short on time? No worries! Pick up fried chicken, pizza, or another favorite on the way.

Prefer to donate instead? Monetary contributions are welcome, and we'll shop for you. Frozen turkeys or turkey breasts are also appreciated—contact Suzanne at 832-915-5644 to arrange a drop-off time.

Whether you're new to St. Bernadette or have been part of our parish family for years, this is a perfect chance to meet new friends, enjoy delicious food, and celebrate together. We'll also enjoy a special performance by members of the **Clear Lake Intermediate Choir!**

Everyone is welcome—invite friends and family!

Volunteer Opportunities: Help with setup, decorating, kitchen duties, greeting, or cleanup. Contact Suzanne at starons@stbchurch.org or 832-915-5644 to get involved.



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.

CHRISTIAN ACTION GIVING TREES ARE HERE!

YES, the Giving Trees are REALLY here! Christian Action wanted to give everyone the opportunity to get their shopping done early and benefit from all the deals that come up! The Giving Trees are out in the narthex of the church.

Here are the multiple ways you can be involved in the Christmas drives this year:

1. Christian Action partnered up with Hope Active and CCISD again to provide Gift Cards for CCISD students.
2. Gift card drive for High School students at Immaculate Heart of Mary, our twinning parish
3. Christmas Drive for The Mercy Tree
4. Adopted families from CHRISTUS Point of Light Clinic

"The Christmas Giving Trees" are adorned with paper ornaments that express Christmas wishes from children or organization. Please feel free to choose an ornament. Each will have a requested gift. If you are able to purchase a gift, please do. Please do not wrap the gifts, and attach the paper ornament to the gift.

You may bring the gift to the Mass you attend by Sunday, **December 7, 2025**, and place them in the Christian Action bin (**there's a box attached to the bin for gift cards**) or drop them off at the Christian Action office Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Thank you for all that you do. We are blessed to have parishioners so kind and generous as you!

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

★★★★★ *Thank you,* ★★★★★
veterans!

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WFC, JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

JrH AND High School Information
(see below for JrH and High School specific events)

- **No Faith Formation Today** – Enjoy the Picnic!
 - **Brave (High School) Summer Camp** – Brave 2026 will be from June 28th to July 3rd. Register on the HS website.
 - **Expedition (Junior High) Summer Camp** – Expedition 2026 will be from June 3rd to June 6th. Register on the JrH 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
- **Football Game** – November 21st at 4 pm at St. Luke the Evangelist Cenacle Learning Center.
- **Pickleball Tournament** – November 22nd at 1 pm in the St. B Gym. Sign up yourself and a partner for a doubles pickleball tournament!
- **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 NOVEMBER 9 THRU NOVEMBER 15, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	For the Souls of the Dunn Family
Sun.	8:30 am:	Sarah Ann Rice+
Sun.	11:00 am:	All Parishioners
Sun.	5:00 pm:	Deborah Lambert+
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Angelica & Stephen Kwong
Wed.	7:00 pm:	For our Sick and Infirm parishioners
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Sonia Brosz & Family
Fri.	8:30 am:	Fr. Joseph Kalayil+
Sat.	No am Mass	

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.



It matters why you do something, not just how you do it. Are we allowing our worship to transform us, or are we only concerned with transforming our worship?



Scan the QR for our website



Question: Can Catholics be cremated?

Answer: As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the *Order of Christian Funerals* provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The *Order of Christian Funerals* instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.



THINK OF WHAT IS *above*, NOT OF WHAT IS ON EARTH.
COLOSSIANS 3:2