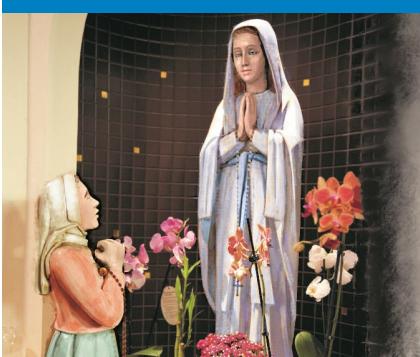


Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

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.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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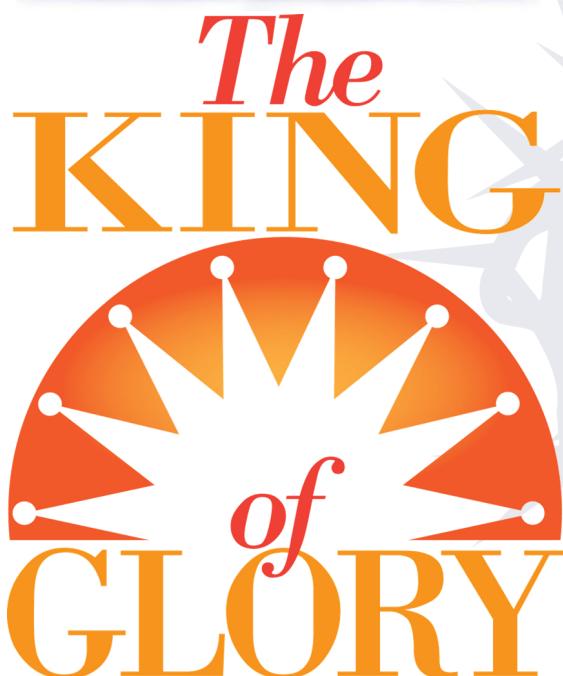
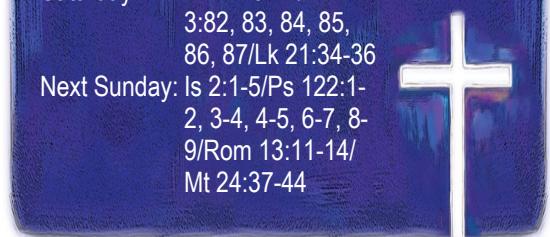
Jesus assured the repentant criminal crucified next to him that he would be with him in paradise. Who might you offer words of comfort to this week?

WELCOME



Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Nov. 9, 2025	\$ 36,505.62
Online Giving**	14,160.50
Total Collection	\$ 50,666.12
Budget	34,752.31
Over budget	<u>\$ 15,913.81</u>

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

Upcoming Second Collections: December 14 – Retirement Fund for Religious

2025-Diocesan Services Fund As of Nov. 11, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 123,491
Under Goal	\$ (35,509)

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of Nov. 11, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 3,018,153
Payments Received to Date	\$ 2,142,848
Total Number of Donors	638
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!

THE PROMISE OF A MERCIFUL KING

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (Luke 23:42)

Every year on Holy Thursday, the king or queen of England distributes gifts to various men and women who have demonstrated “outstanding Christian service” by making a difference in the lives of their local communities.

This image of a good and generous king is appropriate today, even if it isn’t Holy Thursday! That’s because today marks one hundred years since Pope Pius XI established the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today, instead of considering an earthly king, we turn our attention to the “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 19:16), whose “kingdom will have no end” (Nicene Creed).

Jesus, our King, came to give us greater gifts than any gift an earthly king could ever give. In today’s Gospel, in fact, we see him giving the gift of eternal life to the “good thief” who is crucified next to him. Then, dying on the cross, he gave us the greatest gift: his own life for our salvation. And from that point on, he has been continuously offering us his love, mercy, and forgiveness. As Pope Pius XI proclaimed, Jesus came, “not to be ministered unto but to minister,” and to give himself “as a model of humility” (*Quas Primas*, 20). What a wonderful King we have!

When the thief on the cross asked Jesus to remember him, Jesus promised, “Today you will be with me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43). Let’s follow this man’s example and honor our King by surrendering our lives to him. Let’s open our hands and receive his overflowing gifts of mercy, love, and forgiveness. Most of all, let’s praise our King for giving us the greatest gift of all: eternal life!

“Lord Jesus Christ, you are my King. I surrender my life to you.”

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 DIRECTED PRAYER IN

ORDINARY LIFE: This is a wonderful way to prepare your heart and mind for the birth of our Blessed Hope, Jesus, this Advent! This special time of prayer begins with an opening session & luncheon **Sunday, December 7th** at 12:30 p.m. During this special week participants will prayerfully focus on Scripture, sacred music, art and meet with a spiritual director for one hour on three different days individually. We conclude with a ceremony on **Saturday, December 13th** at 9:00 a.m. This individual retreat in ordinary life is offered for a small \$10 donation, but the time spent in prayer and reflection is truly priceless. **Register by Wednesday, December 3rd** on the parish website at: www.stbchurch.org/advent-retreat-1.



December 1-2, 2025 – PARISH

ADVENT MISSION with

BISHOP BRENDAN CAHILL!

ALL ARE WELCOME! Visit

www.stbchurch.org/parish-missions.

No registration

necessary. Come reflect on the

fruits of this Jubilee Year of

Hope with our family of faith.

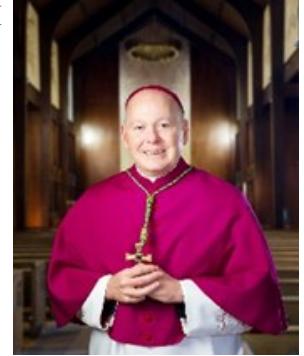
Bishop Cahill will speak both

days, and there are sessions in

the afternoon from 2-3:30 p.m.

that will be repeated in the evenings from 7-8:30 p.m.

Childcare will be provided for the evening sessions. Come, be filled with hope, joy, peace, and love this Advent season!



LAS POSADAS is Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 3 p.m.

– ALL ARE WELCOME to this WHOLE PARISH

EVENT. We will have music, food, fun, and piñatas for the children! Visit www.stbchurch.org/las-posadas for more information. Also, if you would like to help with this event, please contact Laura Breaux at 832-915-5643.

We Are Thankful
for Our
VOLUNTEERS!



Welcome to
St. Bernadette Church!

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!

Are You
N E W
Here?

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

All Services Start at 7:00 p.m.

December 2, Mary Queen —Friendswood

December 3, St. Bernadette

December 4, St. Mary —La Porte

December 9, St. Helen —Pearland

December 10, St. Luke the Evangelist

December 11, St. Mary —League City

December 16, St. Clare of Assisi

December 18, St Paul the Apostle —Nassau Bay



PARISH MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY, DEC. 5, 6:30 P.M. IN THE PLC

Cabrini - Francesca Cabrini risks everything when she petitions New York's mayor to house the city's orphans. Cabrini is a powerful reminder of what can happen when people are willing to make sacrifices for the things they believe in. (2h 22m)

The King of King's - An animated film in which an imaginative boy discovers faith through his father's story of Jesus Christ. (1h 41m)

Join the St. B's Knights for a free showing of these films. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be available. Charitable donations are appreciated. To attend, please register by Dec. 1st using the QR code or go to: www.kofc10959.org/family-events



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass
Monday, December 8
At 7:00 p.m.

Holy Day of Obligation.

INDOOR 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!

No Walking, Monday, December 8.



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
Sep-25	85	406	15	\$5,242.91	196
Oct-25	69	327	2	\$0.00	140
Nov 1-12, 2025	74	362	3	\$1,277.36	103

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your heartfelt response to our annual Thanksgiving Drive! Your Christian Action will be helping over 280 families in the Clear Creek Independent School District, families at our twinning parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Denver Harbor, parishioners and friends in need in our community. It is exciting to be putting the great love of all parishioners in our St. Bernadette Family into ACTION! Thank you for your contributions and overwhelming kindness.

CHRISTIAN ACTION GIVING TREES ARE HERE!

“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, Cereal, Instant potatoes, Brown paper grocery bags, Soup, Oatmeal, Chili, Canned pasta, Pasta Sauce (no glass jars), 1lb Pasta. 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. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

FROM FAITH TO ACTION: GET INVOLVED IN YOUR PARISH!

Volunteering is a wonderful way to share your gifts of time and talent, meet new people, and deepen your faith. Whether you enjoy helping at events, greeting, serving others, or working behind the scenes, there's a ministry that's a perfect fit for you.

Signing up is easy—contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or email starons@stbchurch.org to learn about current opportunities. Your time and talents make a real difference in our church community!

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.**
- **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
- **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 23 THRU NOVEMBER 29, 2025

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	All Parishioners
Sun.	8:30 am:	Melissa Hortman+
Sun.	11:00 am:	John Campbell+
Sun.	5:00 pm:	Agnes Rose Medvecz+
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	The Jimenez Family
Wed.	7:00 pm:	In Thanksgiving
Thurs.	8:30 am:	In Thanksgiving
Fri.	8:30 am:	Andrea R. Domingue+
Sat.	No am Mass	

ST. BERNADETTE EARLY CHILDHOOD CONNECTIONS REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2025-2026



St. Bernadette Early Childhood Connections (ECC) strives to meet the needs of the children in our diverse community. We welcome all children into a positive, faith-based learning environment that celebrates the uniqueness of each child. Working in partnership with parents, we aim to prepare every child for future success through nurturing guidance and meaningful learning experiences.

ECC provides a safe and supportive setting filled with engaging opportunities designed to stimulate young minds during these vital early years of growth and development.

When selecting the number of days your child will attend, please consider your child's interests, readiness, social skills, and emotional development. Final placement will be determined by the teacher and director after observing your child in the classroom setting. In addition to completing the online registration, Back-to-School paperwork is also required. Scan the QR Code to register or visit your www.MyProCare.com account.

Current Registration Fee: \$250; Days/Tuition: 2 days – Monday/ Wednesday (1s & 2s ONLY) \$305; 2 days Tuesday/Thursday \$310; 3 days Tuesday/Wednesday/ Thursday \$440; 4 days Monday/Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Thursday \$510; Pre-K Friday \$80; Ages 1 year-old to 5 years-old. 9:05 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All classes must have a minimum for the class to be offered.

Discounts: Sibling Discount 10% off total tuition of all children in the same family. Family Discount Non-Refundable Registration Fee First Child = \$200, Second child in family = \$125, All other children in family = \$50 **2nd Child's reg fee will be charged to account after the initial Registration fee received. Military Discount 10% off the total amount of tuition with proof of an Active Military ID Card.



His mercy endures forever.



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Question: What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Answer: The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

