

# 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

## RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm

## BAPTISM

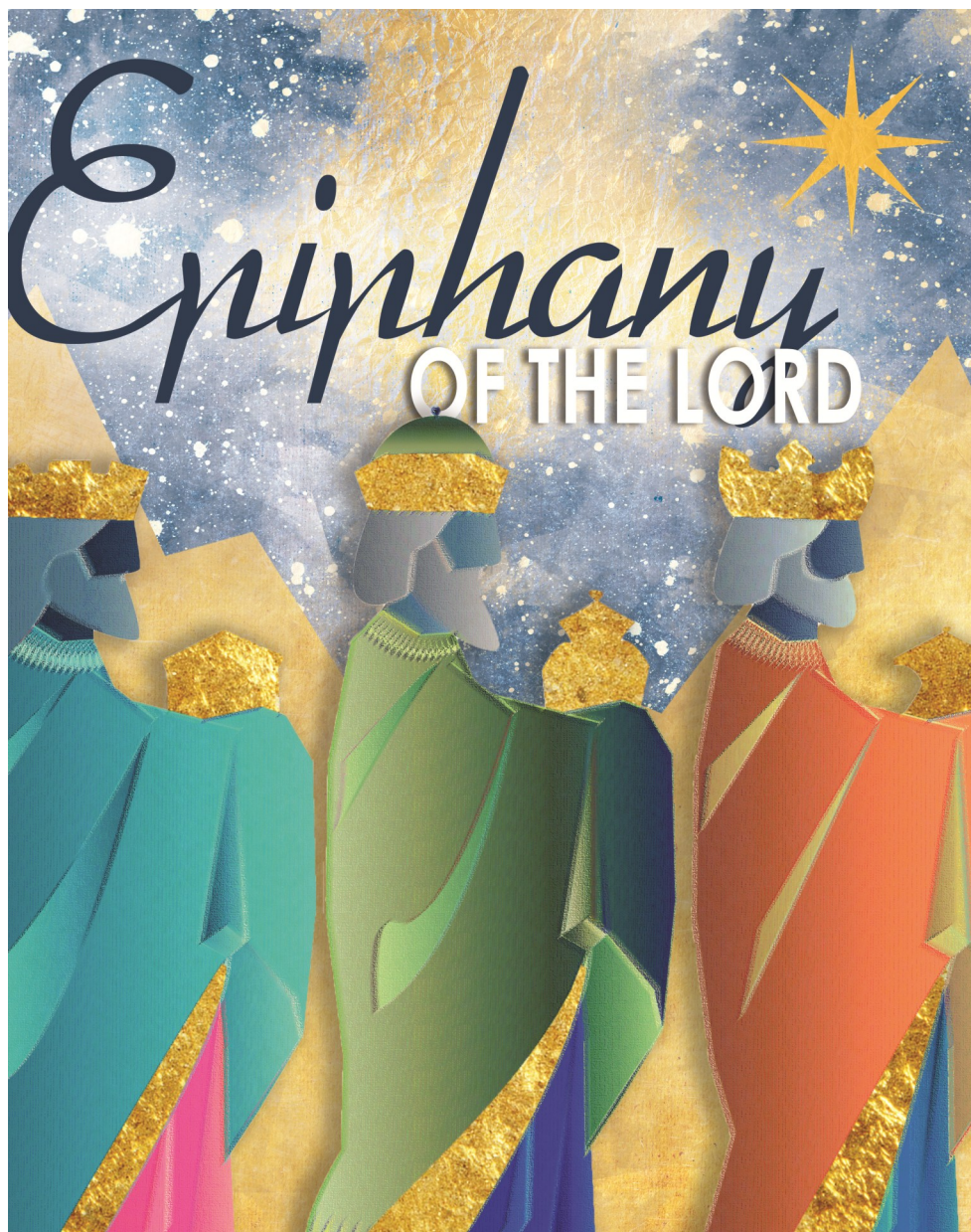
To begin the process of having your child baptized, please call the office or visit our website.

## 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.



Think  
About It.

In the story of the birth of Jesus, Matthew contrasts the fear and concern of King Herod with the joy and praise of the Magi. What feelings does the season of Christmas evoke for you?





## WELCOME



### Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30  
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



## FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Dec. 14, 2025	\$ 32,630.62
Online Giving**	13,910.54
Total Collection	\$ 46,541.16
Budget	34,752.31
Over budget	<u>\$ 11,788.85</u>

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

Upcoming Second Collections: January 25 – Bishops' Fund for Latin America

2025-Diocesan Services Fund As of Dec. 16, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 135,131
<b>Under Goal</b>	<b>\$ (23,869)</b>

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of Dec. 16, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 3,017,983
Payments Received to Date	\$ 2,205,082
Total Number of Donors	644
Expenditures to Date	\$ 2,053,327

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](mailto:finance@stbchurch.org).

## STILL FOLLOWING THE STAR

Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, “I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough.” Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking “the newborn king of the Jews,” yes, but did they understand who he was? What he was? I don’t see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don’t know how many of them there were. We don’t know their religion. We don’t know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you — tell you to chase?

Point to it. And go forth.



## START THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER – POTLUCK GATHERING

Everyone is invited to a **Parish Potluck on Thursday, January 15, at 11:30 a.m.** in the **Parish Life Center**. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a parish family, meet new faces, and catch up with friends in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Please bring your favorite dish to share (enough for 6–10 people). Short on time? No worries—pizza or fried chicken picked up on the way is perfectly fine. Come enjoy good food, warm conversation, and fellowship as we share holiday highlights and share our hopes for the new year with one another.

Want to help? Volunteers are welcome and appreciated! If you'd like to assist with setup, serving, or cleanup, please let us know.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644.



## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Tom Diegelman has been a parishioner of St. Bernadette's for over 45 years, and has served as a member of the Pastoral Council since January 2025. He taught Christian Education at St. Bernadette's for 12 years, and intends to resume that activity, focusing on helping young people grow their faith in this often troubled, and Godless world. Tom has three grown children, all of whom started their Catholic faith journey at St. Bernadette's from baptism to confirmation.

During his career, Tom served in both engineering and managerial roles at the NASA Johnson Space center. He recently retired after nearly 50 years of service. He hopes to share the blessings and experience from his career in service to St. Bernadette's because he is deeply committed to our faith, and to St. Bernadette's. Recalling Luke 12:48, "to whom much is given, much is expected...", Tom looks forward to working with other parishioners and the Pastoral Council to return those blessings.

## Welcome!

*New to the area, returning to Church, or curious about the Catholic faith? We warmly invite you to connect, worship, and grow with our parish community. Tour our campus, meet fellow parishioners, and experience parish life firsthand! Contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or [starons@stbchurch.org](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org). Register at [www.stbchurch.org](http://www.stbchurch.org) → About → Join Our Parish.*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**TAMALE FUNDRAISER:** Support your Knights of Columbus' charities by ordering handmade tamales now! Get them in time for Football's Favorite Sunday by picking up your tamales (hot) behind the Parish Life Center (PLC) on Friday, Feb. 6 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. or by picking up the tamales, that will have been frozen, in the PLC Kitchen on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Orders must be in by Thursday, January 22, 2026! Tamales: \$15.00 / dozen Salsa: \$12.00 / 32 oz. jar.



**MORE TAMALES = MORE CHARITY = MORE LOVE**  
Go to <https://kofc10959.org/tamale-fundraiser> or scan the QR code for ordering and pick-up information. Questions? Contact Kyle Zandy at [kzandy5953@gmail.com](mailto:kzandy5953@gmail.com) or 281-620-1102.



**Parish Breakfast:** Saint Bernadette KofC Monthly Breakfast Please join your fellow parishioners for breakfast and socializing on Sunday, Jan 11 after the 8:30 a.m. 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.



**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, January 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

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.



## SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE—PART-TIME AT YOUR PARISH

Looking for a place where your time, skills, and experience can make a difference? St. Bernadette Catholic Church invites you to consider joining our parish team as a Part-Time Time & Talent Assistant (15 hours per week, onsite).

This role may be a great fit if you enjoy staying organized, working on a computer, and supporting the life of a parish community. Strong Microsoft Office skills are needed, and an interest in graphic design is a plus. You'll produce the parish bulletin and provide clerical support for the Protecting Children and Youth program—important work that helps our parish thrive.

If this feels like a good match for your gifts and availability, please send a cover letter, résumé, and salary requirements to Kathleen Keating at [keatingk@stbchurch.org](mailto:keatingk@stbchurch.org), with the job title in the subject line.

Learn more at [www.stbchurch.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.stbchurch.org/employment-opportunities).

If you're looking for something purposeful, rewarding, and rooted in community, this may be just the place for you.



IT IS WITH  
THE SMALLEST  
BRUSHES THAT  
THE ARTIST  
PAINTS THE  
BEST  
PAINTINGS.

—St. André Bessette



## SPIRITUAL LIFE

For more information concerning Spiritual Life, contact Laura Breaux at [breauxl@stbchurch.org](mailto:breauxl@stbchurch.org), 832-915-5643.

Access all Spiritual Life programs at [www.stbchurch.org](http://www.stbchurch.org) => Parish Life => Spiritual Life

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:** Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend our on-going support group on the **2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:breauxl@stbchurch.org).

**MEN'S RETREAT:** All adult men are invited to attend the annual men's retreat, which is scheduled for **Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** and will be held at the Armand Bayou Nature Center from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., followed by 5 p.m. Liturgy at St. Bernadette. The cost is \$40. Registration is now open at [www.stbchurch.org/mens-retreat](http://www.stbchurch.org/mens-retreat). The theme is Eucharistic Spirituality. Join us as we explore how we can embrace Eucharistic spirituality in our daily lives, exploring the Eucharistic themes of gathering, listening, blessing, eating, and going forth. There will be time for personal prayer, reflection, and meditation. The retreat will be a guided silent retreat, led by our very own Deacon Kevin Woodvine! Space is limited, so register today!



**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.

**NEW!! WALKING WITH PURPOSE:** *Walking with Purpose* is a Catholic women's apostolate offering Bible studies for women and girls of all ages, providing practical Biblical teachings consistent with Church doctrine. Our next study will be a little different with no book to buy and no homework. We will listen to and discuss the *Walking with Purpose* podcast (*Hope for Right Now*) 4-part series on the Feminine Genius. Saint John Paul II coined the phrase "feminine genius" in his open letter titled, *Mulieris Dignitatem* (On the Dignity and Vocation of Women). Each week, through the writings of Saint Edith Stein, personal stories, and the Word of God, we will unpack one of these components. For more information, join us on **January 8** for a Women at the Well/ Walking with Purpose combined event. We will meet in the **mini hall at 6:30 p.m.** to enjoy a potluck supper, followed by an introductory talk on the Feminine Genius and *Mulieris Dignitatem* (On the Dignity and Vocation of Women).

### YOUNG ADULT DAY OF PRAYER:

St. Bernadette is hosting a young adult day of prayer, entitled,

#### Wise Ones

**Still Seek Him**, on **Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**, following the 8:30 morning Mass and concluding at 1 p.m. All young adults returning to college in the Spring of 2026 are invited to attend. **REGISTER TODAY** at [www.stbchurch.org/retreats](http://www.stbchurch.org/retreats). **Deadline to register is tomorrow, January 5<sup>th</sup>!**



## CHRISTIAN ACTION

832-915-5677, 832-915-5678

### NEIGHBORS SERVED BY YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION IN 2025:

Christian Action is here to serve registered parishioners and families in our community. We serve our neighbors in crisis living in the following zip codes: 77062, 77058, 77059, 77598. We assist with electricity, food, and clothing. We have a clothing distribution 2 times a year. Neighbors in need may call on Monday or Wednesday (9:30 - 11:30 a.m.) to pick up bags of supplemental groceries on Tuesday or Thursday (9:30 - 11:00 a.m.). No walk-ins. Families in need are eligible for food assistance once a month.

We **DO NOT** accept expired food items, glass containers, large items or furniture. **WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL THE DONATIONS, BUT PLEASE DO NOT USE THE CHRISTIAN ACTION BIN AS A DUMP BIN!** Christian Action accepts donations of non-expired food, gently used or new clothes, and shoes. Donation days and hours at the Christian Action office are M-Th 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **THANK YOU.**

### HAPPY NEW YEAR! St. Bernadette Christian Action

**"Sponsor an Item"** Each year we invite our St. Bernadette family to choose one or more items they would like to sponsor for our food pantry. The commitment is for one year. As you are discerning, please keep in mind that the number of families we serve and the cost of food has increased. We serve 80-90 households a month. List of items to Sponsor for your Christian Action Food Pantry!

Please return this form to Christian Action office or place in the green bin marked Christian Action in the narthex of the church.

### List of items to Sponsor for your Christian Action Food Pantry!

Cereal	Pasta Sauce	Oatmeal	Laundry Detergent
Chili, canned	Tuna	Granola Bars	(small bag or container)
Bagged Rice	Instant Potatoes	Shampoo	Feminine Hygiene products
Dry Beans	Cooking Oil	Tooth Brush (adult and kids)	Diapers Size 5
Canned Vegetables	Eggs	Tooth Paste	Diapers Size 6
Ravioli/Spaghetti Os	Fresh produce and fruit	Toilet Paper	Diapers Size 4
Fruit Juice	Frozen Chicken	Bar Soap	Diaper wipes
Peanut Butter	Frozen Ground Turkey	Deodorant	
Jelly	Bread	All Purpose Cleaner	
Macaroni & Cheese	Milk	Dish Detergent	
Pasta			

Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Electricity Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
Jan-25	65	326	27	\$2,482.19	229.5
Feb-25	85	414	16	\$2,125.84	213
Mar-25	81	405	25	\$2,930.05	231.5
Apr-25	80	383	20	\$992.54	195
May-25	78	392	20	\$1,807.87	200.5
Jun-25	86	388	10	\$2,555.93	220
Jul-25	81	374	0	\$3,968.01	218
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
Nov-25	94	443	11	\$3,438.60	220
Dec-25	75	366	10	\$930.80	129



Name	Phone	Item(s)	Quantity Monthly

You may bring your item(s) to the Mass you attend and place it in the green bin marked Christian Action in the narthex of the church or drop them off at your Christian Action office M-Th 9-noon! **Should you have questions regarding donations to your food pantry, please e-mail christianaction@stbchurch.org**

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### MLK Celebration

Join the annual celebration honoring the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 18, 2026, at 3 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Houston. Reception follows at the Cathedral Centre. All are welcome.

### Young Adult Café Catholica

**Lite:** Thursday, January 29, 7-8:45 p.m., Holy Family Parish Life Center, Galveston. Judge Stacy Allen Barrow will present *"Speak Truth, Judge Well, Make Peace,"* exploring Catholic Social Teaching on solidarity, truth, and unity in divided times.

Learn more: [www.archgh.org/cafecatholica](http://www.archgh.org/cafecatholica)

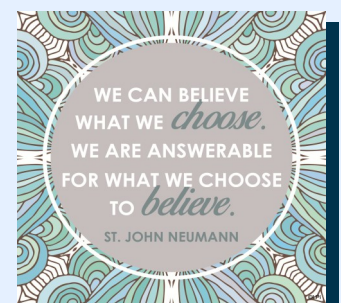
### Support After Miscarriage – Jerome's Hope

A six-week virtual support group for individuals and couples healing after miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss begins Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

Info & registration: 713-741-8728 | [jdumalet@archgh.org](mailto:jdumalet@archgh.org)

### Presentation & Baby Supply Drive:

January 21, 9:30 a.m.–noon at Mary Queen (Friendswood). Baby supply drive plus a presentation by Deacon Scott and Terri Ryan on *"The Dignity of Procreation."* Refreshments and raffle included. Sponsored by Bay Area Deanery Council of Catholic Women. More info: 713-412-8559





## MASSES FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 4 THRU JANUARY 10, 2026

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	Justin Mcalpin+
Sun.	8:30 am:	For All Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am	Miriam Bailey+
Sun.	5:00 pm:	Kathleen Holt+
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Josefina Rincon+
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Time and Talent Volunteers
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Angelica & Stephen Kwong
Fri.	8:30 am:	Roan Medrano
Sat.	No am Mass	

## EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

20+C+M+B+26

All you need is chalk and a prayerful heart. The head of household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk: the year's first two digits + C + M + B + last two digits. The letters honor the magi — Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar — and also mean Christus mansionem benedicat ("May Christ bless this house"). Then say a prayer such as this: *May the Lord bless our home, families, and friends this year. May He guide each of our hearts with the brightness of that special star, and may we open our eyes and hearts to follow His light like the Magi.*

## GET FIT WHILE YOU SIT CLASS!


Join us starting **Tuesday, January 6, 2026, for Get Fit While You Sit!** Meet at 10 a.m. in the Parish Life Center for a fun, gentle, video-guided class that lets you move safely while sitting or standing. Perfect for all fitness levels and wheelchair accessible. Caregivers are welcome to attend, and everyone is invited—bring a friend and enjoy a morning of movement, laughter, and community! No registration or fee required. For more information, contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644.

## INDOOR WALKING GROUP

Stay active and have fun! Join us starting Monday, January 5, 2026, every Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Brandsma Building gym. Walk at your own pace—everyone is welcome, from beginners to those using a cane or walker. Bring a friend and enjoy fellowship while staying healthy. No registration needed. Info: Suzanne Staron, 832-915-5644.

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

### Gospel Weeklies

Pflaum  FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Wishing you a blessed Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

No meeting in the classrooms for

all PreK classes on Dec. 28, and January 4.

The Pflaum Gospel Weeklies handouts, coloring/activity pages can be found in your child's folder. Additional resources can be found at <https://www.pflaum.com/>. For all WFC PreK FF classes, see you in the classrooms on January 11, 2026. Call Aurora Winstead at 832-915-5648 or email at [winstead@stbchurch.org](mailto:winstead@stbchurch.org) if you have any questions or are interested in registering or volunteering in the WFC Pre-K Faith Formation ministry. Junior High and High School students, we have opportunities for service hours for school and service groups.

## TIME AND TALENT: RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Suzanne Staron 832-915-5644 or [starons@stbchurch.org](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org)

**Electronic Recycling at Ellington, Saturday, January 10.** The City of Houston is offering an electronic recycling drop-off day at the Ellington Airport/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center on January 10 (second Saturday), from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or until the truck is full. Recycle unwanted televisions, cell phones, fax machines, DVD or VCR players, and other electronic devices. There is NO COST. Consider reaching out to neighbors or seniors and offer to take their items as well. For more information including size limit on TV's: <https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/clearlake.html> **PS.** For your safety, don't forget to wipe/destroy your computer hard drive before donating. For cell phones, remove your SIM and SD cards, and perform a factory reset to erase all personal information; then check that the device is no longer linked to your Apple ID or Google account.

### Recycle Christmas Lights

- Recycle your old Christmas lights and receive a coupon for HolidayLEDs.com! Christmas lights aren't biodegradable and can sit in landfills for hundreds of years, posing risks to wildlife. Learn more: <https://www.holidayleds.com/free-light-recycling>
- The Houston Zoo's holiday light recycling program runs until January 4, 2026, with a special bin at the main entrance for string lights, helping divert waste from landfills to protect animal habitats. Call (713) 533-6500 for information.

*Do you know of a local place to recycle lights? Please send me an email and let me know. Suzanne Staron at [starons@stbchurch.org](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org)*

## NEW OR LIKE NEW TECHNOLOGY

Do you have new or gently used technology looking for a new home—such as flat screen LCD TV's, laptops, tablets, speakers, other devices? The church may be able to put it to good use. Please contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or [starons@stbchurch.org](mailto:starons@stbchurch.org). Thank you for keeping your parish in mind!

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CONNECTIONS



2026-2027 Registration  
Information Coming Soon!  
Scan the QR for our website

