

# Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

## CLERGY

Fr. Robert Barras, Pastor  
 Deacon Rick Ewan  
 Deacon Jason Fossati  
 Deacon Kevin Woodvine

## This Week PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Closed Monday for MLK Day

## This Week MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 am  
 Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: 8:30 am,\* 11:00 am and  
 5:00 pm  
 \*Live streamed on YouTube

## RECONCILIATION

Canceled this week.

## BAPTISM

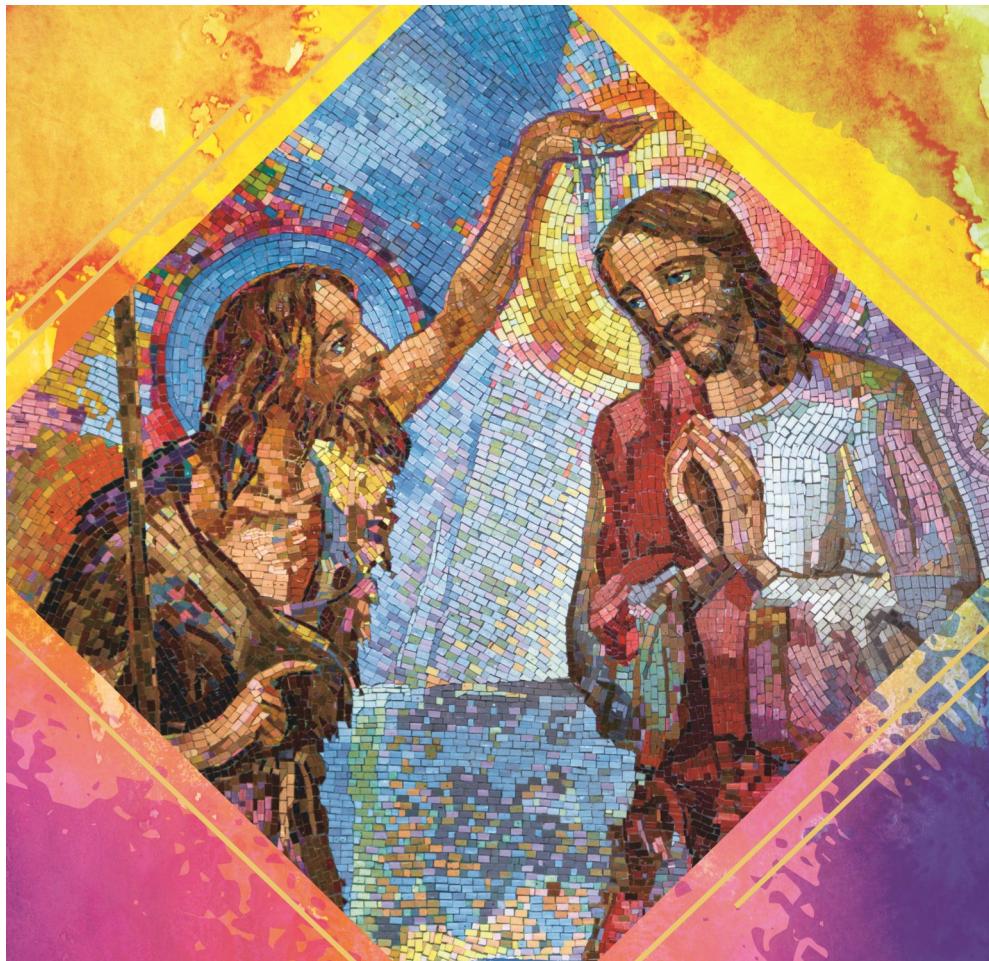
To begin the process of having your child baptized, please call the office or visit our website.

## 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.



## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” - Jn 1:29**

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John the Baptist testifies to others that Jesus is the Son of God who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. With whom do you talk about Jesus?



## WELCOME



### Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

### Weekday Schedule Change

Fr. Dominic will be saying Tuesday/Thursday/ and Friday morning Mass. There will be no Reconciliation or Eucharist on Wednesday

## FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Jan. 4, 2025	\$ 18,365.00
Online Giving**	<u>14,444.02</u>
Total Collection	\$ 32,809.02
Budget	34,752.31
<b>Under budget</b>	<b>\$ (1,943.29)</b>

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

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

### 2025-Diocesan Services Fund As of Jan. 6, 2025

Goal	\$ 159,000
Paid to Date	\$ 142,871
<b>Under Goal</b>	<b>\$ (16,129)</b>

### Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of Jan. 6, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 3,019,898
Payments Received to Date	\$ 2,229,144
Total Number of Donors	647
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).

## BELIEF BUILT ON WHAT HAS BEEN SEEN

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God"** (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the

sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir LPI



## 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 and food. Neighbors in need may call on Monday or Wednesday (9:30 - 11:30 am) to pick up bags of supplemental groceries on Tuesday or Thursday (9:30 - 11:00 am). 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, clothing or furniture. **WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL THE DONATIONS, BUT PLEASE DO NOT USE THE CHRISTIAN ACTION BIN AS A DUMP BIN!** Donation days and hours at the Christian Action office are M-Th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. **THANK YOU.**

**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. Please find the “Sponsor Forms” in the foyer of the church.

**YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...** Small jars of cooking oil, All Purpose Cleaner, Shampoo, Chili, Small bottles of dish detergent. Thank you for keeping Christian Action in mind on your next trip to the grocery store.

**CHRISTIAN ACTION WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 19-20, 2026.**

## TIME AND TALENT

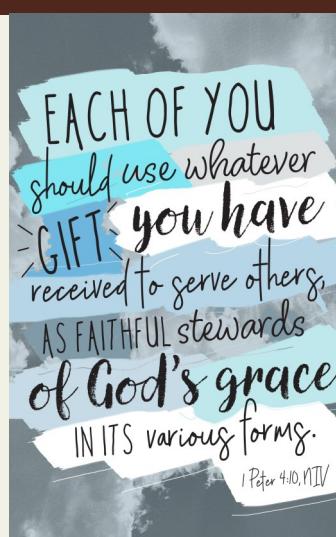
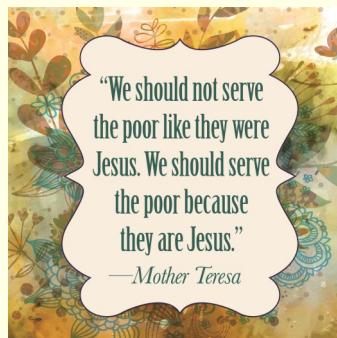
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### Called to Serve, Called to Belong

Volunteering at your parish is more than helping with a task—it's a way to share your gifts, grow in faith, and build meaningful connections with others. When you serve, you become part of something larger: a parish family living out the Gospel together.

Whether you have a little time or a lot, whether your gifts are seen or behind the scenes, there is a place for you. Through volunteering, many discover new friendships, a deeper sense of purpose, and the joy that comes from giving of oneself in love.

If you've been looking for a way to feel more connected, now is a wonderful time to step forward. Your parish needs *you*—and you may be surprised by how much you receive in return. To get started contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org to begin the required training and background check.



## WFC, JRHIGH & 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 28<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Register on the HS website. Spots filling fast!

### Expedition (Junior High) Summer Camp –

Expedition 2026 will be from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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 Expedition
- High School Bible Study - weekly event. Wednesday High School Bible Study will be from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. Location: Brandsma Youth Room. Check email for cancellations.

\*[www.stbchurch.org](http://www.stbchurch.org)  
=> Faith Formation  
=> JrHigh 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>



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=> Faith Formation  
=> High School



\*\*[sentmanat@stbchurch.org](mailto:sentmanat@stbchurch.org)  
Christopher Sentmanat, High School and Junior High FF, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### LAST CHANCE FOR TAMALES

Order handmade tamales to support your **Knights of Columbus**' charities. **The last day to order tamales is Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Pick up your tamales (hot) behind the Parish Life Center (PLC) on Friday, Feb. 6 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. or pick 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. **Don't wait!** Order now and have Tamales for **The Big Football Game!**

**Tamales**

Pork, Chicken or Bean **Verde (green) or Roja (red)**

Regular or Spicy **Mild, Spicy or Hot**

\$15.00 / dozen **\$12.00 / 32 oz. jar**

Go to <https://kofc10959.org/tamale-fundraiser> or scan the QR code for ordering and pick-up

Questions? Contact Kyle Zandy at

[kzandy5953@gmail.com](mailto:kzandy5953@gmail.com) or 281-620-1102.

**Salsa**

## HOLY WATER FOR YOUR HOME

Parishioners are invited to take holy water home for personal prayer and blessing. Please bring a small clean container and fill it using the holy water dispenser located in the church narthex. Holy water is a beautiful reminder of our Baptism and can be used to bless your home, family, and daily life.



## SPIRITUAL LIFE

For more information concerning Spiritual Life, contact Laura Breaux at [breauxl@sibchurch.org](mailto:breauxl@sibchurch.org), 832-915-5643. Access all Spiritual Life programs at [www.stbchurch.org/spirituality](http://www.stbchurch.org/spirituality).

**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. 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 at [www.stbchurch.org/mens-retreat](http://www.stbchurch.org/mens-retreat).



by Laurence Freeman. The workshop instructor is Laura Breaux (Director of Spiritual Life), and the session topics include: Week 1 (February 23): How to Meditate; Week 2 (March 2): John Main; Week 3 (March 9): The Christian Tradition of Meditation; Week 4 (March 16): The Wheel of Prayer; Week 5 (March 23): Leaving Self Behind; Week 6 (March 30): The Fruits of Meditation. There is no fee, but registration is required, and space is limited. Please register by completing the form at [www.stbchurch.org/contemplative-prayer-workshop](http://www.stbchurch.org/contemplative-prayer-workshop). **Come and see!**



**NEW!! WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY:** All adult women are invited to join the Spring 2026 book study on ***The Holy Longing: The Search for Christian Spirituality*** by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser. The group will resume meeting weekly on **Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Brandsma Bldg.** (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), beginning **January 29<sup>th</sup>**, for 13 sessions. The book study will be led by Chris Twardowski. For more information and registration, scan the QR code or visit [www.stbchurch.org/womens-book-study](http://www.stbchurch.org/womens-book-study).



### NEW!! CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER WORKSHOP

**SERIES:** Come explore the contemplative prayer experience in this 6-week workshop on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Youth Room of the Brandsma Building, following the Lenten Soup Supper. In this workshop, we will learn about Christian Meditation in the manner of John Main. The workshop is based on the book *A Pearl of Great Price*

# WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Every year, Christians around the world observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18–25, celebrating the truth that what unites us is greater than what divides us. This year's theme, chosen by Christian leaders in Armenia, comes from Ephesians 4:4: "There is one body and one Spirit." We invite you to pray daily using the Scripture readings and reflections, joining Christians worldwide in asking God to heal divisions and draw us closer to unity. Lord, make us one.

**Sunday, Jan. 18 Our Calling** I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called. (Ephesians 4:1)

**Question:** How does reflecting on the "calling to which you have been called" as described in Ephesians 4:1 inspire you to actively contribute to unity within your local and wider church communities?

*God of light, you have called us out of darkness into your light. May our response to your call lead us to actively seek reconciliation and share your light in the world. Amen.*

## Monday, Jan. 19: Bearing with One Another in Love

With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bear with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:2)

**Question:** How can the virtues of humility, gentleness, patience and tolerance, as mentioned in the letter to the Ephesians, help us as believers navigate and overcome divisions within our local Christian communities?

*Lord Jesus Christ, you show us how to be patient with one another in humility and gentleness. May the light you have shined on our path lead us towards unity and help us heal the wounds of division and indifference that often break communities apart. Amen.*

## Tuesday, Jan. 20: The Bond of Peace

Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (see Ephesians 4:3)

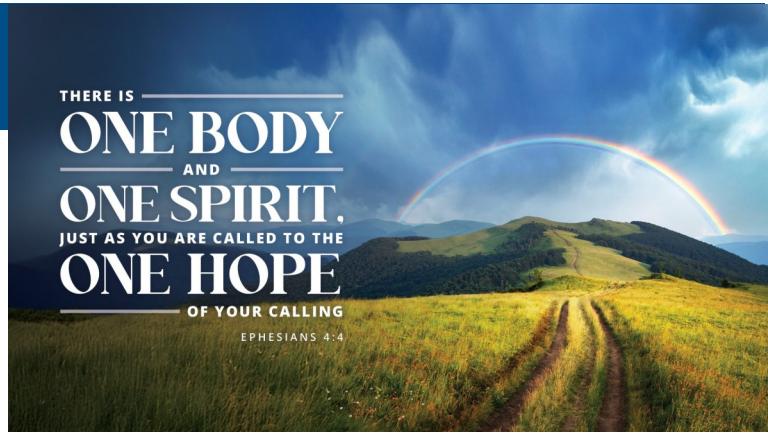
**Question:** How does St Paul's teaching that peace is a fruit of the Spirit impact our daily interactions and relationships within our communities, especially where there is need for reconciliation or forgiveness?

*Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Prince of Peace. Strengthen the bond of peace among us and in our troubled world. Change the hearts of all who make war; touch the wounds of all who are afflicted by war. We pray especially for the people of Armenia and Artsakh, and their kindred throughout the world. Let the light of your love shine in all the dark places of our world and hasten the day when all peoples may dwell in peace with justice. Amen.*

**Wed., Jan. 21: Called to One Hope** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling. (Ephesians 4:4)

**Question:** In what ways can we, as a church or community, embrace the challenge of our one calling, while maintaining our unique identity and traditions?

*Jesus Christ, you have brought us together in all our diversity as your family and church. In the face of so many situations on earth where hope has given way to despair and wounded hearts, renew our hope in the Holy Spirit's work of changing the world. Move us to spread this hope to everyone everywhere. You are the true Light, who casts out the darkness of sin and shines into our hearts the joy and hope of your eternal love. Amen.*



**Thur., Jan. 22: One Faith, One Baptism** One Lord, one faith, one baptism. (Ephesians 4:5)

**Question:** In what ways can we, as a church or community, embrace the challenge of our one calling, while maintaining our unique identity and traditions?

*Spirit of God, true God, who descended on the river Jordan, and into the upper room; who enlightened us by the baptism of the Holy Font, we have sinned against heaven and before you; purify us again with your divine fire, as you did the Apostles with fiery tongues. Have mercy on your creatures and especially on us. Amen.*

**Fri., Jan. 23: One Lord and Father** One God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:6)

**Question:** What collaborative initiatives can our various communities undertake to celebrate our shared faith in Jesus Christ and the unity established through baptism?

*We confess with faith and worship you, loving Father, for you are in heaven beyond words and on earth beyond understanding, through your Son, Jesus Christ. In your tender care, you are the beginning and fulfilment of everything. Glory forever to you, Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Sat, Jan 24: God's Gift Given in Baptism** But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Ephesians 4:7)

**Question:** How will our relations change if we accept that diversity of gifts is not a reason for opposition and competition but for mutual strengthening and sharing?

*Lord Jesus Christ, by the action of the Holy Spirit in the one baptism, you have bestowed wonderful graces and multiple gifts upon us for the sake of building up your body, the Church. Grant us now the willingness to fully appreciate the richness of their diversity and use them fully to further the spread of the gospel. In your name we pray. Amen.*

**Sun., Jan. 25: Growing into Christ** The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. (see Ephesians 4:13)

**Question:** How are we growing in our knowledge of Christ and allowing that knowledge to shape our actions, thoughts and relationships?

*O Christ, True Light of the world, make my soul worthy to see the light of your glory with joy on the day of my calling, and to rest with the hope of good things in the house of the righteous, until the day of your great coming. Have mercy upon your creation, and on me, a great sinner. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 18 THRU JANUARY 24, 2026

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	Margarito L. Viterbo+
Sun.	8:30 am	Elsa Hartzell+
Sun.	11:00 am:	Emma Starlight Hyde+
Sun.	5:00 pm:	For All Parishioners
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Miriam Bailey+
Wed.	7:00 pm:	For the sick
Thurs.	8:30 am:	For the Souls in Purgatory
Fri.	8:30 am:	Jane Bartoldi+
Sat.	No am Mass	

### GET FIT WHILE YOU SIT CLASS!

Join us on Tuesdays, 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 every Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Brandsma Building gym. **No walking MLK day.** 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.



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### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

#### National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

**Mass and Holy Hour:** Join the Office of Pro-Life Activities on January 22 at 6 p.m. for Mass followed by a Holy Hour for the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn with Archbishop Joe S. Vásquez, principal celebrant. Come unite in prayer with other faithful Catholics to commemorate those lost or harmed by the tragic legacy of abortion in the U.S., to give thanks for the recent Dobbs decision, and to pray for the cause of life. This event, held concurrently with prayer at the National Shrine in Washington, D.C., on the eve of the National March for Life, will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston). For more information, call the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-440-3443

#### World Day for Consecrated Life

For almost 50 years, the Church has designated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord as a time to thank God for the gift of consecrated life. On Sunday, February 1, the Archdiocese will express gratitude for consecrated life at an 11 a.m. Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1111 St. Joseph Pkwy., Houston) with Archbishop Joe S. Vásquez, principal celebrant. Join us as we pray for consecrated men and women. We invite families and young people to reflect on how God might be calling them to co-create with him in his mission.

The **Ministry with Persons with Disability** invites you to our next virtual talk:

“Be Not Afraid”—Accompaniment after a Prenatal Diagnosis featuring Monica Rivera, Parent Coordinator Specialist. Parents often are faced with the challenges of receiving a prenatal diagnosis. There is support available to families with a prenatal diagnosis, and Be Not Afraid is the answer. Come hear all about Be Not Afraid and the wonderful work we are undertaking here in our Archdiocese. Wednesday, February 4, English 10 a.m. Call Melissa Alvarez at 713-741-8798

“The time is always right  
to do what is right.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.