



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
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.



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” - Mt 5:16

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Jesus challenges his disciples to have a positive influence in the world. Who do you know makes the world a better place?

WELCOME

Welcome
We're happy to see you!



Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Jan. 18, 2026	\$ 13,743.00	Sunday Jan. 25, 2026	\$ 8,120.62
Online Giving**	<u>14,444.02</u>	Online Giving**	<u>14,444.02</u>
Total Collection	\$ 28,187.02	Total Collection	\$ 22,564.64
Budget	<u>34,752.31</u>	Budget	<u>34,752.31</u>
Under budget	<u>\$ (6,565.29)</u>	Under budget	<u>\$ (12,187.67)</u>

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

Upcoming Second Collections: February 18 – Archdiocesan Social Ministries-Ash Wednesday; February 22 – Black and Indian Missions

2026-Diocesan Services Fund – Goal - \$170,925

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of Jan. 27, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 3,025,752
Payments Received to Date	\$ 2,256,264
Total Number of Donors	648
Expenditures to Date	\$ 2,060,694



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.

BE SALTY (GOD KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING)

Iwant you to close your eyes. Are they closed? (I'm serious.) Okay. Now think of the greatest saint in history.

I don't care who you're thinking of. It's going to be different for everyone. Just think of that person. Think of his or her life. And answer the question: Why is he or she a great saint?

You're all thinking of different people, but the answer is the same for everyone. And it's not "Because he did great things for God" or "Because she sacrificed everything she had for the poor." Those answers show *evidence* of the reason. But the reason is something more.

The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. God brought holiness about within them because (ding ding! Here's the answer!) the greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

Not who they wanted to be. Not who they thought they *should* be. Who they were meant to be.

Simply put, they gave themselves to God. All of

themselves. Flaws and all. And God took them, in their totality, and said: "Now watch this."

Just imagine if salt was ashamed of being salty. Imagine if it looked at the sodium content on its nutrition label and thought, "That's embarrassing," and decided it was going to stop being salt. Well, great. Now it's just a box of tiny rocks.

Wouldn't it have been better for the salt to trust the baker using it?

There is a plan for each of us. There is a path to holiness for each of us. This path doesn't bypass our flaws or our weaknesses; it incorporates them. It transforms them. It fulfills them.

So be salty. Be who you were meant to be. —LPI



CHRISTIAN ACTION

832-915-5677, 832-915-5678

NEIGHBORS
SERVED BY YOUR
CHRISTIAN ACTION
IN 2026:

Date	Families	Individuals	# of Individuals Clothing	Electricity Assistance	# of Volunteer Hours
Jan-26	85	384	15	\$3,114.90	133.5

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 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.

Office Hours for Christian Action: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

FRIENDLY REMINDER!

Here at Christian Action, we appreciate all the donations you provide and keeping us in mind when you go to the grocery store! Just a friendly reminder that the green bin in the Narthex of the Church, labeled "Christian Action", is for your convenience to drop off items for **CHRISTIAN ACTION** when the Christian Action office is closed. Donation days and hours at the Christian Action office are M-Th 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Please DO NOT use this bin as a "dumpster"**. We **DO NOT** accept expired food items, glass containers, large items or furniture. We are **NOT** accepting clothing or shoe donations. Thank you!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS ARE COMING!

Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on Monday, February 23, 2026! The Lenten Soup Suppers are hosted in the Parish Life Center (PLC) each Monday throughout the Lenten Season. This is a family and community building time and we hope everyone will attend! Free Will Donations are accepted at the door. Proceeds will go to CHRISTUS Point of Light Clinic (<https://christusfoundation.org/programs/christus-point-light-clinic/>) and The Mercy Tree (<https://www.themercytree.org/>). Mark your calendars!

YOUR CHRISTIAN ACTION NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS... Small jars of cooking oil, Shampoo, Chili, Small bottles or 1lb bags of laundry detergent, Jelly (no plastic jars), Small cans of tuna, Thank you for keeping Christian Action in mind on your next trip to the grocery store.

Christian Action will be closed Wednesday, February 18 and Thursday, February 19.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE FOR 2026 SENIORS



Scholarship applications for high school seniors graduating in 2026, who are registered members of St. Bernadette Church, will be available for pick up at the receptionist office beginning on February 5, 2026. The application will also be available on-line at the St. Bernadette Church website. Applications are due at the church office on March 23, 2024 by 4:00 p.m. If you need additional information, contact Lisa Spence at 832 -443-1114 or email lease2go@gmail.com

WFC, JRHIGH & HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

JrH AND High School Information

(see below for JrH and High School specific events)

No Faith Formation Today.

Please complete the at home "Circle of Grace" lesson found on the Church website.

Brave (High School)

Summer Camp – Brave 2026 will be from June 28th to July 3rd. Register on the HS website. Almost full.

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 Expedition
- High School Bible Study - weekly event. Wednesday High School Bible Study will be from 5:30 pm -6:30 p.m. Location: Brandsma Youth Room. Check email for cancellations.



*www.stbchurch.org
=> Faith Formation
=> JrHigh 6th-8th



**www.stbchurch.org =>
Faith Formation => High School

**sentmanat@stbchurch.org
Christopher Sentmanat, High School and Junior High FF, 6th-12th.

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION



Save the Date for VBS 2026!
June 15-18th!

EARLY CHILDHOOD CONNECTIONS



ECC is committed to meeting the needs of all children in our diverse community—we welcome every child!

Our positive, faith-based learning environment honors the uniqueness of each child as we partner with parents to help prepare their children for success. St. Bernadette Early Childhood Connections provides a safe, nurturing setting filled with engaging learning opportunities designed to stimulate young minds during these important early years.

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



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/spirituality.*

NEW!! FAITH SHARING SMALL GROUPS – LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Lent is a time to take stock of where we are on our spiritual journey. It is a moment to check our spiritual bearings and take any action that will keep us moving in the right direction. Small groups will use the **Open Our Hearts** text, which invites small-group participants to deepen their faith and discipleship, connecting the Scriptures to their lives as individuals, family members, and as Catholics engaged in civil society. If you are currently in a small group, you can order the book through the church webpage by scanning the QR code or visiting www.stbchurch.org/small-faith-sharing-groups. If you would like to join a group, please visit the same site and complete the small group inquiry form, or contact Laura Breaux, Director of Spiritual Life at breauxl@stbchurch.org. **Book orders are due by Wednesday, February 11th. Don't miss this opportunity to enrich your Lenten experience by participating in a faith sharing small group!**



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* by Laurence Freeman. There is no fee, but **registration is required by Sunday, February 22**. Please register by completing the form at www.stbchurch.org/contemplative-prayer-workshop. **Come and see!**



NEW!! LENTEN DIRECTED PRAYER IN ORDINARY LIFE RETREAT: Take advantage of this wonderful way to diver deeper into faith and prayer this

Lent by attending a directed retreat in ordinary life without having to go to a retreat center. The week will begin with an Opening Session on **Sunday, March 8th** and concludes with a Closing Session on **Saturday, March 14th**. Retreatants meet individually with a spiritual director for about an hour each day (Monday-Friday) at St. Bernadette's to attend to their daily walk with the Lord through directed prayer. This individual retreat is offered for a small \$10 donation, but the time spent in prayer and reflection is truly priceless. **Please register by Monday, March 2nd** on the parish website: www.stbchurch.org/retreats.



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

WOMEN AT THE WELL: All adult women are invited to **Women at the Well this Thursday, February 12th**. We will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini Hall, followed by an engaging presentation, faith sharing & fellowship. 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 with loving women of faith!**

SAVE THE DATE!! The St. Bernadette Women's Retreat: Journey with Jesus is scheduled for Friday, April 17 – Saturday, April 18, 2026. More information will be published soon!

Thinking About Volunteering? Start Here!

Safe Environment training is required for all employees and volunteers (age 18+) in our Archdiocese. This includes completing a brief online training and a criminal background check before beginning any volunteer role. Renewal training is required every five years.

Once completed, you are eligible to volunteer at any parish in the Archdiocese. The training is **free**, takes about 1 hour, can be done **at home on your computer**, or you may schedule time to use a parish computer. The skills taught are useful both in ministry and everyday life.

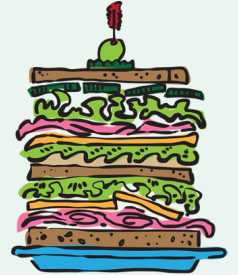
We encourage you to complete the training now so you're ready when you feel called to volunteer. You can find the training link at <https://www.stbchurch.org/safe-environment-virtus>

To learn more about volunteering contact or Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or email starons@stbchurch.org



COME AS YOU ARE— LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

If you're new to our parish—or still finding your place—we'd love to welcome you in a relaxed and friendly way at **Lunch with the Pastor** on **Sunday, February 22 at 12:00 noon** in the **Parish Life Center**.



Lunch With
the Pastor

Enjoy a light lunch, meet Fr. Bob, our Pastor, learn more about the parish and its ministries, and take a casual walking tour of the grounds. It's a great opportunity to connect, ask questions, and feel more at home. **Families are warmly welcome!**

Please RSVP so we can plan for food. Contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 or starons@stbchurch.org

We look forward to getting to know you!

Which grotto located in France is visited by millions of pilgrims every year?

Lourdes

A Message for Our Parish from Archbishop Vásquez



Brothers and Sisters,

For this year's Diocesan Services Fund, I chose Pope Leo's motto, In Illo Uno Unum — "In the One, We are One." Through the One who is Christ, we are united as members of Christ's Mystical Body. We experience this unity most profoundly in the Eucharist, where the Body and Blood of Christ become truly present to us on every altar in every church of our archdiocese.

It is from this unity that the mission of the DSF flows. No single parish could meet all the needs of our local Church, yet together we sustain 64 ministries that form disciples, care for families, and bring hope to those in need.

In addition to supporting the ministries of the Archdiocese, DSF has a tangible benefit on your own parish community.

This year:

- 75% of every dollar by which your parish exceeds its allotted DSF goal will be returned directly to your parish community;
- 50% of every gift made by a first-time giver to DSF will be returned directly to your parish community.

**CHECK
IT OUT**
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I invite you to join me in supporting the DSF. You can make a safe and secure gift online at www.archgh.org/dsf. No matter the size of your gift, every dollar goes a long way in helping us all live out a more authentically Christian life.

For all you have done to labor in the vineyard of the Lord, I am thankful. It is my privilege to serve you and know of my prayers for the success of DSF in your parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez

**Help St. Bernadette Church Reach
Our 2026 DSF Goal of \$170,925.**



Every size gift matters—let's meet the goal together so the parish doesn't cover the remainder. **Give today and make a difference!**

Parish? We are 7426— **St. Bernadette Soubirous Catholic Church**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 8 THRU FEBRUARY 14, 2026

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	Jose Soriano
Sun.	8:30 am:	Roen Medrano
Sun.	11:00 am:	For All Parishioners
Sun	5:00 pm:	Rafael Ignacio Utrera+
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	Anthony Cjacko+
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Angelica & Stephen Kwong
Thurs.	8:30 am:	The Dunn Family
Fri.	8:30 am:	Time and Talent Volunteers
Sat.	No am Mass	

OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST. BERNADETTE

In 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a humble young girl, **St. Bernadette Soubirous**, in Lourdes, France. Through these apparitions, Our Lady called the world to prayer, conversion, and trust in God, revealing herself as the **Immaculate Conception**. Bernadette's simple faith, humility, and obedience remain a powerful witness to the Gospel.

As **St. Bernadette is our patron saint**, we are especially invited to follow her example—listening attentively to God, serving with humility, and trusting that God works through ordinary people in extraordinary ways.

Prayer:

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.
St. Bernadette, pray for us.
May we grow in faith, humility, and love as we follow Christ together.
Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Feast Day: February 11; also known as World Day of the Sick



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Feb. 11: Women's meeting, 9:30 a.m. to noon, St. Mary of the Expectation (1612 E Walker St., League City). Bay Area Deanery Catholic Council of Women's monthly social with refreshments, announcements and presentation. Speaker is Kat Bruysschaard, "Seven Sisters Apostolate - praying for priests." 713-412-8559; YodaInOz@comcast.net

Feb 14: Marriage renewal retreat, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Prince of Peace (19222 Tomball Pkwy., Houston). A one-day marriage renewal retreat, "Love as He Loves," includes Mass, talks, guided couple time, group discussion and opportunities for Confession. Cost: \$150/couple (includes light breakfast and lunch). briones1@yahoo.com; 832-398-6004; tinyurl.com/rcmrr



Question: *Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?*

Answer: The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person of who sick or dying may only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through made tangible through our acts of charity and service.

Let the light of Christ
that we carry within us
drive away the darkness
of fear and sadness.

