



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

See inside for Lent schedule

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.



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.” - Mt 5:22a

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Jesus offers stern warnings against breaking the commandments, holding grudges, committing adultery, divorcing your spouse, and falsifying oaths. Why do you think Jesus holds us to such high moral expectations?

WELCOME

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Worship

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday Feb. 1, 2026	\$ 30,282.24
Online Giving**	14,630.56
Total Collection	\$ 44,912.80
Budget	34,752.31
Over budget	\$ 10,160.48

** 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 Feb. 3, 2025

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 3,025,752
Payments Received to Date	\$ 2,265,335
Total Number of Donors	648
Expenditures to Date	\$ 2,060,694

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.

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE TRAIL RIDE AT ST. B'S!

Join us as the Texas Independence Trail Ride, one of the many trail ride groups, loops through St. B's back parking lot on **Tuesday, Feb. 24**, around 10:15–10:30 a.m. (arrival time may be a little earlier or later—depends on the horses pace). This free, family-friendly event is open to the community—invite friends and neighbors!

Wear your western attire, bring a lawn chair, make rodeo signs, and help cheer on the riders. Bring cookies or snacks to share as we wait.

Parking: Please park in the front lot whenever possible and use the back lot only if the front lot is full.

Volunteers Needed: We're looking for a few helping hands to make this a warm St. B's welcome:

- Volunteers to help with water distribution and general hospitality
- Bakers to provide cookies for snack packs for the trail riders (cookies need to be delivered by Monday, Feb. 23 and packaged)
- A volunteer who works **onsite at NASA** who can alert

us when the trail ride is heading our way

- Rodeo Committee member who can get us a visit from Howdy or Miss Moo.
- And yes... a few cheerful pooper-scoopers to assist with quick cleanup

If you'd like to help or want more information, please contact Suzanne Staron at 281-915-5644.

Dust off your boots, grab a chair, and come celebrate this joyful Texas tradition with us—we can't wait to see you there!



LENT 2026

BRING YOUR BLESSED PSALMS

We are collecting blessed palms through Tuesday, February 17, 2026 when we will burn them to use for Ash Wednesday. Put your palms in the baskets in the Church narthex.

MARDI GRAS FEBRUARY 17 IN THE PLC

5:30 p.m. - Palm Burning

6:00 p.m. – Dinner & Fellowship

Bring your palms, your appetite and a dessert as we gather on Fat Tuesday to burn last year's palms and enjoy a meal. The Knights of Columbus will provide the Jambalaya and you are invited to bring a potluck dessert!

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE, FEBRUARY 18

8:30 a.m. Mass; 12 p.m. Service; 5 p.m. Service; 7 p.m. Mass



FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

- NO meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday & all Fridays of Lent (health permitting, Catholics 14 years old+)

- Fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. Catholics ages 18—59. 1 full meal + 2 small meals (no snacking; drinking fluids is allowed)

FRIDAYS OF LENT:

Rosary and stations of the cross beginning February 20 in the Church

- 5:30 p.m. child friendly Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 p.m. Rosary
- 6:30 p.m. Parish Stations of the Cross

LENTEN PENANCE NIGHT

Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Bernadette

*During Lent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be offered on Wednesdays. Other opportunities to celebrate the sacrament at local churches at 6:30 p.m.:

Feb. 19 – St. Clare

March 5 – St. Mary (League City)

February 26 – Mary Queen (Friendswood)

March 10 – St. Helen (Pearland)

March 3 – St. Paul (Nassau Bay)

March 17 – St. Hyacinth (Deer Park)

March 4 – St. Luke (Houston)

March 26 – St. Mary (LaPorte)

Learn more at www.stbchurch.org/lent

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Cristina Garcia -Luense, 832-915-5616; worship@stbchurch.org

Upcoming Formation for New Liturgical Ministers

Formation for NEW Altar Servers: Monday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. Server must be at least 10 yrs old & have received 1st Communion.
· At least 1 parent or guardian must attend Formation Session with their child.

NEW Readers (Lectors): Wednesday, February 25 at 7:45 p.m. in the Conference Room. Anyone called to proclaim the Word of God at Mass is welcome as we discuss the importance of good proclamation & the theological principles that are involved.

Join Our Music Ministry: Interested Singers & Instrumentalists: email Cristina so we can prepare for your arrival. **1st - 8th graders:** Join the Easter Youth Choir! Signup at www.stbchurch.org/music-ministry Wednesday Rehearsals from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Choir room beginning Feb. 25; the choir will serve at the 11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Church Mass.

Formation for NEW Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Wednesday, March 18 at 7:45 p.m. in the PLC Tasker Room. Must be a fully initiated Catholic (Baptized & Confirmed) If married, marriage must be recognized by the Church. Living a life in good standing with the Church.

Scan the QR code to sign up for a ministry or email Cristina at worship@stbchurch.org so we can prepare for you to join us! All volunteers must take our online Safe Environment Formation: visit www.stbchurch.org/safe-environment-virtus or email safeenvironment@stbchurch.org.



LENTEN FISH FRY



Prepared and served by
Knights of Columbus
Council 10959

All Fridays during Lent
Except Good Friday
4:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.
(Or, until we run out of fish and shrimp)

Dine in or take-outs available
inside the Parish Life Center
\$12⁰⁰ per plate
Fried Catfish - OR - Fried Shrimp
Includes French fries, hush puppies and
coleslaw or potato salad



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	\$3,342.99	133.5
Feb 1-8, 2026	23	102	4	\$1,285.83	46

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.

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 glass jars); Toothpaste. 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.

WFC, JRHIGH & HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

JrH AND High School Information

(see below for JrH and High School specific events)

Lent Family Event Today!

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Also 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.

A LITTLE FUN FOR THE JOURNEY: BOARD GAMES DURING LENT

Looking for a fun and friendly way to connect during Lent? Our Board Games group will meet weekly throughout the season! Join us every Thursday from 1:00–3:00 p.m. in the Brandsma Building, Classroom 201 (two-story building with an elevator).

Bring a favorite game or jump in with games we have on hand. Everyone is welcome, whether you're a seasoned gamer or just looking for good company.

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

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

CALLED TO SERVE: LENTEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lent is a meaningful season to reflect on how we share our time, talents, and gifts in service. We invite you to explore volunteer opportunities at St. B's, whether you're interested in a one-time role or an ongoing ministry.

Lent Service Opportunity flyers are available in the church narthex. If you have questions or would like more information, stop by the Parish **Conference Room** (Administrative Building) on **Sunday, Feb. 22 at 9:40 a.m.** to learn more and ask questions.

For more information, contact 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**.

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!



Lunch With the Pastor

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.

LENTEN 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 8** and concludes with a Closing Session on **Saturday, March 14**. 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 2** on the parish website: www.stbchurch.org/retreats.

NEW!! PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Prayer Shawl Ministry has received a supply of donated needlepoint yarn. If anyone can use this yarn, call Lillian Teixeira, 281-488-4412.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Is spiritual direction for you?

Often people believe they are not sufficiently "advanced" in their spiritual life to enter into spiritual direction. They may believe spiritual direction is only for clergy, or those well on their way to sainthood. That is simply not true. Spiritual direction is *for anyone who desires a deeper, more intimate relationship with God*. A spiritual director will prayerfully journey alongside you to help you see more clearly the movement in God in your life. For more information, scan the QR code, or visit www.stbchurch.org/spiritual-direction, to complete the inquiry form.



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!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 15 THRU FEBRUARY 21, 2026

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	For All Parishioners
Sun.	8:30 am:	Andrea R. Domingue+
Sun.	11:00 am:	Teresa Phuong Nguyen+
Sun.	5:00 pm:	For All Parishioners
Mon.	No Mass	
Tues.	8:30 am:	For the sick of the Parish
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Ash Wednesday
Thurs.	8:30 am:	Teresa Phuong Nguyen+
Fri.	8:30 am:	Marie Morrey+
Sat.	No am Mass	

INTERESTED IN 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

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! Contact Suzanne Staron at 832-915-5644 for more information.

CATHOLIC GRIEF RETREAT

You are invited to the Butterfly Circle Grief Retreat, a faith-filled day of healing and hope where, with God's grace, sorrow is gently transformed into love. April 18 | 8 a.m.–5 p.m., St. Martha Catholic Church – Faith Formation Center, Kingwood \$80 registration | Register: <https://archgh.swoogo.com/GriefRetreat> For more information, contact Juan Tinajero at jtinajero@archgh.org or 713-741-8711.



How is my contribution to the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) used? The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) helps all of us fulfill Christ's mission here on Earth by supporting the 64 programs and services no one parish can do alone. All DSF funds are used within Archdiocesan boundaries and support the formation of our future priests; provide a strong Catholic education to more than 17,500 students; serve the poor, feed the hungry, and support those in need; form the next generation of Catholics through youth and adult faith formation, and more.

Are any of the funds spent on administration at the Chancery? No DSF funds are spent on general administrative expenses of the Chancery. Administrative expenses are covered separately.

Texas Catholic Herald Subscription. With your gift to DSF, you receive a complimentary subscription to The Texas Catholic Herald to help stay up to date with all activities and ministries of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Will I receive an acknowledgement/thank you letter for tax purposes?

Acknowledgement, or thank you, letters are sent at the time a gift is made. All gifts totaling \$100 or more will also receive a tax letter at the end of January the following year after the gift is made.

How can I learn more about DSF? To learn more about the Diocesan Services Fund or to make your gift, simply visit www.archgh.org/dsf

St. B's must meet the goal of \$170,925 Please make your donation at www.archgh.org/dsf

Gifts of all amounts are appreciated.



Parish? St. Bernadette Soubirous Catholic Church