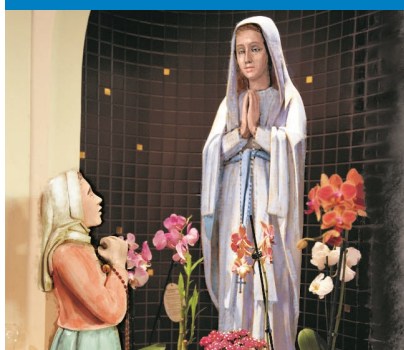




Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

CLERGY

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 8:30 am
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

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. 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.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and
sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44



*Jesus often speaks in parables about the
kingdom of Heaven that invite you
to imagine how God works in the world.
Where do you see God at work in your family?*



WELCOME



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and
13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4,
10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk
10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-
6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt
13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16,
30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-
18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-
21

PRAY WITH THE POPE EVERY LIFE IS A SACRED GIFT

Human life is a sacred gift that merits to be welcomed, protected and cared for in all its stages. Nevertheless, indifference, exclusion and violence threatening the dignity of the person, especially those who are particularly vulnerable, persists in many parts of the world. When respect for life diminishes, the throwaway culture grows, leaving many without the care, support and recognition they need. In his prayer intention this month, Pope Leo invites us to pray so that the unique and unrepeatable value of every human being might be recognized and that our societies be open to protecting life through love, tenderness and responsibility.



You are not alone. By praying, you join the millions of people who belong to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network who, from every corner of the world, are praying for humanity's challenges and the Church's mission. Take a moment, pray with the Pope. To learn how to experience deep prayer, visit: <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

FAITH COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Sunday July 12, 2026	\$ 21,625.62
Online Giving**	14,830.22
Total Collection	\$ 36,455.84
Budget	37,797.39
Under budget	\$ (1,341.55)

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

Upcoming Second Collections: August 9 – Infirm Priests

2026-Diocesan Services Fund As of July 14, 2026

Goal	\$ 170,925
Paid to Date	\$ 91,747
Under Goal	\$ (79,178)

Donate directly: give.archgh.org

Refresh and Renew Capital Campaign As of July 14, 2026

Total Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$ 3,047,507
Payments Received to Date	\$ 2,552,833
Total Number of Donors	671
Expenditures to Date	\$ 2,212,768

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!

Stay Connected Through Giving This Summer

Summer often brings travel, family time, and changing routines, but the mission of our parish continues every day. As schedules shift, it is a meaningful time to stay connected through faithful stewardship and continued support of the ministries and services that strengthen our community.

eGiving is a simple, secure way to give online, making it easy to support our parish all year long. Please consider eGiving to help sustain ministries, programs, and services that serve our parish community and those in need throughout the summer season.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Visit our parish website
- Scan the QR code
- Text "Give" to 346-209-9877

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

If you need assistance, you can contact Donor Support at 866-930-4774 or email donorsupport@parishsoft.com.



ParishSOFT
by Ministry Brands

JOIN THE FLOCK

Stay connected with everything happening at St. Bernadette! Receive parish news, event reminders, ministry updates, and other important announcements through **Flocknote**, our official parish email and text communication system.

Not receiving parish emails yet? It's easy to join! **Text 1977 to 84576** or visit stbernadettehouston.flocknote.com to sign up today.



ST. BERNADETTE EARLY CHILDHOOD CONNECTIONS

Job Opportunities

Join our ECC Family!

Early Childhood Connections is hiring qualified, loving, devoted, and energetic teachers and substitute teachers for the 2026–2027 school year!

If you have a heart for children and are looking for a rewarding part-time opportunity to make a difference in the lives of little learners, we'd love to meet you!

Why You'll Love Working at ECC:

- Family-friendly schedule
- Flexible work days
- No Working on Holidays
- Short work days
- Supportive and collaborative team environment

Reach out today to find out more information or to schedule an interview. Contact Jennifer Nevins at nevinsj@stbchurch.org or (281) 486-0337 ext. 114



A FUTURE EAGLE SCOUT IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Our handicapped parking spaces around the front circle have fresh new paint thanks to a recently completed Eagle Scout Service Project. This valuable improvement was completed at no cost to the parish. We are grateful to Scouts BSA for their time, hard work, and commitment to making St. Bernadette a more welcoming place for all.

Thank You!

If you are interested in Eagle Scout Service Projects at St. B's contact Suzanne Staron at starons@stbchurch.org or phone at 832-915-5644



TIME AND TALENT WRAP UP KINDNESS: PLASTICWARE PROJECT!



Thank you for your wonderful generosity! We've received an amazing response of donated supplies and completed plasticware packets for Mercy Tree, which provides hot lunches to individuals experiencing homelessness or in need. **We are still collecting both!** To help, wrap 1 fork, 1 spoon, and 1 knife in 1–2 paper napkins and secure with string, tape, or a rubber band. If you don't have time to assemble packets, you can donate supplies for others to wrap. Please drop off packets or supplies at the Parish Office labeled "Time and Talent." Teens earn 1 service hour for every 50 packets completed. Questions? Contact Suzanne at 832-915-5644.

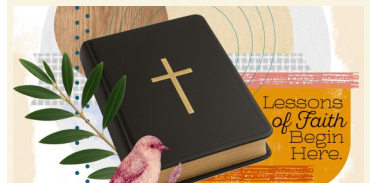
*Dear St. Bernadette Volunteers,
Thank you very much for the wonderful donation of wrapped plasticware. You did a beautiful job! These bundles are a tremendous blessing to the ministry, as we include them in the clients' meal packages daily. We are very grateful for generosity with both your time and your talents. Thank you very much for taking this on as a service project at St Bernadette's. We appreciate you very much.
Sincerely, Gina Evans, The Mercy Tree*

WFC, JRHIGH & HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

JrH AND High School Information

- **Faith Formation 2026–2027:** Please register for 26–27 FF year on the website.*
- **Do you get the Thursday emails?** If not, email us. **
- **Christopher Sentmanat** – The youth minister at St. B, is expecting his first child and may be out of the office for a few weeks.

- **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

- **High School Bible Study - weekly event.** Wednesday High School Bible Study will be from 5:30 p.m.-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



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

BECOME A TREASURE SEEKER

Matthew 13:44-52

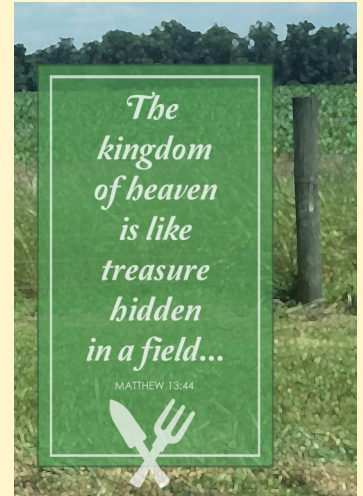
Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— Father John Muir

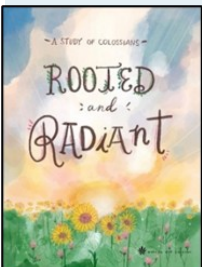


SPIRITUAL LIFE

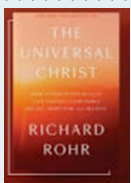
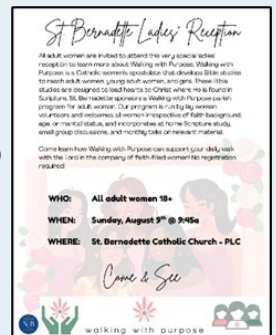
For more information concerning Spiritual Life, contact Laura Breaux at breauxl@stbchurch.org, 832-915-5643. Access all Spiritual Life programs at www.stbchurch.org/spirituality.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: All are invited to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second Tuesday of each month at **11:00 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.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: All young adults (18-29, including those who just completed high school even if not yet 18) are encouraged to attend this one-day retreat on **Friday, August 7**, which begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. in the church and continues in the PLC until 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 and includes breakfast and lunch. Register at: www.stbchurch.org/young-adult-retreat. Registration closes on **Monday, August 3!!**



WALKING WITH PURPOSE: *Walking with Purpose* is a Catholic women's apostolate offering Bible studies for women and providing practical Biblical teachings consistent with Church doctrine. Our next study is *Rooted & Radiant*, beginning **Thursday, September 10**. For more information, join us on **August 9** for a **Ladies' Reception in the PLC at 9:45 a.m.** (between the two morning Masses). [To register for *Rooted & Radiant* now, go to www.stbchurch.org/walking-with-purpose.]



WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

The Universal Christ

by Richard Rohr

Thursdays*, 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Brandsma Bldg, Room 203/204

*Beginning September 3, 2026

Register: www.stbchurch.org/womens-book-study



Save these dates for upcoming Spiritual Life offerings!

Saturday, August 22 – Kids for Christ Youth Day

Thursday, September 17 – Nurturing Whole Health

Saturday, September 19 – Married Couples Retreat

CHRISTIAN ACTION

POSITION AVAILABLE

Job Opening Director of Christian Action



Summary:

St. Bernadette Catholic Church has a full-time position (30 hours per week) available. The Director of Christian Action provides leadership for our Social Justice ministry.

Christian Action is a parish ministry to research, facilitate and initiate charitable works within the parish and community. To accomplish this, it is essential that we maintain an awareness of the physical and emotional concerns of our parish and community. We assist parishioners and those within our community in times of crisis, promote an awareness of the needs of the underprivileged, and provide the opportunity for parish members to become directly involved with charitable works. Major areas of responsibility include:

- Collaborates with the pastor and designated ministers to develop and implement the parish's social outreach agenda.
- Prepares short and long-range plans and develops programs, goals and strategies to respond to these needs
- Assures the development of current volunteers for social outreach purposes including training, motivating and supporting volunteers.
- Coordinates local food drives
- Coordinates with other ministry leaders for outreach programs
- Disaster Relief Coordination (hurricanes etc.)
- Helping Hands Ministry Coordinator

Education/Experience:

The successful candidate will possess a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in theology, education, public health, social work or a related field with a minimum of five (5) years successful social work experience.

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated knowledge of and commitment to the social justice mission of the universal and local church
- Must have hospitality, respect and dignity for all people
- Must be able to pass a background check and successfully complete the Safe Haven/Safe Environment training
- A practicing Catholic in good standing with the church
- Highly competent in the use of Microsoft Office Suite
- Must be detailed oriented, ability to multi-task, and work collaboratively

Complete job description available upon request. Interested candidates submit a resume and salary requirements to office@stbchurch.org with the words "Director of Christian Action" in the subject line.

GROW IN YOUR FAITH

Whether you are visiting for the first time or have been part of our parish family for years, we are glad you are here. At St. Bernadette, we are a community of faith growing together through prayer, worship, and service. We invite you to get connected, meet your fellow parishioners, and discover the many ways to share your time and talents.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Monthly Breakfast

Please join your fellow parishioners for breakfast and socializing on

Sunday, August 2

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.



YOUNG ADULTS CAFÉ CATHOLICA: REST IN HIM

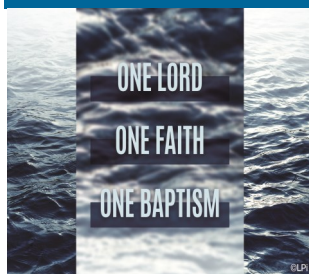
The Café Catholica summer series is open to all young adults (ages 18–39) and features dynamic speakers, prayer, and fellowship. Café Catholica continues at St. Vincent de Paul Parish (6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston) on July 23 and 30. Confession at 5:15 p.m., Mass at 6:15 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m., and a talk at 8:15 p.m.

July 30: *Animated by Love:*
Serving Christ in the Poor
Speaker: Cecilia Flores, Director of Catholic Volunteer Network
For more information, go to www.archgh.org/cafecatholica

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK JULY 26, 2026 THRU AUGUST 1, 2026

Sat. Vigil	5:00 pm:	The Frederick Family
Sun.	8:30 am:	For All Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am:	Paul Khanh Tran+
Sun.	5:00 pm:	Richard Magalona
Mon.	8:30 am:	St. Clare intention
Tues.	8:30 am:	Nate Browne
Wed.	7:00 pm:	Camilo Polinga+
Thurs.	8:30 am:	St. Clare intention
Fri.	8:30 am:	Ignatius George D'Couto+
Sat.	No am Mass	

BORN INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



July Baptisms

Anthony Ray Arechiga
Luke William Rasco
Daniel Allen Timme Jr.
Adalyn Valdez
Olivia Valdez
Leo Joseph Villarreal

ST. B'S INDOOR SUMMER FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Looking for ways to stay active and healthy while escaping the heat? This summer, try something a little different by caring for your body and discovering simple ways to rejuvenate the body God gave you. Make a commitment to a healthier lifestyle by adding fun and welcoming indoor exercise opportunities to your week!



Get Fit While You Sit

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Parish Life Center for gentle DVD-facilitated workouts designed for all ability levels. These chair and standing routines include breathing exercises, relaxation, stretching, and meditation techniques. Wheelchair accessible. No fee or registration required.

Indoor Walking Group

Beat the heat, walk on a flat surface and enjoy fellowship while staying active! The indoor walking group meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Brandsma Building gym (2-story building). Walk at your own pace and feel free to bring a friend. Doors are unlocked from 1:30 p.m.–1:40 p.m., so please arrive on time. No registration needed.

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

THE GIVING OF TREASURE

Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?



Answer:

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called “tithing,” in which 10 percent of a person’s goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, “The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities” (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice “tithing” in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, “As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied graces” (4:10).

SEE SOMETHING THAT NEEDS FIXING? LET US KNOW!



Help us keep St. Bernadette welcoming and well-maintained.

If you notice a repair needed—a broken pew,

squeaky door, or anything else—please submit a maintenance request at

www.stbchurch.org/maintenance-request