

St. Bridget Catholic Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

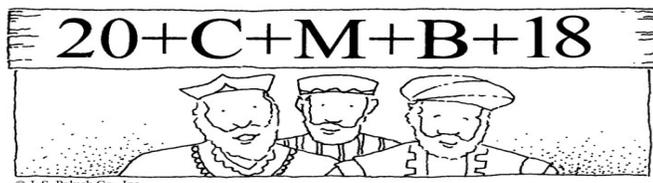
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— *Psalm 72:11*

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

St. Bridget is privileged to have a Perpetual Adoration Chapel. All have the opportunity to experience the real presence of Jesus. Let us treasure the chapel by patronizing it. We need to develop a Catholic habit of making regular visits to the chapel. The chapel is open during daylight hours. Those wishing to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament between 7 pm and 6 am need to contact the rectory at 985-446-6801 for a key fob.

Parents are encouraged to stop in and visit Jesus with your children or spend some alone quiet time with Him.



**Do you know what this stands for
and where it was put?**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38
or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20;
1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or
Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

Mass Intentions for 2018

The Mass Intention Book is open for 2018. If you would like to have masses for your loved ones or the Sanctuary Light to burn in their memory contact the rectory.

The usual donation for Masses is five dollars and for the Sanctuary Light the usual donation is ten dollars (the light burns all week).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		January 13-14, 2018	
	4 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Lector	Susan Chauvin	Sharon P. & Maggie	Jan Marcel
Commentator	Melissa Tardiff	Peggy Pitre	Claire Babin
Eucharistic Ministers	Team 3	Team 9	Team 14

Homebound	Jan. 12	Cheryl Henderson
Money Counters	Jan. 15	Team 2
Church Cleaners	Jan.	Volunteers
Altar Linens	Jan.	Nina Richard



DA=Death Anniv.
B= Birthday
WA=Wedding
Anniversary

January 6

Keith Babin (B) by Mom, Dan & family
Lisa Marie Domangué by Mom

January 7

Gert Josey by Children
Aida Moncivaiz Fontenot by Moncivaiz family
Bessie P. Use' (DA) by Betty & children
Clarence Legendre (B) by Betty & children
Marion Knight by Godfrey Knight
Brandon Filardo (DA) by Mom and Dad
Jimmy Coupel by Diana and family

January 9

Joseph Breaux (B & DA) by Thomas family
Blair Orgeron (B) by Thomas family

Masses Jan 13 & 14— deceased members of the Catholic Daughters

January 13

Tristan Ables (DA) by Ma Maw and family
Brandon Filardo (B) by Mom and Dad

January 14

Gert Josey by Children
Tristan Ables (DA) by Ma Maw and family
Clovis Triche & Danay Bergeron by Cavalier and Triche families
Keith Babin by Mom, Dad, & family
Mae Francis Foret by Betty & Lionel



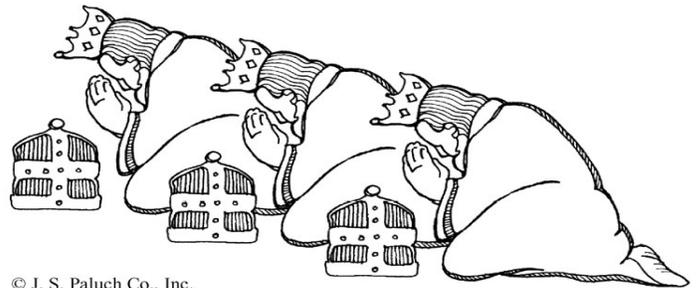
Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of:

January 7-13

Leonard Pollet (DA) by Sharon and family
Marion Knight (DA) by Godfrey Knight
Brandon Filardo (DA) by Mom and Dad

January 14-20

Tristan Ables (DA) by Ma Maw & family
Brandon Filardo (B) by Mom and Dad



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Eucharist for the Homebound

The Holy Eucharist is provided to the homebound of the parish. Those wishing to receive the Eucharist are to contact the rectory so that arrangements can be made.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Fr. Simon Peter Engurait, Phil Schexnayder, Mike Richard, Nina Richard, Tracy Baudoin, Peggy Pitre, Deacon Stephen Brunet

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fr. Simon Peter Engurait, Amy Baudoin, Nicholas Billiot, Nina Billiot, Burnelle and Margaret Landry, Bernadette Mabile, Annie Knight, Curtis Knight, Medrick Levron, Albert Rogers, Deacon Stephen Brunet

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

TEAM: Father Simon Peter, Amy Baudoin, Nicholas Billiot, Nina Billiot, Kellie Bishop, Claire Falgout, Mary Louviere, Bernadette Mabile, Mark Olin, Sharon Pollet, Father Mark Toups (Liaison).

My Dear People of God,

New Year Greetings and Best Wishes.

The celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday January 8, 2018, marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of a short spell of Ordinary Time (before Lent). In this transition from Christmas to Ordinary Time, we are to bring the Good News and experience of Christmas to the ordinary experiences of our lives. In other words, in our daily lives we are to live in an awareness that God is with us.

I would also like to draw your attention to Solemnity of Our Lady of Prompt Succor which this year is also on Monday January 8, 2018. Under this title, our Blessed Mother is honored as the Patroness of the State of Louisiana. This therefore is a title of Our Lady that is unique and special to us here in Louisiana. Two church parishes in our Diocese are dedicated to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, one in Chackbay and the other in Golden Meadow. It is celebrated as a solemnity in Louisiana and as such super cedes the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In light of this, I would like to devote the rest of my thoughts to this special solemnity by shedding light on why it is important to us.

Background

The French Ursuline nuns came to Louisiana in 1727 and established a convent along with Ursuline Academy that would turn out to be the oldest school for girls in the modern day U.S. territory. When Louisiana fell under the control of Spain, Spanish sisters came to assist the growing school in 1763.

With the continued growth of the school, Mother Saint Andre Madier requested sisters from France to come and help. She specifically wrote to her cousin, Mother Saint Michel Gensoul, who was running a Catholic girls boarding school in France at the time. The Catholic Church in France was suffering the wrath of the French Revolution under led by Napoleon. The Church had lost a lot of priests and religious in the revolution as they were either killed or had fled. Aware of all this, Mother Saint Michel, approached Bishop Fournier of Montpellier to request for permission to come to Louisiana. Given the shortage of religious, Bishop Fournier felt unable to lose another nun and so advised Mother St. Michel that only the Pope could give this authorization. He did this, 'knowing' that it was practically impossible for the Pope to give the permission. Pope Pius VII was under arrest by Napoleon and his forces it was therefore impossible that her written request could be delivered to him.

Mother Saint Michel prayed before a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and said: "***O most Holy Virgin Mary, if you obtain for me a prompt and favorable answer to this letter, I promise to have you honored at New Orleans under the title of Our Lady of Prompt Succor.***" She then went ahead to send her petition to the Pope on March 19, 1809. To Mother St. Michel's delight, and the Bishop's surprise and displeasure, on 29th April 1809 she received a letter from the Pope granting her request. Mother St. Michel then commissioned a statue of the Virgin Mary holding the Infant Jesus. The workman carved her flowing robes so that she would appear to be moving quickly. Bishop Fournier blessed the statue and Mother St. Michel's mission to New Orleans, Louisiana. She arrived in New Orleans with the statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor on December 31, 1810. The statue was placed in the monastery chapel of the Old Ursuline Convent on Chartres Street in the French Quarter.
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Miracles

Many miracles have since been attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Prompt Succor. The most prominent are two that related to historical events in New Orleans. The first occurred in 1788 during the eruption of a great fire in New Orleans devastating the Vieux Carre'. The Ursuline convent was facing imminent destruction as the winds blew the terrible fire toward the Plaza de Armas. An order was given to evacuate the convent, however at that moment, a nun named Sr. St. Anthony (Marthe Delatre, daughter of Antoine Delatre) placed a small statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor on a window seat and Mother St. Michel began to pray aloud, "Our Lady of Prompt Succor, we are lost unless you hasten to our aid!" Immediately, the wind shifted direction, blowing the flames away from the convent allowing for the fire to be extinguished. As a result, the Ursuline convent was one of the only few buildings spared from destruction.

The second major miracle occurred in 1815, twenty-seven years after the disastrous fire. General Andrew Jackson's 6,000 American troops faced 15,000 British soldiers on the plains of Chalmette. On the eve of the Battle of New Orleans, New Orleans residents joined the Ursuline sisters at their convent in the French Quarter to pray throughout the night, imploring the help of Our Lady of Prompt Succor. On the morning of January 8, the Very Rev. William Dubourg, Vicar General, offered Mass at the altar on which the statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor had been placed. Cannon fire could be heard from the chapel. The Prioress of the Ursuline convent, Mother St Marie Olivier de Vezin, made a vow to have a Mass of Thanksgiving sung annually should the American forces win. At the very moment of communion, a courier ran into the chapel to inform all those present that the British had been defeated. They had become confused by a fog and wandered into a swamp. The Mass ended with the singing of the traditional Catholic hymn of joy and thanksgiving- *Te Deum*.

May the annual celebration of Our Lady of Prompt Succor (Quick Help) be a source of inspiration for us to have confidence and trust in our Blessed Mother Mary.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Hasten to Help Us.

Fr Simon Peter Engurait

Catholic Daughters of America 19th Anniversary

Court St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Daughters will celebrate their 19th Anniversary with a 'Dutch Treat' supper at Politz Restaurant in Thibodaux on Thursday, January 11th. Members, prospective members, guests are invited to attend the festivities. The cash bar will open at 6 pm.

Members are reminded that dues for 2018 are due. The \$25 fee includes local, state, and national dues. The local organization meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Community Life Annex. Catholic women age 18 and above are encouraged to join.

The star stopped over the place
where the child was



Faith Formation in the New Year Get Involved-Stay Involved!

CCD classes
resume January 8th

Strategic Plan Implementation News

It's a new calendar year, start off with the Lord!

The Diocese of Houma Thibodaux Strategic Plan Implementation is well underway at St. Bridget. It's not too late to become a part of the plan by participating in the online study video programs provided by the diocese. Both "Why We Believe" and "Why We Confess" are available at www.htdiocese.org.

Several other study materials as well as guidelines for prayer are available at the website.



Our Catholic Faith

The following Catholic definitions are taken from *Look It Up!* by Janet Alampi.

We can all check and/or broaden our Catholic vocabulary in the next few weeks. How many do you know?

Adoration – worship; the greatest honor, given only to God. Honor given to Mary is not adoration.

Alb – a long white robe worn by ministers of the altar during the Eucharistic celebration and other liturgical functions.

Alleluia – a prayer that expresses joy in the greatness of God.

Altar – the holy table upon which the sacrifice of Mass is offered around which God's people gather to share the Eucharistic meal.

Ambo – the lectern from which the word of God is proclaimed

Amen – a Hebrew word that means "yes". Saying "amen" after a prayer is an expression of one's faith and one's agreement with the prayer.

Roast Beef Po-Boy Lunch

The youth in conjunction with the Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a roast beef po-boy lunch on Sunday, January 21st. The \$10 donation includes roast beef, po-boy bread, lettuce, tomato, and chips.

Tickets can be purchased from any youth group member and CDA members.

Contact Bernadette at 985-804-6045 for more details.



Steubenville on the Bayou!

Steubenville on the Bayou is a national youth conference open to young people who share the Catholic faith and beliefs. The conference is June 15–17 at the Houma Terrebonne Civic Center. The cost is approximately \$325 per participant. Youth interested in attending should see Miss Bernadette January 8th for more info.

Jr. High Faith Experience

Please pray for the 25 young people (grades 6–8) as they participate in Jr. High Faith Experience Saturday, January 13th at E.D. White.

St. Bridget is pleased to also have 2 youth on staff for the event—thanks Beth and Kate Olin for answering the call to serve.