

St. Bridget Catholic Church

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Sunday Mass: 8:30 A.M & 10:30 A.M.

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or by appointment

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2012**

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.
— *Mark 1:15*

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out “Repent!” before he calls his new followers. “Come after me,” Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today’s Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

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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?

Blessed – Holy; Made sacred through a religious rite

Blessed Sacrament – the Holy Eucharist; the consecrated bread and wine that have become the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Mass.

Cana – a small town where Jesus attended a wedding and worked his first public miracle

Canticle – a sacred chant or song other than a psalm that is used in liturgical prayer.

Catechism – a book that explains the main truths of the Catholic faith.

Catechism of the Catholic Church – a book that explains the truths of the Catholic faith related to the creed, the liturgy, morality, and prayer.

**Collection for Churches in Latin America
Next Weekend - January 28, 2018**

This collection supports pastoral programs throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis, and building construction only in cases of emergency. To learn more, please visit www.uscb.org/latin-america.

GIFT

What I am is God’s gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.

—Anonymous

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		January 27-28, 2018	
	4 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Lector	Faye Seal	Dawn Koetting	Randal Alfred
Commentator	Bernadette Mabile	Nina Billiot	Karen Dufrene
Eucharistic Ministers	Team 5	Team 11	Team 13

Homebound	Jan. 26	Diana Bailly
Money Counters	Jan. 29	Team 1
Church Cleaners	Jan.	Volunteers
Altar Linens	Jan.	Nina Richard

Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of:

January 21-27

Aida Moncivaiz Fontenot by Moncivaiz family
Corbett & Ruby Richard by Janice & Rogers
Benoit

January 28—February 3

Brandon Filardo by Mom and Dad



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

January 20

Donnie Sonier (B) Gail and family

January 21

Gert Josey by Children
Keith Babin by Mom, Dad, & family
Doris Fanguy (B) by family
Marion Knight by Godfrey Knight
Charles Ray Boudreaux by Boudreaux & Lirette families
Fred LeBouef by Emily and family

January 27

Vilrey "TV" Gagneaux (DA) by Stephen & Faye Seal

January 28

Clovis Triche & Danay Bergeron by Cavalier and Triche families
Keith Babin by Mom and Dad
Deacon Lloyd & Faie Duplantis—Wedding Annv.
Charles Ray Boudreaux by Boudreaux and Lirette families

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Annex at 7 pm. The next meeting is January 24, 2018.

The organization is open to all men aged 18 and above. Please prayerfully consider joining the parish organization and serving the Lord.

Contact Ricky Billiot at 985-856-6868 for more details.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;
Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;
Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11;
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28

Mass is celebrated each weekday at 8 am. Please join us whenever you can. It is a great way to start the day.

My Dear People of God,

Greetings and best wishes in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.

Tomorrow Monday January 22 is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. It is a particular day that has been designated by the Bishops of the United States for prayers to be offered for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and for penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

January 22, 1973 is a dark day in the history of the United States. On that day, in the case of **Roe v Wade**, by a vote of 7-2, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the 14th Amendment (*which guarantees citizenship rights and protection under the law*) does not apply to children in the first nine months of life, that is, the first nine months they live in their mother's wombs. By this decision, abortion was made legal in all 50 States. To that end, during the nine months of pregnancy, the court ruled that a mother has the absolute right to end the life of her child by abortion.

Since the 1973 Court decision which led to the legalization of abortion in the United States, there have been over 56million legal abortions performed. That means, over 56 million human lives lost or put more bluntly, over 56million people killed! That is a very sad reality in our nation. We cannot even estimate what humanity has lost in those lives. What contributions could they have made to this world? How many people, especially mothers and fathers have suffered and continue to suffer from post abortion trauma?

Last week, on Monday (January 15, 2018) our Bishop led a delegation of four bus loads of young people and chaperons from our Diocese to Washington DC for the annual March for Life. The March for Life is an annual pilgrimage for life that brings together over 30,000 mostly young people from all over the country to protest both the practice and legality of abortion. The mission of the march is "*to provide all Americans with the place to testify to the beauty of life and the dignity of each human person*". It is also a tremendous opportunity in the formation of our young people on the value and dignity of human life as they get to visit historical sites related to life, most notably the Holocaust Museum, Arlington Cemetery and the DC War Memorials.

Each one of us begun our life in our mother's womb. The fact that we are alive is evidence that our right to life was upheld. Let us pray that the lives of those vulnerable lives in the womb may be protected in spite of the circumstances (sometimes difficult) of the mothers. Let us also in our own ways and means be champions for the respect and preservation of life. May the story and example of the Doctor on the next page be a source of inspiration for us.

Thanks and God bless
Fr Simon Peter Engurait

A DOCTOR'S Pro-Life WISDOM

A worried woman went to her gynecologist and said:

'Doctor, I have a serious problem and desperately need your help!

My baby is not even 1 year old and I'm pregnant again. I don't want kids so close together.'

So the doctor said: 'Ok, and what do you want me to do?'

She said: 'I want you to end my pregnancy, and I'm counting on your help with this.'

The doctor thought for a little, and after some silence he said to the lady:

'I think I have a better solution for your problem. It's less dangerous for you too.'

She smiled, thinking that the doctor was going to accept her request.

Then he continued: 'You see, in order for you not to have to take care of 2 babies at the same time, let's kill the one in your arms. This way, you could rest some before the other one is born. If we're going to kill one of them, it doesn't matter which one. There would be no risk for your body if you chose the one in your arms.'

The lady was horrified and said: 'No doctor! How terrible! It's a crime to kill a child!'

'I agree', the doctor replied. 'But you seemed to be ok with it, so I thought maybe that was the best solution. The doctor smiled, realizing that he had made his point. He convinced the mom that there is no difference in killing a child that's already been born and one that's still in the womb. The crime is the same!'

Guidelines for Baptism

Prior to baptizing a child, the parents and Godparents must attend a baptismal seminar.

The next baptismal seminar will be held **December 13** at 6:30 pm in the Annex.

Those seeking to baptize a child can complete the registration forms in the office Monday—Friday between 8 am and 3 pm. The office must be made aware of the desire to baptize a child and desire to attend the seminar. The registration form can also be found at the parish website, stbridget-htdiocese.org, and emailed to the parish through the "Contact Us" link.

While the Church only requires one qualified Godparent for a child to be baptized, two Godparents may be chosen, although in this case one must be male and one female. Anyone who is to be a Godparent must meet the qualifications established by the Church, which are as follows. Godparents must have received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, and be practicing Catholics, at least 16 years old who lead a life in harmony with the faith. If married, the proposed Godparents must be in a marriage recognized by the Church. If not married, they must not be simulating marriage by living with someone.



Please Pray
for the Repose of
all souls, espe-
cially the Soul of
Diane Levron
&
Irene Jeanise.

May the souls of all the
faithful departed rest in peace.
Amen.

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.

Faith Formation in the New Year

Get Involved-Stay Involved!

Why We Worship for Youth

Youth in grades 9 and above are invited to view the Why We Worship series during Lent with other youth. The youth viewing will be on Tuesday evenings. Mark your calendar now—plan to learn more about your faith with us.

Comedy Night - Feb 3rd

The Knights of Columbus will host the 3rd Annual Cajun Comedy Night on Saturday, February 3rd in the Community Life Annex.

Tickets for the festivities are \$25 each and include the meal, dessert, and an evening of entertainment. What a wonderful way to start the new year celebrating with your Catholic friends and family as well as others in the community.

The Knights are extremely generous to the youth of St. Bridget as well as to the parish and community. Please be generous to the KCs.

Maria Immacolata Catholic School

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2018-19 Open House

Pre- K through 7th Grade

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Tour the campus anytime from

9 am—1 pm

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.



Day of Fun and Praise—January 27th

An afternoon of fun and praise will be held on Saturday, January 27th for youth in grades 7—9. The day includes praise, worship, Mass, fun, games, and Adoration. It is free to all youth interested in participating.

Contact Miss Bernadette at 985-804-6045 for more details. Please pray for the youth and youth ministers who will be participating in this event.

The day will begin at 1pm and conclude at 7 pm. An evening meal as well as snacks will be provided.

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.

Roast Beef Po-Boy Lunch

Thanks to all who purchased tickets and helped with the roast beef po-boy lunch.

Lunches can be picked up in the annex from 11 am to 1 pm. Please drive in from Hwy 311 and exit onto Hwy 24. Lunches will be delivered to the vehicle.

