

## *St. Bridget Catholic Church*

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or by appointment  
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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

Come, let us bow down in worship;

let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

— *Psalm 95:6*

### TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

### *Why We Worship—Sign Up Now!*

It's time to sign up for the Lenten series, *Why We Worship*. The presentations are free for persons living in the Diocese of Houma Thibodaux. Sign up at <https://www.htdiocese.org/sign-up-2>

This a new 6-week video-based study on the Mass. Each week's video will contain a 45-minute presentation by Dr. Brant Pitre followed by a short presentation by Fr. Mark Toups.

- It will be released online the First Sunday of Lent and will fit well into the six weeks of Lent.
- Like *Why We Confess*, each week's study webpage will include a video, study notes, links for further study, and an audio file (for those wanting to listen to audio only).
- Each of the six videos are approximately 60 minutes long. The six weeks are as follows:
  - 1) Who determines how we worship?
  - 2) The Mystery of Sacrifice
  - 3) The Jewish Passover
  - 4) The Last Supper & the Crucifixion
  - 5) The Biblical Roots of the Mass, Part 1
  - 6) The Biblical Roots of the Mass, Part 2

Individuals with no computer access who wish to view the videos in a group session should contact the CCD office at 985-446-1985 for more details.

### **Maria Immacolata Catholic School**

324 Estate Drive Houma, LA 70364

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.

<b>LITURGICAL MINISTERS</b>		<b>February 3-4, 2018</b>	
	<b>4 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Lector	Beth Olin	Una Terracina	Cindy Poiencot
Commentator	Curtis Knight	Emily Baudoin	Claire Babin
Eucharistic Ministers	Team 2	Team 6	Team 14

Homebound	Feb 2	Cheryl Henderson
Money Counters	Feb 5	Team 2
Church Cleaners	Feb.	Catholic Daughters
Altar Linens	Feb.	Terry Blanchard

**Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of:**

**January 28—February 3**  
Brandon Filardo by Mom and Dad

**February 4-10**  
Charles Ray Boudreaux by Boudreaux and Lirette families



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

**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

**January 3**

Parishioners of St. Bridget

**January 4**

Gert Josey by Children

Charles Ray & Jerry Nell Boudreaux by Susan & Barry Verdun

**LEADERS**

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them . . . one at a time. —Anonymous

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

**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 February 28, 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 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
 Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

My Dear People of God,

Greetings and best wishes in all that you are doing.

Today, I begin a new phase in my life and priestly ministry as I am formally installed and assume the responsibility of Pastor. I thank Bishop Fabre for the confidence he has in me in entrusting you to my pastoral care. In the same vein, I thank you for the welcome and support you have extended to me since I came to this Christian family last year. I thank you in a special way for the way you received the news of my appointment last weekend. I look forward to our journey together.



Since receiving the appointment, I have had the opportunity to get back to Church documents that outline the responsibilities of a Pastor. It is a tremendous responsibility and obligation. I was particularly struck by Canon 529.1 which states that: *“In order to fulfil his office in earnest the Pastor should strive to come to know the faithful who have been entrusted to his care; therefore he is to visit families, sharing the cares, worries, and especially the griefs of the faithful, strengthening them in the Lord, and correcting them prudently if they are wanting in certain areas; with a generous love he is to help the sick, particularly those close to death, refreshing them solicitously with the sacraments and commending their souls to God; he is to make a special effort to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their own land, and similarly those weighed down with special difficulties; he is also to labor diligently so that spouses and parents are supported in fulfilling their proper duties, and he is to foster growth in the Christian life within the family”*. I am however comforted that the Lord who calls, also equips. Therefore, with the grace of God and your support I pledge to give of my very best in undertaking this responsibility.

As we now enter the Mardi Gras season (or Carnival season as it is called in other countries), I would like to dedicate the rest of this column to this special season in our region. Mardi Gras is probably the most popular season in our area. A season of fun, family and celebration. Like anything else, to properly understand and celebrate it, it is important to know its background and purpose. Without this understanding, the season loses its core meaning. So what is Mardi Gras and what are its origins?

I was first introduced to Carnival in 1998/99 when I lived in the Netherlands while undertaking graduate studies. Mardi Gras which is French literally translated into English as *‘Fat Tuesday’*. It specifically refers to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent is a season characterized by fasting, abstinence and other works of self denial. Mardi Gras should therefore be seen and celebrated in the context of the Lenten Season. In light of the penitential nature of the Lenten Season, Mardi Gras is therefore the day and the season to eat and enjoy the delightful foods (and drinks) before entering the ritual fasting and abstinence from the same delights in the Lenten Season. Detached from the Lenten Season therefore, Mardi Gras loses its meaning and importance.

The Mardi Gras season in its proper context should be seen and celebrated as a preparation for the Lenten Season. If one is not planning to embrace the penitential way of the Lenten Season (fasting, abstinence and other acts of self denial) then the Mardi Gras season is empty. As we enter and celebrate this Mardi Gras season, may I therefore invite us to look into ourselves and to make our Lenten plans so that the Mardi Gras season may not be an empty experience. Finally even as we celebrate Mardi Gras, let us avoid excesses. May the words of St Paul be our guide: *“Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God”* (1Cor.10.31)

Happy Mardi Gras Season and God’s Blessings.

Fr Simon Peter

### **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.

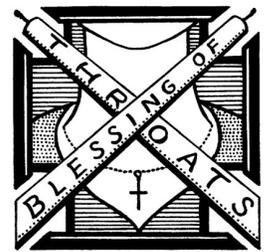
Those seeking to baptize a child can complete the registration forms in the office Monday—Friday between 8 am and 3 pm. The office must be made aware of the desire to baptize a child and desire to attend the seminar. The registration form can also be found at the parish website, [stbridget-htdioocese.org](http://stbridget-htdioocese.org), 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.

### **Visit our website at**

[www.stbridget-htdioocese.org](http://www.stbridget-htdioocese.org) for the latest news about the parish, a view of our history, and more. Donations to the parish including weekly envelope donations can be made at the secure website.

The Feast of St. Blaise is February 3. Therefore the blessing of the Throats will be on the weekend of February 3-4.



Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may you be healed of all sicknesses of the throat and all other illnesses in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### *Giving Tree*

*Because of the generosity of our Parishioners, we were able to provide gifts for about 100 adults and children. Thanks to all who bought gifts.*

**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).

# Faith Formation in the New Year

## Get Involved-Stay Involved!

### **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.

### **Youth Rally—March 24th!**

Youth Rally will be held at VCHS for youth in grades 8—12. Information packets will be handed out in CCD as soon as they are available.

### **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.



### **Day of Fun and Praise—January 27th**

Welcome 7th—9th grade students from St. Bridget and St. Lawrence. Thanks parents, youth, and youth ministers for helping our young people on their faith journey.

### **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.

### **Catholic Daughters Corner**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas welcomed 5 new members at its January meeting. Welcome Grace Billiot, Gale LeBoeuf, Sarah Major, Pauline Monnier, and Cindy Poiencot.

Catholic women (age 18 and above) are encouraged to join the court. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Community Life Annex at 7 pm. The next meeting is February 8th. Annual dues of \$25 are now due.