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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18



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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How do we stay humble? How do you remind ourselves each day of our place in the world? Here are some inspirational quotes

1. "It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels." — *Saint Augustine*
2. Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less. -*C. S. Lewis*
3. Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real. -*Thomas Merton*
4. The greatest friend of truth is Time, her greatest enemy is Prejudice, and her constant companion is Humility. -*Charles Caleb Colton*
5. Humility, that low, sweet root, from which all heavenly virtues shoot. -*Thomas Moore*
6. Humility is throwing oneself away in complete concentration on something or someone else. *Madeleine L'Engle*
7. Pride must die in you, or nothing of heaven can live in you. *Andrew Murray*
8. Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying. *St. Vincent de Paul*
9. Selflessness is humility. Humility and freedom go hand in hand. Only a humble person can be free. -*Jeff Wilson*
10. Have more humility. Remember you don't know the limits of your own abilities. Successful or not, if you keep pushing beyond yourself, you will enrich your own life--and maybe even please a few strangers.--*A.L. Kennedy*

Public Square Rosary Rally

October 13, 2018 12 noon

Under St. Bridget's Pine trees

Bring your Chair

Sponsored by: America Needs Fatima

Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. For more information call Amy Rich-terberg at 985 446-3271.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of:



September 23-29

Tristan Ables (B) by Ma Maw and family

September 30-October 6

Aida Moancivaiz Fontenot by Moncivaiz fly
Wilfred "Biggy" Hebert & Tim Hebert by Marie
Hebert and family

sacred scripture

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

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Mass Intentions



DA=Death Anniv.

B= Birthday

WA=Wedding Anniversary

September 22 4:00 pm

Janet R. Chaisson by friend

Gail Sonier by Colt and Angela James

September 23 8:30 am

James and Belle Brunet by Brunet family

September 23 10:30 am

Merlyn Robichaux by Raleigh and family

Keith Babin by Mom, Dad and family

Diane Levron by Medrick and family

September 28 8:00 am

Jodie Banas (B) by the Smith family

September 29 4:00 pm

Tristan Ables (B) by Ma Maw and family

Gail Sonier by Colt and Angela James

Wilfred "Biggy" Hebert & Tim Hebert by Marie
Hebert and family

September 30 8:30 am

Rev. Father Peter Nguyen Dinh Tru by Yen

Khang Yan

September 30 10:30 am

Diane Levron by Medrick and family

Keith Babin by Mom, Dad, and family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;

Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104,
163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

ADORATION ON TH BAYOU!

Father Antonio Maria "Speedy" is coordinating a Eucharistic Procession along Bayou Lafourche which will be held on **Saturday, October 6, 2018** on the eve of the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. Beginning with a French Mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Golden Meadow, they will take the Consecrated Host out in procession to boats waiting on Bayou Lafourche where they will travel up the bayou. They will disembark in Larose at Our Lady of the Rosary Church for one hour for prayer and confessions. Following the prayer, Eucharistic Jesus will be carried by fire truck up the bayou to St. Joseph's Cemetery in Thibodaux where all will then walk with the Blessed Sacrament in procession to St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral for Vespers and Benediction at 2pm.

Recycle Bin

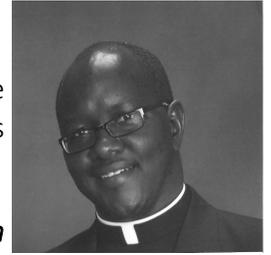
Due to safety and liability concerns especially for the children in the Youth Formation Program, the Recycling Bin has been removed from St. Bridget property. The Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government lists the following sites available for recycling: Bayou Cane Fire Station, Southland Mall, American Legion, Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center.

EXAMPLE

Children, especially, set their watches by our clock. —Anonymous

My Dear People of God,

As Christians, we are called to live in peace and harmony with one another. One of the things that is very damaging to unity is false ambition and a false image of ourselves. This causes us to put ourselves and our own interests above others and their interests.



There is an old Italian proverb that runs as follows: ***“After the game, the king and the pawn go into the same box.”*** This proverb comes from the board game called Chess. The modern rules of this game were developed in Italy. For those unfamiliar with the game of chess, each player has 16 pieces and there are six different pieces such as a king, a queen, castles, bishops etc. The most important or powerful piece is the king. When your opponent attacks your king and he cannot be rescued, you have lost the game. On the other hand, the least important is the pawn. If your opponent captures one of your pawns, it could hurt you, but it is usually not fatal. And here comes the message of that proverb: in spite of their roles and levels of importance, *after the game, the king and the pawn go into the same box!* In other words, no matter how important we are, how high or low of a position we hold in society, or how rich, smart ... we are, we are all the same in one respect; death will take all of us.

In the gospel reading, the disciples are caught in an argument and discussion about who of them is the greatest. I guess, since the message of Jesus was about a kingdom, they were fighting over who would occupy important places in that kingdom. Jesus' response to them was very gentle and invites them to a disposition of humility. He used a simple expression of affection for a child. Using a child as an example of humility, Jesus said; *‘if anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.’* Then Jesus went further and highlighted a child, the lowest and most vulnerable member of the human race. Jesus took a child, placed the child in their midst, and putting His arms around the child, Jesus said to the disciples; *“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”*

You might wonder and ask; does Jesus imply that we are to think of ourselves as having no worth or importance? Or does Jesus not want us to be successful in life? Or does Jesus not want us to strive for high positions in our society? Not at all. On the contrary Jesus is in fact interested in our being great, but He wants us to be great in the right way. Jesus wants us not to be self seeking but others seeking. Simply put, we should desire these positions as opportunities to serve others. He therefore teaches us that to be great is to serve others. To emphasize this point, He said; *“I am in your midst as one who serves.”* (Luke 22:26-27).

It is therefore not ambition itself that is condemned by Jesus, but false ambition. In fact, it is good to be ambitious, to have goals, to want to be good at what one does and to succeed in it. False ambition (which is condemned by Jesus) is selfish and involves a desire to rule others. It creates conflict and division and is very damaging to the unity of the community. True ambition, is the desire to serve others. The best and purest kind of service is that which is rendered to the little ones, that is the most vulnerable and insignificant in the community.

In the second reading, St James always being very practical points out that *‘where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice’*. He goes on to state that; *‘∴ the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace’*

Dear brothers and sisters, as we continue on our journey of faith, let the ancient Italian proverb be a source of inspiration for us: ***‘After the game, the king and the pawn go into the same box.’***

Thanks and God bless

Fr Simon Peter

Reflections for Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 23, 2018

Catholic Social Teaching: Rights and Responsibilities

As human beings, we have a right to live and grow in peace. Because we have that right, we have the responsibility to make sure others enjoy the same opportunity too.

It is very fitting today to reflect on the letter to James and what is said about war and peace. James talks about our passions and desires and how they lead to war and violence. James reminds us: “the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.” In today’s gospel Jesus brings up with the disciples the issues that arise from striving to be the “greatest.” One way to interpret this would be to say that we approach the triple challenge of love, justice and peace with childlike humility, and we anticipate that our response to that challenge will bring us to the cross.

We know from experience, people speak up for justice and peace – against war and those in need against injustice that they may encounter opposition and persecution. The first reading from Wisdom reminds us of this as does today’s prophecy from Jesus. We should not be surprised that we face challenges and opposition as we try to live out our Christian values.

Please Pray for the Repose of all souls, especially the Soul of **Louis Trosclair Jr.** May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.
Amen.



Contributions— September 9, 2018

Envelopes	\$	3147.00
Loose		<u>949.00</u>
		4096.00

Attendance 314

Thank You For Your Generosity

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

A Pilgrimage to Italy led by Fr Simon Peter, is planned for February 15-26, 2019.

The highlights of this journey of faith will include visits to the following places: Assisi (St Francis & St Claire), Orvieto (Eucharistic Miracle), Rome (including St Bridget Church), San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio) and Montecassino (St Benedict).

Brochures for the pilgrimage are available at the main entrances to Church.

If you are interested, please call the Rectory office to sign up.

Registration deadline: September 30, 2018

Blue Mass for 1st Responders

The annual Blue Mass for First Responders will be held September 27, 2018 at 11:00 am at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. Bishop Shelton Fabre will preside. The mass and prayers are offered for deputies, police officers, fire-fighters, emergency-responders, and military personnel. All members of these agencies are encouraged to attend the liturgical celebration. All of the Faithful and families of agency members are invited as well to take part in this celebration.

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

Respect Life Houma Life Chain

The annual Houma Life Chain will be held on Respect Life Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 2-3 P.M. (rain or shine). Those participating will line up along the median of Tunnel Boulevard in Houma and stand prayerfully, silently holding Life Chain signs. Pick up signs at Mr. Ronnie's Donuts. Join with other pro-life Christians to make a statement to our community that "ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN"

Pray Always—Don't Lose Heart Learning to Pray with Luke's Jesus



A retreat hosted by Fr. Glenn LeCompte will be held November 9-11, 2018 at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center (The Cenacle) 5500 St. Mary St. Metairie, LA 70006. Call 504 887-1420 for more details.

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

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Prayer Line

If you or someone needs to be added to the prayer line, call Nina Richard at 446-1206 or the rectory at 446-6801.

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the sick, elderly, and homebound. Please pray for: Elaine Ables, Andrew Adams, Sr., Susan Arceneaux, Heidi Ardoin, Jacob Aucoin, Sara Aucoin, Elvin Babin, Tommy Badeaux, Donald Banowetz, Chad Barri-leaux, Ronnie Bednarz, Chuck Beebe, Gertrude Benoit, Judith Benoit, Fr. Paul Bergeron, Rosemary Besson, Mitzy Bettridge, Gretchen Bilello, Pat Billiot, Preston Billiot, Alvin & Gail Blanchard, Dennis Blanchard, Ronald Blanchard, Cody Bourgeois, Emile "Jay" Bourgeois, Patricia Bourgeois, Troy & Joan Bourgeois, Wade Bourgeois, Connie Bouterie, Beau Brassette, Dustin Brassette, Mark Brassette, Emma Del Broussard, Richard Broussard, Susan Caillouet, Randy Chiasson, Brad Clement, Bryce Comeaux, Jay & Tiffany Conner, Huey Cortez Sr., Martha Cortez, Ruben Cunningham, Randy Davis, Cary Davis, Jr., Barbara & Ronni Duhon, Alan Dunbar, Linda Ekiss, Avery "Brother" and Sonja Fonseca, Darin Fonz, Robin Ford, Marie Fournier, Alisa Frederick, Dante Galliano, Toby Gambarella, Leigh Ann Gardner, Carrie Gibbens Belinda Gil, Brandon Gil, George Gil, The Gil Family, Austin Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Vergie Gros, Kendra Guillot, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr., Jessie Hoffpaur, Samara Holland, Kristen Koppel, Jackson LaFleur, Elmay Landry, Judie Landry, Joyce Landry, Craig Landry, Mark Landry, Barbara Nell Lapeyrouse, Allie LeBlanc, Chester Lecompte, Evelyn Leger, Tammy Babin Loney, Payton Martin, Rick Melancon, Asher Miller, Savannah Miller, Emma Mire, Meghan Naquin, Misty Naquin, Shannon Naquin, Annie Ordoyne, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, Kenneth Pitre, James Pierce, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Kerri Reynolds, Bryce Richard, Ella Richard, Lorita Rodrigue, Susan Rodrigue, Cynthia Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Lyn Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saunier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, James Soileau, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Cammie Thibodaux, Rudy Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Ronnie Thomas, Chris Touns, Joyce Touns, Ricky Turner, Sara Day Vignes, Allison Walters, and Anna Wooten. ***When the Lord has answered our prayers, notify the Rectory so that the name can be removed.***

What's Going on in St. Bridget Parish?

Youth Formation (CCD) Schedule

Youth Formation Classes (CCD) are Monday evenings as listed below:

Grades K—6	5:30—6:30 pm
Grades 7—9	6:45—8:00 pm
Grades 10—11	6:00—7:30 pm

Contact the Youth Formation Office (985-446-1985) for more information including youth and adults receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist (First Communion) and Confirmation)

Highway Sign Dedication—Sept 29th

Thanks to all who contributed to the Digital Message Center (highway sign). A Mass will be celebrated September 29th at to dedicate the sign. Beignets and coffee will be served in the Community Life Annex following the dedication mass.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CORNER



Catholic women age 18 and above are encouraged to attend the October Catholic Daughter meeting. The meeting will feature a rosary honoring deceased members and deceased family of members. The meeting is October 11th at 7:00 pm in the Community Life Annex.

Knights of Columbus

The KCS are the fraternal organization of men serving the church parish with physical and spiritual needs. The KC's meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Community Life Annex. The organization is open to Catholic men aged 18 and above. The next meeting is on September 20th. Contact Ricky Billiot at 985-856-6868 for more details.



Thanks from Knights of Columbus

The KCs thank all who helped with the shrimp boil. It was a huge success. Proceeds from the event are used for charitable projects in St. Bridget Parish and the community. God is good!

Poor Box Donations

The St. Vincent de Paul Society uses donations from the poor box to help needy families in the community. Donation boxes are available at the entrance of the church. All donations are greatly appreciated.



Trunk or Treat

St. Bridget will host its 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 28th from 4 – 6 pm. Save the date and plan to attend this afternoon of fun and fellowship with your parish family. Please plan to decorate your vehicle or a 10x10 tent and bring pre-wrapped goodies for trick or treating. Plans are underway for a new photo booth at the event. Additional details are forthcoming.