

St. Bridget Catholic Church

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Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Confessions: Saturday: 3:00-3:50 pm

Sunday: 7:30-8:25 am and 10:00-10:25 am

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019**

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.”
— *Luke 6:20-21a*

The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of:



February 17-23

Ruby Richard (B) Corbett Richard (DA)
by Janice & Rogers Benoit & family

February 24-March 2

Parishioners of St. Bridget

DA=Death Anniv.

B= Birthday

WA=Wedding Anniversary

Mass Intentions



February 16 4:00 pm

Agnes & Ernest Breaux by family & friends

February 17 8:30 am

Robert Crochet by Crochet family

Fred LeBouef by Emily and family

Marion Knight by Godfrey Knight

Laurie Hebert by Mom and Dad

February 17 10:30 am

Billy Gaubert (B) Deacon Lloyd & Faie Duplantis

Elsie Gauthreaux by Karen Dufrene

Diane Levron by Medrick and family

Keith Babin by Mom and Dad

February 18 Rosella S. Karp,
Marge K. Burke and Marie A. Eltz

February 19 Rosella S. Karp,
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February 20 Rosella S. Karp,
Marge K. Burke and Marie A. Eltz

February 21
Joyce and Jules Leboeuf by LeBoeuf family

February 22 Rosella S. Karp,
Marge K. Burke and Marie A. Eltz

February 23 4:00 pm

Jimmie Usey by family

Ernest & Betty Mabile by Bernadette Mabile

Thelma & Leon Schexnaydre by Delsie, Louis &
family

February 24 8:30 am

Robert Crochet by Crochet family

Jimmy Coupel by Diana and family

February 24 10:30 am

Andrew Gauthreaux by Karen Dufrene

Raymond Westerman (A) Westerman family

Diane Levron by Medrick and family

Keith Babin by Mom and Dad

BLESSED

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

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**Banns of Marriage
between**



John David Maynard II of Houma

&

Grace Marie Billiot of Gray

are hereby announced.

If you know of any cause or just impediment why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, please declare it to the Pastor. This is the 2nd publication.

Those Who Trust in the Lord, offer Him their complete, unhesitating obedience

One of my favorite parts of the book “**God’s Smuggler**” (*story of a missionary, Andrew who smuggled Bibles to Communist Countries*) is when Andrew got a visit from a man named Karl de Graaf who was part of a prayer group in which people often spent hours of time in prayer, most of it listening in silence:

I went out to the front stoop, and there was Karl de Graaf. “Hello!” I said, surprised.

“Hello, Andy. Do you know how to drive?”

“Drive?”

“An automobile.”

“No,” I said, bewildered. “No, I don’t.”

“Because last night in our prayers we had a word from the Lord about you. It’s important for you to be able to drive.”

“Whatever on earth for?” I said. “I’ll never own a car, that’s for sure.”

“Andrew,” Mr. de Graaf spoke patiently, as to a slow-witted student, “I’m not arguing for the logic of the case. I’m just passing on the message.” And with that, he was striding across the bridge.

Despite his initial hesitation, Andrew discerned that this was something that God was calling him to do, so he now had a choice, to trust in the Lord or not. He trusted and learned to drive. At the time, it seemed like a complete waste of time, an utterly illogical use of his time and resources, but he was obedient to the Lord’s call. I won’t spoil what happened next for those of you who plan to read the book, but let’s just say that shortly after he received his license, it turned out to be critical to the future of his ministry (which eventually brought the Gospel to thousands of people behind the Iron Curtain) that he knew how to drive.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Prov. 4.5

**2019 Annual Bishop’s Appeal
All Gifts Provide Hope**

St. Bridget Parish is pleased with the very good early response to the 2019 Annual Bishop’s Appeal, for which we are immensely thankful. Thus far, we have achieved ___% of our \$15,000.00 goal, however, we know that there are still many who have yet to make their commitment. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Annual Bishop’s Appeal by returning your commitment card in the offertory or simply mail it to the Diocese in the provided envelope, or you may also visit www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal to make your gift online. Please remember that if the Diocese reaches its goal, then a percentage of funds will be returned to all parishes that go over its individual goal.

Every gift no matter how big or small makes a difference across our Diocese. Your prayers and gifts support:

Seminarian education, Caring for our retired priests, Youth formation and religious education, Catholic education through our Catholic Schools Office.

If you would like more information about the 2019 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop’s Appeal Office at 985-850-3116 or email aponson@htdiocese.org.

Beef Po-Boy Lunch – March 10th

The youth in conjunction with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be host a Roast Beef Po-Boy lunch Sunday, March 10th. Tickets are \$10 each for po-boy and chips.

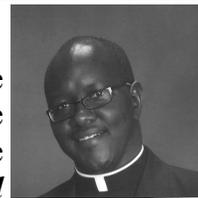
This is a ticket-only, pick-up lunch. Lunches will be available for pickup beginning at

11:00 am. Tickets will be sold after all masses Feb 23 and 24 and can also be purchased from any CDA member or the Youth Formation Office. Contact the Youth Formation Office at 446-1985 to reserve tickets. Thanks for generosity.



My Dear people of God,

As you read this, I am in Assisi the home of the great man St Francis. What a privilege for me and the other ten pilgrims with me, to be here on this Sixth Sunday where the readings invite us to a disposition of trust in relation to God. The witness or the lesson from St Francis can be summed up in these words: ***God Can Be and Should Be Trusted. With God we can put all our eggs in one basket!***



Those who trust in God are truly blessed. The first readings today compares them to a tree that is planted by the waterside. It has no fear of heat, and it never ceases to bear fruit. This reading contrasts the fate of the wicked who reject God with that of the just who put their trust in God and follow his law. Those who trust human beings are compared to a barren desert shrub.

The same image is found in the responsorial psalm where the author is stressing the blessings that flow to those who make God's law the guiding rule of their lives. He says; '***They are like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade.***'

The image of a tree planted by the waterside is a beautiful image. Perhaps we don't appreciate the full thrust of it when we live in the bayou country that has an abundance of rainfall and the bayou waters. We may need to be in or visit a country or place where there is a shortage of rainfall to really appreciate it.

In a land that suffers from drought, water is everything. If you are travelling through a drought stricken country, occasionally you may see a ribbon of green vegetation running down a hillside. This is an infallible sign of the presence of a stream of water, often times an underground one. The ribbon of green stands out because it contrasts sharply with the surrounding landscape which is almost totally barren.

This is the kind of a full and fruitful life that is promised to those who follow the way of the Lord. Those who trust in God are like a tree planted by the waterside. It has no worries in times of drought; its foliage stays green, and it never ceases to bear fruit. Yes, there will be tough and rough times, but the Lord will guide those who trust in Him through it all.

It is however important to note that people cannot be forced to trust in God. It a choice that each of us has make, just like St Francis did. God refuses to force people to do His will. Our freedom to choose is sacred to God. We are the only creatures who can say 'yes' to God. When we say 'yes' to God, our lives are blessed, and we will bear fruit in due season.

The first reading and the responsorial psalm prepare us for the Gospel reading in which Jesus presents to us the Beatitudes. In these beatitudes, Jesus presents the blessedness of those who put their trust in God and follow God's way, rather than the ways of the world. They are truly blessed, even though they may be poor, hungry, and persecuted. Today, the whole world honors St Francis because in the midst of his poverty, hunger and even persecution, he was blessed and a blessing to many others.

St Francis was born in 1182 in Assisi. He was the son of a prosperous cloth merchant, Peter Bernadone. His companions saw him as a carefree youth, calling him the "King of Revels" because he enjoyed partying with his friends and had dreams of becoming a knight and gaining glory on the battlefield. But shortly after riding off to fight against Perugia, a nearby town, he ended up in their prison, a broken and disillusioned young man. It was after his return from prison, and during the recovery that followed, that Francis' life was changed when he had a God encounter. Meanwhile, his father wanted him to continue in his old ways. Francis was now faced a choice, to trust God or to trust his father. He chose to trust God. He said: "**From now on I will no longer say, My Father Peter Bernadone, but Our Father who art in heaven.**" Francis gave back to his father not only his property and goods, but the money and all his clothes as well. Francis carefully placed his clothing on the ground. Centuries later, the world continues to honor him!

Blessed are they who trust in the Lord. Let us surrender to and put our trust in the Lord.

Thanks and God bless,

Fr Simon Peter



Catholic Social Teaching: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

Jesus tells us to care for those who are most in need in the world. He reminds us of our Christian duty to give a voice to those who are unheard and to help those who are most vulnerable.

Blest are you poor...But woe to you rich. These are powerful words, recorded for us by Luke, offer many avenues for thought.

Poverty is wretched. It means physical suffering, psychological anguish, financial insecurity, cultural disparagement, political power, social and cultural acceptability.

Yet Jesus used the word *blest* when speaking of the poor, and he used the word *woe* when speaking of the rich. Obviously he saw some kind advantage to being poor, and some kind of disadvantage to being rich.

What truth was he expressing? That poverty keeps one open to one's need for God? That riches turn one's heart away from God? That happiness is found closer to poverty than to wealth?

From a Christian perspective, who is to be pitied, the poor or the rich?

In the Kingdom, there is really no place for either rich or poor. To be a rich person means I have more than others, more than I need and some of what I have belongs to those in need. To be poor means I do not have enough to eat or wear; I do not have a place to live and in general my life is lacking in proper human dignity. In the Kingdom, there can be no rich or poor in this sense. Because those who have more will share with those who do not have enough.

It is not just a question of "charity" but one of justice, each one having what is properly due to him. In "charity" I give what I can easily spare; in justice I share what I have. It is not just a matter of pity for the poor but of seeing them as truly brothers and sisters and sharing with them.

Baptism

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



Please contact the Church office at 985 446-6801 for more information concerning baptism or other sacraments needed.

Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle

The Women's Giving Circle is a new initiative of the Catholic Foundation dedicated to bringing together a group of women to learn about the needs in our Diocese and community, to raise awareness and funds for philanthropic giving. Through collective giving, collaboration, and shared faith, The Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle seeks to promote philanthropy that empowers women, compels action, and glorifies God. To join visit catholicfoundationsl.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Kick Off Mass and Brunch

Location: St. Thomas Aquinas

March 16 at 9 am

Sip and Learn

Location: Maria Immacolata

April 23 at 4:30 pm

For more information please visit catholicfoundationsl.org or call 985-850-3116.

The Haiti Mission Inc., announces the 10th annual Golf Tournament and Silent Auction. The event will be held on Monday, March 18, 2019 at Ellendale Country Club. Company, individual and team sponsorships are available.

HMI's work is to bring humanitarian aid to the poor of Numero Deux and Ravine Sable in the region of Jeremie, Haiti. Since 1999 the organization has grown to include benefactors and volunteers of many faiths throughout Louisiana, the United States, Canada and Haiti. HMI has enabled thousands in the areas served to enjoy potable water with 60 water wells drilled since 2007 and 146 homes have been constructed over the past eleven years.

Please visit www.haitimissioninc.com to learn about the ongoing work of HMI and for tournament registration information or call 985-209-3228. The silent auction items can be previewed on the website and online bidding will begin on March 11th. Should you have questions regarding the auction call 985-804-3112.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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Comedy Night Out and Silent Auction

Sponsored by:

St. Bridget's KC Council #12285

St. Bridget Annex --

Saturday February 23, 2019

Comedy Starts at 7:00pm --

Meal served at 6:30pm

Includes a Meal, Dessert, and Drink

\$25.00 per ticket

For tickets call (985) 859-0598 or

(985) 856-6868

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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, 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, Carrie Mae Givens, Austin Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Vergie Gros, Kendra Guillot, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr., Jessie Hoffpauir, 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, Tim Long, 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, Kip Pierce, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Kerri Reynolds, Bryce Richard, Ella Richard, Lorita Rodrigue, Susan Rodrigue, Cynthia Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saunier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, James Soileau, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Cammie Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Ronnie Thomas, Chris Troups, Joyce Troups, 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.**

Thanks for Supporting Our Youth!

The Youth will be selling World's Finest Candy after all masses. Candy bars are \$1 each. The profits from this fundraiser will be used to defray the cost involved with Abbey Fest, Steubenville on the Bayou, and the National Catholic Youth Conference. Thanks for your generosity.



VBS 2019

Vacation Bible School 2019 will be held in the Community Life Annex June 3 – 7 from 9 am to noon. Children entering kindergarten through 6th grade are encouraged to attend “*Splash Canyon*” and learn more about our Catholic Faith. More details are forthcoming.

Steubenville on the Bayou News

Youth entering grades 9 through college are eligible to attend the annual Steubenville on the Bayou Youth Conference June 14 – 16, 2019 at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center. The youth will be selling World's Finest candy in order to defray the cost of the conference. Adults who can help with the candy sales are asked to contact Miss Bernadette in the Youth Formation Office (446-1985). Steubenville applications will be handed out in Youth Formation Classes and will be available on the St. Bridget website (<https://stbridget-htdioocese.org>).



Court St. Bridget of Sweden #2461 Catholic Daughters will meet Thursday, February 14 at 7:00 pm in the Community Life Annex. Catholic women age 18 and above are encouraged to join the organization and attend the meeting. Miss Agnes Bitature from Catholic Charities will be the guest speaker. Annual dues (\$25) are due at this time and can be paid at the meeting. The CDA and youth will be sponsoring a Roast Beef Po-Boy lunch Sunday, March 10th. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available for purchase from CDA and youth group members soon.

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 February 27. Contact Ricky Billiot at 985-856-6868 for more details.

Abbey Youth Festival – March 23rd

Abbey Youth Festival is Saturday, March 23rd at St. Joseph Abbey in Covington. Youth in grades 8 – 12 are encouraged to attend. Fest is an all-day event! The \$85 fee includes, registration, T-shirt, 2 meals, snacks, and bus transportation. Youth interested in attending should see Miss Bernadette for a registration form. At least one fund raiser will be held in order to help defray the cost involved. Please pray for the success of the event as well as for the conference staff, speakers, youth, and youth ministers in attendance.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is for children age 3 through 1st grade. Adults and teen assistants help with the program. The program takes place during the 10:30 am Mass.

February 3, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 3404.25
Loose	<u>1309.00</u>
	4713.25

Attendance 306

Thank You For Your Generosity

WE MAKE A
LIVING BY
WHAT WE GET,
BUT WE MAKE A
LIFE BY
WHAT WE GIVE.

-WINSTON CHURCHILL