

St. Bridget Catholic Church

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March 10, 2019 |

First Sunday of Lent



St. Bridget Mission Statement

We the community of St Bridget Parish, as members of the Mystical Body of Christ, are dedicated to living out our faith and belief as Christian people. Through our words and actions, we strive: to promote and live the Gospel teachings of Christ; to recognize, develop, and encourage the unique gifts and talents given to each person by the Holy Spirit; to unite as a Parish family in the Eucharist; to witness, to share, and to empower one another's spiritual growth.

Very Rev. Simon Peter Engurait, VG

Pastor

Stephen Brunet

Deacon

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Mass Schedules

Daily Masses:

Monday— Friday: 8:00 am

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 & 10:00-10:25 am

*For Adoration Chapel information call 985-446-6801

*To report suspected abuse, call
1-855-452-5437

The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of:



March 10-16

Tristen Ables by Ma Maw and family
Carrie Callahan (B) by family

March 17-23

Jimmie Usey by family

DA=Death Anniv.

B= Birthday

WA=Wedding Anniversary

Mass Intentions



March 9 4:00pm

Vilrey "TV" (B) and Kirvey Gagneaux by Faye Seal,
Vanessa Knight and families

March 10 8:30 am

Robert Crochet by Crochet family

March 10 10:30 am

Diane Levron by Medrick and family

Keith Babin by Mom, Dad and family

March 11 Rosella S. Karp, Marge K. Burke and
Marie A. Eltz

March 12 Lelia Breaux (DA) by Ronnie and Betty
Thomas

March 13 Rosella S. Karp, Marge K. Burke and
Marie A. Eltz

March 14 Marydela Britonne (DA) by Deacon
Lloyd and Faie Duplantis

March 15 Dorothy Smith by Smith family

March 16 4:00 pm

Tristan Ables by Ma Maw and family

Agnes & Ernest Breaux by family and friends

March 17 8:30 am

Robert Crochet by Crochet family

Fred LeBouef by Emily and family

Marion Knight by Godfrey Knight

March 17 10:30 am

Keith Babin by Mom, Dad, and family

Diane Levron by Medrick and family

Open Wide Our Hearts Against Racism

On October 14th, 2018 the U.S. Bishop's Committee on Racism led by Bishop Fabre, released a document titled, "*Open Wide Our Hearts*" addressing the problem of racism in America.

Last week we looked at what racism is, this week let us look to the first thing proposed by the U.S. Bishops, Do Justice.

"Justice was a gift of grace given to all of humanity. After sin entered the world, however, this sense of justice was overtaken by selfish desires, and we became inclined to sin." We see this injustice manifested today because, "Many of our institutions still harbor, and too many of our laws still sanction, practices that deny justice and equal access to certain groups of people." "For a nation to be just, it must be a society that recognizes and respects the legitimate rights of individuals and peoples. These rights precede any society because they flow from the dignity granted to each person as created by God."

Examples how this injustice is manifested in the communities of our Native American, Hispanic, and African American brothers and sisters can be found on pages 8-17 of *Open Wide Our Hearts*, which can be found on the diocesan website

To help us better understand how injustice is manifested in our church today and how we can "Do Justice", Bishop Fabre will hold a listening session for all people of the diocese titled, "**Open Wide Our Hearts Against Racism: A Listening Session**" will be held on **March 28th** in the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Highway 311 from **6:30 PM until 8:30 PM**. Food will be provided. For more information please contact, Fr. Alex Gaudet at agaudet@htdiocese.org.

Lent - Mass Schedule

Morning Mass at 8 am

Monday—Friday

Evening Masses

Monday at 5:45 pm

Tuesday - Thursday 6:00 pm

Friday - Way of the Cross at 5:30 pm

Mass begins after Way of the Cross

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



Resisting and Overcoming Temptation

We might ask: what would a good person know about temptation? The truth is: the good person who resists temptations knows more about its power than the weakling who submits at the very onset of temptation. The following story illustrates the truth of this.

Once there were three shepherds. Each was responsible for a flock of sheep. One winter's night, all three were awakened by the howling of a wolf.

The first one was about to get out of bed when he heard the rain beating against his bedroom window. He had second thoughts, turned over in bed, and went back to sleep.

The second got out of bed, dressed, and went to the front door. However, on opening the door, he was hit by a squall of sleety rain. He went back inside and returned to his warm bed.

The third got up dressed, and went outside. There he had to contend with rain, wind, darkness, cold and of course, the wolf. But he stuck to his task until he had seen that his sheep were secure. When he got back indoors, he was soaked to the skin.

Now which of the three shepherds knew most about the rain, the wind and the dark? The third of course.

Those who give in easily to temptation know little about the struggle involved. Those who struggle with temptation and overcome it know it best. If you want to know what victory over temptation costs, don't ask a sinner; ask a saint.

“THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU”

The Sacrament of Penance is to be offered at all parishes on the evening of March 21, 2018, 6-8 PM, that is, the Wednesday before Holy Week. □

**For Church Support Envelopes
Call 985 446-6801**

Destroying Human Dignity on the Border Caring for Immigrants and Refugees

Answering the Call for Compassion and Care

Many asylum-seeking immigrants at the Texas-Mexico border are released by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials at the bus terminal in McAllen as they aim to connect with family members and sponsors in cities as far away as Los Angeles and Chicago, to await their due process. They need some basic supplies. Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley needs shoelaces, gloves, belts in adults and children S-M-L sizes.

Please bring or mail donations by March 8th 2019 to:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAUX

1220 Aycock Street Houma, LA 70360 (985) 876-0490

Roast Beef Lunch—March 10

Thanks to all who have purchased tickets for the roast beef po-boy lunch. Lunches can be picked up in the Community Life Annex from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Lunches will be DELIVERED to the vehicle. Drivers are to enter from Hwy 311 and exit onto Hwy 24. Please have your tickets ready when you drive in for pick up. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for youth events such as National Catholic Youth Conference, Steubenville on the Bayou, Youth Game Night, local youth events, Steubenville South, and Abbey Youth Festival.

February 24, 2019

Envelopes \$ 3173.00

Loose 990.00
 4163.00

Attendance 317

Thank You For Your Generosity

My Dear people of God,

We have just begun the holy season of Lent. This holy season, launches us on a journey to Easter, where we celebrate the resurrection, the gift and reality of eternal life. The Lenten journey is a journey of **Prayer, Self-denial and Good works**.

In today's gospel reading, we have the account of Jesus in the desert where is confronted by temptations from the devil. **Jesus faced temptation from Satan. We face temptation!**

In Jesus' 40 days of solitude in the desert wilderness, He confronts Satan and unmasks his temptations and conquers him. Lent is therefore a time of spiritual combat against the spirit of evil. We place ourselves decisively on the path of Jesus and the road that leads to life (eternal life). The path of Jesus passed through the desert, the place where the voice of God and the voice of the tempter, the devil were heard. It is a path where our destiny is truly played out; a destiny of either eternal life or eternal death.

As we begin this journey, a good question to ask is: ***How do we hear and respond to the voice of God?*** We hear it in His word. For this reason, it is important to know His Word, Sacred Scripture because otherwise, we do not know how to react to the snares of the devil. Therefore to read the Word of God every day and to meditate upon it is very important. The Word of God will then help us during this Lenten journey and indeed throughout our lives to say NO to sin and worldliness and to instead make courageous choices in accordance with the Gospel and to strengthen solidarity with others. Let us focus a little more on the gospel and Jesus' struggle against temptation.

The temptation of Jesus sometimes comes to question as some ask the question; ***was He not the Son of God and as such above the rest of us (including temptation)?*** To claim that Jesus was some kind of super human being is to miss the whole point of the mystery of the Incarnation. In the Letter to the Hebrews, we read that Jesus was made completely like His brothers and sisters. In Him we have a high priest who can feel our weaknesses with us; for He was tempted in every way that we are, though He is without sin (Heb. 4:15; 2:17-18).

The temptation of Jesus was no play acting. It was real. The temptations of Jesus are the temptations of Christians in all ages, namely: to live for material things alone; to seek one's own glory rather than God's glory; and to abandon the worship of God for the worship of worldly power and fame. In the same vein, Jesus' victory over Satan was not a once and for all victory. Rather, He had won a battle, not the war. There would be other attacks that would need to be repelled. The same is true for all of us. Some people think that they should reach a stage when they will be beyond temptation. Jesus never reached that stage, nor did the saints!

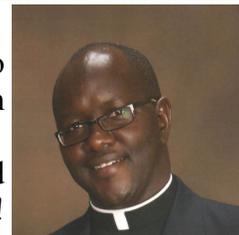
My dear brothers and sisters, because Jesus Himself has been through temptation, He can empathize with us in our struggles with temptation. And because He was victorious over temptation, He can and does help us to be victorious too. Therefore we can approach Jesus in confidence, knowing that we shall have mercy from Him and find grace in our time of need. There is nothing we cannot master with the help of the One who strengthens us.

All of us are weak and prone to evil. This may be a disturbing truth, but it is one that we ignore at our own peril. The great problem of our time is our failure to know ourselves, to recognize evil and deal with it within ourselves. Yet there is a kind of comfort and freedom in knowing and accepting this humbling truth. Not only do we have to struggle with the evil in our individual lives, but we also have to struggle against the evil that is in others and in society. The hardest of this is the struggle against the evil that originates inside us. Sometimes we excuse bad behavior by saying, "***Its just human nature***". But we believe that humanity as created by God is good. Religious faith is intended not only to confirm us as we are, but also to affirm our desire to become something more.

My dear brothers and sisters, as we begin this Lenten journey, let us commit to fighting and overcoming temptation in our lives. Most of us, when facing temptation, may resist a little, but eventually give in, especially in the area of our 'favorite' sins! We want to change, but do not do enough to change. I like to use the illustration of our physical selves; muscles only grow when they resist. Temptation is there to teach us to resist. Here are a few practical steps: first of all, know your greatest weakness; secondly know when you are weakest (Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired). With that, I would recommend that each one identify their biggest sin and battle it this Lenten season.

Thanks and God bless

Fr Simon Peter



Catholic Social Teaching: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

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+ We hear in Deuteronomy, “We cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression.” Lent is a season for liberation. Today people all over the world, especially those who suffer in some way or are victims of injustice are seeking liberation from all kinds of oppression. If God hears the cries of the poor, how should we interact with those who are poor, oppressed and marginalized?

+ Paul calls us to put our faith in God, trusting that in so doing, God will act. Jesus shows us what that looks like by resisting temptation in the desert and living those 40 days in trust. Lent is a time to be aware of the temptations and turn back to God’s values. Jesus confronted temptation and was able to say “no.” There is hope for us! It is possible to resist temptation; it is possible to resist the pressures of our culture and society and to be free. Jesus’ forty days in the desert and his encounter with the evil one are a sign of hope for us all.

We pray:

+ For those who are forced from their homes by war, natural disasters and other tragedies, that they may be welcomed with love and hospitality in new and foreign land.

+ For our own community of faith, that we may welcome the homeless, the lost and the wanderer, recognizing that Jesus himself lived without a permanent place to call home.

What Lent Is Not.

Penance, fasting, abstinence and almsgiving are highly recommended practices of self-denial during Lent. But Lent is not simply a contest to see how long a person can go without his or her favorite food or drink. Our acts of self-denial should also have a positive effect upon our lives and upon the world around us. A great example of this is Operation Rice Bowl, where fasting turns into savings which are converted into almsgiving. We should think beyond “what I am giving up for Lent,” and consider how what I am giving up will help me to experience true metanoia, an authentic and thorough change of heart and mind toward the values of the Kingdom.

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.

Abstinence from meat:

is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent.

Help Need to set up the St. Joseph Altar

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019, men are needed to set up the actual altar. A few trucks will be needed to move doors, and other items from the storage areas.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019, Need volunteers with Irons and Ironing Boards to iron table clothes for the altar and place the table clothes on the tables.

Bakers are needed to bake items at home to display on the altar. Items need to be brought to the St Joseph Alter at the Annex on March 16th, and March 17th from 9:00am to 6:00pm and March 18th by 12 noon.

If anyone has any questions, please call Linda Ardoin 985-713-1917 or Carmen Richard 985-991-8018.

Encounter Norma

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother, supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

March 19, 2019 St. Joseph Altar

Blessing: 7:30AM.

Viewing: 7:30AM to 6:00PM.

Noon: Shrimp Jambalaya available

Catholic Charities Office offers Free Income Tax Preparation & E-Filing of Federal and State Income Tax returns to low income families making less than \$50,000 per year.

Walk In Sites:

Terrebonne Main Library 151 Library Drive Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm J. Gaudet: Site Coordinator	Galliano Government Complex 16241 E Main St, Cut Off Wed. and Fri.: 9am – 4pm
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Appointment Only Sites:

Thibodaux Health Unit 2535 Veterans Blvd Tue. and Thur. 8am – 2:30pm Leslie Guidry: 985-227-1936	Lockport Town Hall 710 Church Street Tues. and Fri.: 9am - 4pm Candy Bruce: 985-258-6801
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Lafourche Parish Government Complex
4876 Hwy 1, Mathews
Monday and Wednesdays: 9am – 4pm
Cheryl Cavalier: 985-696-3600

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 Badaeux, Donald Banowitz, 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 Saurier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, James Soileau, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Cammie Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodaux, 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.**

Congratulation to the following couple who was married at St. Bridget on March 2, 2019.

*John David Maynard 11
Son of John and Hope Maynard
&
Grace Marie Billiot
Daughter of Ricky and Nina Billiot*



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>).

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 17.33% of our \$15,000.

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.

Youth Formation News

Youth Formation (CCD) registration forms were issued through Youth Formation classes February 24th. Early registration fees are due by April 8th. The registration form and fees can be returned to the youth minister (CCD teacher), placed in the collection basket at mass, or mailed to the church office. In the event that a form is misplaced or destroyed, email the Youth Formation Office at stbridgetccd@htdiocese.org to obtain a new form.

CHANGES IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Bridget Parish along with other parishes in the diocese will be participating in a new structure for Religious Education for the 2019 – 2020 school year. The program is now called Youth Formation and will work toward bringing all participants closer to Christ as true missionary disciples. Teachers and helpers will undergo training during the Spring and Summer of 2019. Youth in grades K – 6 will see very little change. These students will remain in the typical ‘classroom’ setting with at least 2 adults leading the lesson. Adult and teen help is needed in grades 3 – 6. Youth in grades 7 – 12 will participate in both large group and small group sessions. Adult volunteers are needed as ‘leaders’ and ‘facilitators’. The leader and facilitator work with a group of 8 – 12 young people who are all learning more about the Catholic Faith and becoming missionary disciples. Youth in 12th grade are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to continue on their faith journey by participating in the Youth Formation Sessions. Adults are needed to help with this program as well.

Please pray for the success of the program and pray to determine if God is calling you to assist with Youth Formation. The children are our future . . . they can become great leaders if they are provided with awesome leadership. Please call the Youth Formation Office at 446-6801 for more information.



Court St. Bridget of Sweden #2461 Catholic Daughters will meet Thursday, March 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. Annual dues (\$25) are due at this time and can be paid at the meeting.