

St. Bridget Catholic Church

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March 24, 2019 | Third 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 24-30**

Roy Boudreaux (DA) Earline and family

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

Mass Intentions



March 23 4:00 pm

Jimmie Usey by family
James "Jim" LeBoeuf by Gale

March 24 8:30 am

Robert Crochet by Crochert family
Jimmy Coupel by Diana and family

March 24 10:30 am

Keith Babin by Mom, Dad, and family
Diane Levron by Medrick and family

March 25 Katie Ann Boudreaux (DA) by Aline and Craig Boudreaux

March 26 Rosella S. Karp, Marge K. Burke and Marie A. Eltz

March 27 Rosella S. Karp, Marge K. Burke and Marie A. Eltz

March 28 Raymond Westerman (DA) by Westerman family

March 29 Rosella S. Karp, Marge K. Burke and Marie A. Eltz

March 30 4:00 pm

Rudy Thibodaux by family
Paul S. Thibodaux by Marilyn and family

March 31 8:30 am

Robert Crochet by Crochet family

March 31 10:30 am

Keith Babin by Mom, Dad and family
Diane Levron by Medrick and family

Lent - Mass Schedule

Morning Masses

Monday—Friday - 8 am

Saturday— 8:30 am

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

A Thank You from Bishop Fabre and Others

Bishop Fabre, Father Simon Peter and most importantly the ministries of the Diocese would like to thank everyone in St. Bridget parish and all people throughout the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux for answering the call of prayers and generosity to the 2019 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Each gift our Diocese received directly support our 14 seminarians, caring for our retired priests, youth formation and religious education, and Catholic education. The generosity and prayers our Diocese has received reminds us that hope is in us all, but more importantly it is in the most important person - Jesus. Thus far our parish has reached 61.66% of its appeal goal, thank you.

If you have yet to make your commitment and would still like to do so, there is still time as you can return 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. 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.

"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU"

April 10, 2019

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) will be offered after 6:00 pm
Mass until the last person.

Note: If you are not able to make it here at St. Bridget, the Sacrament will be offered at all parishes in the Diocese that day from 6-8 pm .

March 10, 2019

Envelopes \$ 3567.00

Loose 578.00

4145.00

Attendance 364

Thank You For Your Generosity

Open Wide Our Hearts Against Racism: A Listening Session

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.

Having looked at what racism is, how to "Do Justice" and "Love Goodness" we now turn to seven steps the Bishops have laid out to help heal the wounds of racism and restore justice to our human hearts, seven steps that will require us to "Walk humbly with our God."

Acknowledging Sin: "Only from a place of humility can we look honestly at past failures, ask for forgiveness, and move toward healing and reconciliation."

Being Open to Encounter and New Relationships: "Only by forging authentic relationships can we truly see each other as Christ sees us. Love should then move us to take what we learn from our encounters and examine where society continues to fail our brothers and sisters, or where it perpetuates inequity, and seek to address those problems."

Resolve to Work for Justice: "To overcome discrimination, a community must interiorize the values that inspire just laws and live out, in day-to-day life, the conviction of the equal dignity of all."

Educate Ourselves: Organizing, "activities that foster community, dialogue, and reconciliation... will help open our minds and hearts more fully and continue the healing needed in our communities and our nation."

Work In Our Churches: "...all the faithful [should] endeavor to be missionary disciples carrying forth the message of fraternal charity and human dignity."

Changing Structures: "Racism can only end if we contend with the policies and institutional barriers that perpetuate and preserve the inequality—economic and social—that we still see all around us."

Conversion of All: "we must never limit our understanding of God's power to bring about the conversion of even those whose hearts appear completely frozen by the sin of racism. Our communities must never cease to invite and encourage them in love to abandon these sinful thoughts and destructive ways."

To help us better understand how injustice is manifested in our church today and how we can "Do justice, love goodness and walk humbly with our God," 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@hdiocese.org.

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 –
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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
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Lafourche Parish Government Complex
4876 Hwy 1, Mathews
Monday and Wednesdays: 9am – 4pm
Cheryl Cavalier: 985-696-3600

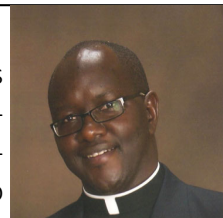
Thanks to all who helped in any way with the St. Joseph Altar, especially those in charge of the entire project. It is because of our many volunteers that St. Bridget is such a wonderful parish.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDS HELPERS

The St. Bridget Children's Liturgy Team will meet Friday, April 5 following The Way of the Cross. All those interested in helping out in this ministry are invited to attend.

My Dear people of God,

We are now midway on our Lenten journey as we today celebrate the third Sunday of this holy season. On this third Sunday of Lent, the Liturgy of the Word provides us another opportunity of grace to intentionally straighten us on our journey of faith. The readings of this Sunday, invite us to reflect on the Lord who frees us from our slavery to sin, if only we listen to His warning to repent. The focus of this Sunday therefore is **Repentance**, *the intentional turning away from sin*.



The refrain (response) to the Responsorial Psalm today captures the underlying current to this Sunday's message: "**The Lord is kind and merciful.**" Indeed the Lord is kind and merciful and this is manifested in many ways. One of the principal manifestations of this is in the Lord's call to us to repent, to turn away from sin. This is kindness because instead of condemning and damning us, the Lord gives us an opportunity to fix our situation. Sad to say, many times, we do not take advantage of this wonderful offer and instead regard it as something unimportant. But truth be told, repentance is an important step in our journey of salvation. It is a way through which God's saving grace is mediated to us. Repentance in essence means, acknowledging our sins, feeling sorry for those sins we have committed and acknowledged, and a firm resolve not to deliberately commit them again. Sincere repentance provokes God's compassion, mercy and love.

In our second reading, St Paul writing to the Church in Corinth and indeed to all of us, highlights the consequences of deliberately going contrary to God's will. He does this by using an example that was familiar to the people of Corinth and indeed to all of us who are familiar with the Exodus from Egypt. In spite of the dramatic way God manifested His love the people enslaved in Egypt, several times they rebelled and sinned against Him to extent of even wishing to go back to Egypt! (Ex 16:1ff). Using that background, St Paul concluded by warning that: "*All these happened as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age.*" In his letter to the Romans he puts it directly: "*The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life*" (Rom 6, 23.)

In the gospel reading today, Jesus was very direct in his words when he said: "*Unless you repent you will perish.*" One might say that this is too harsh to come from Christ who is merciful and compassionate. The truth is that when Jesus speaks this way, it does not diminish His compassion and mercy. Rather, He does so because He actually cares for us and sees what we cannot see. He simply warns us of the negative consequences of living a sinful life and wants us to repent and live a better life. In our modern day language, you can call it **tough love**.

The good news this Sunday is that we are given the opportunity to learn from the failures of our ancestors and the consequences of their actions. More importantly, we are given another opportunity to call upon the Lord who is "*merciful, compassionate and loving.*" Jesus wants us to take a bold and positive step towards amending our way of life. This is a call to repentance for the times we neglected and failed both God and our neighbors; for the times we chose evil over good; and for those moments we despaired and displayed remarkable lack of faith in God.

The patient, compassionate and loving Father is ready welcome us back. Repentance attracts mercy, compassion, forgiveness and salvation. It brings about healing and restoration of hope for a better future. So, if we sincerely repent of our sins, God will not only forgive us, but He will heal us.

My dear brothers and sisters, this holy season of Lent keeps reminding us of our need to grow in goodness and holiness. In order to benefit from it, we need to be intentional in doing something special this season. Unfortunately, some people do nothing special during Lent, they think they are 'good enough.' Others start off with a great deal of enthusiasm, praying more, making sacrifices or doing good works but as the season progresses, they ease up on their good resolutions. My dear friends in the Lord, we still have three more weeks of Lent. The word of God today invites us to do all we can, to repent so that we can come to Easter with minds and hearts that are renewed.

God bless you,
Fr. Simon Peter

Catholic Social Teaching Principle: Sacredness of Life and the Dignity of the Human Person

When God created us, he made us in his image and likeness. That means that every human being has a special value and purpose. We need to care for each other so that we can be the people God calls us to be. The scriptures today affirm that God is concerned with the world.

In the first reading God looks at the oppressed people of Israel and wants to do something. "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering". God reaches out to Moses and directs him into action. God calls Moses out of the desert and into action – into the divine plan for liberation. God wants something to happen to relieve the oppression of the people. God is concerned with justice. In the gospel, Jesus is asked about those who were killed by the political activity of the Romans or by the accidental collapse of a building. Jesus does not see these acts as a punishment from God for some evil deeds. Rather Jesus seems to focus on a "reform" by all of us and a transformation in all of us. Jesus says "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

Jesus is concerned with liberation and freedom for all men and women. Jesus is looking for "fruit" or "results". Don't focus on judgment and condemnation. Get focused on action and liberation. That is what God is about. That is what the Christian community is about.

ATTENTION: CHOIR MEMBERS, VOCALIST AND CANTORS

The Office of Worship is inviting choir members, vocalists and cantors from every parish in the diocese to participate in a diocesan choir for both the Chrism Mass and Priesthood ordination this year.

The Chrism Mass is on Holy Thursday morning, April 18, 2019 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales, Houma. Music Rehearsals for the Chrism Mass are Thursdays, April 4 and 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral.

The Priesthood Ordination is on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral. Music rehearsals for the Chrism Mass are Fridays, May 24 and 31, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral.

It is necessary for choir members to make the rehearsals to participate.

TURN YOUR ANNUAL GIFT INTO A FOREVER GIFT

Offertory and annual gifts are a critical lifeline to our church parish. Without them, we couldn't fund the ministries we offer to serve our parishioners. If you're a parishioner who gives through our parish offertory, you know firsthand the satisfaction that comes from making a difference—and we deeply appreciate your generosity. But as you look to the future, you may wonder what will happen to the programs made possible through your gifts once you're gone. How can you make sure your generosity continues forever?

One option is to make a gift in your will or trust to establish an endowment with the Catholic Foundation restricted for our Church Parish.

Here's an example of how that could work.

Let's say Jerry makes an offertory donation of \$1,000 annually and would like to continue his support after his lifetime. His estate planning attorney suggests that Jerry include a provision in his will to fund an endowment with a gift of \$25,000 restricted for our church parish with the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana. Once funded, we will use a portion of the endowment each year to fund the program of Jerry's choice. The remainder is reinvested, which allows it to grow and support annual payouts indefinitely. This generous arrangement replaces Jerry's \$1,000 annual gift after his lifetime.* As a result, St. Bridget receives the benefit of Jerry's generosity forever.

*assuming 4 percent (\$1,000) is used by the fund annually.

Give in Their Name

You can use an endowment gift to honor someone important to you who appreciates the work we do. Consider designating your endowment with the Catholic Foundation in his or her name as a way to celebrate the connection to St. Bridget.

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Encounter Dhathcroos family

The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country?

REPENTANCE

The most common translation of "repent" is "turn" or "return". Two requisites of repentance included in sub are "to turn from evil, and to turn to the good." Most critical theologically is the idea of returning to God, or turning away from evil. If one turns away from God, that is apostasy!

Confession of sins is both commanded and frequently illustrated. When one is guilty of various sins, "*he must confess in what way he has sinned*" in order to receive atonement and forgiveness. Thus, confession belongs to repentance, and is needed for divine forgiveness. A great prophecy or promise is given in the Book of Isaiah: "The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins" (Is 59.20).

In the New Testament, the key term for repentance is *metanoia* - It has two usual senses: a "change of mind" and "regret/remorse." In both Gospels of Mark and Matthew Jesus began his public proclamation with the call to "Repent." In addition, St Paul is said to have preached to both Jews and Gentiles/Greeks to "turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus"

Repentance is only a condition of salvation and not its meritorious ground. The motives for repentance are chiefly found in the goodness of God, in divine love, in the pleading desire to have sinners saved, in the inevitable consequences of sin, in the universal demands of the gospel, and in the hope of spiritual life and membership in the kingdom of heaven.

True repentance leads a person to say, "I have sinned" and prove it with a 180-degree change of their direction. Repentance requires true brokenness.

Repentance is NOT asking the Lord for forgiveness with the intent to sin again.

Repentance is an honest, regretful acknowledgement of sin with commitment to change. Repentance leads us to cultivate godliness while eradicating habits that lead into sin.

A Prayer for Daily Repentance

Dear Lord, thank you for your forgiveness. Thank you for not abandoning us to our mistakes, but for reaching out instead to bring us home. Help convict me of sin and help me accept your mercy without shame. Thank you for the love you have poured out for me and all of your children. Help me live out of that love today. Amen.

HOLY WEEK

Monday 8:00 am & 5:45 pm

Tuesday 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Seder Meal (more information later)

Holy Thursday 10:30 am Chrism Mass

7:00 pm Mass of the Lords Supper followed by Eucharistic Adoration till midnight.

Good Friday 10:00 am Out Door Way of the Cross

3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday 8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am Easter Sunday

Second Collection—March 31

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.uscb



**Next Breakfast April 7
9-10:30am**

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-htdiocese.org>).

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.

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 de-



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.



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Catholic Daughters will meet Thursday, April 11 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.