

St. Bridget Catholic Church

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February 4, 2018

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars
and calls each by name.

— *Psalms 147:4*

2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal in the Year of Hope

We are called to serve the Lord's mission together and as we begin the 2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal, St. Bridget parish is committed to being a Partner in Hope with our Diocese. Parishioners will be receiving information on the Partners in Hope Annual Bishop's Appeal and how the funds from the Appeal are used to support ministries in the Diocese including Priests Retirement, Office of Adult Formation, Youth Ministries, and Family Ministries and sharing funds with parishes that surpass their goal. We ask that you reflect on God's great generosity, and respond with generous giving of our own. We encourage you to watch the Bishop's Appeal Video at home this week on our Diocese social media page and online at www.htDiocese.org/bishopsappeal.

Please be on watch for your materials and how you can learn about your prayers and gifts help us live the Lord's mission as a Partner in Hope with the Annual Bishop's Appeal. If you would like more information about the 2018 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3116 or email aponson@htdiocese.org.

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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		February 10-11, 2018	
	4 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Lector	Pauline Monnier	Grace Billiot	Mark Olin
Commentator	Melissa Tardiff	Peggy Pitre	Randal Alfred
Eucharistic Ministers	Team 3	Team 7	Team 12

Homebound	Feb 9	Janice Matherne
Money Counters	Feb 12	Team 3
Church Cleaners	Feb.	Catholic Daughters
Altar Linens	Feb.	Terry Blanchard



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

February 3

Parishioners of St. Bridget

February 4

Gert Josey by Children
Charles Ray & Jerry Nell Boudreaux by
Susan & Barry Verdun
Keith Babin by Shelly Robinson
Alicia Weimer by Cindy Poiencot

February 6

Therese Gaubert by Deacon Lloyd & Faie Duplantis

February 10

Tristan Ables by Ma Maw and family

February 11

Gert Josey by Children
Charles Ray Boudreaux by Boudreaux and Landry
families
Keith Babin by Mom, Dad, & family

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

Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of:

February 4-10

Charles Ray Boudreaux by Boudreaux and
Lirette families

Aimzy Olivier (DA) Earline and family

February 11-17

Tristan Ables by Ma Maw and family

Billy & Therese Gaubert by Deacon Lloyd & Faie
Duplantis

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus
meet on the 4th Wednes-
day 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.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job experienced months
of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-
7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the
brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — I have become all
things to all, to save at least some (1 Corin-
thians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick
with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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My Dear People of God,

Greetings and best wishes in the Lord.

I would like to begin this column by expressing my deep and sincere gratitude to you for the sentiments you expressed to me and to the Bishop last weekend when I was installed as your pastor. I was delighted and humbled. The reception after Mass was a wonderful expression of the faith community here in Schriever. I would like in a special way to thank all those who cooked the delicious meals, set up the Annex and picked up thereafter. It was truly a wonderful day. I look forward to our journey together.

As I look back to my time here thus far, it feels like I only got here yesterday- but in reality, it has been a year already. Time flies so fast. In fact, it is already February 2018, that means in ten more months 2018 is gone! Each one of us will be another year older and closer to end of our life's journey here on earth. Yes, every passing day, week, month, year is drawing us closer to that final encounter with God. Most, if not all of us live busy lives and this busyness of life sometimes distracts or obscures us from the reality of our life's journey. As a result of this we can end up living a spiritually impoverished life as the daily cares and busyness take all our time.

In the Gospel reading today, we have a glimpse at a day in the life of Jesus. In these few paragraphs we can deduce that Jesus was very busy- ministering in the Synagogue, house visit and in the evening the whole town was there. He was preaching, teaching, healing and forming disciples. He was a busy man. But in the midst of all this busyness, Jesus took time to pray! The gospel states that "***Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed***". If Jesus prayed, how much more should we pray?

So what is prayer? Prayer is essentially a relationship with God. It is the time and opportunity that we have to relate to God what is going on in our lives and in turn allows God to relate to us how we should go about living our lives. In the Gospel of John we read that Jesus said: "... ***I do nothing on my own but only the will of the Father who sent me***" (John 5:19). Therefore, when Jesus rose very early before dawn to go to a deserted place to pray, it means that He went to relate to the Father what was going on and to in turn receive instruction on how to proceed. This is a wonderful model for us to follow.

St Francis de Sales, the Patron of our Diocese is famously quoted to have said, "***Every Christian needs half an hour of prayer every day, except when they are busy, because then- they need an hour***". At a first glance, it doesn't seem to make sense, but indeed it does make logical sense. The more weight we need to carry, the more energy we need to mobilize, the bigger the project we have, the more resources we need to put in for it etc. Many times however, we give the excuse of not having enough time to pray, but in reality that excuse is only an expression that prayer is not a priority. If we regard prayer as important, we shall surely find time for it just as we find time for important things in our life.

Let us consider food/eating: when was the last time you heard that someone died of starvation because they were too busy and did not have enough time to eat? The same applies to our spiritual lives, if we do not nourish our spiritual lives with prayer, the unfortunate result is a spiritually impoverished life leading to spiritual death. Therefore, in the midst of our busy lives, it is important that we find time to pray. St Paul admonishes that: “...***brethren do not be in the dark so that the day of the Lord does not overtake you like a thief***” 1Thes 5:4. This then is a very good time to take stock of our spiritual life by asking the questions: How is my prayer life? How much do I pray? Is prayer a priority in my life? With honest answers to these questions, we can then map the way forward.

Next week, we enter the Holy Season of Lent. It is a special time and season to renew and strengthen our spiritual lives. As we look forward to and prepare for that Holy Season, may I suggest that we consider now how we shall revamp and strengthen our relationship with God through prayer.

Many Thanks and God bless

Fr Simon Peter

Catholic Social Teaching: The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God’s creation.

In the first reading, Job uses the image of oppressed workers. He talks of a worker who sees all of life as drudgery, a slave who longs for the shade, and a hireling who waits for wages. Oppressive treatment of workers is not in God’s plan. Catholic Social Teaching tries to speak up for oppressed labor. It is not God’s desire that human beings be treated as simply “tools” for production. God calls us to create a society where everyone has meaningful work with a living wage. God calls us to be a part of a world where we can all be creative human beings working for and enjoying the benefits of the world God has given us.

In the gospel Jesus spends a day dealing with those who are burdened by sickness or various demons. Jesus offers healing. God desires healing. Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that God wants good things for the people. Personal, loving care for those in need is at the heart of our religious practice. Adequate health care is a human right for all God’s people. God calls us to create a society where everyone has access to health care, where everyone is treated with dignity and respect, and where the values of society put people first.

Catholic Social Teaching is a powerful message to share with our world as it faces so many problems. There is something exciting when it is shared with the world. It is a source of liberation. In the gospel Jesus desires to move on to the other towns and keep sharing the message with everyone. In the second reading, Paul talks of great desire to make any sacrifice to share the power of this good news. Our social teaching can be a source of liberation for all in need. It is to be shared free of charge to everyone.

God is concerned with our human needs. God wants us to get into action.

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.

Visit our website at

www.stbridget-htdiocese.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.

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.