

St. Bridget Catholic Church

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018**

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
— 1 Corinthians 10:31

**2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal
in the Year of Hope**

Partners in Hope

Our Diocese continues to celebrate hope as we enter into our 2018 Partners in Hope Annual Bishop's Appeal, encouraging all to join us as we serve in the Lord's mission together. It is HOPE that inspires us to join together as one Diocese and to be successful in all that we do. We ask that you join us as a partner in hope to make a difference in the lives of others across our Diocese. When you make a gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal as a Partner in Hope, you are directly supporting our retired priests, the office of adult formation, youth formation and family ministries. Each of these ministries directly impacts our parishioners, and it is your generosity that allows our Diocese to continue ministering to you. As in years past, your gift will go towards your church parish goals, and all church parishes who exceed their appeal goal will receive a percentage back to support the parish. Please prayerfully consider a gift to support your parish and our Diocesan Annual Bishop's Appeal as a Partner in Hope.

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.



Masses

Ash Wednesday—

Lent Distribution of Ashes at 8:00
am & 6:00 pm Mass

Monday's of Lent—8:00 am & 5:45 pm

Tuesday -Friday—8:00am and 6:00pm

**On Friday Way of the Cross begins at
5:30 followed by Mass**

**Thursday's of Lent after Mass there
will be a Why We Worship viewing
with Father Simon Peter. This will
serve as our Lent Mission.**

CRS Rice Bowl helps us encounter Lent

We are called to love our neighbor. But, like the scholar in the scripture passage, we may find ourselves wondering, "Who is my neighbor?" This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program, will help us answer that question.

We are invited to reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor—as companions on life's journeys—can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting and alms can support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities.

Join nearly 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses around the U.S. in prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent. Together, we will serve our brothers and sisters most in need around the world while forming families and faith communities in global solidarity.

§ Through **prayer**, we encounter Christ, present in the faces of every member of our human family, so often still walking that long road to Calvary.

- Through **fasting**, we encounter our own obstacles, those things about ourselves that prevent us from loving God and neighbor.
- Through **almsgiving**, we encounter our brothers and sisters around the world, asking what we can give up so that others might have life to the fullest.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide, and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor. Each day of Lent, individuals are invited to use the Lenten Calendar—included with every CRS Rice Bowl—to guide their Lenten almsgiving. These daily almsgiving activities—for example, give 25 cents for every faucet found in your home—help families reflect on the realities of our brothers and sisters around the world and how they can be in solidarity during the Lenten season.

How will you contribute to the culture of encounter this Lent?

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		February 17-18, 2018	
	4 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Lector	Linda Hernandez	Claire Falgout	Joan Bourg
Commentator	Anne Naquin	Phil Schexnayder	Randal Alfred
Eucharistic Ministers	Team 4	Team 8	Team 13

Homebound	Feb 16	Diana Bailly
Money Counters	Feb 19	Team 1
Church Cleaners	Feb.	Catholic Daughters
Altar Linens	Feb.	Terry Blanchard



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

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
Diane Levron by Medrick and family

February 14

Kirvey & Vilrey "TV" Gagneaux by family

February 17

Billy Gaubert by Deacon Lloyd and Faie Duplantis

February 18

Gert Josey by children

Aida Moncivaiz Fontenot by Moncivaiz family

Marion Knight by Godfrey Knight
Jimmy Coupel by Dianna and family

Laurie Heber by Mom and Dad

Fred LeBouef by Emily and family

Keith Babin by Mom and Dad

Diane Levron by Medrick and family



Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of:

February 11-17

Tristan Ables by Ma Maw and family
Billy & Therese Gaubert by Deacon Lloyd & Faie Duplantis

Diane Levron by Medrick and family

February 18-24

Brandon Filardo by Mom and Dad
Ernest and Betty Mabile

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 Troups.

- 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.



My Dear People of God,

Today we celebrate the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time and it is also the last Sunday before we begin the holy season of Lent. Yes, this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday.

The key subject this weekend is leprosy as it is evident in the first reading and in the Gospel. In biblical times, lepers were treated as outcasts, they were to live apart and could not be touched by anyone. We all know the power and effect of touch. It is said that touch is the nourishment of the soul as it expresses acceptance and affirmation. This very powerful human experience was denied to lepers. It is therefore very important to note that when the leper comes to Jesus and asks for healing, Jesus first touches him and then he heals him. In touching before healing, Jesus affirms the dignity of the human person in the leper. In other words, this act of Jesus was meant; ‘with or without leprosy, I love you’!

Mother Theresa once said that *“being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by every body is a much greater hunger than poverty and the person who has nothing to eat”*. The touch from Jesus alone without the healing could have meant a lot to the leper. Imagine how good the leper felt when Jesus touched him. He must have felt that he was a human being after all. His body was horribly wounded by leprosy and his spirit was even more deeply wounded by the sense of having been rejected and abandoned by everyone, including God. By touching him therefore, Jesus brought healing even to his wounded spirit.

This is a very important lesson for all of us especially those that have to care for the sick. Tender loving care to the sick is as important as the medical remedies. It is therefore not uncommon that when people come out of the hospital after a bout of sickness, one of the things they always comment on is how they were physically and emotionally treated by the doctors and nurses. Jesus therefore challenges us his followers to reach out to those that society rejects today and to be a source of healing for them.

LENT: The holy season of Lent is already upon us. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. It is a special season for spiritual renewal and deepening our relationship with God. The Church invites us in a special way to the three fold Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting & Abstinence and lastly Almsgiving.

On Ash Wednesday our foreheads will be marked with ashes accompanied the words from the book of Genesis after the Fall- *‘... remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return’* (Gen 3:19). Yes, we need to be reminded and indeed to remind ourselves of this basic truth. Yet despite this reminder we sometimes forget that without God we are nothing. Without God, all that remains of us is that little pile of dust. And yet with God, we are more than just dust. The ash is therefore a call to detachment from this world and a focus rather on God. The lyrics of Jim Reeves famous song probably capture this best: *“This world is not my home I'm just a passing through, My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue, The angels beckon me from heaven's open door, And I can't feel at home in this world anymore..”*

In these few days before Lent, may I invite each one of us to make our Lenten Plan. If indeed this world is not our home and if our ultimate home is in heaven, how are we going to foster that truth in our daily life? The Church invites us to do it thru Prayer, Fasting & Abstinence and through Almsgiving. Through prayer, we express our dependence upon God. Fasting and abstinence on the other hand, are practices that remind our bodies that there are higher and greater values than food or drink. While Almsgiving is a recognition of our human solidarity and the need to reach out to those in need.

Fr Simon Peter

ST. BRIDGET LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Comment/Notes
Ash Wednesday	8:00 am & 6:00 pm	with distribution of Ashes
Monday's of Lent	8:00 am & 5:45 pm	5:45 Mass CCD Children attend
Tuesday-Friday	8:00 am & 6:00 pm	Thursdays—Mass followed by “Why We Worship” Friday-5:30 pm Way of the Cross
Saturdays of Lent	8:30 am	

HOLY WEEK

Wednesday	6:40 pm	Seder Meal (after 6:00pm Mass)
Holy Thursday	10:30 am 7:00 pm	Chrim Mass @ St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Houma Mass of the Lords Supper followed by Eucharistic Adoration till midnight.
Good Friday	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Out Door Way of the Cross Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	8:30 am & 10:30 am	Easter Sunday

Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

The first reading reminds us of the social effects of a disease like leprosy in biblical times and even today. Not only is a person's body affected, but also his or her relationship with family and community. In the gospel, the healing work of Jesus not only cures the person, but also allows him to reenter the community. Human solidarity is restored. Relationship with the community is healed. This level of healing is what Catholic social teaching is about.

Solidarity is one of the key values in Catholic Social Teaching. So many things in our contemporary world prevent solidarity. Today's readings invite us to reflect on many of the issues that divide our world and its people: racism, economic inequalities, unemployment, lack of access to medical treatment, terrorism, discrimination against women, political divisions, etc.

We are called to be like Paul in the second reading who strives “for the benefit of the many” – who seeks the common good – who wants to heal the divisions.

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. The chapel is open during daylight hours. Those wishing to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament between 7 pm and 6 am need to contact the rectory at 985-446-6801 for a key fob.

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

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.

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.

It's World's Finest Candy Time

The youth will be selling World's Finest Candy after masses. Proceeds from the sales are used to fund youth events such as Steubenville on the Bayou, Game Night, and the National Catholic Youth Conference. Thanks for your generosity and support of the youth programs at St. Bridget.

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 beginning at 6:45 pm. Mark your calendar now—plan to learn more about your faith with us.

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

Catholic Daughters Corner

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 at 7 pm in the Annex. Annual dues of \$25 are now due.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus meet on the 4th Wednesday 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Second Collection

Next Weekend our parish will take up the National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!