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First Sunday of Lent - February 18, 2018

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— *Psalm 25:4*

2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal in the Year of Hope

With the 2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal Commitment Weekend arriving, all parishioners of St. Bridget parish are encouraged to prayerfully consider making a commitment. When making your commitment, please remember that by being a Partner in Hope, you are supporting Priests Retirement, Adult Formation, Youth Formation and Family Ministries, along with allowing parishes that surpass their goal to receive a portion back.

The goal of the Diocese is \$1,000,000, which is a very achievable goal with your support. Additionally, if the Diocese reaches its goal, then a percentage of funds will be returned to all parishes that go over its individual goal. Please prayerfully consider a gift to support our Annual Bishop's Appeal and our parish. You can give online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal, return your personalized commitment cards at Mass this weekend, or you may simply mail your commitment to the Diocese in the provided envelope.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

CRS Rice Bowl helps us encounter Lent

Before beginning his ministry, Jesus went into the desert to pray. He did not eat or drink; he fasted and used the time to focus on his relationship with God. Today, during the 40 days before Easter known as Lent, we too are called to focus on our relationship with God. Catholics do 3 things to grow closer to God during Lent: **pray**, **fast**, and **give** alms to those in need. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the three pillars of Lenten spirituality.

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar can guide us this Lent especially as we care for those most vulnerable – those experiencing hunger, lack of economic opportunity, or violence that forces them to migrate.

This week, we pray for Majd in Iraq and all those fleeing violence. Safety and security are essential to living a dignified life.

The week of **February 25th**, we pray for Celsa and all young people of Nicaragua. Access to dignified work at a fair wage allows people to remain with their families and build up their communities.

Beginning March 4th, we pray for Saflata and all farmers in Burkina Faso. God created everything. And He said all these things are good. We find God in these good things and so we must take care of creation for ourselves and for our entire human family.

The week of **March 11th**, we pray for Andrise and all teachers in Haiti. A good education doesn't just benefit the student – it benefits the community, making home a safer, more inclusive place.

Beginning March 18, we pray for Alefa and the people of Malawi. Nutritious food is vital to dignified life. If not is available, families may be forced to migrate.

Beginning Palm Sunday and throughout **Holy Week**, we focus on our journey with Christ to Calvary. Walk the Stations of the Cross using the CRS Rice Bowl videos available at crsricebowl.org/holyweek

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		February 24-25, 2018	
	4 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Lector	Anne Naquin	Melissa Pierce	Jan Marcel
Commentator	Mary Heiser	Nina Billiot	Claire Babin
Eucharistic Ministers	Team 5	Team 9	Team 14

Homebound	Feb 23	Cheryl Henderson
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 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

February 19

Diane Levron, Maxine Boudreaux and the families of CCD Students by CCD Staff

February 21

Jules & Joyce LeBoeuf by Wayne and family

Jodie Banas (DA) by Smith family

February 24

Leon & Thelma Schexnaydre by Louis & Delsie Stevens

February 25

Keith Babin by Mom, Dad and family

Diane Levron by Medrick and 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 18-24

Brandon Filardo by Mom and Dad

Ernest and Betty Mabile

Corbett Richard (DA) & Ruby Richard (B) by

Janice & Rogers Benoit & family

Feb 25-March 3

Parishioners of St. Bridget

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,

Welcome to the holy season of Lent, a season of renewal and deepening our relationship with the Lord. Ash Wednesday ushered us into this holy season with that ancient and profound ritual of ashes. The opening prayer for Mass on Ash Wednesday probably sums up in a succinct manner, the purpose of this holy season: “*Grant O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint...*”. It is apparent from the opening prayer that holy fasting is not an option and that the purpose of the season is (spiritual) battle against spiritual evils. In this spiritual battle, the Church invites us in a special way to focus on three areas: Prayer, Fasting & Abstinence and Almsgiving.

This past week in the days leading up to and after Ash Wednesday, the most common topic has probably been around what is being given up for Lent. You may have been asked “What are you giving up for Lent” or you have heard someone say; “I am giving up ___ for Lent”. In some sense, Lent has been reduced to a season of merely giving up things and the result of this is that once Easter comes our lives are no more different on Easter Sunday than on Ash Wednesday! In reality, lent is much more than what we give up, it is about what God wants to do in our lives. It is about an Encounter with the living God.

It is said that “Our *experience* shapes our *expectations* and our *expectations* shape our *experience*”. Our past *experience* of Lent is what shapes our current *expectations* for this Lent and those *expectations* will influence our experience of this lent. What has been our experience of lent? Did we have an encounter with God? What are our expectations for this lent? Do we expect a deeper and new experience of God? Do we expect a renewed relationship with God? In the opening prayer for this first Sunday of lent, we pray as follows: “*Grant almighty God, through the yearly observance of holy Lent, that we may **grow** in understanding **the riches hidden in Christ** and by worthy conduct pursue their effects...*” There is therefore an expectation of growth in understanding the riches hidden in Christ. What are these riches? The riches of the kingdom of God, the greatest of which is the gift of eternal life. This is what we celebrate at Easter- the gift of eternal life manifested for us in a concrete way in the resurrection.

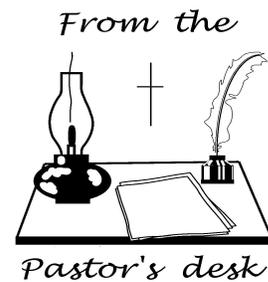
My dear brothers and sisters, being Christian is about encounter with God in Christ Jesus. An **Encounter** “which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction towards eternal life. An encounter- and a *Deep Personal* encounter. When we have an encounter with God, we can never be and remain the same, it is *Life-changing* encounter. A life-changing encounter that gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction. For some of us, that’s not been your experience and so that’s nowhere on our radar as an expectation. However, what if it were? Would you want that? What if it were your experience? What could that look like for your life? What if this Lent were so personal that you landed at Easter with new horizon and a decisive direction for your life. Would you want that? What if this Lent everything changed? What if God were relevant, more relevant than ever? What if God was personal, more personal, what if God wanted that so much that He already gave you the key in today’s readings? Would you be willing to listen to find out?

The first verse of our Responsorial Psalm is very insightful in refocusing our expectations so that we may have a fruitful Lenten season in which we grow in our understanding of the riches hidden in Christ. “*Your ways, O Lord make known to me; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior*”. I would like to invite each one of us to take those words to heart personally. To honestly and genuinely ask God to make known His ways to us and to teach us His paths. That entails a deliberate and intentional decision to surrender our ways and paths to His ways and paths. It entails a disposition of docility allowing Him guide and teach us.

As your pastor and one who loves you, I have spent long hours to prepare, so that this Lent will not be the same! Each one of you received on Ash Wednesday a resource for this Lenten Season. I would like to encourage and challenge each one of you to use it. I would like each one of us to develop our Lenten plan from that resource. Specifically, I would like to challenge each one to prayerfully and honestly undertake an Examination of Our Conscience based on the seven deadly sins; to commit to view the Why We Worship videos and to go to Mass at least once during the week throughout the Lenten Season.

I look forward to the Lenten journey with you all.

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

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

In Mark's gospel, the story of Jesus' temptations in the desert is summarized in one brief sentence. “The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.” This may be a good occasion for us to use our imaginations and experience in order to reflect on the temptation which we encounter in our world today – especially in the area of social sin.

We may be tempted:

- to assess who we are by what we have
- to live a life rugged individualism, rather than solidarity and community
- to control or manipulate others rather than respect freedom and human rights
- to prejudge or exclude others
- to use immoral means toward good ends
- to use the gift of creation in an abusive and destructive way
- to be silent in the face of injustice.

Lent is a time for us to slow down and reflect on the temptations we encounter and learn from them. Lent is a time for us to grow into a new way of being.

All three readings remind us of the desire of God to save us from all these temptations and evils and lead us to something better. The bow in the sky, the covenant, the baptism of Christ, the ministry of angels to Jesus, and the proclamation of Jesus to the people of Galilee, all remind us of the salvation that God wants for us and for the world. This salvation must extend to our structures and institutions so that all men and women can enjoy salvation. In the gospel Jesus proclaims: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

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.

Youth Rally—March 24th!

Youth Rally will be held at VCHS for youth in grades 8–12. The cost is \$50 per student. Youth interested in attending are to return the form and fees to Miss Bernadette by March 5th. Scholarships are available for those unable to pay fees. See Miss Bernadette for more information.

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.

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 for more info.

Rummage Sale is Coming in June

Lent is an excellent time to begin Spring Cleaning! The Catholic Daughters and Youth Group will host the annual summer rummage sale on Saturday, June 2nd in the Annex. More details are forthcoming.

Catholic Daughters Corner

Due to the Lenten Mission and viewing of Why We Worship, the March Catholic Daughter meeting has been moved to Wednesday, March 14th at 7 pm in the Community Life Annex. Catholic women age 18 and above are encouraged to attend.

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.

CCD Classes resume February 19

CCD classes resume Monday, February 19th for all students. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the 5:45 pm Mass on Monday evenings with our CCD classes.

Families are encouraged to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl lessons during Lent.

Recycling—Be Careful!

Please refrain from entering church property from Hwy 24 on Mondays. CCD is in session on Monday evenings.

Please help us remind all that use the recycling bin to enter the property from Hwy 311 and exit onto Hwy 24. Also, please drive slowly and carefully. Our children's lives are in danger when vehicles are not safe!