

St. Bridget Catholic Church

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Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 10:30 am
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Sunday: 7:30-8:25 am and 10:00-10:25 am
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Third Sunday of Easter - April 15, 2018

You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.
— *Psalm 4:9*

BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

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Catholic Daughter's of the Americas



CDA is the largest Catholic women's organization in the world. Court St. Bridget of Sweden meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Community Life Annex.

All Catholic women (age 18 and above) are encouraged to attend a meeting, learn more about the organization, and join.

The next meeting is May 10th at 7 pm.

The annual CDA/Youth rummage sale is Saturday, June 2nd. All are encouraged to help with the rummage sale.



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

Thank You - ABA

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 St. Bridget parish has reached 102.5% of its appeal goal, thank you.

Time is still available to make a commitment. Commitment cards are in the pews and can be placed in the collection basket at Mass or mailed.

More information can be obtained on our website (www.stbridget-htdioocese.org) or by contacting the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3116 or email aponson@htdioocese.org.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		April 21—22	
	Extraordinary Ministers	Lector	Commentator
Saturday 4:00 pm	Team 2	Steve Mire	Ann Naquin
Sunday 8:30 am	Team 6	Jeanette Schexnayder	Annie Knight
Sunday 10:30 am	Team 13	Jan Marcel	Karen Dufrene

Homebound	April 20	Diana Bailly
Money Counters	April 16	Team 3
Church Cleaners	April	Nina Richard
Altar Linens	April	America Lombas

**The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of:
April 15—21.**



Tomas Rivero by Moncivaiz family

April 22-28

Brandon Filardo by Mom and Dad
Paul (DA) & Pearl (B) Hebert by Family
Gerry Benoit (B) by James Benoit

Masses

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

April 14 4:00 pm

Tristan Ables by Ma Maw and family

April 15 8:30 am

Marion Knight by Godfrey Knight
Fred LeBouef by Emily and family
Diane Levron by Medrick and family
James Brunet (B) by Brunet family

April 15 10:30 am

Aida Moncivaiz Fontento by family
Gaston Breaux (DA) by Thomas family
Keith Babin by Mom and Dad

April 17 8:00 am

Laurie Hebert by Mom & Dad

April 21 4:00 pm

Jules & Joyce LeBeouf by Wayne & family

April 22 8:30 am

Jimmy Coupel by Diane and family
Herman Hebert (DA) by family
Diane Levron by Medrick and family

April 22 10:30 am

Keith Babin by Mom & Dad
Belle & James Brunet by Brunet family

Maria Immacolata Parish

Presents

La Bonne Terre Festival

Saturday April 21st— 8am -11pm

Maria Immacolata Church Grounds

246 Corporate Dr., Houma

Live Music-Food-Rides-Games

Silent Auction & more

www.labonneterrefestival.org

Prayer for Vocations

Gracious God,

With grateful hearts we welcome the presence of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We accept the mission of Jesus to bring good news to the world by our baptismal commitment to gospel living. Bless us with discerning hearts. May we have the courage to give our lives in loving service through married life, the single life, the consecrated life, and ordained life. Inspire men and women to respond generously and embrace the gift of a religious vocation. We unite our prayers with the whole Church, with the communion of saints, with Jesus and the Spirit in praise and thanksgiving now and forever. Amen.



Haiti Golf Tournament & Silent Auction

April 23

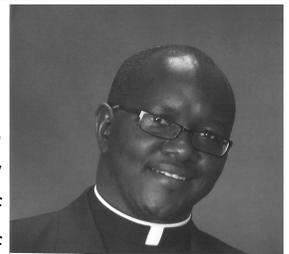
Ellendale Country Club

Visit www.haitimissioninc.com for registration information,

My Dear people of God,

Easter greetings and best wishes! The Lord is risen, Alleluia Alleluia.

As we continue to celebrate the gift of the resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, the gospel reading today is an invitation to us to reflect and focus on the reality of bodily resurrection. In our profession of faith (the Apostles Creed) we profess belief in “*..the resurrection of body and in life everlasting*”. Indeed, the bodily resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith.



The primary focus of the gospel today is to show that the risen Jesus is the same person that the apostles had known prior to the crucifixion. Furthermore and probably more importantly, the message of the gospel is to show that the same person who suffered the brutal journey of the cross has emerged victorious. It is however, evidently clear that the resurrection is merely a return to earthly life. Jesus has risen to a new life beyond the former life.

The disciples having lived with and witnessed the power of Jesus were delighted by their relationship with Him. The miracles He performed, the powerful teachings He gave and above all the promise of eternal life with God warmed their hearts. Although He frequently told them about the eventuality of His suffering and death, they couldn't reconcile it with what they saw, experienced and heard from Him. How can one so powerful and favored by God, ever suffer, they must have wondered. Because of this, the Way of the Cross was a devastating experience for them.

The shock caused by His brutal suffering and death was such that, the disciples were left with little to trust and believe in the resurrection. It is therefore up to Jesus to yet again teach and convince them that He is alive. That, there is life after death. That the suffering He underwent was only a means to a new life. This then prepared the apostles and indeed all the disciples of Jesus for their own suffering and death. Having seen and witnessed both the suffering/death and resurrection of Jesus, they were then convinced that the words He had spoken to them before were true: “*...whoever lives and believes in me will never die*” (John 11:26).

The evangelist Billy Graham who recently concluded his earthly journey, once said; “*..if ever you hear anybody say that Billy Graham has died or that Billy Graham's life has ended, do not believe them, I believe in God and in Jesus Christ His Son, therefore I will never die*”. That was truly a statement of faith. In fact, that statement is in line with the Preface I For the Dead (used at Catholic funeral Masses) that states that “*Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed and not ended and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.*”

The core message of this third Sunday of Easter therefore is that our bodies will share in the triumph of the resurrection. All the resurrection accounts stress that Jesus rose with His body, the tomb is empty, the apostles touched Him, He ate and walked with them. All these appearances and manifestations convey the message that, He is the same person, yet somehow changed and therefore not immediately recognizable. The resurrected body is not subject to the human limitations of time and space. The resurrection therefore is not merely a return to earthly life (as in the case of Lazarus) but to a new life that is beyond death (eternal life).

The bodily resurrection of Jesus opened the way for our own bodily resurrection. This is the profound basis for the Catholic attitude towards the human body. An attitude that pays due regard to the body because it is destined for eternal life. We therefore take care of the bodies of the hungry, the sick and most importantly those of the dead because we know they are destined to share in the resurrection of Jesus.

May the joy and peace of the risen Lord fill our hearts and minds. And may the good news of the bodily resurrection of Jesus be our strength and hope.

Happy Easter

Fr. Simon Peter

CCD - Youth News

CCD Parent Meeting—April 16th

Parents of students currently in grades 5 and above are to meet in the Community Life Annex at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 16th. This meeting is to discuss youth events and fundraising for youth events.

Persons who are interested in helping with youth ministry and do not have children in this age range are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting.

Parents of students attending Steubenville on the Bayou this year **MUST** attend the meeting.

Steubenville on the Bayou News

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 information. Hotel reservations are currently being made for this event—don't be left out!



In Jesus the Victory is Won!

St. Bridget Catholic Church Vacation Bible School

June 4 – 8, 2018 9 am – Noon

For youth entering grades K – 6

\$40 per youth; \$30 each for siblings

Registration is available at

<https://stbridget-htdiocese.org/ccd-youth-news>

CCD Final Class April 16th

CCD registration forms were sent home through CCD class. The forms are to be returned to the CCD teacher as soon as possible. The final CCD class for 2017—2018 is Monday, April 18th.

The CCD staff is extremely thankful for all who help with CCD and youth ministry. It is one of the most rewarding ways to bring others to Jesus and learn at the same time.

We are seeking energetic volunteers for the CCD program for 2018—2019. Help is needed in several areas. Please prayerfully consider joining the CCD team at St. Bridget.

Ministry Info

Ministry information was provided at the Spring Fling last weekend. Thanks to all who signed up for ministry.

Ministry has been categorized as Liturgical, Service, and Formation. Liturgical ministers assist during the Mass. Service ministers help with the routine operation of the parish. Formation ministry pertains to growing and helping others grow in their faith.

Currently three areas of service ministry are needed: Money Counters and Altar Linen Cleaners.

Money Counters serve the parish by counting the weekly collections and making the bank deposits. These volunteers are needed on Mondays after the 8 am Mass. Contact Bernadette at 985-446-6801 for more details.

Altar Linen Cleaners are needed to launder the corporals, purificators, and hand towels used during Mass. This ministry is performed from the comfort of your home. Please contact Nina Richard 985-438-1015 or Bernadette for more information.

Thanks to all who helped with the Spring Fling. Fellowship, food, and fun were enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who signed up for ministry. Someone will contact you soon.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Fr. Simon Peter Engurait, Phil Schexnayder, Mike Richard, Nina Richard, Tracy Baudoin, Peggy Pitre, Deacon Stephen Brunet

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fr. Simon Peter Engurait, Amy Baudoin, Nicholas Billiot, Nina Billiot, Burnelle and Margaret Landry, Curtis Knight, Medrick Levron, Albert Rogers, Deacon Stephen Brunet

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TEAM: Father Simon Peter, Amy Baudoin, Nicholas Billiot, Nina Billiot, Kellie Bishop, Claire Falgout, Mary Louviere, Bernadette Mabile, Mark Olin, Sharon Pollet, Father Mark Touns (Liaison).

The second graders will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday April 22nd at the 8:30 am Mass. All the children receiving First Holy Communion are to attend practice on Saturday April 21st from 9 am—12 noon. There will be a beignet breakfast after the Mass. All are welcome

The Sacrament of **Confirmation** will be celebrated Sunday, April 22nd at Mass at 6:00 pm. Confirmation practice for candidates and their sponsors is April 15th at 6 pm in the church. All are invited to the reception following the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A JOURNEY WITH THE SAINTS

*Pilgrimage to Sweden-Rome
Assisi-San Giovanni Rotondo*

September 16 to 27, 2018

**Featuring: St. Bridget
St. Francis & St. Claire**

Padre Pio

St. Benedict

St. Ignatius of Loyola

St. Francis Xavier

St. John Paul II

Spiritually led by

Fr. Simon Peter Engurait

Call the office if interested. 985 446-6801



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Envelopes	\$	3670.00
Loose	\$	<u>1243.00</u>
		4913.00

Food Bank \$70.00

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 63.00

Electronic sign \$ 71.00

Attendance 402

Thanks for your generosity.

Electronic sign	Goal	\$25,000.00
	On hand	\$22,642.70

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAU

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

All three scriptures today speak about "repentance and the forgiveness of sins." The risen Jesus proclaims forgiveness, renewal, and new life. The attitude of Christians is not of revenge and violence, but of reconciliation and forgiveness.

The early church community could have reacted to the killing of Jesus, by trying to get revenge or by trying to destroy those who killed Jesus or throwing out those who denied or betrayed Jesus. They were initially afraid of the authorities; however, Jesus came saying "Peace be with you." Jesus came giving the power to forgive. Instead of fear, revenge and violence, the early community seems to have adopted an attitude of forgiveness and reconciliation, even toward those who had been so hostile to Jesus and his teaching and even toward those who persecuted the early Christian community.

John writes that Jesus "is expiation for our sins, and not, for our sins only but for those of the whole world." In the gospel, Jesus says that this repentance and forgiveness are called to forgive other people.

In what way we are also called to apply this attitude of mercy and forgiveness to social sin?

We are not called to be passive and do nothing in the face of injustice.

We are called to speak up strongly and act boldly.

We are called to an active and loving nonviolence.

How does this spirit of forgiveness influence our action for justice?

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, Elvin Babin, Tommy Badeaux, Donald Banowetz, Chad Barrileaux, Ronnie Bednarz, Chuck Beebe, Judith Benoit, Nedward 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, Martha Cortez, Ruben Cunningham, 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, Ben Frisella, Dante Galliano, Toby Gambarella, Leigh Ann Gardner, Belinda Gil, Brandon Gil, George Gil, The Gil Family, Austin Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Vergie Gros, Kendra Guillot, Curley Hebert, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr. Jessie Hoffpauir, Samara Holland, Kristen Koppel, Jackson LaFleur, Elmay Landry, Judie Landry, Joyce Landry, Mark Landry, Barbara Nell Lapeyrouse, Chester Lecompte, Evelyn Leger, Tammy Babin Loney, Payton Martin, Rick Melancon, Asher Miller, Savannah Miller, Meghan Naquin, Misty Naquin, Shannon Naquin, Annie Ordoyne, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, James Pierce, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Kerri Reynolds, Angel Richard, Bryce Richard, Ella Richard, Lorita Rodrigue, Cynthia Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Lyn Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saunier, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, James Soileau, Bubba McNeil, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Mary Ann Theriot, Cammie Thibodaux, Rudy Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Chris Touts, Joyce Touts, 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.