

# St. Bridget Catholic Church

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March 3, 2019

| Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 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*

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*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 3-9**



Diane Levron by Medrick and family  
Brandon Filardo by Mom and Dad  
March 10-16  
Tristen Ables by Ma Maw and family  
Carrie Callahan (B) by family

DA=Death Anniv.

B= Birthday

WA=Wedding Anniversary

### Mass Intentions



**March 2 4:00 pm**

Olema Darcey, Ida Darcey, Dean  
Naquin, Tom Brown Jr. By Sandra Dunbar

**March 3 8:30 am**

Robert Crochet by Crochet family

**March 3 10:30 am**

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

**March 4** Rosella S. Karp, Marge K.  
Burke and Marie A. Eltz

**March 5** Rosella S. Karp, Marge K.  
Burke and Marie A. Eltz

**March 6** Rosella S. Karp, Marge K.  
Burke and Marie A. Eltz

**March 7** Rosella S. Karp, Marge K.  
Burke and Marie A. Eltz

**March 8** Rosella S. Karp, Marge K.  
Burke and Marie A. Eltz

**March 9 4:00pm**

Vilrey "TV" (B) and Kirvey Gagneaux by Faye Seal,  
Vanessa Knight and families

**March 10 8:30 am**

Robert Crochet by Crochet family

**March 10 10:30 am**

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

## Open Wide Our Hearts Against Racism

A Listening Session On October 14th, 2018 the U.S. Bishop's Committee on Racism led by Bishop Fabre, released a document titled, "Open Wide Our Hearts." In it, they address racism in America by discussing what racism is, how we as a Church have contributed to racism in the past, and how we can work for a future in which the dignity of all human persons is embraced in our hearts. On pages 3-8 of Open Wide Our Hearts, the Bishops tell us that, "Racism arises when—either consciously or unconsciously—a person holds that his or her own race or ethnicity is superior, and therefore judges persons of other races or ethnicities as inferior and unworthy of equal regard...Racist acts are sinful because they violate justice." This occurs because of Original Sin and is manifested when, "... a person ignores the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God." What is needed is a, "genuine conversion of heart, a conversion that will compel change, and the reform of our institutions and society." To understand what this entails, the Bishops have looked to the prophet Micah who tells us, "...to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8) To help us better understand what racism is, why it appears in the human heart, and how it is manifested in the church today, 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@htdiocese.org](mailto:agaudet@htdiocese.org).

A link to the U.S. Bishop's document Open Wide Our Hearts can be found on the diocesan website.

## Lent - Mass Schedule

**Morning Mass at 8 am**  
**Monday—Friday**

**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

## 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 details.



In response to the **Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People** from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has made the following provision for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the church. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has set up an Outreach Line for all victims/survivors of sexual abuse.

In continuing our commitment to support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, to call our outreach line. The Outreach Line operates from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. A trained mental health professional responds to the line. The **Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line** telephone number is (985) 873-0026.

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We recommend that you start with the Sunday readings or a family movie, then explore more.

The code for the mobile app is CXTDZ3

## 2019 Annual Bishop's Appeal

All Gifts Provide Hope. St. Bridget Parish is pleased with the very good early response to the 2019 Annual Bishop's Appeal, for which we are immensely thankful. Thus far, we have achieved 17.33% of our \$15,000.00 goal, however, we know that there are still many who have yet to make their commitment. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal by returning 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](http://www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal) to make your gift online. Please remember that if the Diocese reaches its goal, then a percentage of funds will be returned to all parishes that go over its individual goal. Every gift no matter how big or small makes a difference across our Diocese. Your prayers and gifts support: Seminarian education, Caring for our retired priests, Youth formation and religious education, Catholic education through our Catholic Schools Office. 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](mailto:aponson@htdiocese.org).

### Roast Beef—Next Weekend

Thanks to all who have purchased tickets for the roast beef po-boy lunch. Lunches can be picked up in the Community Life Annex from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Lunches will be DELIVERED to the vehicle. Drivers are to enter from Hwy 311 and exit onto Hwy 24. Please have your tickets ready when you drive in for pick up. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for youth events such as National Catholic Youth Conference, Steubenville on the Bayou, Youth Game Night, local youth events, Steubenville South, and Abbey Youth Festival.

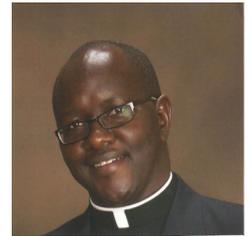
### February 17, 2019

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| Envelopes | \$ 3031.00    | Attendance | 339 |
| Loose     | <u>898.99</u> |            |     |
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*Thank You For Your Generosity*

My Dear people of God,

Today we celebrate the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is also the last Sunday before we enter the holy season of Lent. Yes, the Lenten season is here, this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday!



The readings for this Sunday continue the schooling of the followers of Jesus (discipleship) as they are fashioned into true disciples. The theme therefore ties in and in away follows up from last Sunday which focused on the way we treat others. The focus today is on deceiving character of outward appearances. The readings today especially the first and gospel insist that there must be a some kind of integrity between one's speech and one's actions. In the first reading we read that just as an orchard is judged by the quality of its fruit, so does a person's talk show what kind of person he is: ***"Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested."*** This links up with what Jesus says in the gospel: ***"A tree is known by its fruit... the words of the mouth flow out of what fills the heart."***

This Sunday invites us to focus on ourselves as a community of faith. Unlike last Sunday, here it is no longer a question of love of enemies, but of love one one's brothers and sisters in the community. A Christian is his or her brothers/sisters keeper. But one cannot undertake to guide others unless one knows the way oneself. And criticism of others must be preceded by self-criticism.

My dear brothers and sisters, many times it is easy to see the faults of others, but a psychological wall prevents us from seeing our own faults. We can be blind to or deliberately ignore certain facts about ourselves which are perfectly clear to everyone who has ever lived in the same house with us or worked in the same office with us. One of the main things that blind us to our own faults is a pre-occupation with the faults of others. How anxious many times are we to correct others! Without realizing it, we can become fault finders and critics. But as you know, critics are not the ones who reform and transform the world.

There are few things that give as much satisfaction to the ego as pointing out the mistakes and faults of others. *If only we could tell so and so about that fault of his or hers, and get them to see the error of their ways, how happy our lives would be.* When we think like this, we are thinking only of ourselves. But how we hate and dread being corrected ourselves! We find it unbearable, especially if it is done by someone we don't like.

There are times when correction is called for. In fact, some people have that responsibility entrusted to them; parents, teachers, leaders, and elders. As a responsibility, it can be and should be an expression of love. It is most effective, when the one correcting is doing their best to live a clean life so that the one corrected, has an example to follow.

Jesus tells us to take the beam out of our own eyes first and then we can think about removing the splinter from our neighbors eye. In other words, we must put our own house in order first before daring to try to put someone else's house in order. He that would govern others, should first be master of himself. A leader can only lead if he sees the way himself. The teacher can effectively impart only what he himself has learned. The critic who most profits others is a self-critic. If one is to avoid being a blind guide, one must exercise self criticism. One should look long and carefully at oneself before one considers judging others.

My dear brothers and sisters, every day before we end the day, it is a good practice to examine ourselves (Examination of Conscience). This is an act of self criticism. In the same vein, every year, the Church gives us the holy season of Lent as a protracted period of self-examination and renewal. As we enter into the holy season, may we be renewed and cleansed of the beams in our eyes, so that we may be good disciples.

Thanks and God bless,  
Fr Simon Peter

**Catholic Social Teaching:**

**Call To Family, Community, and Participation**

**The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society-in economics and politics, in law and policy-directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community.**

Does our speech witness gospel joy? Do we say good things about the poor, or do we talk about their supposed laziness? Do we say good things about people of other races, or do we criticize them for being different? Do we speak peace to those around us, or is our language belligerent, hostile, aggressive? Today Jesus warns us about the human tendency to ignore our own flaws while we point out the faults in our neighbor. What we produce is dependent upon what is stored in our heart. We may have a store of goodness, but also a store of evil. A splinter, a branch, or maybe a whole beam may be blocking some of that goodness. We must remove this, and compassionately help others remove theirs, in order to bear more or better fruit.

God sees each of us from the inside. He sees us with a generous and compassionate gaze and does not despise or condemn us for our shortcomings and failings. All our actions should be done in the Lord, and our speech should be goodness from the good in one's heart. People should be able to recognize us as witnesses to God's love in our words and actions.

**Destroying Human Dignity on the Border  
Caring for Immigrants and Refugees**

**Answering the Call for Compassion and Care**

Many asylum-seeking immigrants at the Texas-Mexico border are released by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials at the bus terminal in McAllen as they aim to connect with family members and sponsors in cities as far away as Los Angeles and Chicago, to await their due process. They need some basic supplies. Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley needs shoelaces, gloves, belts in adults and children S-M-L sizes.

**Please bring or mail donations by March 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 to:  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF  
HOUMA-THIBODAU**

**Mother Teresa  
Women's Giving Circle**

The Women's Giving Circle is a new initiative of the Catholic Foundation dedicated to bringing together a group of women to learn about the needs in our Diocese and community, to raise awareness and funds for philanthropic giving. Through collective giving, collaboration, and shared faith, The Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle seeks to promote philanthropy that empowers women, compels action, and glorifies God. To join visit [catholicfoundationsl.org](http://catholicfoundationsl.org).

**SAVE THE DATE**

Kick Off Mass and Brunch

Location: St. Thomas Aquinas

March 16 at 9 am

Sip and Learn

Location: Maria Immacolata

April 23 at 4:30 pm

***For more information please visit  
[catholicfoundationsl.org](http://catholicfoundationsl.org) or call 985-850-3116.***

I received the following message through the web site from someone who called themselves Very Concerned.

why do you publish some mass and sanctuary light offerings and not others

Let me assure you that I try to the best of my ability to publish all Masses and Sanctuary light offerings. When someone pays for a Mass or Sanctuary Light it is recorded in the Daily Mass Record Book.

If I missed one it was not on purpose.

If I miss one & I am notified of the fact, I will add it at another date or time as requested.

Please accept my apologies if I did not print your Mass or Sanctuary Light intention.

Jeanette, Secretary 446-6801

## Help Need to set up the St. Joseph Altar

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019**, men are needed to set up the actual altar. A few trucks will be needed to move doors, and other items from the storage areas.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**, Need volunteers with Irons and Ironing Boards to iron table clothes for the altar and place the table clothes on the tables.

**Bakers** are needed to bake items at home to display on the altar. Items need to be brought to the St Joseph Altar at the Annex on March 16<sup>th</sup>, and March 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 6:00pm and March 18<sup>th</sup> by 12 noon.

If anyone has any questions, please call Linda Ardoin 985-713-1917 or Carmen Richard 985-991-8018.

### *Encounter Lent*

Join our school community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from **St. Bridget** on **March 2-3**. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

## March 19, 2019 St. Joseph Altar

**Blessing: 7:30AM.**

**Viewing: 7:30AM to 6:00PM.**

**Noon: Shrimp Jambalaya available**

**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:

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| Terrebonne Main Library<br>151 Library Drive<br>Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm<br>J. Gaudet: Site Coordinator | Galliano Government Complex<br>16241 E Main St, Cut Off<br>Wed. and Fri.: 9am – 4pm |
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### Appointment Only Sites:

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| Thibodaux Health Unit<br>2535 Veterans Blvd<br>Tue. and Thur. 8am – 2:30pm<br>Leslie Guidry: 985-227-1936 | Lockport Town Hall<br>710 Church Street<br>Tues. and Fri.: 9am - 4pm<br>Candy Bruce: 985-258-6801 |
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Lafourche Parish Government Complex  
4876 Hwy 1, Mathews  
Monday and Wednesdays: 9am – 4pm  
Cheryl Cavalier: 985-696-3600

## 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, Sara Aucoin, Elvin Babin, Tommy Badaeux, Donald Banowitz, Chad Barri-leaux, Ronnie Bednarz, Chuck Beebe, Gertrude Benoit, Judith 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, Huey Cortez Sr., Martha Cortez, 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, Dante Galliano, Toby Gambarella, Leigh Ann Gardner, Carrie Gibbens Belinda Gil, Brandon Gil, George Gil, The Gil Family, Carrie Mae Givens, Austin Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Vergie Gros, Kendra Guillot, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr., Jessie Hoffpauir, Samara Holland, Kristen Koppel, Jackson LaFleur, Elmay Landry, Judie Landry, Joyce Landry, Craig Landry, Mark Landry, Barbara Nell Lapeyrouse, Allie LeBlanc, Chester Lecompte, Evelyn Leger, Tammy Babin Loney, Tim Long, Payton Martin, Rick Melancon, Asher Miller, Savannah Miller, Emma Mire, Meghan Naquin, Misty Naquin, Shannon Naquin, Annie Ordoyne, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, Kenneth Pitre, James Pierce, Kip Pierce, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Kerri Reynolds, Bryce Richard, Ella Richard, Lorita Rodrigue, Susan Rodrigue, Cynthia Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saurier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, James Soileau, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Cammie Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodaux, Thibodaux Family, Ronnie Thomas, Chris Touns, Joyce Touns, 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.***

## Upcoming Sacrament Reception

The Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at the 10:30 am Mass Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for the 15 young people (age 7 – 16) who will be receiving the Sacrament for the first time. Bishop Fabre will celebrate Mass at 6:00 pm on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> where 12 of our youth will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents of these youth are encouraged to attend the 5:45 pm Mass at St. Bridget on Monday evenings during Lent. The Monday evening Mass will feature CCD students.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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-htdioocese.org>).

## Parade of Saints - Thanks

The February Game Night Parade of Saints was a huge success. Thanks to all participants, parents, and volunteers. The youngsters dressed up like St. Peter, St. John the Baptist, St. Bernadette, St. Bridget, and more. They learned about 'their' saint and paraded his/her facts for others to learn. Thanks to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for supplying pizza for the evening. Plans are underway for a Spring Game Night!

## Youth Formation News

Youth Formation (CCD) registration forms were issued through Youth Formation classes February 24<sup>th</sup>. Early registration fees are due by April 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



Court St. Bridget of Sweden #2461 Catholic Daughters will meet Thursday, March 14 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. Miss Agnes Bitature from Catholic Charities will be the guest speaker. Annual dues (\$25) are due at this time and can be paid at the meeting.