



St. Bridget Catholic Church

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the LORD shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

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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

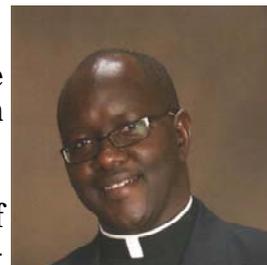
Sunday: 7:30-8:25 am & 10:00-10:25 am

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My Dear people of God,

The Christmas Season is now behind us, the Christmas decorations are gone and we move on our journey of faith with the graces we received from Christmas!



I would like therefore, to begin by welcoming you to the ‘**Ordinary Time**’ of the Liturgical Calendar. Ordinary Time in fact began this past Monday January 13, 2019 and will continue until Tuesday February 25, 2019 (Mardi Gras) the day before Ash Wednesday (February 26) - the beginning of the Lenten Season. The Ordinary Time will then resume when the Easter season ends, that is Monday June 1, the day following Pentecost Sunday and will end with the week of the Solemnity of Christ the King, November 22, 2020.

Ordinary Time, comes in the heels of the Christmas Season where we celebrate the incarnation; the coming in the flesh of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Christ Child, Emmanuel is God with us. It is therefore important to view the season of Ordinary Time as the time in which we bring to bear in our daily lives the mysteries the special seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter. In this phase, that means that we bring to bear in our daily lives the reality of the incarnation- **Emmanuel, God is with us**. We are therefore to experience and live out our daily lives with the inherent ups and downs with the awareness that, God is with us in it all.

Last Sunday (*which marked the end of the Christmas season*), we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus. The gospel reading last Sunday gave us an account of the baptism of Jesus from the gospel of Mathew. The gospel reading recounted that when He was baptized, a voice came down from heaven saying: “***This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.***” The Baptism of Jesus is a reminder to us of our own baptism, when we became children of God; beloved sons and daughters of God. We therefore enter into the Ordinary Time with not only with the awareness of Emmanuel – ‘**God is with us**’ but also with the awareness of our baptisms which makes us beloved sons and daughters of God.

The readings offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time lay ground for us to reflect on our call to discipleship. A disciple is one who learns from and follows another. The Lord Jesus is our model and guide in the journey to the Father. We are therefore His disciples. In the gospel reading, John the Baptist points out and directs the crowds that had gathered around him to the person of Jesus Christ. In so doing, he is telling them that Jesus is the one they should follow.

In the second reading, St Paul addresses these words to the Corinthians: “***to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy... Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.***” My dear brothers and sisters, these words are addressed to us today as well because in baptism we were sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy. To us therefore is invoked every grace and blessing from God the Father and the Lord Jesus as we enter into this season of Ordinary Time.

In the course of our journey through Ordinary Time as we grow as disciples of the Lord, the invitation given to us is to always seek to know and do the will of God. Sometimes that will is in line with our desires and sometimes it is not. Nevertheless, we should strive to do it. The response to the Responsorial Psalm today therefore provides us the best disposition we should have. We should always say: “**Here am I, Lord I come to do your will.**”

My dear brothers and sisters, as we begin our journey through Ordinary Time, let us be reminded that God is with us (Emmanuel) and that we are beloved sons and daughters. Aware of those two realities, let us devote ourselves to seeking and doing God’s will as disciples of Jesus.

Thanks and God bless,

Fr Simon Peter

100 YEARS FROM NOW !!!

100 years from now will be the year 2119. By then, every single reader of this piece will be in the grave, our bodies having become part of the soil. During that time, our fate in respect to paradise or hell would have been made known to us.

Meanwhile above the soil, our houses that were left behind would have become either homes for others or demolished for better structures. Our clothes would have become destroyed or rags for others and replaced by more recent trends; our cars will be on display as historical artifacts by others or recycled for more advanced technology. But for us, we will be, for the most part, hardly thought about by anyone again.

Our presence here on earth today, that presence that we make so much noise about and shed so many tears for, was preceded by countless generations before us and shall be followed by countless generations after us Jesus tarries. Every generation that passes through this world barely finds the time to take a glance at the world, before needing to bid it farewell and handing over the baton, having not fulfilled even a fraction of their ambitions. Our lives are, in reality, far shorter than we imagine.

In 2119, every one of us will realize from within the grave just how worthless this world actually was, and how trivial those dreams were that we centered on. In 2119, every one of us will be wishing that we had dedicated our lives to great matters of GOD, doing His bid, and devoted ourselves to doing good deeds, particularly those that continue to benefit us after our death.

In 2119, some reading this piece will be screaming out, but in vain:

“Lord return me! Give me another chance, so that I may have another opportunity to live for you ..”

The response to this request, however, shall be:

“No! and behind them is now a barrier until that Great Day.”

In 2119, many will be in regret, saying:

“I wish that I had prepared for life after my journey on earth.”

Let us reappraise ourselves, for surely what happened to those we talk of, heard of and read of will surely happen to us. Let us take advantage of today while it is called TODAY. Tomorrow is not yours yet until it comes. Accepting the sacrifice of Jesus and keeping our faith in Him, is the ONLY way out. I hereby humbly appeal to every to live your life on this planet earth wisely, May the Almighty God help us, in Jesus' name.



The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of:

January 19-25
Parishioners of St. Bridget

January 26— February 1
Arnold "Nonk" Olivier by Janice and family

The Mass Intention book is open for the year 2020. The suggested donation for Mass is \$5 per Mass. The suggested donation for the Sanctuary Light which burns on the altar for a week from Sunday thru Saturday is \$10. For more information call the office at 446-6801.



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



January 18-19
The Flowers on the Altar today are in memory of the deceased members of the Catholic Daughters.

Januaray 18 4:00 pm
Jimmie Usey; Leonard Pollet (DA) and Cilonie Schexnaydre (DA) by Delsie & Louis Stevens & family; Deceased members of the Catholic Daughters— Beverly Baudoin, Mary Chauvin, Corrine Clark, Barbara Frederick, Brenda Fremin, Marion Knight, Carrie LeBoeuf, Doris LeBoeuf, Betty Mabile, Grace Reed, Ida Mae Rivero, Doris Schexnaydre, and Evelyn Stevens

January 19 8:30 am
Fred LeBouef by Emily and family
Marion Knight by Godfrey Knight
Terry Giroir by Lionel and Betty
Deceased members of the Catholic Daughters— Beverly Baudoin, Mary Chauvin, Corrine Clark, Barbara Frederick, Brenda Fremin, Marion Knight, Carrie LeBoeuf, Doris LeBoeuf, Betty Mabile, Grace Reed, Ida Mae Rivero, Doris Schexnaydre, and Evelyn Stevens

January 19 10:30 am
Louis Trosclair Jr. by family
Deceased members of the Catholic Daughters— Beverly Baudoin, Mary Chauvin, Marion Knight, Carrie LeBoeuf, Doris LeBoeuf, Betty Mabile, Ida Mae Rivero, Doris Schexnaydre, and Evelyn Stevens

January 21 8 am
Benefactors of the Haiti Mission

January 25 4:00 pm
Judith Benoit by Judy Carrier

January 26 8:30 am
Loyd Olin Sr. by Olin family
Terry Giroir by Lionel and Betty

January 26 10:30 am
Louis Trosclair Jr by family
Betty Gagneaux and Angela Gagneaux by Susan Hymel

EVERY 40 SECONDS, SOMEONE IN THE U.S. IS HAVING A STROKE!
Stroke Scan Plus will be at **St. Bridget on Tuesday, January 28, 2020** to provide life-saving, wellness ultrasound screenings. It is important to perform preventive maintenance for ourselves yearly. Do you have **high blood pressure** or **high cholesterol, diabetes**, or a family history of **heart disease, stroke, abdominal aneurysm** or **internal cancers**? If so, do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a possibly serious disease. These screenings are typically NOT performed at your annual check-up, and insurance companies may not pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Diagnostic versions of these screenings cost thousands of dollars in a hospital. **Stroke Scan Plus** will be offering them to you for **\$149** for all 7 combined ultrasound screenings (Stroke, AAA, AFIB & organs). Insurance is NOT necessary and appointments are limited. Stroke Scan will be available at the church for you to register on **January 18 & 19, 2020**, or please call 832-437-7355 or toll free 1-866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment today for you or a loved one. The screenings will take place in/at the Annex Building. Prevention is your key to quality health! www.strokescan.com.

January 5, 2020

Weekly Offering



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Envelopes \$ 4517.00
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Attendance 326

Thank you for your generosity.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Social Teaching: Global 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.

Today's selection from Isaiah proclaims: "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." God's global vision is beginning to break through in these words to Isaiah. God does not care only for a special group of people. God's love and God's vision is global. God wants a certain type of "healthy globalization."

It seems that the increasingly globalized economy has lots of winners and lots of losers. It seems that many of the poor are losers in the system. Our social teaching reminds us that God calls us to work to include everyone, including the poor.

John the Baptist points to the light of Christ. Christ calls us to a global concern - a concern for justice for all the people of our world, a call not to rest until all God's people experience justice.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Thanks to all who helped with the pancake breakfast and to all who came to eat. It was nice to be able to visit with everyone in a nice relaxed atmosphere. The money raised will go the completion of the air conditioning project. If anyone has any ideas on the type of fund raiser they would like to see, contact the office and give us your ideas. All will be considered.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

In the Foot Steps of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Fr Simon Peter has planned a **10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, August 17-26, 2020** for St Bridget Parish. The full package price including airfare from New Orleans is **\$ 3,695** (double occupancy). The Enrollment deadline is Jan. 31, 2020 and Final Payment Deadline is April 30, 2020.

To enroll online, please go to:

www.petersway.com/9700.html **OR** pick up enrollment forms from the parish office.

BAPTISM

Prior to baptizing a child, the parents and Godparents must attend a baptismal seminar. Those seeking to baptize a child must complete a registration form. Forms can be found on line or at the Church office.



Qualifications for sponsors of a baptism.* Must be confirmed * Must be a practicing Catholic * Must be at least 16 years old * If married, it must be a Catholic marriage

Adult Formation news

St. Bridget Small group Faith communities is here. Please pray about your participation in a small group. Send your name to St. Bridget office and our Adult formation team will contact you with details. We have small group facilitators and host families that will open their home to our adults. Please pray for our adults in formation. Meetings to begin the week of Jan. 12th.

January Special Collections

Jan. 12— Maintenance

Jan. 26— Church in Latin America— includes, evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, and youth ministry in Latin America.

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, Susan Arceneaux, Heidi Ardoin, Jacob Aucoin, Sara Aucoin, Elvin Babin, Tommy Badeaux, Donald Banowitz, Chad Barrileaux, 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, Elaine Chauvin Hebert, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr., Jessie Hoffpauir, Samara Holland, Kristen Koppel, Jackson LaFleur, Mona Lambert, 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, Bethany Moore, 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, Gladys Richard, Lorita Rodrigue, Susan Rodrigue, Cynthia Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saunier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, Brenda Sonier, Deacon Ryan Stawaizz, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Cammie Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Ronnie Thomas, Chris Troups, Joyce Troups, Ricky Turner, Sara Day Vignes, Allison Walters, and Anna Wooten. *Please notify the office when name can be removed.*

Diocesan Outreach Line/Victims Assistance Coordinator

(985) 873-0026 or (985) 850-3172

For more info. visit www.htdiocese.org/safe-environment

The Poor Box The St. Vincent de Paul Society uses donations from the poor box to help those from our community who are in need. All donations go to the needy. There are poor boxes near the main entrance and the front side entrance to the church. Thanks for donating.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Congratulations to The Court St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Daughters on their 21st Anniversary



CDA dues are now due – dues are \$25 per year and can be mailed to Mary Louviere, Financial Secretary or paid at the next meeting. CDA meets the 2nd Thursday of each month – all Catholic women are encouraged to join the group.

The **St. Vincent de Paul TriParish Community Pharmacy** has relocated to 201 Canal Street, Houma, LA 70360.

The mission of the St. Vincent Pharmacy is to serve the less fortunate of the area of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux by providing them with maintenance medicine they otherwise cannot afford and do not receive through assistance from government aid, Veteran's benefits, or insurance. The pharmacy is still in need of volunteer pharmacists and pharmacy techs.

For more information about the services of the pharmacy or to volunteer, please contact the pharmacy at 985-872-2253.

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 information.

**For Church Support Envelopes
Call 985 446-6801**

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Youth Formation News

Thanks to all who volunteered to help with the special Youth Formation events in December. The fellowship and meal were enjoyed by all.

Youth Formation for January includes:
January 27 Grades K - 6 meet;
Mentors Meet

Attention Catholic School Parents
Catholic School students in 2nd, 10th, and 11th grade interested in receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation **MUST** be registered with their parish Youth Formation for classes and sacramental preparation. Registration can be submitted online from the Youth page of the St. Bridget website www.stbridget-htdiocese.org. Contact the Youth Formation Office at 985-446-1985 for more information.

CALLED TO BE HOLY

With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God's relationship with Israel and John the Baptist's relationship with Jesus. Israel's relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God's "salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God's will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

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FORGIVENESS

The only true forgiveness is that which is offered and extended even before the offender has apologized and sought it. —Søren Kierkegaard

Please Drive Safely



Please be extra careful when entering and exiting church property on Monday evenings. Youth Formation (formerly CCD) is in session. Drivers are to enter the property from Hwy 311 and exit onto Hwy 24. The safety of our youth and volunteers is of utmost importance. Persons having meetings or appointments on Monday evening are NOT to park adjacent to the annex. Parking in front of the annex is reserved for adult volunteers. Thanks to the volunteers who help in the parking lot on Monday evenings. These men and women give their time and talent to help keep our children safe. Please keep them in your prayers.

Prayer Request

Please pray for the success of the Youth Formation Program; for the students; parents; mentors, teachers, and helpers. Please pray that our youth are open to the call of God and that our volunteers are successful in spreading the word. God is good!

SAINT AGNES (died 304) January 21
Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: "This is a virgin's birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr's heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!" Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: "to make holy," to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers' hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church's only Eucharistic Prayer. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

*Love one another
As I have loved you*