

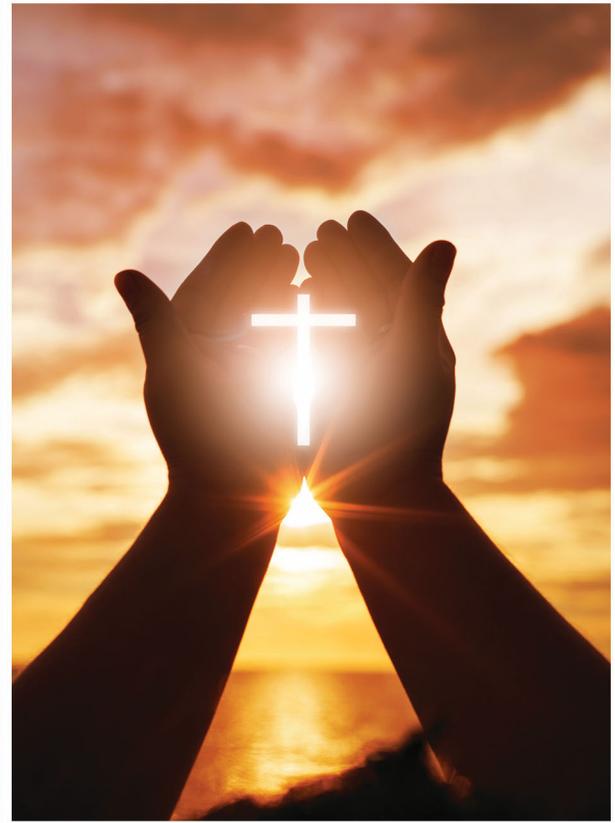
Second

Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

From the cloud
came a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."

Matthew 17:5



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St. Bridget Catholic Church

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

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Mass Schedules

Daily Masses: (See lent schedule on page 3)

Monday— Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Confessions: Weekdays 7:30-7:55

Saturday: 3:00-3:50 pm

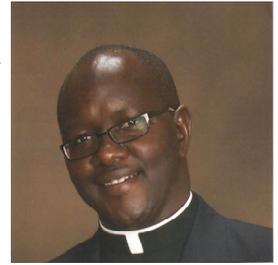
Sunday: 7:30-8:25 am & 10:00-10:25 am

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My Dear people of God,

Welcome to the Second Sunday of Lent. The gospel reading today is an account of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus. The transfiguration is one of the greatest events in the life and ministry of Jesus. The event of the transfiguration not only manifested His heavenly glory, but it also confirmed Him as the Son of God. We read that from the cloud came the voice of God saying: **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”** The Apostles Peter, James and John were very privileged to be part of this mountain experience and this experience greatly impacted their lives because they saw and experienced who Jesus truly is.



In his Second Letter, St Peter assures us that in following Jesus, we are not following merely cleverly devised stories but reality. Then he goes on to relate that he himself had seen the glory of God in Christ Jesus. He writes: **“...we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”** This experience then became a driving force for the rest of their lives and ministry. They were ready to sacrifice anything for the sake of the glory they had seen.

The day before he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous and last sermon about **“going to the mountain”**. (April 3, 1968). These now famous words have since echoed down through the years. It is evident, that he was aware that his life was in great danger. And so he told his audience that the days ahead were difficult. But it doesn't matter to him because he had been to the mountain top. He went on to say that he just wanted to do God's will; and God's will allowed him to go to the mountain top and there he saw the **‘promised land’**. He ended his speech by declaring that he did not fear any man because **he had seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!**

In the gospel reading, Peter, James and John witness and experience the transfiguration of the Lord Jesus: **“... His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.”** This experience and the assuring voice of God the Father enabled them to see the Promised Land, the heavenly reality and to witness firsthand, **the glory of the Lord!** They were therefore convinced and convicted. My dear brothers and sisters, all of us need to have the mountain top experience to enable us live the Christian life with conviction. Some may have the opportunity to have it directly and personally for themselves. But most will get it indirectly through the witness of others. Certainly, not all the Twelve Apostles witnessed and experienced the Transfiguration directly. But they certainly did, through the witness and testimony of Peter, James and John. The gospel account of the transfiguration is therefore given to us, that we may know and believe in the glory of the coming of the Lord and so be able to pursue it whole heartedly.

In the first reading we hear the account of the Call of Abraham our father in faith. At the word of God, he left all the usual securities of life and set out for a foreign country with a great promise. Abraham trusted that God would not only take care of him on the journey, but indeed deliver him to the bountiful Promised Land. This is not different from our own journey of life. It is a journey destined to the promised land of heaven. For those who believe and live a life of faith, it is a life destined for heaven. For those who don't believe, it is a journey to the unknown!

After the transfiguration, the lives of Peter, James and John (and indeed of all the Apostles) was not easy. But they endured all challenges because of they knew what lay ahead. In the same vein, the journey of Abraham our father in faith as well as the life of Martin Luther King was not easy, but they trusted in God and in the promised glory.

My dear brothers and sisters, on this second Sunday of Lent the message for us can be summarized in these words from the Letter to the Romans: **“I consider that the sufferings of this world are not comparable to the glory that will be revealed to us.”** Let us therefore continue to pursue the heavenly glory of God.

Thanks and God bless,

Fr Simon Peter

“I wish I could be a brother like that.”

A story is told of a man who parked his car by an office complex in downtown Manila, Philippines. There was a street boy nearby and to pick up some money, the boy asked if he could watch (guard) the man's car while he was in the office.

Several hours later, when the man came back to get his nice Mercedes, he paid the boy some loose change and, as he was getting in his car, the little street boy said, “Mister, you sure have a nice car.” The man was quite surprised that this boy had even spoken to him and said, “Well, thank you.” Then the little boy said, “Where did you get your car? Did somebody give it to you?” The man replied, “Well yes, somebody did give it to me. “My brother gave it to me.” As he continued to get in the car, he expected the boy to say something like, “Oh, I wish I had a brother who would give me a nice car.”

Instead, he heard the little boy say, “Your brother gave it to you? I wish I could be a brother like that. The man was so amazed at the statement of the little boy, he asked, “Have you ever been in a nice car like this?” The little boy said, “No.” The man replied, “Well, get in. Let me give you a ride.” The boy jumped up in the front seat and as they drove down the road, the man had to roll down the windows because the little boy was so smelly.

The boy was so joyful and in awe that he said, “Sir, could we go get my little brother and give him a ride too?” The man said, “Tell me about your brother. Where is he?” The boy pointed at a poor slum area of Manila called Tondo. They drove there and parked and the man said, “Go get your brother and we will give him a ride.”

The little boy ran down a filthy alleyway and a few minutes later came back with his little brother on his back, as he was crippled! The man said, “So this is your little brother; what's wrong with him?” as they put him up in the front seat.

The little boy said, “He had an accident. He's crippled and can't walk.” As they drove and talked, the man found out that the brother had a crippling accident and because his family was so poor, they could not get him the medical care he needed. The businessman said, “Well, my brother is a doctor. Why don't we go see him and find out what he can do for your little brother.”

After the examination they found that after a simple operation, the boy would be able to walk again. The operation was performed and the little boy who could not walk, but had a brother who loved him, was able to walk again. Why did all this happen? Simply because of the unselfishness of someone caring for someone else, rather than for himself.

So, might we have the words on our lips, “I wish I could be a brother (or mother, father, sister, fellow worker) like that.” In the words of the missionary, the Apostle Paul, “...regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3)

ST. BRIDGET MASS AND LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday's of Lent 8:00 am & 5:45 pm **Tuesday-Friday** 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Friday-5:30 pm Way of the Cross followed by Mass

Saturday: 8:30 am

Confessions before daily Mass—7:30 am to 7:55 am

April 1, 2020—The Light is on for you

Confession from 6pm till the last person all church parishes

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday	10:30 am 7:00 pm	Chrism 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



**The Sanctuary Light memory of:
March 8-14**

Tristan Ables by Ma Maw and family
Carrie G. Callahan by (B) by Children and family

March 15-21

Benefactors of the Haiti Mission by Deacon
Lloyd and Faie Duplantis

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



March 7 4:00 pm

Tristan Ables by Ma Maw and family
Agnes & Ernest Breaux by family and friends
Vilrey Gagneaux (B) by family

March 8 8:30 am

Catherine Brown by Phyllis & John Ables & fly

March 8 10:30 am

Rosa Mae Guidry by Jean Hoppe
Louis Trosclair Jr. by family

March 10 8 am

Benefactors of the Haiti Mission by Deacon
Lloyd and Faie Duplantis

March 11 8 am

Doffey Landry (B) by Burnell & Margaret Landry

March 12 8am

Lelia Breaux by Ronnie & Betty Thomas

March 14 4:00 pm

Jimmy Usey
Jimmy Cavalier by Brenda and family

March 15 8:30 am

Marion Knight by Godfrey Knight
Dorothy Smith (B) by Smith family

March 15 10:30 am

Louis Trosclair Jr. by family

February 23, 2020

Envelopes \$ 2930.00

Loose 623.32

\$ 3553.32

Attendance 321

Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Offering



Catholic Charities assists low income workers with the payment of minor car repairs when they are having trouble getting to and from work due to brakes, alternators, belts, starters, etc. that need to be changed. The car must be registered in the name of the person who is employed, they must have insurance on their vehicle, and be receiving SNAP (Food Stamp) Benefits. For more information, please contact Jennifer Gaudet at 876-0490.

Thank You from Bishop Fabre and Others

Bishop Fabre, Father Simon Peter, and most importantly the ministries of the diocese would like to thank everyone in our parish and all people throughout the diocese of Houma-Thibodaux for answering the call of prayers and generosity to the 2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Each gift our diocese received directly support our 13 seminarians, caring for our 17 retired priests, youth formation and religious education, and Catholic education. 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 our parish has reached 29 % of its appeal goal, thank you.

If you have yet to make your commitment and would still like to do so, there is still time as you can return 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 to make your gift online.

If you would like more information about the 2020 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3122 or email aportier@htdiocese.org.

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

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.



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.

Benedict XVI writes in his encyclical "Spe Salvi" that "The Gospel is not merely a communication of things that can be known – it is one that makes things happen and is life – changing."

The gospel story of the transfiguration is such a communication. The disciples now see in a new way. They are called to bring that new way of seeing with them as they leave the mountain. Jesus urges them not to build tents and stay on the mountain. Jesus sends them forth with a new vision.

In the midst of our complex contemporary world, the gospel invites us to be free enough to see things in a new way and from other viewpoints. This is especially important if we are to put the social teaching of the gospel into practice and not just get trapped by the viewpoint of our culture. This is especially important if we are to see all people with love and understanding.

We see Christ in all men and women. We see Christ in a special way in the experience of those who are poor or suffering. We see Christ in those who are suffering from violence. Torture, war or any form of abuse. We see Christ in the struggle of people and nations to enjoy basic human rights. We see Christ in the beauty of the world. We see Christ in all the hopes, joys, struggles and sufferings of the world.

In his message for Lent, Pope Francis wrote: "The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope!"

CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Bread or Stones Campaign Volunteer Training Workshop:

The Bread or Stones Campaign for child well-being (Mt. 7:9) is a program of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference (LIC). We are a member of the LIC and the Bread or Stones Campaign. This statewide campaign is holding the first **Bread or Stones Coordinator Training** on Friday, April 3 in the evening, ending around mid-day on Saturday, April 4 at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA (south of Alexandria). Attendance (including room and board) is free, but limited. Bread or Stones Coordinators are volunteer church members who have a **moral commitment** to improve the lives of the children of Louisiana and a passion for bringing about change. Coordinators are networked and supported through the Louisiana Interchurch Conference (LIC). If you are interested in learning more about this campaign or the workshop please contact Fr. Dan Krutz, LIC executive director, licexecdir@aol.com or (225) 344-0134. Thank you for faithfully responding to Jesus' call to care for our children (Mt. 7:9).

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). 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.

Beignets:

Mr. Robert who makes our beignets for special occasions is looking for someone to train to eventually take over this job. If interested call the office at 446-6801.

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, 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, Bessie Chiasson, 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, Bryan 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, Robert Oncale, Annie Ordoyne, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, Sally Pertuit, 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, Suzanne Usey, Sara Day Vignes, Allison Walters, and Anna Wooten. *Please notify the office when name can be removed.*

What is a CRS Rice Bowl?

The iconic CRS Rice Bowl is a staple on the table of Catholic families across the country during Lent. This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms—and comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories.

Catholic Daughters Corner



All Catholic women are encouraged to join your sisters in Christ for Mass at 6:00 pm followed by an evening of prayer, praise and worship. The Lenten Prayer Service is March 12th in the church.

All Catholic women (age 18 and above) are invited to join the organization to grow in faith, friendship, and service to community. Dues (\$25 annually) are now due. Dues can be paid at the meeting or mailed to Financial Secretary Mary Louviere.

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 is offering an Outreach Line (formerly known as the Child Protection Contact Line). The Outreach Line is an effort to continue the diocesan commitment to support healing for 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. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line operates from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. Monday through Friday. A trained mental health professional responds to the line. Individuals are offered additional assistance if requested. Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line Telephone numbers (985) 873-0026 or (985) 850-3172

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



VBS 2020

My Friend Jesus, Vacation Bible School 2020 will be held June 8—12 for youth entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. Registration forms can be found on the Youth Page of the St. Bridget website. Visit www.stbridget-htdiocese.org for more details.

Roast Beef Lunch - March 8th

Thanks to all who helped with the Roast Beef Lunch and purchased tickets. Lunches will be ready for pick up beginning at 11:00 am. Drivers are encouraged to enter the property from Hwy 311 and exit onto Hwy 24. Please be careful as vehicles will be on the property for Sunday Mass. Proceeds from this event will be used to help pay for youth transportation.

Adult Formation News: If you registered for a small group and were never contacted, please let us know by calling the office. If you would like to be in a small group you can still join. This is a wonderful way to get to know fellow parishioners while learning more about our religion. Please contact the office for more information.

Update Membership Information

Do we have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

The Church Office number is 985 446-6801.

Thank you for your help!

Youth Events Happening This Spring

The following youth events will be held this spring. Please pray for the youth and youth ministers who will be attending.

Abbey Youth Festival for youth in grades 8 and above is Saturday, March 21st. The Abbey Youth Festival is an apostolic service of Saint Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. It is designed to provide young people with an opportunity to experience a day of prayer and faith formation with an exposure to the Benedictine tradition. Its focus is evangelization and vocational discernment by means of Liturgy, prayer, worship, music and education appropriate for Catholic young people.

Lift 3:16 Rally for youth in grades 5 – 7 is Saturday, March 28 in Raceland. This event is replacing Junior High Faith Experience.

Steubenville on the Bayou has been cancelled. Youth from St. Bridget will be attending Steubenville South in Alexandria, LA. Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio sponsors these Catholic Youth Conferences for students in grades 9 and above in 24 locations throughout the nation.

Please contact the Youth Formation Office at (985) 446—1985 for more details.