

St. Bridget Catholic Church

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Daily Mass : Monday – Friday 8:00 am

Saturday Mass: 4:00 P.M.

Sunday Mass: 8:30 A.M & 10:30 A.M.

Confessions: Sat. 3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

Sun. 8:00 am – 8:20 am 10:00 am – 10:20 am

Or by appointment

Perpetual Adoration Chapel information 985-446-6801

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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2017**

All things work for good
for those who love God.
— *Romans 8:28a*



Clean-Up Day – August 5, 2017

Please plan to bring your pressure washer, broom, mop, ladders, and/or dust rags. Cleanup day will concentrate on the following:

Didier Hall—pressure wash the exterior, clean inside walls, floors, bathrooms, and/or kitchen before CCD begins.

Annex—pressure wash exterior of building, remove spider webs, clean kitchen cabinets and floor, clean bathrooms, foyer and office windows, mini blinds and water fountains.

Church—clean statues, area near stair case, under pews, dust eaves (ladders needed)

Please plan to join us to keep our building and property in tip-top shape. Work will begin at 7 am in order to beat some of the summer heat.

Thanks in advance for your help.

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

Celebrating Marriage 2017

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is inviting all couples married in the Catholic Church who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and beyond) anniversary during 2017. The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration Prayer Service will be held Sunday, October 22, 2017 at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral at 2:00pm. A reception will immediately follow in the courtyard. If you wish to participate in this program, contact your church parish before August 25, 2017 to register. All registered anniversary couples will receive an inscribed diocesan certificate in their own church parish during their scheduled parish celebration.

Cleaning the Chapel

There will be a meeting on August 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Annex. All who volunteered or all who would like to volunteer to keep the Chapel in great shape are asked to attend.

PRAY

If you pray you are sure of saving your soul. If you do not pray you are just as sure to lose your soul. —St. Alphonsus Liguori

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		August 5-6, 2017	
	4 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Lector	Linda Hernandez	Jeanette Schexnayder	Randall Alfred
Commentator	Mary Heiser	Phil Schexnayder	Karen Dufrene
Eucharistic Ministers	Team 3	Team 9	Team 12

Homebound	Aug. 4	Cheryl Henderson
Money Counters	Aug. 7	Team 3
Church Cleaners	Aug	K C 's, Curtis & Vanessa Knight
Altar Linens	Aug.	America Lombas

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Annex. The organization is open to all men aged 18 and above. Please prayerfully consider joining the parish organization and serving the Lord. The next meeting is Aug23 at 7pm.



CDA News

The Catholic Daughters do not meet in July and August. The next meeting is September 14th at 7pm in the Community Life Annex. All are welcome.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
 Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Guidelines for Baptism

Prior to baptizing a child, the parents and Godparents must attend a baptismal seminar. The next baptismal seminar will be held **August 9, at 6:30 pm** in the Annex.

Those seeking to baptize a child can complete the registration forms in the office Monday—Friday between 8 am and 3 pm. The office must be made aware of the desire to baptize a child and desire to attend the seminar. The registration form can also be found at the parish website, stbridget-hdiocese.org, and emailed to the parish through the "Contact Us" link.

While the Church only requires one qualified Godparent for a child to be baptized, two Godparents may be chosen, although in this case one must be male and one female. Anyone who is to be a Godparent must meet the qualifications established by the Church, which are as follows. Godparents must have received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, and be practicing Catholics, at least 16 years old who lead a life in harmony with the faith. If married, the proposed Godparents must be in a marriage recognized by the Church. If not married, they must not be simulating marriage by living with someone.

Matthew 25 News

The Matthew 25 committee helps people in the area at the time of a natural disaster. St. Bridget will host a Matthew 25 training soon. Please pray about serving others in the time of a disaster. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Matthew 25 committee. There is a sign up sheet at the main entrance doors to the Church.

St. Bridget of Sweden

Last Sunday (July 23) was the Memorial of St. Bridget of Sweden. Here is a brief history of her life.

Early Life: She was the daughter of Birger Persson, governor of provincial judge (*Lagman*) of Uppland, and of Ingeborg Bengtsdotter. Her father was one of the wealthiest landholders of the country, and like her mother, distinguished by deep piety. St. Ingrid, whose death had occurred about twenty years before Bridget's birth, was a near relative of the family. Birger's daughter received a careful religious training and from her seventh year showed signs of extraordinary religious impressions and illuminations. To her education, and particularly to the influence of an aunt who took the place of Bridget's mother after the latter's death (c.1315), she owed that unswerving strength of will which later distinguished her.

Marriage: In 1316, at the age of thirteen, she was united in marriage to Ulf Gudmarsson, who was then eighteen. She acquired great influence over her noble and pious husband, and the happy marriage was blessed with eight children, among them St. Catherine of Sweden. The saintly life and the great charity of Bridget soon made her name known far and wide. She was acquainted with several learned and pious theologians, among them Nicolaus Hermanni, later Bishop Linköping, Matthias, canon of Linköping, her confessor, Peter, Prior of Alvastrå, and Peter Magister, her confessor after Matthias. She was later at the court of King Magnus Eriksson, over whom she gradually acquired great influence. Early in the forties (1341-43) in company with her husband she made a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella in Spain. On the return journey her husband was stricken with an attack of illness, but recovered sufficiently to finish the journey. Shortly afterwards, however, he died (1344) in the Cistercian monastery of Alvastrå in East Gothland.

Widowhood & End of Life: Bridget now devoted herself entirely to practices of religion and asceticism, and to religious undertakings. The vision which she believed herself to have had from her early childhood now became more frequent and definite. She believed that Jesus Christ Himself appeared to her, and she wrote down the revelations she then received, which were in great repute during the Middle Ages. They were translated into Latin by Matthias Magister and Prior Peter.

St. Bridget now founded a new religious congregation, the Brigittines, or Order of St. Saviour, whose chief monastery, at Vadstena, was richly endowed by King Magnus and his queen (1346). To obtain confirmation for her institute, and at the same time to seek a larger sphere of activity for her mission, which was the moral uplifting of the period, she journeyed to Rome in 1349, and remained there until her death, except while absent on pilgrimages, among them one to the Holy Land in 1373. In August, 1370, Pope Urban V confirmed the Rule of her congregation. Bridget made earnest representations to Pope Urban, urging the removal of the Holy See from Avignon back to Rome. She accomplished the greatest good in Rome, however, by her pious and charitable life and her earnest admonitions to others to adopt a better life, following out the excellent precedents she had set in her native land. The year following her death her remains were conveyed to the monastery at Vadstena. She was canonized, 7 October, 1394, by Pope Boniface IX.

CCD and Youth Updates

New CCD Year Quickly Approaching

Please note that parents, students, and teachers must attend the **mandatory meeting** prior to the opening of the 2017–2018 school year.

Parents and students in grades 10 and 11 will meet on August 14th at 6:30 pm.

CCD Registration is Ongoing

Parents who have not yet registered students for CCD may do so by completing the online CCD form at www.stbridget-htdiocese.org/ccd-registration-form or by completing a paper form which can be found at the main entrance of the church.



Attention Parents of Catholic School Students

Students attending Catholic school in grades 2, 10, and 11 **MUST** be registered with the CCD program in their home parish. Students in grades 10 and 11 **MUST** attend CCD classes in their home parish. Contact Miss Bernadette for more details.

Weekly Activities

Come Lord Jesus—a scripture study focusing on the weekly gospel is held in the kitchen of Didier Hall on **Mondays** from 9:30–11 am. All are welcome. Contact Dianne Williams at 446-9096 for more information.

The **Seven Sorrows Rosary** is prayed every **Friday** at noon in the Church. Praying the rosary helps recall the seven sorrows suffered by Mary during the life and death of Jesus. All are invited to join in this experience.

Protect our Children—Be Careful!



As August approaches, please be reminded that CCD classes will be beginning. Traffic should enter the property from Hwy 311 and exit onto Hwy 24. This includes

those wishing to use the recycle bin and pray in the Adoration Chapel. Please pray for the success of the CCD program and the safety of our children, teachers, and helpers.

Parents Prayer Corner

Parents are the first teachers of the Catholic faith. We thank our Catechists for giving their time, talent, treasure, and energy to our CCD program. We are here to assist parents as they walk with their children on the spiritual journey to Jesus. During August, we are asking that parents, children, families, and catechists focus on prayer. Please consider the following as the new school year begins:

- Pray the Grace Before Meals as a family
- Pray the Rosary or a decade of the Rosary at least one night a week as a family
- Practice “common” prayers with children every night—Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

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Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of:

July 30-August 5

Guy Thibodeaux (B) by Marlene & Ronnie

August 6-12

Emily Albert (DA) By Gail

Blackie Stevens (DA) & Mel Boudreaux (DA),
Oscar and Hilda Pollet (WA) by Sharon, Rachel,
Owen, Tanya, Maggi, Max, & Jeremy

Mass Intentions

DA=Death Anniv.

B= Birthday

WA=Wedding Anniv.



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July 29 — Mr. & Mrs. Olema Darcey by Sandra Dunbar; Jimmy Pennison by family, Keith Babin by Phyllis and John Ables and family, Timothy M. Gibbens & Richard Gibbens III by Brenda and family.

July 30—Jimmy Coupel (B) by Diana & family, Keith Babin by Mom, Dad and family, Aida Moncivaiz Fontenot, by Moncivaiz, Fontenot, and Vasquez families

August 5—Emily Albert (DA) by Gail and family, Mr. & Mrs. Olema Darcey by Sandra Dunbar; Jimmy Pennison by family, Special Intentions, Friends in Pickens, MS by Phyllis & John Ables and family, Richard Gibbens III (DA) & Timothy M. Gibbens by Brenda and family

August 6—Odile Olivier (B) by Earline and family, Aida Moncivaiz Fontenot, by Moncivaiz, Fontenot and Vasquez families, Murphy & Elsie Naquin (WA) by Gauthreaux Family, Cecelia Chatagnier by Phyllis & John Ables and family, Alicia Weimer by Cindy Poiencot.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard
Friday: St. John Vianney; First Friday
Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major; First Saturday;
Blessed Virgin Mary

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Guide Book and Directory

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book and Directory for the Church. This book will contain pertinent about our church, plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call Tiffany at 225-636-0000.

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