

St. Bridget Catholic Church

100 Highway 311 • Schriever, Louisiana
www.stbridget-htdioocese.org

March 17, 2019 | Second Sunday of Lent



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

Stephen Brunet
Deacon

Mass Schedules

Daily Masses:

Monday— Friday: 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Contact Information

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Www.stbridget-htdioocese.org

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 17-23

Jimmie Usey by family
Gerry Benoit by James Benoit
March 24-30
Roy Boudreaux (DA) Earline and family

DA=Death Anniv.

B= Birthday

WA=Wedding Anniversary

March 16 4:00 pm

Tristan Ables by Ma Maw and family
Agnes & Ernest Breaux by family and friends

March 17 8:30 am

Robert Crochet by Crochet family
Fred LeBouef by Emily and family
Marion Knight by Godfrey Knight

March 17 10:30 am

Keith Babin by Mom, Dad, and family
Diane Levron by Medrick and family
Aida Fontenot by Moncivaiz family

March 18 Rosella S. Karp, Marge K. Burke and
Marie A. Eltz

March 19 Rosella S. Karp, Marge K. Burke and
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March 23 4:00 pm

Jimmie Usey by family
James "Jim" LeBoeuf by Gale

March 24 8:30 am

Robert Crochet by Crochert family
Jimmy Coupel by Diana and family

March 24 10:30 am

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

Mass Intentions



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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*" addressing the problem of racism in America.

So far we have briefly touched on what racism is and what it means to "Do Justice." Today let us look at what the Bishops tell us about "Loving Goodness."

"As Christians, we know it is our duty to love others." But when we, "begin to separate people in our thoughts for unjust reasons, when we start to see some people as 'them' and others as 'us,' we fail to love." But Jesus teaches us what it means to love. He, "...heals all divisions, including those that are at the core of racism. It is through his Cross that we learn the greatest lesson about love. On the Cross, Jesus died for the human race (see 2 Cor 5:15). 'He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world' (1 Jn 2:2). Here is our hope! Here is the grace given to us to be healed of this sin of division! Here is the lesson of love. Once "we have come to the conviction that one died for all"—and not just for ourselves—then "the love of Christ impels us" to see others as our brothers and sisters (2 Cor 5:14).

Examples of Christians who have walked before us loving goodness can be found on pages 17-20 of *Open Wide Our Hearts* which can be found linked on the diocesan website.

To help us better understand how injustice is manifested in our church today and how we can "Do Justice", 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.

Lent - Mass Schedule

Morning Masses

Monday—Friday - 8 am
Saturday— 8:30 am

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

Please Tell Us about Your Bequest – It's Important!

We recently learned that a longtime supporter had passed away and provided generously for us in her will. Sadly, there was never an opportunity to thank this good person: The gift had come as a complete surprise.

Estate gifts that arrive unannounced sometimes can be misdirected or otherwise fail to carry out donors' intentions. In one legendary example, a donor's hand-written will left a significant bequest to "the University of Southern California, also known as UCLA." In another case, a donor left funds to a hospital in a retirement community – restricted to a non-existent prenatal care program!

Why do people include worthwhile causes and institutions in their estate plans? *Personal satisfaction* from leaving their mark on our future. You can magnify that satisfaction by communicating your own good news to our office, and you'll also ensure that:

- Your gift will go to benefit a particular area of interest, if desired;
- We can recognize you appropriately (or determine that you wish to remain anonymous);
- Your gift meets criteria for specific programs or purposes that are important to you;
- Your gift can encourage friends, colleagues and others to make their own gifts;

You receive a most sincere "thank you," either publicly or privately, for your thoughtful generosity.

Sharing the good news of your bequest will also help us better plan for the future and evaluate the success of our planned giving program. A short note, e-mail or telephone call to our office will be much appreciated . . . and you'll brighten everyone's day.

"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU"

Confession ----- Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Penance is to be offered at all parishes on the evening of March 21, 2018
6-8 PM Wednesday before Holy Week.
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**For Church Support Envelopes
Call 985 446-6801**

Consolation & Desolation, The Mountains of Our Life

*Mt Tabor (Spiritual Consolation),
Mt Calvary Spiritual Desolation*

For St Ignatius, spiritual consolation and desolation are major elements of the experience of spiritual life and the discernment of God's will therein. In his words;

Spiritual Consolation

"I call it consolation when an interior movement is aroused in the soul, by which it is inflamed with love of its Creator and Lord, and as a consequence, can love no creature on the face of the earth for its own sake, but only in the Creator of them all. It is likewise consolation when one sheds tears that move to the love of God, whether it be sorrow for sins, or because of the sufferings of Christ our Lord, or for any other reason that is immediately directed to the praise and service of God. Finally, I call consolation every increase of faith, hope, and love, and all interior joy that invites and attracts to what is heavenly and to the salvation of one's soul by filling it with peace and quiet in its Creator and Lord." Spiritual Consolation is when we feel and experience the love and presence of God in our life.

Spiritual desolation

Spiritual desolation on the other hand is the feeling of the absence of God. What does St. Ignatius says about desolation? *"I call desolation what is entirely the opposite of consolation, as darkness of soul, torment of spirit, inclination to what is low and earthly, restlessness rising from many disturbances and temptations which lead to want of faith, want of hope, want of love. The soul is wholly slothful, tepid, sad, and separated, as it were, from its Creator and Lord."*

From the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola

March 3, 2019

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Attendance 335

Thank You For Your Generosity

My Dear people of God,

Today we celebrate the second Sunday of Lent as we enter into the second week of this holy season. The Liturgy of the Word this Sunday puts before us the account of the transfiguration of Jesus. On Mount Tabor, the apostles Peter, James and John got a glimpse of the **heavenly glory** of Jesus as the Son of God. So wonderful was this experience that Simon Peter exclaimed: '**Lord, it is good for us to be here.**'

The experience of the transfiguration follows on Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi. These two events, the transfiguration on Mount Tabor and confession at Caesarea Philippi are intimately related. At Caesarea Philippi, Peter had declared that Jesus was the Messiah. In response, Jesus had made a threefold disclosure: that the Messiah must suffer, that his followers (disciples) must be prepared to share His suffering, and more importantly that His suffering and their suffering must be seen against a background of the ultimate and certain glory that awaits in heaven. Now at the mountain of transfiguration, the disciples have a prevision/foretaste of the glory to come in heaven, and to hear the voice of God inviting them to listen and heed the words of His Son, Jesus Christ.

It is important to note that the same disciples who witnessed and experienced the transfiguration of Jesus (*Peter, James and John*) are the same who witnessed the His agony in the garden of Gethsemane. This is a clear indication that there is a very important connection between these two events in the life of Jesus: Mount Tabor (the transfiguration) and Mount Calvary (the agony in the garden).

On Mount Tabor, as we read in the gospel today, it was probably daytime, the sky was bright and Jesus was praying. As He prayed, His face shone and His clothes became dazzling white. Then appeared besides Him, Moses, the great giver of the Law (*the Commandments*) and Elijah, the greatest of the prophets. A luminous cloud overshadowed them, symbolizing the presence of God. Then out of the cloud came a voice of God saying to them: "**This is my chosen Son, listen to Him.**" So wonderful was the experience that Peter exclaimed; '**Lord it is good for us to be here! If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.**"

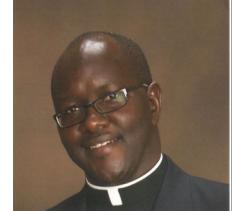
It is evident that Peter wanted to stay in the mountain and to build a safe haven there, away from all the trouble and danger they had left down below. But the purpose of this experience was not to encourage escape. It was meant to comfort and strengthen them so that they would be able to go back and face the trouble and danger they left behind and more important what lay ahead of them.

On the other hand, later on the Mount of Calvary, it was night, the sky was dark. The face of Jesus was covered with sweat and blood. His clothes did not dazzle, rather they were taken away from Him. For companions he had two criminals! There was no voice from heaven, but only the voice of scoffers and mockers and the apostles wanted no part of it. The only thing in common with the transfiguration experience was that Jesus was praying. From this it is clear that what sustained Jesus in bright and dark moments alike was His special relationship with the Father. That relationship was ground beneath His feet all lifelong.

A question we may be asking ourselves is: '**how is this relevant to us?**' My dear brothers and sisters, even though we may never have been or will never go to the Holy Land, all of us are familiar with both *Mount Tabor* and *Mount Calvary*. Mount Tabor is the hill of joy and exaltation. It is the hill of consolations where we too have moments of transfiguration, moments of light and joy. At these moments we hear the voice of the Lord whispering in our ears: '*you are my beloved son, you are my beloved daughter.*' And like the apostles, we are reassured and strengthened. On the other hand, we all are familiar with Mount Calvary, the hill of sorrow and pain. It is the hill of desolation. All of us have moments when life is dark and difficult. At these moments, it may seem as if God has abandoned us and we are on our own. In those moments, we must do what Jesus did on Calvary, that is, turn to God in prayer and commit our cause to Him.

My dear brothers and sisters, the road of suffering is narrow and difficult. But it is not the same when we recognize that Jesus too travelled it and as such a bright light illuminates it. Even though it leads to Calvary, it doesn't end there. It ends at Easter. Those who link their sufferings with those of Christ will share His resurrection glory at Easter and will become a source of blessing to others.

As we continue on our journey of faith through this Lenten season, and as the bodily discipline of Lent begins to take a toll on our bodies, let the words of St Paul be a source of encouragement for us: "**I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.**" Romans 18:18



Catholic Social Teaching:

Rights and Responsibilities

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+ God makes big promises to Abram, soon to be called Abraham, and Abram understandably asks. “How am I to know that I shall possess it?” We too might ask, “How will we know that God is with us as we journey on? As we open our eyes to the problems of the world? As we engage the world’s problems? As we take the risk to see more clearly? As we take a stand for what is right? As we speak up for justice?”

+ Abram sees the power of God in a ritual and a covenant. The disciples see the power of God in a profound prayer experience on the mountain. Lent is the time for us to grow in awareness – awareness of the presence of God in ourselves, in our prayer, in our action, in the people and the world around us, in the poor and the rich, in people who are different than ourselves and in people who are the same, in the challenges of life, in injustice and violence, in peace and justice, in all things.

+ Abram led his family toward a new promised land. Moses led the people of Israel in the “exodus” out of Egypt. We are told that Jesus talks to Moses and Elijah about his upcoming “exodus.” The exodus experience can happen again. Jesus is about a new liberation from our blindness and slavery and about a new liberation for our world.

We pray:

+ For people around the world who are hungry, especially children, that they receive the nutritious food they need to live healthy, productive lives.

+ For our own community of faith, that we remember the words of Christ: “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me.”

---Education for Justice Lectionary Reflections
By: Fr. John Bucki, S.J.

A 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 St. Bridget parish and all people throughout the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux for answering the call of prayers and generosity to the 2019 Annual Bishop’s Appeal. Each gift our Diocese received directly support our 14 seminarians, caring for our 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 53.99% 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 2019 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop’s Appeal Office at 985-850-3116 or email aponson@htdiocese.org.

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OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY

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.

Lent Mission

When: March 20

**Time: Following the 6 pm Mass
Lasting until 8 pm**

Who:

Deacon Larry Oney, a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a premiere international Catholic preacher, dynamic teacher, author, radio host, and founder of Hope and Purpose Ministries; whose mission is to proclaim the Kingdom of God (Matthew 10:7), encourage others that God has a plan and purpose for their lives (Jeremiah 29:11), and to help heal the broken-hearted (John 10:10b).

Deacon Oney is a noted evangelist who has touched millions of lives across the globe from Europe to Africa to Brazil to Canada and throughout the United States.

Deacon Oney's latest books are *Amazed by God's Grace: Overcoming Racial Divides by the Power of the Holy Spirit* and *Divine Mission: Discovering Your Hope and Purpose*.

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 Badeaux, Donald Banowetz, Chad Barrieaux, 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 Gibbons 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 Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Ronnie Thomas, Chris Toups, Joyce Toups, 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.*

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:

Terrebonne Main Library
151 Library Drive
Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm
J. Gaudet: Site Coordinator

Galliano Government Complex
16241 E Main St, Cut Off
Wed. and Fri.: 9am – 4pm

Appointment Only Sites:

Thibodaux Health Unit
2535 Veterans Blvd
Tue. and Thur. 8am – 2:30pm
Leslie Guidry: 985-227-1936

Lockport Town Hall
710 Church Street
Tues. and Fri.: 9am - 4pm
Candy Bruce: 985-258-6801

Lafourche Parish Government Complex
4876 Hwy 1, Mathews
Monday and Wednesdays: 9am – 4pm
Cheryl Cavalier: 985-696-3600

Encounter Annet

In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? [Visit crsrice-bowl.org for more.](http://crsrice-bowl.org)

March 19, 2019 St. Joseph Altar

Blessing: 7:30AM.

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

Noon: Shrimp Jambalaya available

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 6th 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://stbridgethtdiocese.org>).

Roast Beef Lunch - Huge Success

Thanks to all who purchased tickets and helped with the Roast Beef Po-Boy Lunch. It was a huge success. Proceeds from the sale will be used for youth events such as Steubenville on the Bayou, Steubenville South, and the National Catholic Youth Conference, CDA Kid, CDA support of seminarians, funeral meals, and more. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is for children age 3 through 1st grade. Adults and teen assistants help with the program. The program takes place during the 10:30 am Mass.

Youth Formation News

Youth Formation (CCD) registration forms were issued through Youth Formation classes February 24th. Early registration fees are due by April 8th. 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 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 12th 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.



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Catholic Daughters will meet Thursday, April 11 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. Annual dues (\$25) are due at this time and can be paid at the meeting.