

St. Bridget Catholic Church

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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

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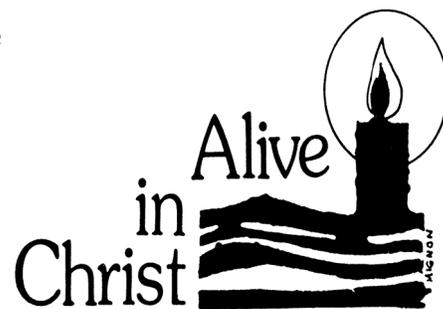
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**The Church
office will be
closed
July 3-4.**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2, 2017**

Think of yourselves as dead to sin
and living for God in Christ Jesus.
— *Romans 6:11*



**Second Collection for
St. Michael's Church, Wera
Soroti Catholic Dioceses, Uganda**

Soroti Catholic Diocese—Uganda, (Fr. Simon Peter's home diocese) was erected on the 29th of November 1980 by Pope John Paul II, and is located in Eastern part of Uganda. The Diocese has a Catholic population of about 1.2 million representing 60% of the total population of the geographical area covered. The Diocese was created amidst a civil war and has lived most of its life in the midst of civil and political unrest. The last decade however has been a period of peace and stability. In spite of the civil war, the peoples faith never wavered. In fact, it grew in the midst of the adversity and continues to grow. The Catholic population has grown from an estimated 300,000 when the Diocese was established to 1.2 million today.

To meet the demands of the growing Catholic population, the Diocese has embraced a two fold approach; on the one hand to create more parishes and on the other, to expand the capacity of existing parishes.

Fr. Martin (Fr Simon Peter's brother) is the Pastor of St. Michael's Church, Wera. The current Church which sits 300 people on a typical Sunday is completely full and a lot of people are left to participate and follow the Sunday liturgies from outside of the Church. The second collection is to benefit the ongoing construction of anew Church with a sitting capacity of 700. Using local resources, the community has laid the foundation for the new Church. The proceeds from the collection will go towards purchasing manufactured building products especially cement and iron/steel products. Your generous gift towards this mission will be highly appreciated.

THE RICHNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS		July 8-9, 2017	
	4 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Lector	Mark Olin	Dawn Koetting	Brenda Riche
Commentator	Mary Heiser	Phil Schexnayder	Claire Babin
Eucharistic Ministers	Team 4	Team 11	Team 14

Homebound	July 7	Cheryl Henderson
Money Counters	July 10	Team 2
Church Cleaners	July	Mitzi Fromenthal Sandra Himmel
Altar Linens	July	Cheryl Henderson

FINANCE COUNCIL: Fr. Simon Peter Engurait, Phil Schexnayder, Mike Richard, Nina Richard, Tracy Baudoin, Peggy Pitre, Deacon Stephen Brunet

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fr. Simon Peter Engurait, Amy Baudoin, Nicholas Billiot, Nina Billiot, Burnelle and Margaret Landry, Annie Knight, Curtis Knight, Medrick Levron, Albert Rogers, Deacon Stephen Brunet

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27;
or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13;
Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67;
Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6;
Mt 9:14-17;

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;
Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Guidelines for Baptism

Prior to baptizing a child, the parents and Godparents must attend a baptismal seminar. The next baptismal seminar will be held **June 14, at 6:30 pm** in the Annex.

Those seeking to baptize a child can complete the registration forms in the church 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 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

Gospel — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

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Eucharistic Adoration

Can you visit with me for an hour? He is Present and Waiting for you.

I recently read these two testimonies at the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Website (eucharisticadoration.ie) and thought they are worth sharing with y'all. Fr. Simon Peter

It was a wet and windy Sunday morning and I was standing inside the Church door, out of the rain, waiting for a lift to do some study in the University as exams were on the horizon. Mass was not something that interested me much, since my Confirmation. Mass was going on as I stood in from the rain. During the Mass a man was invited by the priest to speak to the congregation. He kept talking about Adoration. At one point during the talk he pointed at the Tabernacle and said slowly 'He is there. Jesus is there', quoting some saint. I couldn't believe what I was hearing. My lift never arrived and I waited until Mass was over to challenge the speaker. I felt he was just saying 'He is there' for effect and to get the people to listen.

I went straight up to the speaker and blurted out 'did you do that for effect, to get the people to listen when you said and pointing to the tabernacle' He is there'. The reply with a smile was calm and definite. I meant everything I said and Jesus is there. Come around to the Adoration Chapel and I will show you Jesus, true God and true man, in the Monstrance, the same Jesus who walked the Holy Land just over 2000 years ago, the same Jesus that performed all the amazing miracles there.

I was gobsmacked and got a bit emotional at this point. I asked him if he would be speaking at the evening Mass and saying the same thing, as my parents usually go to that mass. He said, why do you ask me that? Well I feel that my parents don't know that Jesus is there in the Tabernacle or in the Monstrance, and that it is really Him. Why do you say that? He asked. Because my parents never told my brother or myself. If they know I feel they would have told us. I found myself going back to that evening Mass with my parents and from then on Mass has become a must for me. I really enjoy telling others about my journey back to my faith again. I now understand why people love to go to Adoration. I now drop in when passing to the Adoration Chapel. (Mary; not my real name)

This is a Nora's story (not her real name) I have been praying my weekly hour of Adoration, over many years, for my husband to return to Mass and the Sacraments as he has been away from them for 26 years. He didn't even enter the church when our children were making their first Holy Communion and Confirmations. On a wet and very cold winter's day he dropped me down to the Adoration Chapel for my holy hour and asked me to hurry out after the hour as he wanted to go to an important meeting. After the hour he came to collect me and waited outside in the car. After waiting for an extra twenty minutes, he lost patience and ran into the Adoration Chapel to hurry me out. I pretended not to see him and he sat down very impatiently for some minutes. Finally I got up and left and he came speedily after me. I was expecting a lot of anger and complaints because I stayed longer than the hour and kept him waiting. Having got into the car he turned to me, and said, calmly and quietly, 'I am not going to that meeting I mentioned but instead I am going to the priest in the Parochial house and going to ask him to hear my confession. Something came over me as I entered that Adoration Chapel, and I feel God calling me back again'. He got confession that day and became a Daily mass goer and a weekly Adorer for the very first time. I put this down to the power of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

CCD and Youth News

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.

Sacrament Photos are Available

Photos from 1st Communion and Confirmation are now available in the CCD office. Contact Miss Bernadette to pick up pictures.

Help Wanted

Please prayerfully consider helping with the CCD program. Contact Bernadette for more details.

Attention Adults:

The sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation are sacraments of the Catholic Church. If you wish to receive any of these sacraments please contact Bernadette Mabile at stbridgetccd@htdiocese.org

Clean Up Day #2 Coming Soon

Thanks to all who helped with the cleaning of the church, chapel, and rectory earlier this year. We are now planning Clean Up Day #2. We plan to clean the interior of the Annex and Didier Hall in order to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Stay tuned to the bulletin and website (www.stbridget-htdiocese.org) for more details.

CDA & KC News

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 July 26 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.

Become a Volunteer

Notre Dame Hospice is looking for Volunteers who can provide companionship, caregiver relief, run errands, play music, or offer any talent that you have to share.

If interested or would like more information call 504-920-8442 or email mmeyers@arch-no-org

Volunteers are needed in our community.

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.



Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of:

July 2-8

Brandon Filardo by Mom and Dad

July 9-15

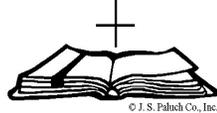
Leonard Pollet (WA) Sharon and family

DA=Death Anniv.

B= Birthday

WA=Wedding Anniv.

Mass Intentions



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July 1 Rudy Boudreaux (B) by Earline & fly; Mr. & Mrs. Olema Darcey by Sandra Dunbar; Jimmy Pennison by family

July 2 Aida Moncivaiz Fontenot, by Moncivaiz, Fontenot, and Vasquez families

July 3 Kirvey Gagneaux (DA) by Faye & Steve Seal and Vanessa & Curtis Knight

July 4 Buddy Gagneaux, Jr. (WA) by Betty Gagneaux

July 8 Ernest Mabile by family, Mr. & Mrs. Olema Darcey by Sandra Dunbar; Jimmy Pennison by family

July 9 Aimzy Olivier (B) by Earline and family, Aida Moncivaiz Fontenot, by Moncivaiz, Fontenot, and Vasquez families, Clovis Triche and Danay Bergeron by Enola Triche, Keith Babin by Mom, Dad and family

The Bayou Community Band's Summer Concert will be Sunday July, 2, 2017 at Peltier Hall Auditorium, Nicholls State University. Free Admission

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAU

The mission of Catholic Charities is to provide compassionate service and empower people in need through faithfulness to the Gospel. Catholic Charities has just released its annual report with program descriptions and the impact these programs have on people in need. Our parish supports Catholic Charities through our Christmas collection. Visit www.htdiocese.org/catholic charities for more information..

Weekly Support Envelopes

Church support envelopes provide the parish with a method of budgeting and planning for the future. All parishioners are encouraged to use envelopes. The parish mails envelopes quarterly. Contact the rectory to become an envelope user. A financial commitment need not be made to use envelopes. Each of us is asked to give according to his means. There is no amount too small or too large.

Envelope users are provided financial statements of contributions for tax purposes at the end of the year.

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.

Eucharist for the Homebound

The Holy Eucharist is provided to the homebound of the parish. Those wishing to receive the Eucharist are to contact the rectory so that arrangements can be made. Those interested in being Eucharistic ministers for the homebound should also contact Jeanette in the rectory.

Would you like to bring up the Offertory Gifts?

The tradition of the offertory gifts being carried to the altar dates back the beginning of the church. Families and friends are encouraged to serve in this ministry. Inform the ushers if you are willing to bring the offertory gifts for mass.