

St. Bridget Catholic Church

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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 and 10:00-10:25 am

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THE MASTER STORYTELLER

In today's Gospel, Jesus is presented to us as the master storyteller. He loved to use parables as a tool for comparing one thing to something else. In most of his parables, Jesus revealed who God is by comparing God's essence or actions with something familiar to his listeners. In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus proclaims a marvelous and irrefutable truth. His small band of disciples, as insignificant as they may have felt, would one day produce a mighty kingdom whose growth was initiated by God. The seeds of this kingdom were planted by God and it is God who will harvest the fruit brought forth from those seeds. The extent of the growth of God's kingdom cannot be predicted. We must trust the work of the Master's hand as we, the mustard plant, grow and grow.

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Poor Box Donations

The St. Vincent de Paul Society uses donations from the poor box to help members of our community who are in need. Donations can be placed in the box near the doors at the front entrance of the Church.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Reception June 24, 2018

Honoring

*Linda and Bobby Ardoin
Bishop Medal recipients*

*Tyler Bonvillain
Youth Leadership Award*

*Belle Bourgeois
Youth Leadership Award*

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

—*Psalm 92:14*

Annual Bishop's Appeal Mass of Intentions



ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL 2018
PARTNERS in HOPE
Serving One Mission Together

Invitation

We at St. Bridget Church would like to thank you all for your generous gifts and prayers in support of the 2018 Annual Bishops Appeal. Our church parish has achieved 102% of our goal as well as many prayer intentions for Bishop Fabre. Bishop Fabre would like to invite you and your families to share and celebrate in a special mass of intentions Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 11:00 AM at The Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales, Houma, LA where all of the special intentions received through the Annual Bishop's Appeal will be blessed.

Reception June 24, 2018

Yearly the Diocese of Houma– Thibodaux honors two adults from each Church Parish with the Bishop's Medal and two youths for leadership in their Church.

We would like to congratulate and honor the recipients from St. Bridget with a celebration after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday June 24.

We will have jambalaya, sandwiches and cake. If anyone would like to bring a dessert or snack foods they would be welcomed.

Please mark your calendars and join your church family in honoring our new recipients. All are welcome. The more the merrier .

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		June 23-24	
	Extraordinary Ministers	Lector	Commentator
Saturday 4:00 pm	Team 3	Susan Chauvin	Melissa Tardiff
Sunday 8:30 am	Team 10	Grace Billiot	Emily Baudoin
Sunday 10:30 am	Team 13	Madeline Malbrough	Claire Babin

Homebound	June 22	Diana Bailly
Money Counters	June 18	Team 3
Church Cleaners	June	Joe & Amy Richterberg
Altar Linens	June	Terry Blanchard

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of:



June 17-23

Tristan Ables by Ma Maw and family
Dale Earl Wallace by Edith, Gus & Marie

June 24-30

Belle Brunet (B) by Brunet family

Masses

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



June 16 -17

See Fathers Day insert

June 17 8:30 am

Marion Knight by Godfrey Knight

June 17 10:30 am

Diane Levron by Medrick and family,
Laurie Hebert by Mom and Dad,
Aida Moncivaiz Fontenot by Moncivaiz family

June 23

Lucien Legendre & Jerry Legendre by Gail and family,
Mildred Sisung by Jim and Kay Hentz,
Buddy Gagneaux Jr. (DA) by Betty Gagneaux,
Dale Earl Wallace (DA) by Gus, Edith, & Marie

June 24 8:30am

Belle Brunet (B) by Brunet family,
Jimmie Usey by Alida Cochran

June 24 10:30am

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

Knights of Columbus



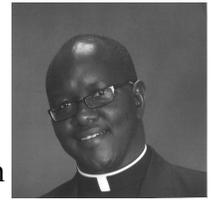
The KCS are the fraternal organization of men serving the church parish with physical and spiritual needs. The KC's meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Community Life Annex. The organization is open to Catholic men aged 18 and above. The next meeting is on June 27. Contact Ricky Billiot at 985-856-6868 for more details.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

St. Bridget is privileged to have a Perpetual Adoration Chapel. All have the opportunity to experience the real presence of Jesus. Let us treasure the chapel by patronizing it. We need to develop a Catholic habit of making regular visits to the chapel. The chapel is open during daylight hours. Those wishing to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament between 7 pm and 6 am need to contact the rectory at 985-446-6801 for a key fob. Parents are encouraged to stop in and visit Jesus with your children or spend some alone quiet time with Him.

My Dear people of God,

Greetings and best wishes from Uganda.



I am writing this on the second and last week of the visit here. You will be reading it when (God willing) I will be back home to Schriever. Last week, I briefly shared with you our experience at the celebration of the feast of the Uganda Martyrs, Sunday June 3, 2018. Allow me share a little of what happened thereafter.

The following day, we set off for Murchison Falls National Park for a two day safari experience. The park covering four thousand square kilometers is one the jewels of God's creation. The River Nile cuts across it, leaving a dense forest in the south and a savanna grassland in the Northern part. When we got to the banks of the River Nile, in addition to the breathtaking view of the running waters of the Nile River, we saw two elephants on the other side of the river where we would be crossing to stay at the Paraa Safari Lodge. After dinner at the Lodge, as we walked back to our rooms along a dimly lit walkway, we had a pleasant surprise. Right in front of us (less than 10 feet) was a large elephant trying to graze on the flower beds by our rooms! It was an experience of a life time, both exciting and scary!

The following day, later in the afternoon, we went on a game drive under the guidance of Sam, the game Ranger and we saw several animals, most notably- lions, giraffes, elephants, different species of deer etc. and for each one of them, Sam would give us information about them. About the elephant, he told us that, it (especially the African Elephant) is the biggest land mammal in the world. It weighs up to 7-8 tons and has a life expectancy of up to 70 years. The gestation period for the elephant is 22 months as opposed to the 9 months for us humans. We were able to see both the big and small elephants.

As I look back and now write this column, the encounter with that elephant and the information on elephants remains vivid in my mind especially in the light of the gospel reading this Sunday and the parable of the mustard seed. The mustard seed is small and yet grows into a big tree, that puts out large branches. Likewise, the elephant – that huge animal begins small – from conception, 22 months of gestation and many years after birth turns into this huge beast of an animal. It is very easy to get lost in the grandeur of the elephant or the big mustard tree and lose sight of the fact that, it is a result of years of growth. It did not happen over night!

In the gospel reading today, Jesus using the image of seeds gives us an insight into the mystery of the Kingdom of God. Like a little seed, the message of the Kingdom is planted into our lives and for long periods, there may be no significant appearance or manifestation of the kingdom in our lives. That however is a period of growth and development if we intentionally allow and cultivate the Kingdom values and principles in our lives. In due time, the seed of the Kingdom of God planted in our lives will turn into a large plant that provides for others. The life of Jesus is most certainly a perfect illustration of this reality. For thirty years, after His birth, there was almost 'nothing' happening! But that period of silence or 'nothing happening' was a time of growth and development for our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

In the same vein, we see that pattern in the lives of the (giant) Saints in our Church like St John Paul II, Mother Theresa of Calcutta etc. For long periods in their lives there seemed to be 'nothing happening' in their lives until they manifested the Kingdom to all of us. Following their footsteps, as we continue on our journey of faith especially through this 'Ordinary Time' – in our ordinary and daily endeavors may we allow the Kingdom of God to build up and establish in our lives.

God bless,

Fr simon peter

Catholic Social Teaching: Call to Family, Community, and Participation

We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together in the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

The word of God calls us to have hope in challenging times.

Ezekiel in the first reading uses the beautiful image of God planting the cedar tree.

The psalmist tells us that “the just one will flourish like a palm tree...they shall bear fruit even in old age...”

Paul tells us that “we walk by faith, not by sight...we are courageous...”

Jesus talks about the seed that sprouts and grows and produces a harvest, even though we do not know how it happens.

Jesus talks about the tiny mustard seed that somehow becomes a great bush that can even be a home for the birds of the sky.

The vision of God is bigger than all our limited visions. The call of God comes to us in the storm.

We have faith through the vision and values of Jesus. We have faith that these values will help us as we struggle with the challenges of our time. We have hope that we can discern God’s call in the midst of all the questions. We pray to have love that will bring us together as a community and allow us to discover God in all things, in all people, and even in all questions. We are committed to get into action and do something for the common good and especially for those who are in need.

Contributions— May 13, 2018

Envelopes \$ 4787.00

Loose \$ 917.00
5704.00

Food Bank \$ 50.00

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 39.00

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ’s total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God’s own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the acts of giving from our abundance and attending to the needs of the poor open us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalms — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20;

Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;

Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

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 Barreilleaux, 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, Ruben Cunningham, 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, Austin Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Vergie Gros, Kendra Guillot, Curley Hebert, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr., Jessie Hoffpauir, Samara Holland, Kristen Koppel, Jackson LaFleur, Elmay Landry, Judie Landry, Joyce Landry, Mark Landry, Barbara Nell Lapeyrouse, Allie LeBlanc, Chester Lecompte, Evelyn Leger, Tammy Babin Loney, Payton Martin, Rick Melancon, Asher Miller, Savannah Miller, Meghan Naquin, Misty Naquin, Shannon Naquin, Annie Ordoyne, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, Kenneth Pitre, James Pierce, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Kerri Reynolds, Angel Richard, Bryce Richard, Ella Richard, Lorita Rodrigue, Charles Rogers, Cynthia Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Lyn Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Sautier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, James Soileau, Bubba McNeil, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Mary Ann Theriot, Cammie Thibodaux, Rudy Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Chris Troups, Joyce Troups, 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.*

Beautification Committee

On **Saturday** morning, **June 23**, from **7:30 am - 10:30 am**, the Beautification Committee will meet outside the rectory to clean up the flower beds. If time and energy permit, we may weed outside the annex too. **All are invited** to help. You may want to bring gardening gloves, pruners, or any other useful gardening tool. Call Lori for more info: 446-2545.

Thanks Father Martin and Davis

The Youth and VBS Staff wish to thank Fr. Martin and Davis for their untiring help during Vacation Bible School. The children attending VBS collected \$100 to present to Father Martin to purchase soccer balls for the children in his village. All involved in VBS loved every minute of Davis' time, energy, and enthusiasm. The church is blessed to have such Holy Men working with our children and youth. Please keep Father Martin and Davis in your prayers as they will be attending the Steubenville on the Bayou Conference with the Youth Group this weekend.



Please keep all Fathers in your prayers that they may be examples of the love that Jesus gives to his children. May they always guide and protect their families as we struggle through this difficult world of today.

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, Curtis Knight, Medrick Levron, Albert Rogers, Deacon Stephen Brunet

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

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

Come join us

For an introduction to the Creighton Model Fertility Care System with a local Fertility Care Practitioner

The Creighton Model Fertility Care System is a scientific based method of Natural Family Planning (NFP) that, unlike contraceptives, is in line with the teaching of the Catholic Church. Depending on the couple's intentions, when exercised effectively, the method could be used to:

- Avoid a pregnancy, or
- Achieve a pregnancy
- While learning more about women's health

When: Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 3:30-5:00pm

Where: Houma-Thibodaux Pastoral Center
2779 Hwy 311 Schriever, LA 70395

Who: Engaged couples, married couples, or single women interested in NFP

Cost: \$40

Please RSVP by Friday, August 10, 2018 by calling the Office of Family Ministries at 985-850-3129

SANKOFA, a Day of Reflection is rescheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

This day is for Black Catholics and for those who minister TO, WITH, FOR, and AMONG Black Catholics. Registration fee is \$15.00 (includes lunch).

Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 20, 2018

For additional information please contact Christine Streams, Diocesan Liaison for Black Catholics at 985-446-0487, ext. 202 (St. Luke) or email cstreams@htdiocese.org