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Seventh Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19



*Love your enemies,
that you may be children
of your heavenly Father,
for he makes the sun rise
on the bad and the good.*

Matthew 5:44, 45

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**Rev. Simon Peter
Engurait**

Deacon Stephen Brunet

Mr. Mark Olin

**Daily Mass (M-F) 8:00 am
Saturday, Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am**

*Sacrament of Reconciliation
30 minutes prior to Mass*

February 22, 2023

**Ash Wednesday
Observances
Mass Times
8:00 am and 6:00 pm**

Ashes will be distributed
before and after Masses
Beginning at 7:00am
Please pick up your
Meditation Booklet
and Rice Bowls.

*We begin the Lenten Season
with the stirring reminder of
our mortality and begging for
the blessing of forgiveness.*

Mission Statement of St. Bridget Catholic Church Parish

We the community of St Bridget Catholic Church 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.

Hello Everyone, It is Sunday evening (February 5, 2023) and it is two weeks since I last communicated. A lot has happened since then. First and foremost, I join in celebrating the appointment of our new bishop this past Wednesday. I wish I was there to be part of the joy and excitement at the announcement of his appointment. Nevertheless, thanks to technology I was able to speak to him briefly on Thursday and in the conversation he among others advised me to continue with my sabbatical plans. *If all goes well, I plan on coming for the installation.*

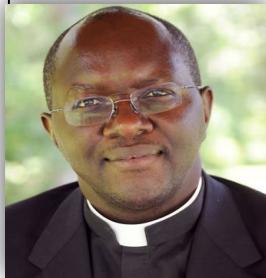
Returning to my sabbatical, the last two weeks like the past two have been a great blessing. Regarding our ongoing formation classes, the previous week we had Fr Vivian Boland, OP a Dominican priest, teach and remind us of important aspects in the spiritual life of every priest. In a nutshell he reminded us that the more spiritual a priest is, the more he is able to help others in their own spiritual journey. Needless to say, the opposite is also true! Then last week we had two classes, one of Canon Law by the renown Jesuit Professor, Fr James Conn which reminded us of the importance of following the rules of the Church in all that we do as priests because we do not minister on our own behalf but on behalf of the Church. He for example stressed the importance of celebrating the Mass as the Church instructs and not as we want. The other class was on Pastoral Communication by Ashley Noronha, a communications specialist. *She stressed the fact that even good news can be spoilt if not communicated well.* She therefore presented to us some fundamentals of effective communication. In the course of the two weeks we also had several trips and excursions as a group. The first was visit to the great and ancient Basilica of St Clement of Rome (the second successor of St Peter as Pope/Bishop of Rome). This basilica is an amazing evidence of our Catholic faith that has been confirmed by archeological evidence. Then we spent one whole day at the Vatican. In the morning we visited the Dicastery for the Clergy (Vatican Office that helps the Pope oversee the life and ministry of clergy in the whole world) and were addressed by Archbishop Adres Ferrada Moreira who is the Secretary General of this office. Then in the afternoon we visited the Vatican Museum which includes the renown Sistine Chapel. Finally, we visited the Basilica of Mary Major. The most important of all basilicas that are dedicated to our blessed mother Mary. I have visited this basilica

several times before but had never learned that it was built at the explicit and miraculous instruction of our blessed mother. It is reported that on August 5 (*typically summer time*), snow covered the whole area which drew the attention of all including Pope Liberius. The Pope visited the site and was instructed by the Blessed Mother to build a church there in her honor with specific instructions on the dimensions. Unlike the other major basilicas that have been rebuilt or modified, this one has remained the same! That is the formal part of the program here.

On a personal note, I have continued to take advantage of the free time available on the program. Italy and other countries in Europe are home to some of the greatest saints in the life of the Church. Many of you know that I love saints and always strive to honor and celebrate their memory, especially at daily Mass.

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PRAYERS FOR REST AND RENEWAL



O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayer on behalf of your priest Simon Peter. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love that will increase during the course of his priestly life.

In times of loneliness, comfort him.

In times of sorrow, strengthen him.

In times of frustration, remind him that it is through trials and suffering that the soul is purified. Show him how best to serve Your Church and minister to souls.

O most pure and Blessed Mary, ever virgin, Mother of us all, take your son Simon Peter to your Immaculate Heart. Keep him close to you. Be his comfort, Be his joy. Be his strength. Help him in his commitment to live a life of consecrated celibacy, prayer and obedience; and help him to defend the ideals of the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, Amen

SANCTUARY LIGHT

February 18 & 19

Bishop Mario Dorsonville and the Priests of the Diocese of Houma/Thibodaux

MASS INTENTIONS

- Feb 18, 4:00 pm vigil** +Rudy, Eric & Wendy Thibodaux by family; +Delores Papa by Joann Sullivan; +Joe Richterberg by Amy Richterberg; +Marion Olivier by Louis & Delsie Stevens; +Olema & Ida Darcey; Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue; +Charles Darcey; +Ernest & Betty Mabile by family.
- Feb 19, 8:00 & 10:30** +Joe Richterberg by Amy Richterberg; +Jimmy Couple by Diana and Family
+Arthur Landry by Dee, Anthony & Samantha Landry
- Feb 20, 8:00** Sir 1:10-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29; St. Joseph (*observance*)
- Feb 21 8:00** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37; +Jules & Joyce LeBoeuf from Family
- Feb 22 8:00 & 6:00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; +Lutcher Pennison by Gale Pennison LeBoeuf; +Brett Savoie by Mom, eli & Family; +John L. Ables by Phyllis
- Feb 23 8:00** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Feb 24 8:00** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Feb 25 4:00 pm vigil** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32+Olema & Ida Darcey, Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue;
+Charles Darcey
- Feb 26 8:00 & 10:30** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
- Feb 27**
- Feb 28**

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

In the Charity of your prayers, remember the sick in our Parish Family — Alisa Frederick; Alvin & Gail Blanchard; Alvin Blanchard; Avery "Brother" Fonseca; Bethany Moore; Betty Falgout; Blaze Templet; Brenda Sonnier; Bryce Comeaux; Cheryl Henderson; Chester Sanchez; Connie Hymel; Daniell Samanie; David Cannon; David Prejean; Delores Bourgeois; Donnie Aucoin Jr; Dorothy Didier; Edith Theriot; Elaine Ables; Elvin Babin; Emile Charles Nelson; Emily LeBoeuf; Eric Olivier; Gladys Richard; Gwen Larson; Huey "Pat" Porche; Huey Cortez Sr; Jackson LaFleur; Jacob Aucoin; James Benoit; Jean Tregre; Jeannie Aucoin; Kenneth Pitre; Kip Pierce; Lawrence Coig; Lisa Filardo; Louis Stevens; Lowell Larson; Mary Allemand; Mary Theriot; Melissa Fontana; Melissa Tardiff; Michelle Rogers; Mike Stegall; Mila Marsala; Pewee Monson; Pierre Theriot; Ronnie Bourg; Sara Aucoin; Shirley Rodrigue; Sonia Fonseca; Stephanie W. Sneeze; Tammy Babin Loney; Tanya, Maggie & Max Martin; Toni Pollet; Trish Templet....and special intentions.

We Believe

St. Bridget Parishioners are welcome to watch the Live Stream Mass and Installation of our New Bishop. *Please gather in the Annex to Pray Together and Be Present on this new beginning.*
Nunc Coepi (With God's Help, We Begin)
Let us Pray for the Diocese of Houma/Thibodaux.

"It has been a long standing custom to burn the palms from Palm Sunday to produce the ashes for Ash Wednesday. The palms we use to remember the children of Jerusalem welcoming Jesus are now burned. These ashes remind us that we haven't always welcomed Him." explains Father Thomas Shoemaker of Fort Wayne.

"Joshua and his men tried to win the battle on their own with no regard to God," said Father Shoemaker. "We too, have sometimes left God out of our lives. We also need to repent and receive ashes. A life without God is a life that leads only to death."

Ash Wednesday Masses are 8:00 am and 6:00pm

The ashes you receive on Ash Wednesday come from the burned and blessed palms of the Palm Sunday Masses.

Ashes are ground and sifted, then Sprinkled with Holy Water.

Foreheads are marked as the Words, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return," are said.

Let us Rend our Hearts.



Save the Date

The Mass of Canonical Installation of His Excellency

**The Most Reverend
Mario E. Dorsonville**
as Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
*The Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales
Houma, Louisiana*

*All to be seated by 1:30 PM
Procession begins at 1:45 PM
Mass of Installation begins at 2:00 PM*



MAKE AN IMPACT TODAY



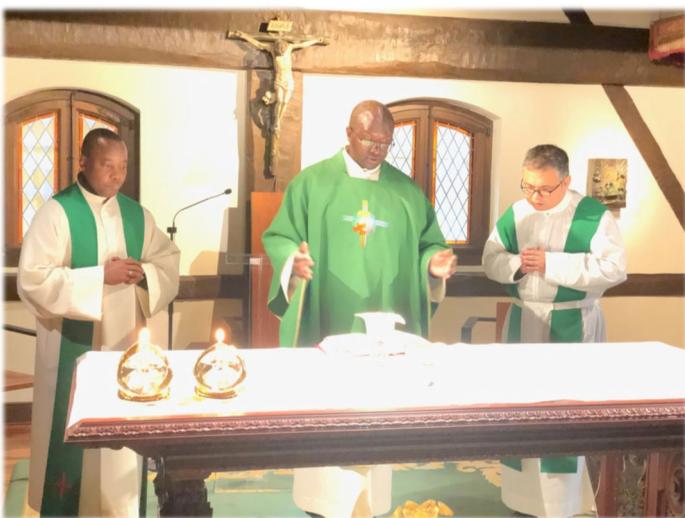
BISHOP'S APPEAL

It's IN THE MAIL!

Please
Make time to read the heartfelt letter from Father PJ Madden—His love and 'yes' to God moves us to become better followers of Christ The Lord.

Day after Day I will Bless You Lord; I will tell of Your Marvelous Deeds.

IN EVERY AGE LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE



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The previous weekend (Jan 28-29) was an open weekend- that means we were free from Friday to Monday. I therefore took the opportunity to trace the major steps in the life of my favorite Saint, St Ignatius of Loyola. I began by visiting the Church here in Rome where he spent the last years of his life and died. Then I travelled to Spain his native land beginning in Barcelona where I visited Montserrat, the first place Ignatius visited after his conversion experience. On this amazing mountain before the image of Mary under the title the Black Madonna, he completely abandoned ‘the world’ and surrendered his life to God. From there I briefly visited the city of Manresa and the basilica there but did not get a chance to visit the famous cave where he began to write the now famous Spiritual Exercises.

After Montserrat and Manresa, I visited the world famous Basilica Sagrada Familiar. This amazing structure has been under construction since the late 1800! No words or pictures can describe it. I was literally stunned! Then I travelled to Pamplona the city where Ignatius was injured in battle leading to

his conversion. Finally on St Ignatius, I visited Loyola his home town, where he was born and raised. It is the same place where he was brought on a stretcher after the injury incurred in Pamplona (*it took us almost 3 hours driving, I wonder the time it took then without motorized transport and the pain he endured!*).

I had the privilege to preside at Sunday Mass (January 29, 2023) in the chapel of conversion! On my way back, I had a stop over in Madrid and visited the great Cathedral dedicated to our Lady Virgin of Almudena. Yesterday, I visited the Southern city of Salerno and there at the cathedral I had the special honor and privilege to visit the tomb of the Apostle and Evangelist Mathew! Then I travelled scenic route of Amalfi (stopping at the Basilica), Positano, Sorento (stopping at the Basilica), Naples and back to Rome. These are some of the best scenes I have seen in my life! Then early this morning, a few of us travelled to Cascia where St Rita lived.

It was another profound experience of the life of a saint whose body has not been corrupted by death. One of the incorruptible saints! I learnt a lot about her life and the faith she had in God. We had the honor to concelebrate Sunday Mass today at the Basilica of St Rita. On our way back, we visited the city of Norcia, the home town of the great St Benedict and his sister Scholastica. In all these places, I offered prayers for you all and some of you by name invoking God’s graces upon you.

Let us remain united in prayer and in the Eucharist.

Thanks, and God bless,

Father Simon Peter

(see more photos on the Church website – **Sabbatical**)

2/18/23	4:00 pm	2/19/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Faye Seal	Annie Breerwood	Fred Duplechin
Commentator	Anne Naquin	Lynette Lawless	Lillie Brunet
2/25/23	4:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30
Lector	Faye Seal	Annie Breerwood	Pauline Monnier
Commentator	Anne Naquin	Lynette Lawless	Lillie Brunet

****Please check in with the Celebrant in the Side Chapel 5 minutes before Holy Mass**

“Be Holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.”

“Be Perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers-needed for weekend masses, please check with Deacon Stephen before Mass.

Catholic Daughters-March 9th, in the Annex 6:30 pm.

Children's Liturgy- During the Sunday Morning Masses

Choir-Wednesday evening practice

Decorating Committee-seasonal help needed.

Homebound Ministry-extraordinary ministers, call the office

Knights of Columbus—no meeting on Ash Wednesday

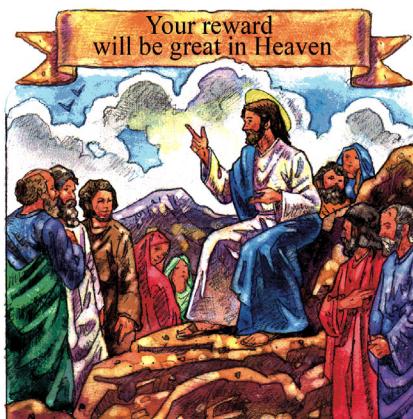
Lectors/Commentators—schedule is on page 5

Office Volunteers-serve at the request of the secretary

Social Committee-greeters, servers at events, and clean up

Ushers—needed for all weekend masses, please check with Deacon Stephen before Mass.

*For more information
on these valuable
organizations, and find
a way to full and active
participation,
please contact the
Parish Office.
(985) 446-6801*



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Come Lord Jesus—a scripture study focusing on the weekly readings is held on Monday's from 9 AM –10:30 AM. Call 446-9096 to inquire.

The Rosary is prayed every Wednesday and Friday after the daily 8 am Mass. All are invited to join in this experience.

Choir Practice—Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

Thank you for your generosity to St. Bridget Parish.	
Collection	
Jan 29, 3665.50	Donor Statements available please contact the office.
Online Giving	Make checks to St. Bridget Catholic Church
Jan 27-Feb 3, 885.00	

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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1st Communion Retreat is Saturday, March 18, 2023

The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated Sunday, March 19.

Youth Rally—April 1 at ED White High School, \$55. Registration fee includes a t-shirt and meal, for youth in grades 8-12. Public school students have their information, any Catholic School Student who wishes to participate should contact Miss Bernadette. *Parents responsible for transportation.*

Students, Mass Attendance slips are to be placed in the collection basket at the Mass you attend. YF Office has more.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 5-9, all volunteers should contact the office for planning meetings.

Children's Liturgy

Offered during Sunday Morning Mass in the Side Chapel of St. Bridget Church.

The Sunday Gospel is unpacked and illustrated to children in pre-K through second grade.

Safe Environment Training required.

YOUTH FORMATION OFFICE:

985-446-1985

CONTACT: BERNADETTE MABILE

DIOCESAN OUTREACH LINE WE ARE HERE TO HELP:

(985) 873-0026 or

(985) 850-3172

For more info, visit:

www.htdioocese.org/safe-environment

O LORD, I TRUST IN YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE. MY HEART WILL REJOICE IN OUR SALVATION. I WILL SING TO THE LORD WHO HAS BEEN BOUNTIFUL WITH ME.

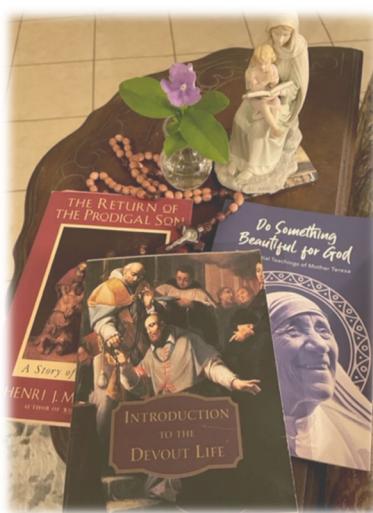
Faith Practices

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard devotion in the Church around the 14th century. It was revealed to *Saint Bridget of Sweden* (1303-1373) that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary's Seven Sorrows would bring great **signal graces**. (*simple signs in daily life that answer questions from our prayers*) The devotion consists in praying seven Hail Mary's while meditating on the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

In a unique way, Mary willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son as He gave His life to save the world he felt the bitterness of His Passion as only a mother can. This devotion is in the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15) and **is also practiced during the season of Lent**.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon
(Luke 2:34-35)
2. The Flight into Egypt
(Matthew 2:13-21)
3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days
(Luke 2:41-50)
4. The Carrying of the Cross
(John 19-17)
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus
(John 19:18-30)
6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross
(John 19:39-40)
7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)



Read, Pray, Study

Make Lent Meaningful. Lean not on your own understanding, but pray **with the Saints**. Study their lives and Church History.

God has spoken and acted in and through them in order for us to discover our very purpose in this life.

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. —USCCB



Devotion

St. Bridget Catholic Church will set up the St. Joseph's Altar on Friday, March 17, for Devotions through the weekend Masses.

Baked goods may be delivered on *March 17 from 3:00-5:00pm*.

The Church will remain open all day Monday, March 20 for private devotions.

Saint Joseph, Pray for us.

The St. Vincent de Paul Tri-Parish Community Pharmacy

201 Canal Street, Houma,

Eligibility is determined on an individual basis. Income, expenses and prior cost of medicines are considered. Individuals must not be eligible for government aid or insurance that covers medications. The mission of the St. Vincent Pharmacy is to serve the less fortunate of the area of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux by providing them with maintenance medicine they otherwise cannot afford and do not receive through assistance from government aid, Veteran's benefits, or insurance.

The pharmacy is still in need of volunteer pharmacists and pharmacy techs.

For more information about the services of the pharmacy or to volunteer, please contact the pharmacy at 985-872-2253.