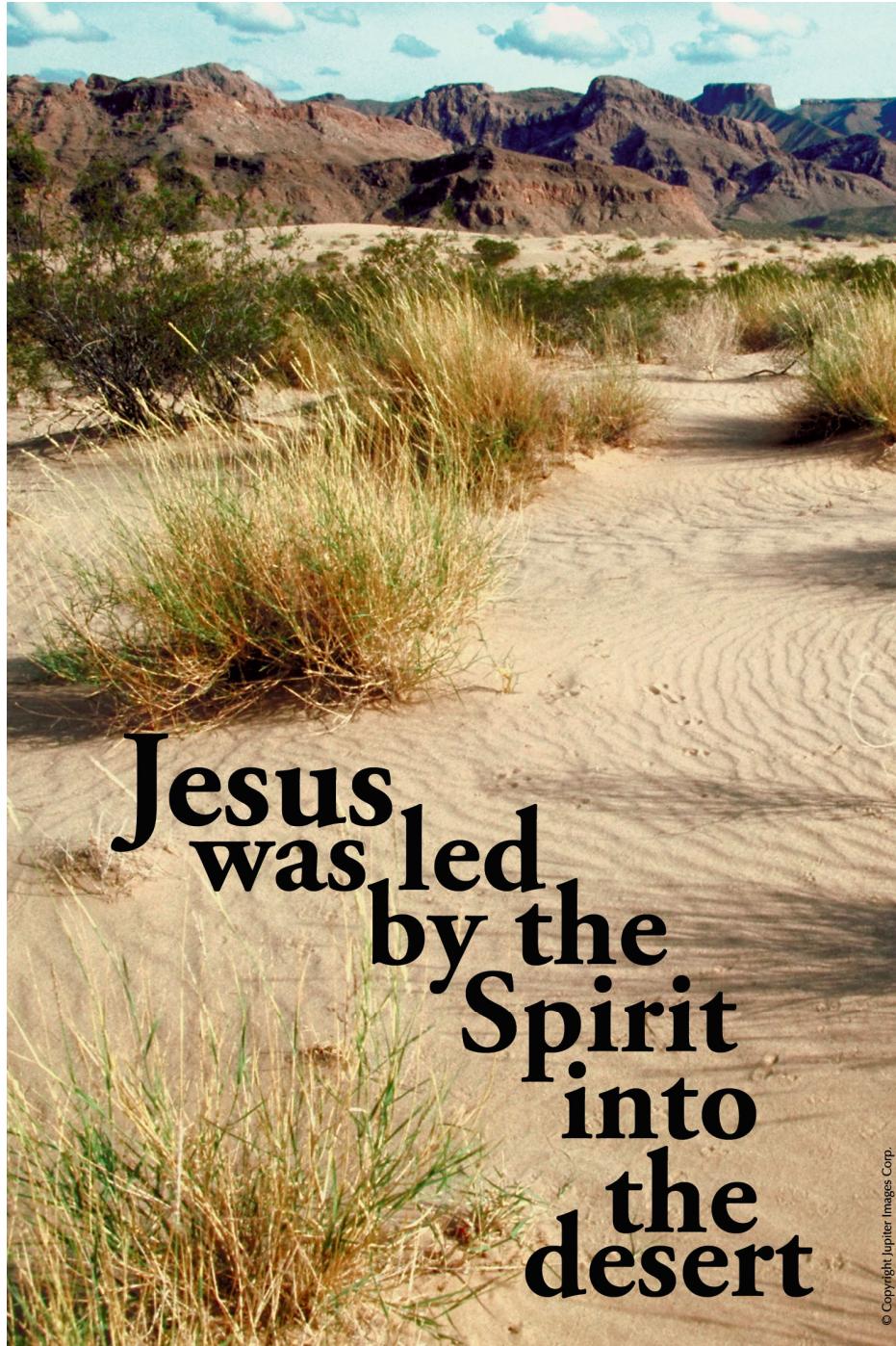


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1st Sunday
IN LENT



Rev. Simon Peter Engurait

**Deacon
Stephen Brunet**

**Secretary
Mr. Mark Olin**

Weekend Masses

**Saturday, Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation
30 minutes prior to Mass**

Lenten Practices

**Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving
Daily Mass
Monday-Thursday
8:00 am**

Fridays

**5:30 pm Way of The Cross,
6:00 pm Holy Mass**

**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 blessings 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.

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Scriptures. Pope Francis emphasizes the connection between the Lenten journey and the synodal journey: **one that Catholics 'walk together' towards a Church, in today's world, that has a vision of missionary communion oriented to evangelization.**



Both journeys require effort, sacrifice, and concentration and are rooted in tradition while remaining open to newness. Part of the tradition of our Faith Practices is attending Holy Mass each week, daily for some people, with full and active participation.

This is our Faith.

The foundational experience of Christianity is Faith:

The trusting disposition towards God. The core emotion of our heart and the belief and trust from our mind in what is hoped for, in evidence of what is not seen.

In todays three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew and Luke) after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each account tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. *The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil.*

In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition.

Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. ***Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.***

Sometimes Faith in God, trust in the Love and Goodness of God, urges us to press forward in unplanned ways, Trusting in God we take that first step. Strengthened only if we prepare for Easter. Through the Lenten Season, will we be able to make sense of the meaning of His Suffering, Death and Resurrection in our lives.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation:

God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

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 25-26

Tristan Ables by MawMaw and Family

READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS

			Scripture Readings For the Week of February 26, 2023
Feb 25	4:00 pm vigil	+Olema & Ida Darcey, Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue; +Charles Darcey +Tristan Ables by MaMaw and family	Sunday First Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11
Feb 26	8:00 & 10:30	+Joey Renz by Louis & Deliste Stevens; +Arthur Landry by Dee, Anthony & Samantha Landry; +Andrew Gauthreaux by Karen Dufrene; Leon & +Thelma Schhexnayder by Louis & Delsie Stevens	Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
			Tuesday Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Feb 27	8:00	Father Simon Peter Engurait, on Sabbatical	Wednesday Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Feb 28	8:00	The Parishioners of St. Bridget Catholic Church	Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
March 1	8:00	Parishioners	
March 2	8:00	Parishioners	
March 3	8:00	St. Katharine Drexel	Friday Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
March 4	4:00 pm vigil	+Olema & Ida Darcey, +Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue, +Charles Darcey; +Paul Hebert by Children	Saturday Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
March 5	8:00 & 10:30	+Arthur Landry by Dee, Anthony & Samantha Landry Ralph Melancon by Roger & Lisa Dupre	Sunday Second Sunday of Lent Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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; Gordon Rhodes; Gwen Larson; Huey "Pat" Porche; Huey Cortez Sr; Jackson LaFleur; Jacob Aucoin; James Benoit; Jean Tregre; Jeannie Aucoin; Kenneth Pitre; Kip Pierce; Lawrence Coig; Linda Ardoin, Lisa Filardo; Louis Stevens; Lowell Larson; Mary Allemand; Mary Louviere, 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; Webster Bertinot.

May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

We Believe

Do you? Or, someone you know would like to become Catholic?

For adults today, the Church, after the 2nd Vatican Council, has restored the Order of the Catechumenate in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. It outlines the steps for the **formation of catechumens** (*those who are unbaptized*) bringing their conversion to the faith to a greater maturity. This process is meant to form them into the fullness of the **Christian Life** and to become disciples of Jesus, their teacher. It helps them respond more deeply to God's Gracious initiative in their lives and prepares them for union within the Church community.

*The parish community thrives on hearing the Word of God, nourished by good preaching, becomes an evangelizing parish.

*A community which the bonds of brother/sisterhood are carefully nurtured, all are welcome, participate.

*A community marked by a devotion to service, especially to the least, the last, and the lost.

_USCCB-Catechism for Adults

this is our faith

Today, February 26, 2023, at 3:00 pm in the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales, 16 Catechumens will sign their names in **The Book of the Elect**. The same way your name was added to the parish book at your Baptism.

These Catechumens will then proceed in the next stage of their journey through the remainder of lent, and be Baptized at the Easter Vigil in their home parish.

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.

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**



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.

"START FROM WHERE YOU ARE, AND FROM THERE,
TRY TO JOURNEY TOGETHER," POPE FRANCIS.

Loving Your Enemies

"A rich man named Proculus had hundreds of slaves. The slave named Paulus was so trustworthy that Proculus made him the steward over his whole household. One day Proculus took Paulus with him to the slave market to buy some new workers. Before the bargaining began, they examined the men to see if they were strong and healthy. Among the slaves stood a weak, old man. Paulus urged his owner to buy this slave.

Proculus answered, "But he is good for nothing."

"Go ahead, buy him," Paulus insisted. "He is cheap. And I promise that the work in your household will get done even better than before."

So Proculus agreed and purchased the elderly slave. And Paulus made good on his word. The work went better than ever. But Proculus observed that Paulus now worked for two men. The old slave did no work at all, while Paulus tended to him, gave him the best food, and made him rest. Proculus was curious, so he confronted Paulus, "Who is this slave? You know I value you. I don't mind your protecting this old man. But tell me who he is. Is he your father who has fallen into slavery?"

Paulus answered, "It is someone to whom I owe more than to my father." "Your teacher, then?" "No. Somebody to whom I owe even more." "Who then?" "**This is my enemy.**" "Your enemy!"

"Yes. He is the man who killed my father and sold us, the children, as slaves." Proculus stood speechless. **"As for me," said Paulus, "I am a disciple of Christ, who has taught us to love our enemies and to reward evil with good."**

Do you love your enemies? Today in prayer, pray for your enemies that they may follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

"In Jesus and for Him, enemies and friends are to be loved." - Thomas a Kempis

Listen to a Podcast on Forgiveness, — Bishop Barron

Restore Relationships, Bring Forgiveness to the foreground. Practice comes first.

Put on the cloak of Christianity.

Forgiveness must be practiced before it is felt.

It's a series of practices with an interior disposition like love. It is "willing the good of the other."

How do you learn a trade? You practice it.

Do your words gather....or scatter?

Mistakes happen, and begin again.

Let us live our Christianity for the sake of the World. It is The Way.

2/25/23	4:00 pm	2/25/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Sue Chauvin	Jeanette Schexnayder	Fred Duplechin
Commentator	Steve Mire	Annie Breerwood	Lillie Brunet
3/4/23	4:00 pm	3/5/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Bernadette Mabile	Joan Bourg	Pauline Monnier
Commentator	Anne Naquin	Jeanette Schexnayder	Lillie Brunet
3/11/23	4:00 pm	3/5/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Sue Chauvin	Annie Breerwood	Fred Duplechin
Commentator	Faye Seal	Lynette Lawless	Melissa Pierce

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

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,

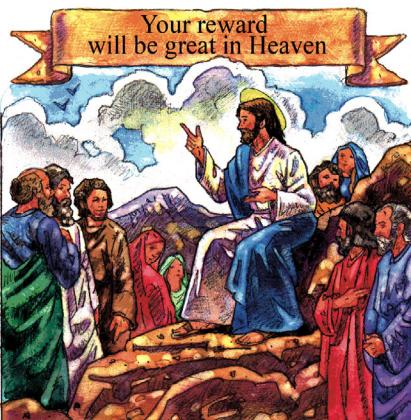
February collections

Weekly Envelopes 2,267.00

Weekly Loose 1,987.00

Online 970.00

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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.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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 Hight 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 is required to volunteer. Contact Wanda LeBlanc.

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.

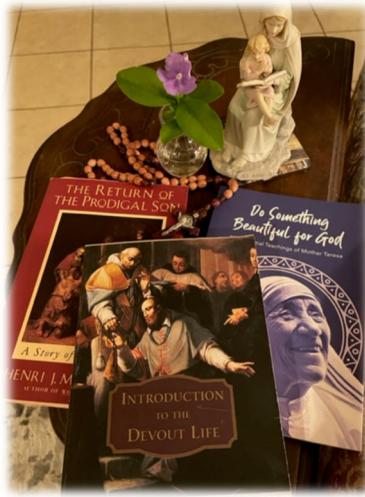
Faith Practices

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. 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)



Pray, Work, 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.

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.