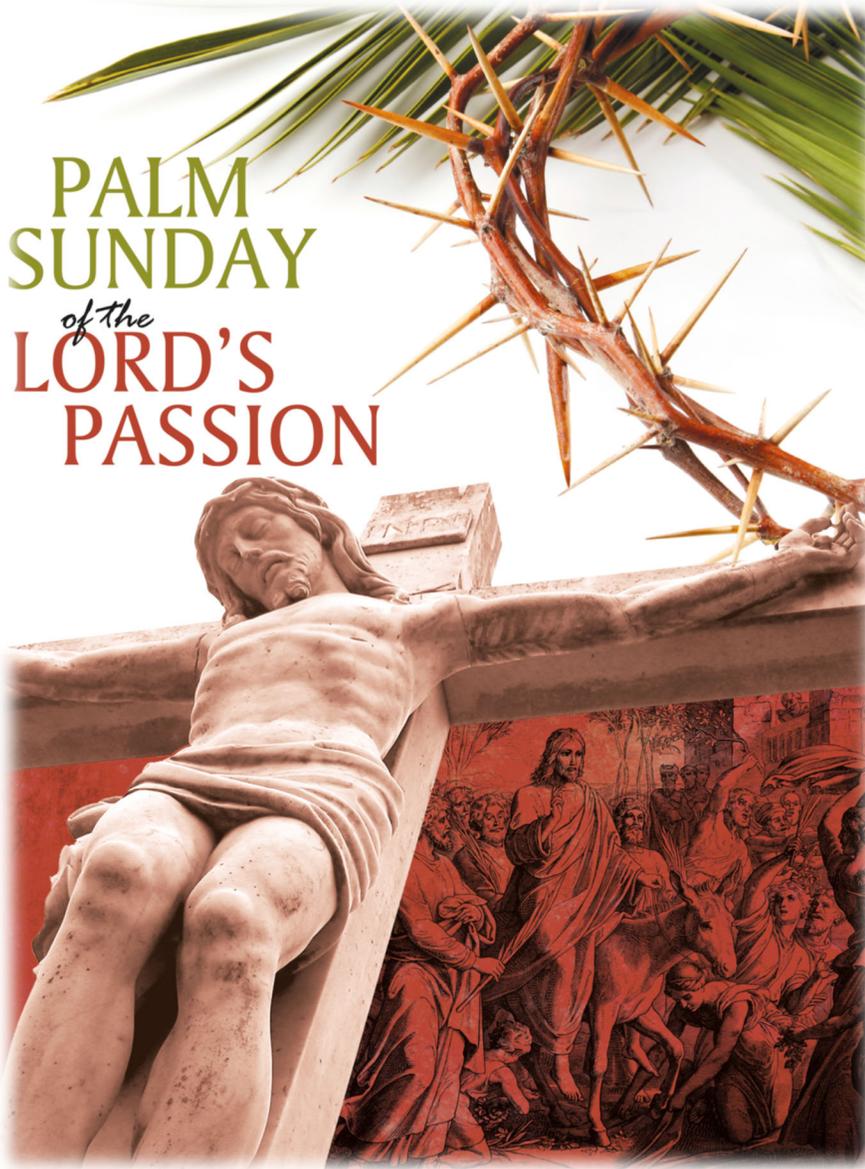


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**PALM
SUNDAY**
of the
**LORD'S
PASSION**

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.

Holy Week Begins

APRIL 2, 2023

Rev. Simon Peter Engurait

Deacon
Stephen Brunet

Secretary
Mr. Mark Olin

Lenten Mass Schedule
Monday-Thurs 8:00 am
Fridays
5:30 pm Way of The Cross
6:00 pm Holy Mass

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



Holy Week

Palm Sunday vigil 4 p.m.
Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 p.m.
ADORATION follows until
Midnight in the Annex Building

Good Friday_ No Mass Today
10 a.m. *outdoor* Way of the Cross,
Veneration of Cross
3:00 p.m. In church

Saturday, April 8, 2023
Easter Vigil__ 8:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.



*Rice Bowls can be returned into the
basket at the Baptismal Font Entrance.*

Enter Holy Week

Our procession into Holy Week is made more meaningful with our prayerful practices of the last five weeks. On this Palm Sunday, the Church in Her great wisdom uses the Liturgical Red to reinforce the great depth of suffering by Christ Our Lord.

Jesus' experience of being loved and hated, and of being welcomed and rejected, provides strength to us so we can endure the injustices in our lives.

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow, caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in His Resurrection.

Each year we mark this time to remind ourselves of The Ultimate Sacrifice. "Paul preached one thing, Christ Crucified." He met the risen Christ—he knew that the Love of God, is more powerful than anything in the world. We prayed the Friday Way of the Cross devotions as we genuflected and recited: **"For by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world."** He stumbles, He falls, He meets His Mother; Simon of Cyrene is forced to help Jesus carry His cross; Veronica, in an act of Mercy, wipes His Face with her veil. He didn't refuse death, for it was the salvation of the whole world. "For I am an object of reproach, a laughingstock to my neighbors, and a dread to my friends. They who see me from abroad flee from me. But my trust is in you, O Lord; *"You are my God, into your hands is my destiny.*

Every day, the Holy Catholic Church proclaims: **"This is my body given up for you. Do this I remembrance of Me."** *We cannot forget.* We live in Hope and bring light to the darkness—experiencing joy mixed with sadness— but we are Hope in a divided world. "Christ suffered for all of us and left us an example_ to follow in His footsteps." (1 Pt2:21) He is calling us to know Him, to love Him with all our strength.

As we allow God to transform us with our Lenten practices, may we continue to look forward in Hope and turn away from sin, doubt and darkness. Sin blinds the soul and impedes love and generosity.

He waits for you— you know where to find Jesus.

He looks at us with tenderness and love and asks:

"Do you realize what I have done for you?"

"Come, all you who pass by the way, look and see whether there is any suffering like my suffering." (Lam 1:12) He is Our Salvation. He Reveals this to us as we learn from this prayerful encounter- the Lord continues to call those whom He loves into His blessed life. Intimacy with Himself—by which Christ's mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world. Holy Mass is the memorial of that love by which the Lord loved us even to death.

May our Trust in the Lord's Saving Word make us people of peace. It is His Grace that makes us fervent in prayer as we persevere until we meet with Him— whom thy soul loves.



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

"Let us Remain United in Prayer"

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

April 1 & 2

Bishop Mario Dorsonville, Newly Installed Bishop of Houma/Thibodaux

READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS

April 1 *vigil, +Olema & Ida Darcey; Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue; +Charles Darcey*

April 2 *Chester Chaisson by Beverly Moreau; +Arthur Landry by Dee, Arthur Jr, Samantha Landry; Ralph Melancon by Roger & Lisa Dupre; Richard Gaudet Jr*

April 3 *Parishioners of St. Bridget*

April 4 *Parishioners of St. Bridget*

April 5 *Parishioners of St. Bridget*

April 6 *Chrism Mass 10:30 am, Cathedral, Houma
7:00 pm Holy Thursday, Last Supper
Adoration held until Midnight in Annex*

April 7 *Good Friday, NO Mass this Day
Way of the Cross, 10:00 am
Veneration of the Cross, 3:00 pm*

Scripture Readings For the Week of April 2, 2023

Sunday **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**
Procession: Mt 21:1-11
At Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Monday	Monday of Holy Week Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Tuesday of Holy Week Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Wednesday of Holy Week Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Holy Thursday of the Lord's Passion Chrism Mass: Is 61: 1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89: 21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Is 52:13--53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1--19:42
Saturday	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter Gn 1:1--2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15--15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday	The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

In the Charity of your prayers, remember the sick in our Parish Family
Al Boudreaux, 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, David Cannon, David Prejean, Debbie Duplech, Delores Bourgeois, Donald Foret, Donnie Aucoin Jr., Dorothy Didier, Ed Raidl, 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 R. Benoit, Jean Tregre, Jeannie Aucoin, Kenneth Pitre, Kip Pierce, Lawrence Coig, Linda Ardoin, Lisa Filardo, Louis Stevens, Lowell Larson, Mary Allemand, Mary Louviere, Melissa Fontana, Melissa Tardiff, Michelle Rogers, Mike Stegall, Mila Marsala, Pewee Monson, Priseilla Dut Hu, Ronnie Bourg, Sara Aucoin, Shirley Rodrigue, Sonia Fonseca, Stephanie W. Sneeze, Tammy Babin Loney, Tanya, Maggie, & Max Martin, Trish Templet, Webster Bertinot

Holy Triduum Begin and End?

O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life.

The Easter Triduum begins with evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The High point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

Jesus is handed over—the Israelites are charge to hand over to their children what they have received from the Lord, Sacrifice and Meal. St Paul hands over to us what he received from the Lord, the Sacrifice and meal of the Eucharist — In the Gospel we hear that the Father Hands over everything to Jesus, Jesus hands over everything. The Holy Spirit hands over to us His Church. The Church hands over everything to us.

Trust, "What I am doing now, you do not understand, but....you will understand later." Trust, and Hand over your heart to Jesus.

O Sacred Head Surrounded

O sacred head now wounded
With grief and shame weighted down
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns thine only crown
How pale Thou art with anguish
With sore abuse and scorn
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn

What thou, my Lord, has suffered
Was all for sinners' gain
Oh mine was the transgression
But thine the deadly pain
Lo, here I fall, my Savior
'Tis I deserve thy place
Look on me with thy favor
Vouchsafe to me thy grace

What language shall I borrow
To thank thee, dearest Friend
For this, thy dying sorrow
Thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever
And should I fainting be
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to thee.

Father Simon Peter shares images from his Sabbatical

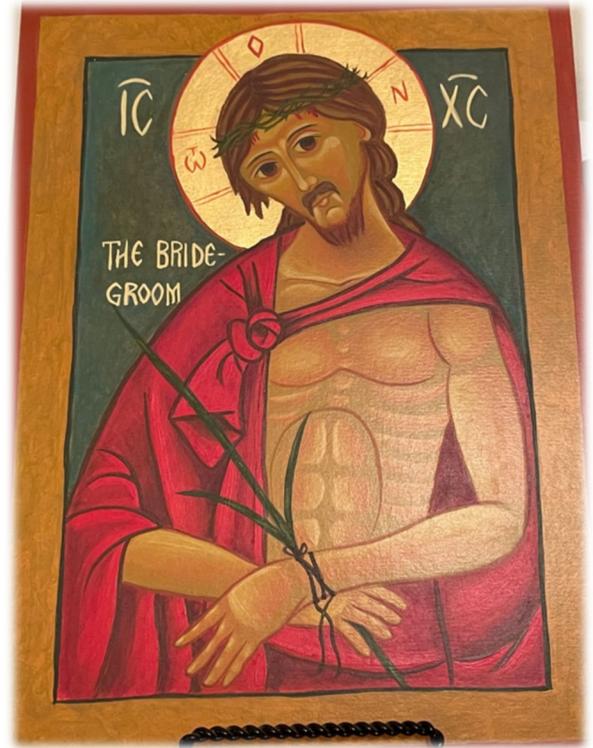


"I shall open your graves and have you rise from them."

Sacred Art

Sacred art is true and beautiful when its form corresponds to its particular vocation: evoking and glorifying, in faith and adoration, the transcendent mystery of God—the surpassing invisible beauty of truth and love visible in Christ, who "reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature," in whom "the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily." This spiritual beauty of God is reflected in the most holy Virgin Mother of God, the angels, and saints. Genuine sacred art draws man to adoration, to prayer, and to the love of God, Creator and Savior, the Holy One and Sanctifier."

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2502



Sacred Music

"The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as a combination of sacred music and words, it forms a necessary or integral part of solemn liturgy" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 112). The composition and singing of inspired psalms, often accompanied by musical instruments, were already closely linked to the liturgical celebrations of the Old Covenant. The Church continues and develops this tradition: "Address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart." "He who sings prays twice" (*Eph 5:19; St. Augustine, En. in Ps. 72,1:PL 36,914; cf. Col 3:16*).— Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1156

Collections	
Envelopes	2271.00
Loose	2023.00
Online contributions	455.00

If you would like to set up online giving, please contact the parish office.

Love Gives

4/1/23	4:00 pm	4/2/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Sue Chauvin	Dawn Koetting	Leslie Naquin
Commentator	Steve Mire	Jeanette Schexnayder	Lillie Brunet
4/8/23	4:00 pm	4/9/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	By Assignment	Jeanette Schexnayder	Pauline Monnier
Commentator	By Assignment	Dawn Koetting	Melissa Pierce
4/15/23	8:00 pm	4/16/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Steve Mire	Lynette Lawless	Fred Duplechin
Commentator	Linda Hernandez	Jeanette Schexnayder	Lillie Brunet

****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—second Thursday, 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— Fourth 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

Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets 2nd Tues, 10am Annex

Ushers —needed for all weekend masses,

Examen:

Pray for God's help

Give thanks for the gifts of this day

Pray over significant feelings

Rejoice and seek forgiveness

Look to tomorrow.



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.

Make time to become involved and share your gifts in Parish Life. You are a NECESSARY part of the Body of Christ.



YOUTH FORMATION OFFICE:

985-446-1985

CONTACT: BERNADETTE MABILE

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 SUNDAY 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.

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(985) 873-0026 or

(985) 850-3172

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www.htdiocese.org/safe-environment

CHRIST BECAME OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH,
EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.

Faith Practices

Pope Francis tells the priests that

confession is 'encounter of love' that fights evil

Pope Francis, who has said he goes to confession every two weeks, meets during Lent with priests and those about to be ordained at the end of a Vatican-sponsored course on confession, matters of conscience and indulgences. This year, he told them that making themselves available to the faithful who want to experience God's mercy and forgiveness is an essential part of the church's mission.

"We are in a supernatural struggle" with evil, the pope said, "even though we already know the final outcome will be Christ's victory over the powers of evil. This victory truly takes place every time a penitent is absolved. Nothing drives away and defeats evil more than divine mercy."

As ministers of the church, he said, a priest hearing confession must have obvious "evangelical attitudes," including: "First of all, welcoming everyone without prejudice, because only God knows what grace can work in the hearts at any time; then listening to your brother or sister with the ear of the heart, wounded like Christ's heart; absolving penitents, generously dispensing God's forgiveness; and accompanying the penitent's journey without forcing it, keeping the pace of the faithful with constant patience and prayer."



"If mercy is the mission of the church, (priests) we must facilitate the faithful's access to this 'encounter of love' as much as possible," he said, taking great care when preparing children for their first confession and, especially, when ministering to the sick and dying.

To examen our conscience _ The examen begins by opening your heart to God. You want to see with God's perspective, not your own. You may choose to make one or more of your prayer periods outside, soaking in the natural beauty of creation. Use all of your senses to experience the world. This week, as you walk the streets and go about your daily tasks, be attentive to the variety of God's creations, especially in the people you encounter.

Mandatum novum do vobis dicit Dominus, ut diligatis invicem, sicut dilexi vos. "I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

These are the words spoken by our Lord to His apostles at the Last Supper, after he completed the washing of the feet. We should imitate Christ's humility in the washing of the feet.

By meditating on the Gospels (cf. Matt 26:1 ff.; Mark 14:1 ff.; Luke 22:1 ff.; John 13:1 ff.), we can recall to mind Jesus' actions of that day. Father Bernard Strasser summarizes all the events of that first Holy Thursday:

They included: (1) the eating of the Easter lamb or the paschal meal; (2) the washing of the disciple's feet; (3) the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist (the first Mass at which Jesus Christ, the eternal high priest, is the celebrant; the first Communion of the apostles; the first conferring of Holy Orders); (4) the foretelling of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denials; (5) the farewell discourse and priestly prayer of Jesus; (6) the agony and capture of Jesus in the Garden of Olives. —
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