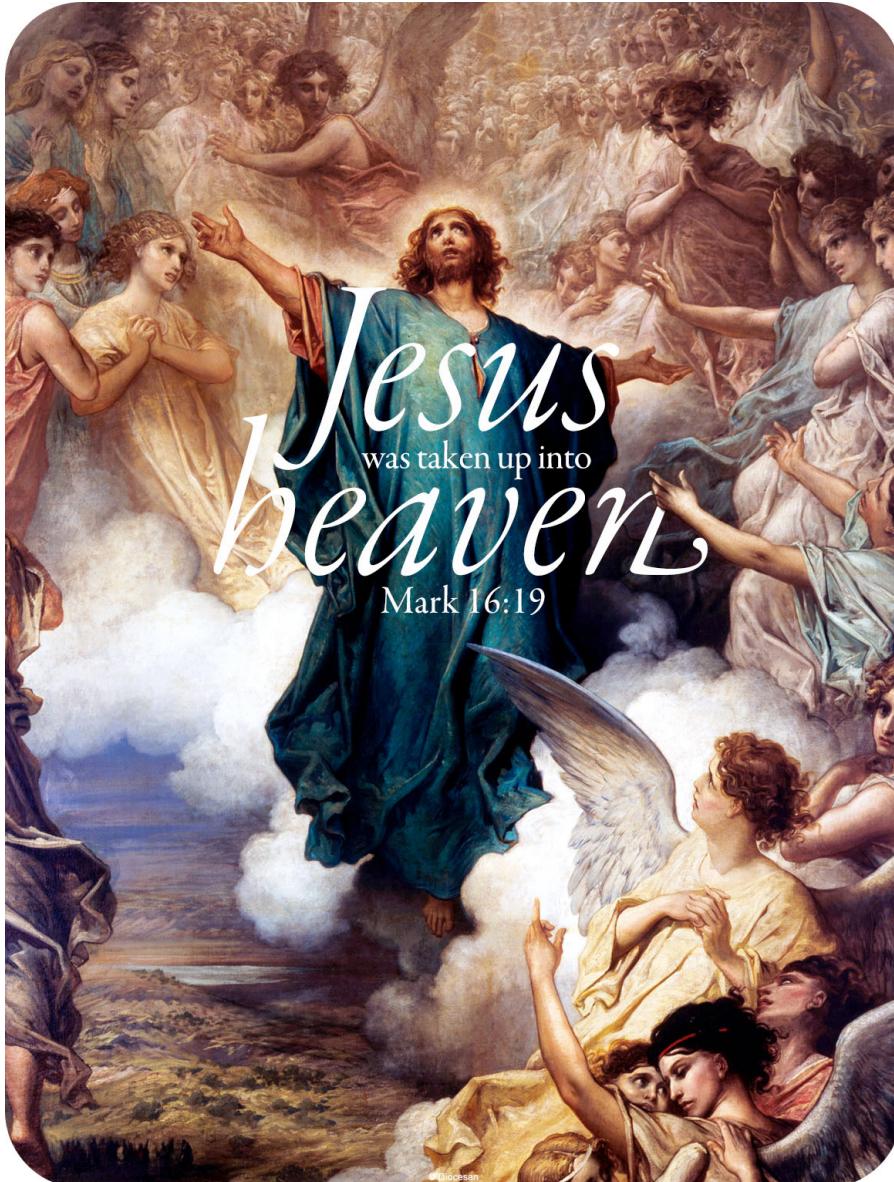


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Mission Statement of St. Bridget Catholic Church Parish

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.

Easter Sunday
APRIL 9, 2023



Rev. Simon Peter Engurait
Rev. Roch Naquin, retired
Rev. Mike Bergeron, retired

Deacon
Stephen Brunet

Secretary
Mr. Mark Olin

Mass Schedule

Saturday, Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation
30 minutes prior to Mass*

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I returned last evening from a wonderful time of retreat in Assisi. It is Saturday (3/25), and I am writing this as I travel back home to be part of ceremonies and celebrations of the installation of our new Bishop. I hope to be there in time for the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and Reception on Monday. The focus of this update will be on the time in Assisi, the home of the famous Saint Francis. We departed Rome Sunday morning (3/19) at 8:00am and had a stop over in the city of Spoleto to celebrate Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The beautiful Cathedral dates back to the 12th Century.

The main reason for the stopover in Spoleto was to recognize and celebrate the significant role that the city played in the life of St Francis of Assisi. As a young man St Francis joined a military expedition against the neighboring Perugia and was taken as a prisoner. For about a year he was held captive and fell terribly sick. During this time, he came face to face with death/mortality and began to re-evaluate his life. Having been born to a wealthy merchant family and having been in pursuit of worldly power, he came to the realization that 'the most important things in life are not things'.

This was the beginning of his conversion from worldliness to following the ways and call of God. Upon gaining freedom and returning to Assisi, in 1205 Francis left to enlist in the army that was part of the 4th Crusade (Crusades were wars to reclaim the Holy Places especially in Jerusalem from Muslims). In the course of this, he had a strange vision from the Lord instructing him to return to Assisi. When Francis returned to Assisi, he lost interest in worldly life and began to earnestly seek the Lord. *Spoleto therefore is a significant place in the life of the great saint.* After the Mass and brief city tour of Spoleto, we proceeded to Assisi for the retreat that would be directed by Fr John Harris, O.P who is the Dominican Provincial of Ireland (Head of the Dominicans in Ireland). Fr Harris traveled with us from Rome to Assisi and during the bus drive shared some insights into the life of St Francis as well as the city of Assisi. He pointed out that world over, Assisi has a spiritual uniqueness left by St Francis which draws men and women, Christians and non-Christians from all over the world. According to Fr Harris, before becoming Pope, Benedict XVI made an annual visit to Assisi. On Monday our retreat began in earnest and we had Mass in the Papal Basilica of St Francis. The basilica has three levels; the Upper Basilica, the lower Basilica and the Crypt Chapel whose center is the simple tomb of the great saint. It was in this crypt chapel that we had the Mass. It was surreal to be in this sacred place. Later in the morning, we had a presentation by Dr Pietro Delcorno on the life of St. Francis and the passion of Christ. In the afternoon, we had the first talk. In this talk, Fr. Harry using his own life experience stressed the importance of always following the will of God even and especially when it is contrary to our plans



Assisi

or the popular trends. *In the evening, my attention was drawn to the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore which has on display the body of the recently beatified Blessed Carlo Acutis (3 May 1991 – 12 October 2006).* The young computer guru whose life ended at the tender age of 15 had a deep devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. He went to daily Mass (as much as he possibly could) and to Confession once a week! He had a devotion to many saints, especially St Francis of Assisi and as such though born in London, England and raised in Milan, Italy he requested to be buried in Assisi.

Fourteen years after his death, he was beatified on 10th October 2020 in Assisi. *His body looks fresh and in natural sleep. As I sat and prayed by his body, I felt that he was sleeping and waiting to be awoken by the Lord.*

Tuesday morning, we went to San Damiano Church. It is here that St Francis went to seek the Lord upon his return from Spoleto. By then it was an abandoned Church. Being abandoned made it ideal for Francis to be alone and pray before the crucifix.

FATHER SIMON PETER REFLECTS WHILE ON HIS RETREAT

Eventually, the Lord spoke to Francis from the crucifix saying rebuild my Church. Initially, Francis thought that the Lord meant rebuilding San Damiano church itself and so he set about doing it until he realized that the Lord meant rebuilding or renewing the whole Church.

He later handed San Damiano Church to St Clare and her followers thus becoming the foundation of the Poor Clares. We celebrated Mass at the Chapel of St Clare and got to tour the monastery including the room where St Clare breathed her last. In the evening, Fr Harry gave the second talk where using the example of Zechariah and Elizabeth, he challenged us to stay faithful to the Lord even when things don't seem to go our way.

On Wednesday morning, we went down the valley to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Inside the Basilica is the Porziuncola, which is the chapel where St. Francis moved to after San Damiano. It was here that he prayed and gathered his 1st companions. This therefore is considered the birthplace of the Franciscans and of the Franciscan Spirituality. It was here also that he received St Clare when she made the radical decision to abandon her wealthy family in order to follow the Lord.

We had Mass at the basilica and the third talk at the adjacent Domus Pacis. In the third talk, Fr Harry using the example of St. Francis highlighted the importance of on-going conversion. He related that in spite of all the strides St. Francis had made in following the Lord, he had a fear and an aversion towards leppers (and the disease leprosy). One day, however, he met a man afflicted with leprosy. Though the sight of the leper filled him with horror and disgust, Francis felt the nudge to face his fear, he approached, greeted and hugged the leper. Thereafter, when Francis looked all around, he could not see the leper anywhere and it dawned on him that it was Jesus whom he had just kissed! *True conversion takes place when we, trusting in the Lord, face and overcome our fears*—A statement from Fr Harry that day stayed with me;

'God does not love everyone, He loves each one'.

Later in the evening, he gave the fourth talk focusing on Psalm 19 where he focused on the power of God which is everywhere like the Sun and 'nothing is concealed from its heat'. On Thursday we went to the Basilica of St Clare, the first woman follower of St. Francis. She was from a wealthy and noble family and as a teenager she heard Francis preach during a Lenten service (Lenten Mission) in the church of San Giorgio at Assisi. She was moved by what she heard and asked Francis to help her to live a life of the Gospel like him. On the evening of Palm Sunday—(March 20, 1212), she secretly left her father's house and proceeded to the chapel of the Porziuncola to meet Francis. There, he received her, cut off her beautiful hair, and she exchanged her rich gown for a plain robe and veil. Her father and family tried to no avail to dissuade her. Instead her younger sister Catherine (who later became St. Agnes) also left home to join the Poor Clares! We visited and prayed in the crypt of the basilica which contains her tomb. The Crucifix that spoke to St. Francis in San Damiano is also in the side chapel of this Basilica. Later that morning, we celebrated Mass.

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After the Mass that morning and in the afternoon Fr. Harry gave the fifth and sixth retreat talks where he stressed the importance of prayer in the life and ministry of any **Christian and more so in the life of a priest**. Friday was the last day of our retreat! It was arranged that we have Mass at the Basilica of San Pietro (St Peter) in Perugia.

You will recall that it was in Perugia that Francis was captured in battle and this event ignited his journey of conversion. Thereafter we visited the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, Perugia. Of significance in this Cathedral is the chapel of Chapel of the Ring or of San Giuseppe which houses the relic of the **Holy Ring which Joseph gave to Mary** when they were betrothed. We then travelled back to Rome. Looking forward to seeing some of you during the Installation ceremonies.

United in prayer, *Father Simon Peter*

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.*

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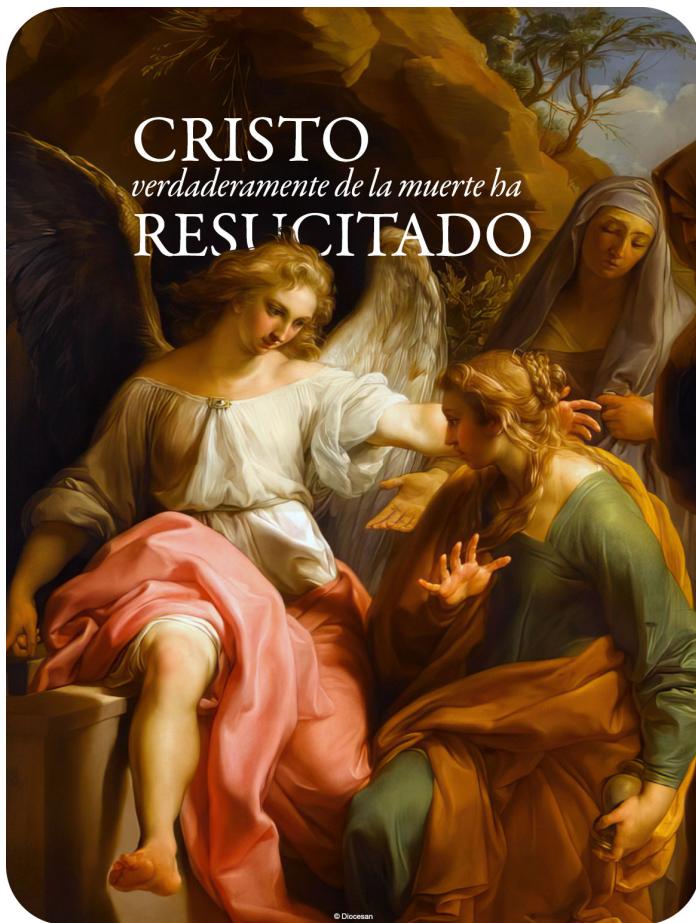
April 8 and 9

**Holy Father, Pope Francis, Brandon Filardon by Mom and Dad,
Ernest, Betty, Jacob, and Sadi Mabile by Family,
Derrill J. Riche by Linda & Kenneth Breaux,
Jane Dominique by Jenny and Curtis Briggs**

MASS INTENTION (MEMORIAL INSERT)

READINGS

**TRULY, THIS MAN
WAS THE SON OF GOD.**



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of April 9, 2023**

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
Monday	Monday in the Octave of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Tuesday in the Octave of Easter Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	Wednesday in the Octave of Easter Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Thursday in the Octave of Easter Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Friday in the Octave of Easter Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Saturday in the Octave of Easter Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday	Divine Mercy Sunday Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

In the charity of your prayers, please remember to pray for the sick in our parish family.....

Al Boudreax, 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 Duplechin, 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, Lisa Filardo, Louis Stevens, Lowell Larson, Mary Allemand, 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

**"If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching;
empty, too, is your faith." 1 Cor 15:14**

Welcome Bishop Mario to the Family of the Diocese of Houma / Thibodaux

Bishop Mario Dorsonville processes to the Sanctuary of St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in the Monday evening Holy Mass before his March 29, 2023 Installation as 5th Bishop of the Diocese Houma/Thibodaux. Transitional Deacon Davis Ahimbisibwe was one of two attending deacons.



During Wednesday's Installation as Bishop - In a celebration 'for the people and about the people of the Diocese of Houma/Thibodaux, our newly elected Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville described how 'grateful he is to join us in our home—that now it is his home too.'

"We experience new hope."

Father PJ Madden reminded us, "at the Heart of everything we do, is Jesus Christ crucified: the same yesterday, today and forever."

Bishop Mario said after meeting Father PJ Madden, "*You have no idea how much fun we have been having.*" Realizing this is a new chapter in his life. He puts his trust in Jesus Christ.

He added that, "*Jesus will give us the strength and wisdom to carry out this ministry. Please recognize me as a 'faithful instrument of Jesus Christ'*—coming to serve. *"Every Bishop receives a call from God to be a Good Shepherd for the people entrusted to him. A Good Shepherd follows Christ, by word and example of life."*

"One of the main devotions in my priestly life is to build up the dignity of the human person. By loving the poor—God fixed my eyes toward the people still struggling to rebuild their homes and their normal lives after the last hurricane. We are here for them and we will never be indifferent. If we do the right tasks, we will be closer to holiness."

His closing remarks were from St. John Paul II, "*let us remember the past with gratitude, live in the present with enthusiasm and look toward the future with confidence.*"



Bishop Mario greets the flock who witness the Papal Bull—an Apostolic letter with a leaden seal that features the decree naming Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, 5th Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux in St. Francis de Sales Cathedral.

**"THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH, AND I SHALL SING HIS PRAISE,
FOR HE HAS BECOME MY SAVIOR" PSALM 118**

My Dear St. Bridget Family,

The Lord is risen Halleluiah! Halleluiah!
In the course of His earthly life and ministry, Jesus did and said many profound things. But of them all, one of the most stunning is the statement that:
"I am the resurrection, and the life: whoever believes in me, even though he dies, yet shall he live."
Some believed Him while others did not. To those who did not believe, it was simply preposterous.

How can one live even in death?

My dear brothers and sisters, spending these last three months in Rome has strengthened my belief in that statement from our Lord. I have probably visited and prayed at more Churches in these last few months than the rest of my previous life. One of the uniqueness of these Churches is that most of them contained visible relics of saints. In several instances, the full bodies of saints can be seen. This experience for me makes the saints present and 'alive' even today.

Today is Easter, the celebration of the resurrection, victory over death. As we celebrate this Solemnity of Easter, let us renew and deepen our faith in Jesus Christ, so that His words will come alive in our lives, dispelling all the fears and anxieties that come with death.

May the joy and peace of the risen Christ be with you now and always.

**Happy Easter
Fr Simon Peter**

The Basilica of Saints Cosmos and Damian— features mosaics dating from 527-530 AD. Dominated by the figure of Christ the Judge, standing above the dramatically colored clouds, clothed in a clasped toga and stole, signifying a learned man. To approach Christ, it is necessary to cross the Jordan River, symbol of Baptism and life giving grace.



Collections

Online contributions
480.00

Weekly Envelopes 3836.00

Weekly Loose 1871.85

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

The Second Collection this weekend is for Education.

4/8/23	4:00	4/9/23 8:00	10:30
Lector	By assignment	Jeanette Schexnayder	Pauline Monnier
Commentator	By assignment	Dawn Koetting	Melissa Pierce
4/15/23	4:00 pm	4/16/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Steve Mire	Lynette Lawless	Fred Duplechin
Commentator	Linda Hernandez	Jeanette Schexnayder	Lillie Brunet
4/22/23	8:00 pm	4/23/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Faye Seal	Joan Bourg	Sharon Pollet
Commentator	Anne Naquin	Dawn Koetting	Melissa Pierce

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

"For the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory are Yours now and forever.....Amen"

"GREATER LOVE HAS NO MAN
THAN TO LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS BRETHREN" JOHN 15:13



Father PJ Madden and Father Simon Peter Engurait (3-days in Houma) process into the Sanctuary of St. Joseph Co-Cathedral for the Monday evening Mass—prior to the Installation of Bishop Mario.



Jesus has Risen, Alleluia!
We are witnesses of all that He did.

God Raised Jesus from the dead.
He commissioned us to preach to the people
that anyone who believes in Him will receive
forgiveness of sins through His Name.
This is the Day the Lord has Made,
Let us Be Glad and Rejoice!

Faith Practices

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this Divine Light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. *There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost.* It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

"What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind;... So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one." (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49)

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