

St. Bridget Catholic Church

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2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday April 16, 2023

Mass Schedule

**Saturday, Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday , 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.**

**Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
30 minutes prior to Mass**

"I AM CERTAIN, THAT DEATH NOR LIFE, NEITHER ANGELS NOR DEMONS, NEITHER THE PRESENT NOR THE FUTURE, NOR ANY POWERS, NEITHER HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS." ROMANS 8:38

Bishop Mario Dorsonville breathes into the Oil of Chrism at the beginning of the Triduum.

The Diocese of Houma/Thibodaux celebrated its Chrism Mass on the morning of Holy Thursday. The priests of the Diocese form their brotherhood, along with Newly Installed Bishop in the Sanctuary of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral. *The priests recommit themselves to a life of sacrifice and service.* These blessed oils were distributed throughout the Diocese for use in Baptisms, Confirmations and Anointings.



"Spiritus Sanctus"

Before saying the Prayer of Consecration, "the Bishop, breathes upon the opening of the vessel of the Chrism" -(OBO, no. 25). **Chrism is a sign of the Holy Spirit, and this action by the Bishop recalls the Spirit of God "moving over the face of the waters," creation** (Gen 1:12) and Jesus' resurrection appearance to the disciples in which "**he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'**" (Jn 20:22).

The Bishop then invites the people to pray in silence before he consecrates the Chrism. Hope for the future is realized as we devote ourselves to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, to the breaking of bread, and to a prayerful way of living.

**"The Breath of Life
that gives LIFE to all things."**

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

"United in Prayer"

SHALOM

We get Divine Mercy; We give Divine Mercy

"I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart."

(St. Faustina's Diary, 1588) "Fear nothing, for I am with you always"—words of Jesus Christ to Saint Faustina she shared the words that Christ spoke to her and that John Paul II was compelled to bring the message to the people.

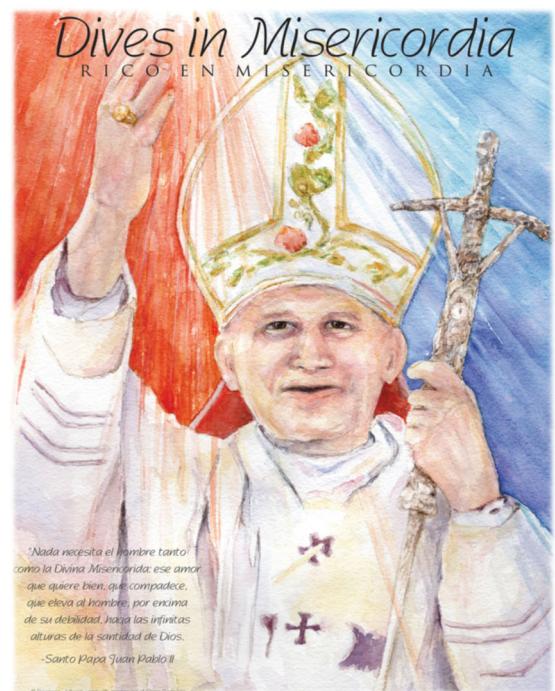
Saint Faustina, you told us that your mission would continue after your death and that you would not forget us. Our Lord also granted you a great privilege, telling you to "distribute graces as you will, to whom you will, and when you will." Relying on this, we ask your intercession for the graces we need, especially for the intentions just mentioned. Help us, above all, to Trust in Jesus as you did and thus to glorify His Mercy every moment of our lives. **Amen**

There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy—that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God. John Paul II

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Lord's resurrection. Today we witness the resurrection of His Disciples who were still fearful at this time. *What does Jesus do in the face of this?*

He gives them—and us—a new birth to a living Hope through His Resurrection. Have we found our way to be bearers of Divine Mercy in the world? "**My Lord and My God,**" said Thomas, as he doubted no longer, Hope was what he was looking for. **Jesus, I trust in you!** If a person responds to this message with a sincere heart: He will find comfort in all his anxieties and fears. In this dialogue of abandonment established between man and Christ, a special bond forms and sets love free.

Easter above all is the beginning of our Hope. "The Divine Order calls us to undermine aggression with mercy by **surrounding hatred with love.**" Bishop Robert Barron explains "in the Resurrection, a 'deeper truth is revealed. Jesus does not answer His suffering and sacrifice in violence. The Risen Jesus shows the world, Shalom.



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.

YOUTH FORMATION OFFICE:
985-446-1985
CONTACT: BERNADETTE MABILE

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(985) 873-0026 or

(985) 850-3172

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www.htdioocese.org/safe-environment

SANCTUARY LIGHT

April 16 Rudy, Eric, & Wendy Thibodaux by family; Tristan Ables by MawMaw and family

MASS INTENTION		READINGS
Sun, April 16	James Brunet by Olin Family; Estelle Pollet by Delsie & Louis Stevens; Bennet & Pitre Fly; Poor Souls in Purgatory	Scripture Readings For the Week of April 16, 2023
Mon, April 17	Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish	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
Tues, April 18	John Ables by family	Monday Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Wed, April 19	Thelma Schexnaydre by Delsie & Louis Stevens; Blanche Eliska Schexnaydre by Delsie & Louis Stevens	Tuesday Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn: 3:7b-15
Thurs, April 20	Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish	Wednesday Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Fri, April 21	Jules & Joyce LeBouef from Family	Thursday Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Sat, April 22	Rudy, Eric and Wendy Thibodaux by fly; Olema & Ida Darcey, Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue; Charles Darcey; James "Jim" LeBoeuf by Gale LeBoeuf	Friday Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
		Saturday Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
		Sunday Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
		Thank you, to all who helped with the Easter Triduum build up/take down. If you would like to volunteer for a season or for all time, contact the office. Spend some time praying about that.

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

In the charity of your prayers, please remember to pray for 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 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



Remembering the life and death of her Aunt Delly, Keith and Wanda LeBlanc donated the station plaques for the outdoor Way of the Cross in the St. Bridget Cemetery. Installed for our Good Friday tradition, we also give thanks to Mr. Kip Pierce and Deacon Stephen Brunet for the gift of their time and talent.

Parish Organizations

Altar Servers- Needed for weekend masses.

Catholic Daughters—2nd Thursday

Children's Liturgy— Sunday Mornings

Choir—Wednesday Evenings

Decorating Committee—Seasonal HELP needed.

Homebound Ministry— Call the office.

Knights of Columbus— 4th Wednesday

Lectors/Commentators —Schedule, page 6

Office Volunteers— Needed

Social Committee—Mass greeters/event servers

Saint Vincent de Paul Society, 2nd Tuesday.

Ushers —Needed for weekend masses

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.

What better way to spend ourselves than for the people of God.



"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15-2 5

May we become bearers of this Same Spirit of Mercy.
The Glory of God is a Human Being Fully Alive.

Our New Life in Christ

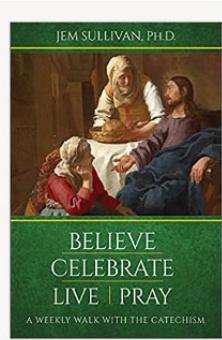
Psalm 139:13-16, God formed each of us and knows us intimately. We have a dignity as children of God. The Theology of the Body reminds us that family life is the school of love and virtue—this is where we learn and practice all the qualities that help us live life as a gift. But His Passion tells us “See what love the Father has for us, that we should be called Children of God.”

It begins by being an example and putting God First.

- ◆ Dinner time is family time
- ◆ Say grace before meals, wherever you are
- ◆ A family that prays together, stays together
- ◆ Annual House Blessings
- ◆ Incorporate liturgical décor at home
- ◆ Pray a family rosary, a decade once a week
- ◆ Catechize your children, celebrate feasts together
- ◆ Attend Mass as a family, make God part of the family
- ◆ Create a lawn shrine, an outdoor space to pray
- ◆ Retreat as a family, explore the natural world
- ◆ Volunteer at church, give your children a mission
- ◆ Visit shut-ins and the marginalized.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

A national research university with online access to *Catechesis for the promotion of the New Evangelization*. Dr. Jem Sullivan is the principal investigator and project lead for a liturgical project of Nurturing Children in Worship and Prayer Initiative.



School of Theology and Religious Studies offers titles for delving into Catholic Theology.

Believe, Celebrate, Live, Pray

Check out Dr. Sullivan's [Curriculum Vitae](#) on the University Website.

Pope Francis says, “True education enables us to love life and opens us to the fullness of life.”

Collections

		Online contributions
Weekly Envelopes	2429.00	1080.00
Weekly Loose	2896.00	To set up online giving, contact the parish office.

4/15/23	4:00	4/16/23 8:00	10:30
Lector	Steve Mire	Lynette Lawless	Fred Duplechin
Commentator	Linda Hernandez	Jeanette Schexnayder	Lillie Brunet
4/22/23	4:00 pm	4/23/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Faye Seal	Joan Bourg	Sharon Pollet
Commentator	Anne Naquin	Dawn Koetting	Melissa Pierce
4/29/23	8:00 pm	4/23/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Sue Chauvin	Dawn Koetting	Sharon Pollet
Commentator	Faye Seal	Jeanette Schexnayder	Lillie Brunet

**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

Pope Francis Reflects on Forgiveness

"We all have the right to be forgiven if we ask for forgiveness. It is a right that comes from the very nature of God and has been given as an inheritance to men. We have forgotten that someone who asks for forgiveness has the right to be forgiven. You've done something wrong, you have to pay for it. No! says Pope Francis, You have the right to be forgiven, and if you owe a debt to society, you can find a way to pay it, but with forgiveness.

Pope Francis called for an attitude of "care," which, he said, also seems to be lacking from a social point of view. What we are experiencing today is in fact a problem of "social aggression," as seen with the phenomenon of bullying.

Focusing on young people who, despite being hyper-connected, sometimes suffer, "an incredible sense of loneliness" - Pope Francis spoke directly to parents of teenagers, who sometimes struggle to understand "the suffering of others." USCCB



Faith Practices

The Duty of honoring Divine Mercy is decreed that the faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of divine pardon and to celebrate them devoutly. They clearly understand the supreme benefit, indeed the duty, that the People of God have to praise Divine Mercy with special prayers and, at the same time, they realize that by gratefully performing the works required and satisfying the necessary conditions, they can obtain spiritual benefits that derive from the Treasury of the Church.

"The Paschal Mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man, and through man, in the world." -
(Dives in misericordia, n.7)

God of everlasting mercy, Who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast Kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Saint Faustina's Diary Entry

O my Jesus, each of Your saints reflects one of Your virtue; I desire to reflect Your compassionate heart, full of mercy; I want to glorify it. Let Your Mercy O Jesus, be impressed upon my heart and soul like a seal, and this will be my badge in this and the future life. (Diary, 1242)

St. Bridget Church Parish is in need of a Church Custodian—someone to keep clean all Public Spaces within our worship space. If you would like to apply, please contact the parish office 985-446-6801

