

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, Vigil, 4:00 p.m.**

**Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.**

**Sunday , 8:00 &10:30 a.m.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**30 minutes prior to Mass**

Celebrate

**St. Bridget Catholic Church**

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**STBRIDGETCHURCH@HTDIOCESE.ORG**

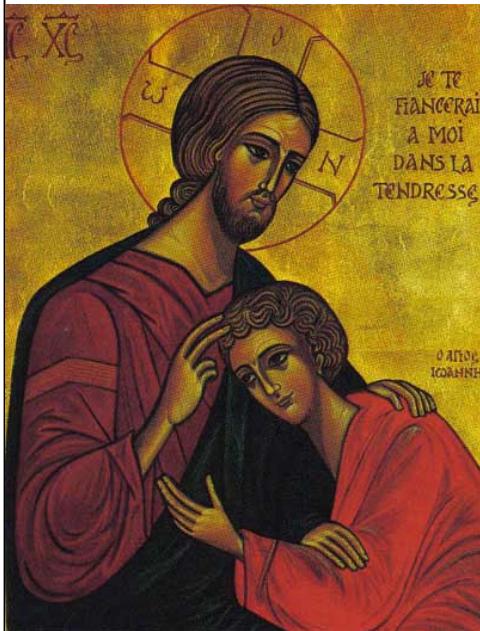
**985-446-6801**

3rd Sunday

Easter

**April 23, 2023**

"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



*"Sing to the Lord a new song; His praise is in the assembly of the saints."*

### From a sermon by Saint Augustine, Bishop

We are urged to sing a new song to the Lord, as new men who have learned a new song. A song is a thing of joy; more profoundly, it is a thing of love. Anyone, therefore, who has learned to love the new life has learned to sing a new song, and the new song reminds us of our new life. The new man, the new song, the new covenant, all belong to the one kingdom of God, and so the new man will sing a new song and will belong to the new covenant.

There is not one who does not love something, but the question is, what to love. The psalms do not tell us not to love, but to choose the object of our love. But how can we choose unless we are first chosen? We cannot love unless someone has loved us first. Listen to the apostle John: *We love him, because he first loved us.* The source of man's love for God can only be found in the fact that God loved him first. He has given us himself as the object of our love, and he has also given us its source. What this source is you may learn more clearly from the apostle Paul who tells us: The love of God has been poured into our hearts. This love is not something we generate ourselves; it comes to us through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Since we have such an assurance, then, let us love God with the love he has given us. As John tells us more fully:

**God is love, and whoever dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.**

It is not enough to say: *Love is from God.* Which of us would dare to pronounce the words of Scripture: *God is love?* He alone could say it who knew what it was to have God dwelling within him.

God offers us a short route to the possession of himself. He cries out: Love me and you will have me for you would be unable to love me if you did not possess me already. My dear brothers and sons, fruit of the true faith and holy seed of heaven, all you who have been born again in Christ and whose life is from above, listen to me; or rather, listen to the Holy Spirit saying through me: Sing to the Lord a new song. Look, you tell me, I am singing. Yes indeed, you are singing; you are singing clearly, I can hear you. Make sure that your life does not contradict your words. Sing with your voices, your hearts, your lips and your lives: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Now it is your unquestioned desire to sing of him whom you love, but you ask me how to sing his praises. You have heard the words: Sing to the Lord a new song, and you wish to know what praises to sing. The answer is: His praises are in the assembly of the saints; it is in the singers themselves. If you desire to praise Him, then live what you express.

### 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"**

YOU COME TO US IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:  
-OPEN OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE THE LIFE YOU OFFER US TODAY.

## USCCB Promotes the Common Good Which the Church Offers Humankind

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is an assembly of the hierarchy of bishops who jointly exercise pastoral functions on behalf of the Christian faithful of the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Holy Church celebrates the saving work of Christ on prescribed days in the course of the year with sacred remembrance. Each week, on the day called the Lord's Day, she commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which she also celebrates once a year in the great Paschal Solemnity, together with his blessed Passion. In fact, throughout the course of the year the Church unfolds the entire mystery of Christ and observes the birthdays of the Saints. (no. 1)

### - Liturgical Year -

**The liturgical year is made up of six seasons:**

Advent - four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Christmas - recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world

Lent - a six-week period of penance before Easter

Sacred Paschal Triduum - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus

Easter - 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit

Ordinary Time - divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people.



Father Simon Peter captured an image of visitors waiting in line at St. Mark's Basilica, Venice Italy.

Built 829-836, it holds more than 4,000 square meters of mosaics dating back to the 13th century.

### 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**

**DIOCESAN  
OUTREACH LINE**  
**WE ARE HERE TO HELP:**

**(985) 873-0026 or**

**(985) 850-3172**

**For more info, visit:**

[www.htdiocese.org/safe-environment](http://www.htdiocese.org/safe-environment)

YOU DWELL AMONG US IN YOUR BODY, THE CHURCH:  
-OPEN OUR MINDS TO BECOME AWARE OF YOU ALWAYS.

# SANCTUARY LIGHT

April 23, 2023

Juanita Richard by Mike Richard

MASS INTENTION

READINGS

**April 22, vigil, +Rudy, Eric, & Wendy Thibodaux by family; +Olema & Ida Darcey, +Anthony**

**"Rod" Rodrigue; +Charles Darcey; +James "Jim" LeBoeuf by Gale Leboeuf; +Leonard and +Doris Besson by Sandra & John; +Johnathan Besson by Sandra & John**

**April 23, +Jimmy Couple by Diana and family; Thanksgiving of St. Joseph & St. Jude +Arthur Landry by Dee, Arthur Jr. and Samantha Landry; Juanita Richard by Mike Richard**

**April 24, parishioners of St. Bridget**

**April 25, (B) +Katie Ann Boudreux by Aline & Craig Boudreux**

**April 26, parishioners of St. Bridget**

**April 27, parishioners of St. Bridget**

**April 28, +Scuddy Stevens by Phyliss & Family**

**April 29, St. Catherine of Siena; +Olema & Ida Darcey; +Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue; Charles Darcey**

## Scripture Readings for the week of April 23, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr</b> Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist</b> 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of St. Peter Chanel, Priest &amp; Martyr &amp; St Louis Mary de Montfort, Priest</b> Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b> Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

## PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

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

Al Boudreux, 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



**The Portiuncula**— translated as “a little part,” is the name of a tiny church in Italy built (rebuilt, actually) by St. Francis of Assisi — founder of the Franciscans — in his divinely inspired mission to “repair” God’s house. **Santa Maria degli Angeli Church** (larger) is easily the most visible building on the Assisi plain and among its most visited, thanks largely to the “church inside a church.” The Portiuncula chapel, according to legend, was first established in the fourth century, and 500 years later was transformed by Benedictine monks into an actual church.

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

## Parish Organizations

**Altar Servers**- Needed for weekend masses.

**Catholic Daughters**—6 pm 2nd Thursday

**Children's Liturgy**— Sunday Mornings

**Choir**— 6 pm 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 serving the people of God.**

### Collections

		<b>Online contributions</b>
<b>Weekly Envelopes</b>	<b>2923.00</b>	2035.00
<b>Weekly Loose</b>	1470.00	<i>To set up online giving, contact the parish office.</i>

**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.  
Please spend some time praying about that, your parish family needs your participation.**

# 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.



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*Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Camp is to lead young people to a deep relationship with Jesus Christ through His Church. In his short earthly life, Blessed Carlo cultivated great love for Our Lord in the Eucharist, His Mother, and His Church. As Blessed Carlo's faith life drew him deeper into life with Christ, we seek to, through camping ministry, lead young people on the same path – the path to sainthood, the path home, the path to Him.*

4/22/23	4:00	4/23/23 8:00	10:30
Lector	Faye Seal	Joan Bourg	Sharon Pollet
Commentator	Anne Naquin	Dawn Koetting	Melissa Pierce
4/29/23	4:00 pm	4/30/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Sue Chauvin	Dawn Koetting	Sharon Pollet
Commentator	Faye Seal	Jeanette Schexnayder	Lillie Brunet
5/6/23	8:00 pm	5/7/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Steve Mire	Jeanette Schexnayder	Melissa Pierce
Commentator	Linda Hernandez	Dawn Koetting	Lillie Brunet

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

Be still and know that I am GOD. (psalm 46:11)

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

**USSB states: Faith is both a gift of God and an authentically human response—a recognition of God's call in one's life and a free decision to follow this call by accepting and living the truth of the Gospel. As such, faith is living and active, sharing many of the qualities of living things: it grows and develops over time; it learns from experience; it adapts to changing conditions while maintaining its essential identity; it goes through seasons, some apparently dormant, others fruitful, though wherever faith is present the Holy Spirit is at work in the life of the disciple.**

Today—recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread: In the Gospel reading for this 3rd Sunday of Easter.

Jesus revealed himself to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. This theme emphasizes the importance of the Eucharist, and that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of the Eucharistic celebration.

Heritage Manor Nursing Home would appreciate volunteers to help with activities, like **BINGO!!!** If you would love to befriend some wonderful people and invite more GRACE into your life—please contact Debbie, 851-2307

**LORD JESUS,  
OPEN THE SCRIPTURES TO US;  
MAKE OUR HEARTS BURN  
WHILE YOU SPEAK TO US.  
ALLELUIA**

## Faith Practices

The Pope described the 23 Psalm as a beautiful analogy of God's love and protection for every human soul and for all humanity; "the Image evokes an atmosphere of trust, intimacy, tenderness. The Shepherd knows His sheep individually, *He calls them by name* and they follow Him because they recognize and trust Him," he said.



### The Exsultet: The Proclamation of Easter

"Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her Eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness."

O wonder of your humble care for us!  
O love, O charity beyond all telling,  
to ransom a slave you gave away  
your Son!  
O truly necessary sin of Adam,  
destroyed completely by the Death  
of Christ!  
O happy fault that earned so great,  
so glorious a Redeemer!

We Begin Again—A New Life in Christ, as we realize the Hope that is in Our Savior. Catholics celebrating Easter around the world become fully active in the faith, by His Grace, we pray and work and study, thereby becoming fully human—becoming His People seeking to do His Will.

"In reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church we can perceive the wonderful unity of the mystery of God" — Pope St. John Paul II