

**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**

## **Christ The Good Shepherd**

I am the good shepherd.  
A good shepherd lays down  
his life for the sheep.  
John 10:11

**April 30, 2023**

**St. Bridget Catholic Church**  
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**STBRIDGETCHURCH@HTDIOCESE.ORG**  
**985-446-6801**

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After Bartolomé Estebán Murillo  
(Spanish, Seville 1617–1682 Seville  
The Good Shepherd  
(1677-1692)

**Rev. Simon Peter  
Engurait**

**Rev. Roch Naquin,  
retired**

**Rev. Mike  
Bergeron, retired**

**Deacon  
Stephen Brunet**

**Secretary  
Mr. Mark Olin**



### **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.

**Check out  
our  
Webpage!**

## Pope Francis shares thoughts on Shepherding

In today's calming Responsorial Psalm we read: "The Lord is my shepherd," a good shepherd who brings rest, refreshment, courage, and blessing to His sheep: "In verdant pastures He gives me repose; beside restful waters He leads me; He refreshes my soul" (Psalm 23)

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)**- Pope Francis reminds us Christians that we must develop a pastoral heart to care for those who have not heard the Gospel or who have left the fold, Pope Francis said. "By being with Jesus, we discover that his pastoral heart always beats for the person who is confused, lost, far away," the pope said at his weekly general audience Jan. 18. "Jesus never said, 'Let them sort themselves out,' He went out to find them."

Pope Francis encouraged Christians to model themselves on Jesus, the Good Shepherd, longing for those who have left the church just as a shepherd longs for lost sheep, rather than treating them as "adversaries or enemies."

"When we meet them at school, work or on the streets of our city, why don't we think instead that we have a beautiful opportunity to witness to them the joy of a Father who loves them and has never forgotten them?" the pope asked.

Being a shepherd is not merely a job, but a "true and proper way of life: 24 hours a day," he said. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, "does not just do something for us, but He gives his life for us." The pope encouraged the pilgrims and visitors gathered in the Vatican's Paul VI Audience Hall to reflect on how God seeks out those who distance themselves from Him, saying that many Christians may have followed Jesus for a long time but "have never wondered if we share his feelings, if we suffer and we take risks." "The Lord suffers when we distance ourselves from His heart," he said, "but in response to this suffering He does not withdraw, rather he risks."

He leaves the 99 sheep who are safe and ventures out for the lost one."

**"Do we feel similar emotions?" the pope asked.**

"Without a love that suffers and takes risks for others, Pope Francis said, "we risk being priests only for ourselves."

Pope Benedict XVI words on the Good Shepherd: described Jesus as "the One who follows us even into our deserts and confusion....the One who took upon His shoulders the lost sheep, which is humanity, and carried it home.

### How is Jesus present in my desert and confusion?

### What hope does He bring?



## 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

BELOVED: IF YOU ARE PATIENT WHEN YOU SUFFER FOR DOING WHAT IS GOOD,  
THIS IS A GRACE BEFORE GOD.



Please PRINT clearly

**St. Bridget Catholic Church  
Vacation Bible School**

**June 5 – 9, 2023**

**9 am – 12 noon**

**For children entering PK – 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

\$40 per youth; \$30 each for siblings

**Registration Form**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: **MALE**

**FEMALE**

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level 2023 - 2024

School Year \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (not parents) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone for Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Transporting Child if Not Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Phone of Person Transporting Child \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies/Medical Concerns \_\_\_\_\_

Snacks are included as part of the VBS program. Please list any known food allergies

## Youth News – Help Wanted

Is the Lord calling you to serve Him in a wonderful ways? Mentors (adult teachers and helpers) are needed for youth in grades 1 – 3.

**Volunteers will be trained over the summer.**

This is a golden opportunity to give back to the Lord and to your parish community for the many gifts received. In most cases, mentors deliver or present the lesson with the assistance of teen volunteers. Class sizes are small so mentors and teens develop a strong relationship with the children as well as help the class grow in its relationship with Jesus and others.

Please contact Bernadette in the Office of Youth Formation (985-446-6801 ext 5) for more information.

Please pray for the success of the Youth Formation program and for all who work with our youth.

## **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 fourth 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 29, 2023**

**Marie Hong Thi Tuyet Tran by Mary Tran**

### MASS INTENTION

### READINGS

**April 29, vigil, +Robert Tucker by Phyliss, +Olema & Ida Darcey, +Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue; +Charles Darcey;**

**April 30, +Marie Hong Thi Tuyet Tran by Mary Tran, Bennet Family, Poor souls in Purgatory, Dale Legendre by Betty and Family, Arthur Landry by Dee, Arthur Jr & Samantha Landry**

**May 1, Delvin Duplantis by Lloyd & Faie Duplantis**

**May 2, parishioners of St. Bridget**

**May 3, parishioners of St. Bridget**

**May 4, parishioners of St. Bridget**

**May 5, +Scuddy Stevens by Phyliss & Family**

**May 6, +Olema & Ida Darcey; +Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue; Charles Darcey, Warren Webre by Gloria James "Jim" LeBoeuf by Gale LeBoeuf**

#### Scripture Readings

##### For the Week of April 30, 2023

Sunday	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
Monday	<b>Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker</b> Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18 or Mt 13:54-58
Tuesday	<b>Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	<b>Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles</b> 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

### 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

"AMEN, AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, I AM THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP."

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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Jesus said, "The sheep follow him because they know his voice. A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jn 10:4-5

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# Parish Organizations

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

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

**Children's Liturgy**- Sunday Mornings

**Choir**- Contact church office to volunteer

**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.

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

**What better way to spend  
ourselves than by serving  
the people of God.**

**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**

## Collections

**Weekly Envelopes** 2131.00

**Online contributions**  
355.00

**Weekly Loose** 1519.00

*To set up online giving,  
contact the parish office.*

# 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.

## Faith Practices

“The experience of Resurrection was something new -It’s not that someone had taken the Lord but the Resurrection that has happened.

Bishop Mario Dorsonville, encourages us that it is through love that we are open to faith.”

God has, in fact, thought of us from eternity and has loved us as unique individuals. He has called every one of us by name, as the Good Shepherd ‘calls His sheep by name.’ John Paul II



4/29/23	4:00	4/30/23 8:00	10:30
Lector	Sue Chauvin	Dawn Koetting	Sharon Pollet
Commentator	Faye Seal	Jeanette Schexnayder	Lillie Brunet
5/6/23	4:00 pm	4/7/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Steve Mire	Jeanette Schexnayder	Melissa Pierce
Commentator	Linda Hernandez	Dawn Koetting	Lillie Brunet
5/13/23	8:00 pm	5/14/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Ann Naquin	Lynedtte Lawless	Fred Duplechin
Commentator	Sue Chauvin	Jeanette Schexnayder	Sharon Pollet

*\*\*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

**GUEST SPEAKER:  
KRISTIN NIEDBALA**



Kristin Niedbala is the Co-Founder of the Ministry for Priestly Support, a non-profit organization serving ordained Roman Catholic priests in their on-going human, spiritual and leadership formation. She brings her specialized training as an Occupational Therapist as well as her unique experience as a Catholic missionary to her current ministry to priests.

Originally from Beaver Falls, PA, her unique calling has led her to minister across the United States and around the globe. She has worked for and continues to assist the ministries of LIFE TEEN International , Adore Ministries, Dumb Ox Ministries, the Diocese of Westminster (London, England) and the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. She is able to give witness to God's power and the depth of His pursuing love....a God who is indeed active and alive!

Kristin is a Consecrated Virgin, living out the joy as His Bride, in the world.



**Bayou River Chapter  
Breakfast**  
**Tuesday, May 9, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**  
Doors Open at 8:30 am

**Thibodaux Regional Wellness Center**  
**5th Floor Ballroom**  
602 North Acadia Road  
Thibodaux, LA

Please Register online at

<https://bit.ly/Magnificat-Niedbala>



**Mail Registration Form**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guest names may be written on back of this form.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations.

**Mail Reservation Form must be received by May 2**

**Magnificat**

**423 Percy Brown Road  
Thibodaux, LA 70301**

- Int'l Ministry based on "The Visitation" Luke 1:39
- Spiritual Director: Bishop Emeritus Sam G. Jacobs
- Breakfast, Praise and Worship, and Testimony
- Confession and Prayer Teams Available After
- If mailing in your registration, your check (payable to *Magnificat*) is your receipt and your nametag is your ticket and will be at the door

**Bayou River Chapter Service Team**

Stephanie Chiasson Toups, Coordinator.....	225-439-0734
Allie Picciola Wells, Asst Coordinator.....	985-686-9609
Shauntelle Sliman Tatford, Secretary.....	504-451-2033
Brandi Beadle Boudreux, Treasurer .....	985-438-2521
Kate Darbonne Dawson, Historian .....	337-513-2137