



You formed my inmost
being; you knit me in
my mother's womb.

Psalms 139:13

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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

*God Bless
our Mothers*

May 14, 2023

**"The good Lord does not do things by halves;
He always gives what we need. Let us then carry on bravely." – St. Zélie Martin**

Saint John Paul II offered a lasting message to Mothers worth repeating:

Thank you, women who are mothers!
You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps it to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life.

Thank you, women who are wives!
You irrevocably join your future to that of your husbands, in a relationship of mutual giving, at the service of love and life.

Thank you, women who are daughters and women who are sisters!
Into the heart of the family, and then of all society, you bring the richness of your sensitivity, your intuitiveness, your generosity and fidelity.

Thank you, women who work!
You are present and active in every area of life-social, economic, cultural, artistic and political. In this way you make an indispensable contribution to the growth of a culture which unites reason and feeling, to a model of life ever open to the sense of "mystery", to the establishment of economic and political structures ever more worthy of humanity.

Thank you, consecrated women!
Following the example of the greatest of women, the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, you open yourselves with obedience and fidelity to the gift of God's love. You help the Church and all mankind to experience a "spousal" relationship to God, one which magnificently expresses the fellowship which God wishes to establish with His creatures.

Thank you, every woman, for the simple fact of being a woman!
Through the insight which is so much a part of your womanhood you enrich the world's understanding and help to make human relations more honest and authentic.

- St. John Paul II

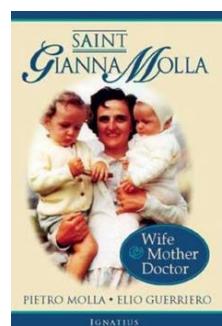
Pope Francis calls on the Faithful to pray to Mary "For all those who have no peace, let us invoke Mary, the woman who brought into the world the Prince of Peace"—Holy Mother church offers help from the Saints if Mother's Day is painful.....

If you are parenting alone, petition prayers to **Servant of God Catherine Doherty**—a Russian noble-woman who married her cousin and served as a nurse in World War I. She was forced to leave her abusive and adulterous husband, later becoming a Catholic and obtaining an annulment. She and her son moved to New York where she worked with the poor and fought for interracial justice. She married at 47 (after her son was grown) and, with her husband, founded a community called Madonna House, still active today.

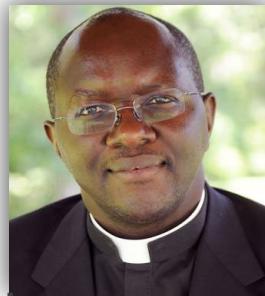
St. Maddalena of Canossa, who was five when her father died, and two years later her mother abandoned the children in order to remarry. They were left with their uncle and a governess to raise them.

St. Gianno Molla, is the Saint for miscarriage or stillbirth. She was an Italian doctor who married at almost 33 years old and gave birth to healthy children but also suffered miscarriages. She died soon after childbirth.

St. Martha Wang Luo Mande, petitions for you if you find yourselves estranged from your child. A Chinese laywoman adopted two sons that abandoned her in her later years. Realizing she had done all she could for them, she moved away to run an inn and became a Catholic. READ *More on these Saints on the Aleteia website.*



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"

"ALL OF THE BAPTIZED, DO NOT JUST ADMIRE CHRIST'S SUPREME PRIESTHOOD FROM AFAR,
WE PARTICIPATE IN IT." BISHOP ROBERT BARRON



Reg. form also on Website <https://stbridget-htdiocease.org/ccd-youth-news>

**St. Bridget Catholic Church
Vacation Bible School
June 5 – 9, 2023
9 am – 12 noon
For children entering PK – 6th grade**

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

Registration Form

Please PRINT clearly

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 wonderful ways?

Mentors (adult teachers and helpers) are needed for youth in grades 1 – 3. Summer training required. Part of a great opportunity to give back to the Lord and parish community, mentors present the lessons with 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).

Jesus Saves - Vacation Bible School

VBS is June 5-9 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. This year's theme is Jesus Saves!

Youth entering grades PK – 6 are invited to attend this week of fun with Jesus. Registration forms above, or on the website <https://stbridget-htdiocease.org/ccd-youth-news> or by calling the Office of Youth Formation at 985-446-6801.

A Vacation Bible School wish list of supplies will be placed at the main entrance of St. Bridget Church for those who want to donate supplies or monetary donations.

*No one will be turned away from VBS due to cost!
Please pray for the success of VBS and for our youth.*

"NOT ALL OF US CAN DO GREAT THINGS, BUT WE CAN DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE."

– ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

SANCTUARY LIGHT

May 14, 2023

Gladys Richard by Cherie Rhodes
Geraldine "Gerry" Benoit by Dale & Cecile Benoit

MASS INTENTION

READINGS

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| May 13, | +Olema & Ida Darcey; +Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue; Charles Darcey, Guy Richard by Family, Tristan Ables by MawMaw & Family,
All Mothers on Mothers Day |
| May 14, | Dale Legendre by Betty & Family, Arthur Landry by Dee, Arthur Jr & Samantha Landry, Bennet & Pitre fly.
Poor souls in Purgatory,
All Mothers on Mothers Day |
| May 15, | parishioners of St. Bridget |
| May 16, | parishioners of St. Bridget |
| May 17, | Marie Hong Thi Tuyet Tran by Mary Tran Deacon Andrew Dragna (+2019) |
| May 18, | Alicia Weimer by Cindy Poincot; Lloyd Duplantis by Deacon Lloyd & Faie Duplantis |
| May 19, | parishioners of St. Bridget |
| May 20, | +Olema & Ida Darcey; +Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue; Charles Darcey, Jane Dominique by Bourgeois Family Delores Papa by Joann Sullivan, Rudy, Eric, & Wendy Thibodaux by Fly |

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 14, 2023

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| Sunday | Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21 |
| Monday | Memorial of St. Isidore the Farmer Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4 |
| Tuesday | Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11 |
| Wednesday | Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15 |
| Thursday | Saint John I, Pope and Martyr Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20 |
| Friday | Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23 |
| Saturday | Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest, Religious Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23-28 |
| Sunday | Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 |

Creation of the Parish Photo Directory
is in the early stages of development.
Volunteers are needed for implementation,
please contact the parish office to help.



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 Rodriguez, Sonia Fonseca, Stephanie W. Sneeze, Tammy Babin Loney, Tanya, Maggie, & Max Martin, Trish Templet, Webster Bertinot

"Cheerfulness prepares a glorious mind for all the noblest acts." St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 4

"AMEN, AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL DO THE WORKS I DO"

With Thanksgiving to Almighty God,
you are invited to attend

The Priesthood Ordination

of

Davis Ahimbisibwe
Saturday, June 24, 2023

Our Lady of Good Shepherd Cathedral,
Kabale, Uganda, Africa

for the Diocese of Houma/Thibodaux

To RSVP—dahimbis@gmail.com

Davis Ahimbisibwe sends prayers of Thanksgiving to whole St. Bridget Parish family who has been supportive over the years.

We remember to pray for one another as he begins this new chapter in his life.

May God continue the Good Work He has begun in him.

St. Bridget Knights of Columbus
Council #12285

Friday, May 26, 2023

Pick up from 11:00-12:30 at St. Bridget
Delivery offered for 10 or more plates
From 10-11 am * 11-12 pm * 12-12:30 pm

\$15.00


CHILDREN'S SUNDAY LITURGY

Offered during Sunday Morning Masses 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.
Please Contact Wanda LeBlanc through the parish office.

Collections

Online contributions

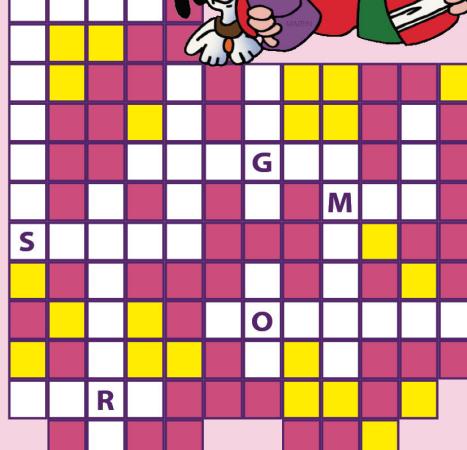
Weekly Envelopes 2850.00

815.00

Weekly Loose 1481.00 *To set up online giving, contact the parish office.*



Mother's Day Crossword



Find the correct fit for each word.

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Be a Holy Priesthood—OBEDIENT TO THE FATHER IN HEAVEN

“I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord” (John 15, 5)

Background Music: Life, Love and Prayer

“I live and you will live,” Jesus tells his disciples. You and I are both alive right now, so this seems easy to wrap our heads around. This is life, right? I’m living it right now. Is there more to life?

The fullest life that Jesus reveals is so much more profound than we could have known without His revelation to us: “I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.”

*Jesus is in the Father,
we are IN Jesus, and Jesus is IN us!*

The One Who is the Way, the Truth, and Life itself dwells in us, and we dwell in Him, in the Father. This “mutual indwelling” that is true life is harder to wrap our heads around. But Jesus was very clear that this is the whole point of the Kingdom, and that God’s joy is to dwell with us, because He loves us and created us precisely for this.

What is love? How do we love the Lord we cannot see? Jesus tells us that the one who keeps His commandment loves Him. What is Jesus’ commandment? To love one another as He loved us. And if we love Jesus and love one another for love of Him, we will be loved by the Father and we will truly know Jesus. Loving one another as Jesus loved us is a tall order – He loved us infinitely, loved us all the way to the Cross and beyond, pouring Himself out utterly for us. He “loved me and gave himself for me,” as St. Paul says (Gal. 2:20), and continues to take care of me in every single moment.

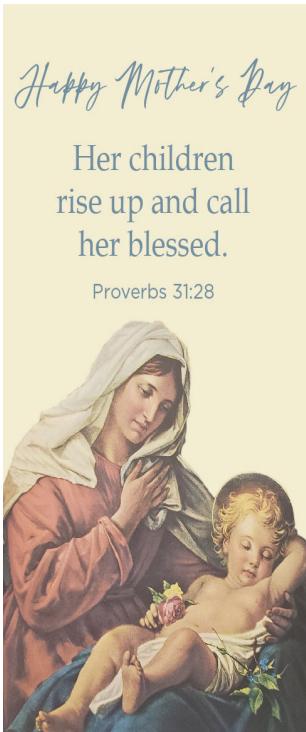
The world in which we live and the busywork of much of our lives does not easily resonate with the vibration of divine life and love. Sin has obscured this and made it hard to keep in mind. But praying and loving (true, self-sacrificing love) re-tune our hearts and minds so that they again vibrate with the eternal rhythm of the divine, so that it can become the “background music” of all we think and say and do! The Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, poured into our hearts remains with us always, and keeps us open to the will of the Father in every circumstance and situation.

*How do we attune ourselves to
this Holy Spirit? Prayer.*

In prayer, we are still enough to listen for love and conform our heart to its demands.

In prayer, we give the Spirit opportunity and permission to continue and complete His work in us, so that we walk generously in His ways of love.

As we advance in loving obedience and true, self-sacrificing love of others, all our thoughts and words and actions will become attuned to the will of the Father, and our lives will at last resonate with the beat of the very Heart of God.



Happy Mother's Day

Her children
rise up and call
her blessed.

Proverbs 31:28

May 2023- Lector/Commentator Schedule

	Saturday, 05/13/2023 - 4 pm	Sunday, 05/14/2023 - 8:00 am	Sunday, 05/14/2023 - 10:30 am
Lector	Anne Naquin	Lynette Lawless	Fred Duplechin
Commentator	Sue Chauvin	Jeanette Schexnayder	Sharon Pollet
	Saturday, 05/20/2023 - 4 pm	Sunday, 05/21/2023 - 8:00 am	Sunday, 05/21/2023 - 10:30 am
Lector	Faye Seal	Joan Bourg	Pauline Monnier
Commentator	Steve Mire	Lynette Lawless	Lillie Brunet
	Saturday, 05/27/2023 - 4pm	Sunday, 05/28/2023 - 8:00 am	Sunday, 05/28/2023 - 10:30 am
Lector	Sue Chauvin	Jeanette Schexnayder	Leslie Naquin
Commentator	Anne Naquin	Dawn Koetting	Melissa Pierce

*When Philip proclaimed Christ to the crowds,
with one accord, they paid attention to what was said.*

LET ALL THE EARTH CRY OUT TO GOD WITH JOY



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Why is May the Month of Mary?

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the

height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our Savior Jesus Christ. The link between Mary and the month of May became popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it had a firm hold among their students at the Roman College and a short time later it was publicly celebrated in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the rest of the Church. The pious practice of honoring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the *Sacred Liturgy Mediator Dei*.

He characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special importance and dignity, and may



Roof Repairs!

New chapel roof and steeple in progress.

Please be aware that repairs are ongoing.

The **311** parking lot is temporarily closed and the sidewalk from the Parish Annex.

Use care visiting the area.



Didier Hall roof replaced and shingle wings of the Annex



Rectory roof replaced.



Our neighbor, Studdard Scrap Metal, is helping with the recyclables.

be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops" Devotion to Mary is one an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her, many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother.

May: The Month of Mary, Salt & Light media ,5/2/2018, https://slmedia.org/blog/may-month-of-mary

Be continent with what you have, for he has said, "I will never forsake you or abandon you." (Heb 13:5)