

St. Bridget Catholic Church

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Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Confessions: Saturday: 3:00-3:50 pm

Sunday: 7:30-8:25 am and 10:00-10:25 am

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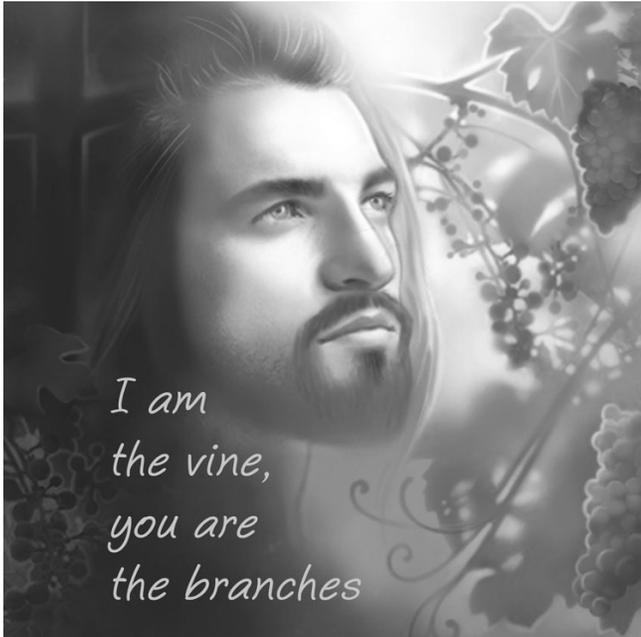
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Fifth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2018

Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18



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Thank You

St. Bridget parish has reached 102.5% of its Annual Bishop's Appeal goal.

Fr. Simon Peter would like to thank all who made the reaching of this goal possible. This includes all who donated money and those who prayed for its success. Without all of you St. Bridget would not be what it is today. May God Bless you all.

Contributions— April 9

Envelopes \$ 3532.00

Loose \$ 855.00

4387.00

Food Bank \$ 285.00

St. Vincent de Paul \$312.00

Electronic sign \$ 250.00

Attendance 359

Electronic sign Goal \$25,000.00

On hand \$22,892.70

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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Knights of Columbus

The KCS are the fraternal organization of men serving the church parish with physical and spiritual needs. The KC's meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Community Life Annex. The organization is open to Catholic men aged 18 and above. The next meeting is on May 23. Contact Ricky Billiot at 985-856-6868 for more details.

Catholic Daughter's of the Americas



CDA is the largest Catholic women's organization in the world. Court St. Bridget of Sweden meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Community Life Annex.

All Catholic women (age 18 and above are encouraged to attend a meeting, learn more about the organization, and join.

The next meeting is May 10th at 7 pm.

The annual CDA/Youth rummage sale is Saturday, June 2nd. All are encouraged to help with the rummage sale.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		May 5-6	
	Extraordinary Ministers	Lector	Commentator
Saturday 4:00 pm	Team 4	Beth Olin	Melissa Tardiff
Sunday 8:30 am	Team 8	Roxann Webre	Emily Baudoin
Sunday 10:30 am	Team 12	Grace Billiot	Nina Billiot

Homebound	May 4	Janice Matherne
Money Counters	May 30	Team 2
Church Cleaners	May	Cheryl Henderson
Altar Linens	May	Nina Richard

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of:

April 29-May 5

Warren & Marguerite Schexnayder by
Phil & Jeanette Schexnayder

May 6-12

Diane Levron by Medrick & family



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial)
Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17
or Jn 17:11b-19

Masses

DA=Death Anniv.

B= Birthday

WA=Wedding Anniversary



April 28 4:00 pm

James (Jim) LeBoeuf (WA) by Gale

April 29 8:30 am

Diane Levron by Medrick and family

April 29 10:30 am

Keith Babin by Mom and Dad

May 2

William L. Fanguy (DA) by family

May 5 4:00 pm

James (Jim) LeBoeuf (DA) by Gale & family

May 6 8:30 am

Charles Ray & Jerry Nell Boudreaux by
Susan & Barry Verdun
Diane Levron by Medrick & family

May 6 10:30 am

Keith Babin by Mom, Dad & family

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

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FINANCE COUNCIL: Fr. Simon Peter Engurait, Phil Schexnayder, Mike Richard, Nina Richard, Tracy Baudoin, Peggy Pitre, Deacon Stephen Brunet

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fr. Simon Peter Engurait, Amy Baudoin, Nicholas Billiot, Nina Billiot, Burnelle and Margaret Landry, Curtis Knight, Medrick Levron, Albert Rogers, Deacon Stephen Brunet

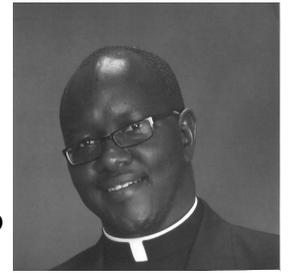
STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

TEAM: Father Simon Peter, Amy Baudoin, Nicholas Billiot, Nina Billiot, Kellie Bishop, Claire Falgout, Mary Louviere, Bernadette Mabile, Mark Olin, Sharon Pollet, Fr. Mark Touns

My Dear People of God,

Easter greetings and best wishes! The Lord is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia.

As we continue to celebrate the gift of the resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ I would like to invite us to contemplate on our own life after death. Is there life after death? The transition from this life to the next, has many times been compared to the transition from life in the womb to life after birth. Recently, I received from #ChristFollower a very inspiring 'Dialogue of two babies in their mother's womb and I would like to share it here with you.



In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

"Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

"Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

This is one of the best explanations to the concept of GOD that I have come across.

#ChristFollower

As we celebrate this fifth Sunday of Easter and as the gospel reading challenges us, let us 'remain in the vine'- Jesus Christ so that we may bear fruit, the fruit of eternal life.

May the joy and peace of the risen Lord continue to fill our hearts and minds. And may our contemplation of the reality of life after death, lead to a deepening of our faith and the assurance of the gift of eternal life..

Happy Easter
Fr Simon Peter

VBS News—We Need Your Help!

Vacation Bible School is a week of faith, fun, and fellowship for children and youth. We need your help! Listed below are 4 ways you can help:

- 1) Pray—pray for the VBS staff and participants. Pray that the week is successful and free of incidents.
- 2) We need to build the walls of Jericho! We need clean, empty, cardboard boxes. Shoe boxes, cereal boxes, copy paper boxes are perfect for the walls. If you can help, please drop off boxes to the CCD office or Church Office no later than May 10th.
- 3) "Wish Lists" have been created at Oriental Trading and Concordia Supply. Go to the website orientaltrading.com and/or concordiasupply.com to see items that are needed. The websites are secure; the login is stbridgetccd@htdiocese.org. Call Bernadette for the password. Select the item or items to be purchased then once they arrive, please deliver to the CCD office by May 12th. The items listed on these websites coordinate with the theme and are needed.
- 4) A bulletin board will be placed at the main entrance of the church listing additional items needed for Vacation Bible School. The item needed and price range will be listed on the envelope provided. Please purchase the item described and return it to the CCD office or place the suggested amount in the envelope provided and place it in the collection basket at Mass. These items can be purchased locally. Thanks for your support.

Attention Steubies!

Youth planning to attend Steubenville on the Bayou are expected to help with Vacation Bible School. Please download the free GroupMe app so that important information can be sent to you. Parents of Steubies should also have the app!

VBS planning meetings are currently being held in the annex after school. Texts and group messages will be sent informing youth of these meetings.

Youth Rosary—May 2nd

Youth in grades 6 and above are invited to meet in the Community Life Annex Wednesday May 2nd at 5:30 pm to recite the rosary, pray for each other, and discuss upcoming youth activities. The prayer time and meeting will last approximately 1 hour. Please contact Miss Bernadette for more information.

Steubenville on the Bayou News

Steubenville on the Bayou is a national youth conference open to young people who share the Catholic faith and beliefs. The conference is June 15—17 at the Houma Terrebonne Civic Center. The cost is approximately \$325 per participant. Youth interested in attending should see Miss Bernadette for more info. Hotel reservations are currently being made for this event—don't be left out! Applications are due by May 1st.

Thanks KCs and CDA

The CCD staff, parents, and youth express sincere thanks to the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters for their continuous support of the CCD and youth programs at St. Bridget.

Thanks to all who helped with Confirmation and First Eucharist. Thanks to all who help both in

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following young people on receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time last Sunday. Luke Anderson, Gunnar Arcement, Addison Benoit, Cole Billiot, Kolby Campbell, Jacob Deroche, Jasmin Deroche, Bailey Derouen, Alexander Duplantis, Isabella Duplantis, Cheyenne Dupre, Colt Guidry, Bailey Ray, Riley Hidalgo, Paige Mouton, Maya Spangler, and Maria Tolentino. Thanks to all who helped with First Communion in any way. Special thanks goes to the CCD teachers and helpers and all who helped with the retreat, Mass, and beignet reception.

Welcome Newly Confirmed

Bishop Shelton Fabre presided over the mass last Sunday at which fourteen of our parishioners were 'Sealed with the Holy Spirit' as they received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations Dorothy Bazet, Abbey Benoit, Tyler Bonvillain, Joe Boudreaux, III, Bell Bourgeois, Leighton Bourgeois, Adrianna Frederick, Madeline Malbrough, Bryson Richard, Rene Sanchez, Harlyn Scott, Tegan Thibodeaux, and Kirstin Walther. Thanks to the sponsors who walked with these young people in their faith. Thanks to the CCD teachers, helpers, parents, and to all who helped with the Mass and reception.

PRINCIPAL POSITION AVAILABLE

Holy Rosary Catholic School, Larose

How to Apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume', application form, and transcripts to hr@htdiocese.org, or mail to Human Resource Director, P. O. Box 505, Schriever, LA 70395.

Application may be obtained from

www.htdiocese.org/catholic-schools or by calling (985) 850-3114.

Applications Due: May 20, 2018, or until position is filled

A JOURNEY WITH THE SAINTS

Pilgrimage to Sweden-Rome Assisi-San Giovanni Rotondo

September 16 to 27, 2018

**Featuring: St. Bridget
St. Francis & St. Claire**

Padre Pio

St. Benedict

St. Ignatius of Loyola

St. Francis Xavier

St. John Paul II

Spiritually led by

Fr. Simon Peter Engurait

Call the office if interested. 985 446-6801

Guidelines for Baptism

Prior to baptizing a child, the parents and Godparents must attend a baptismal seminar. Those seeking to baptize a child can complete the registration forms in the office Monday—Friday between 8 am and 3 pm. The office must be made aware of the desire to baptize a child and desire to attend the seminar. The registration form can also be found at the parish website, stbridget-htdiocese.org, and emailed to the parish through the "Contact Us" link.

While the Church only requires one qualified Godparent for a child to be baptized, two Godparents may be chosen, although in this case one must be male and one female. Anyone who is to be a Godparent must meet the qualifications established by the Church, which are as follows. Godparents must have received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, and be practicing Catholics, at least 16 years old who lead a life in harmony with the faith. If married, the proposed Godparents must be in a marriage recognized by the Church. If not married, they must not be simulating marriage by living with someone.

BE WHAT YOU SEEK Even as you seek a virtuous, fair, and good spouse . . . it is fitting that you should be the same.

—St. Bernardine of Siena

Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in the world surrounded by violence and conflict.

In the reading from Acts, Saul is trying to establish his solidarity with the other disciples. This proves to be no easy task. In the letter of John, we are exhorted to be in solidarity by “love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” In the gospel, Jesus invites us to solidarity with God and with each other through the image of the vine and the branches.” Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”

Today’s scripture, challenges to make this solidarity real in our personal relationships and in our “global relationships.” How we live as Americans affects people all over the world. How others live affects us, economic justice is a global concern. Caring for the environment is a global concern. To live the gospel, we must discern our connection with those around the world who suffer from food insecurity, who are burdened by excessive debt, who have no access to medical care, who are not connected, to the technological resources of the developed world, who are seeking a safe place as immigrants or refugees, who are discriminated against because of their race, gender, or ethnic background, or who are suffering from ecological problems. As with Saul in the first reading, solidarity is no easy task. Problems must be addressed openly and honestly to promote the common good.

---Education for Justice Lectionary Reflections

Fr. John Bucki, S.J.

Prayer Line

If you or someone needs to be added to the prayer line, call Nina Richard at 446-1206 or the rectory at 446-6801

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the sick, elderly, and homebound. Please pray for: Elaine Ables, Andrew Adams, Sr., Susan Arceneaux, Heidi Ardoin, Jacob Aucoin, Elvin Babin, Tommy Badeaux, Donald Banowetz, Chad Barrileaux, Ronnie Bednarz, Chuck Beebe, Judith Benoit, Nedward Benoit, Fr. Paul Bergeron, Rosemary Besson, Mitzy Bettridge, Gretchen Bilello, Pat Billiot, Preston Billiot, Alvin & Gail Blanchard, Dennis Blanchard, Ronald Blanchard, Cody Bourgeois, Emile “Jay” Bourgeois, Patricia Bourgeois, Troy & Joan Bourgeois, Wade Bourgeois, Connie Bouterie, Beau Brasset, Dustin Brasset, Mark Brasset, Emma Del Broussard, Richard Broussard, Susan Caillouet, Randy Chiasson, Brad Clement, Bryce Comeaux, Jay & Tiffany Conner, Martha Cortez, Ruben Cunningham, Randy Davis, Cary Davis, Jr., Barbara & Ronni Duhon, Alan Dunbar, Linda Ekiss, Avery “Brother” and Sonja Fonseca, Darin Fonz, Robin Ford, Marie Fournier, Alisa Frederick, Ben Frisella, Dante Galliano, Toby Gambarella, Leigh Ann Gardner, Belinda Gil, Brandon Gil, George Gil, The Gil Family, Austin Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Vergie Gros, Kendra Guillot, Curley Hebert, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr. Jessie Hoffpauir, Samara Holland, Kristen Koppel, Jackson LaFleur, Elmay Landry, Judie Landry, Joyce Landry, Mark Landry, Barbara Nell Lapeyrouse, Chester Lecompte, Evelyn Leger, Tammy Babin Loney, Payton Martin, Rick Melancon, Asher Miller, Savannah Miller, Meghan Naquin, Misty Naquin, Shannon Naquin, Annie Ordoyne, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, James Pierce, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Kerri Reynolds, Angel Richard, Bryce Richard, Ella Richard, Lorita Rodrigue, Cynthia Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Lyn Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saunier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, James Soileau, Bubba McNeil, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Mary Ann Theriot, Cammie Thibodaux, Rudy Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodaux, Thibodaux Family, Chris Touns, Joyce Touns, Ricky Turner, Sara Day Vignes, Allison Walters, and Anna Wooten.

When the Lord has answered our prayers, notify the Rectory so that the name can be removed.