

St. Bridget

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

MARCH 20, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon Wed Fri 8:00 am



ST. BRIDGET MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic community welcoming all, consciously celebrating the Eucharist with joy, together personifying the compassion of God to the world.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Contact the parish office for information on the following.

RCIA JOURNEY

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic we'd love to share more about what we believe with you!

BAPTISMS: Infant/Children

Formation Session Required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

It is best to call at the beginning of a serious illness or when surgery is first scheduled.

MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Office at least 9 months prior to anticipated wedding date.

COMMUNION to HOMEBOUND

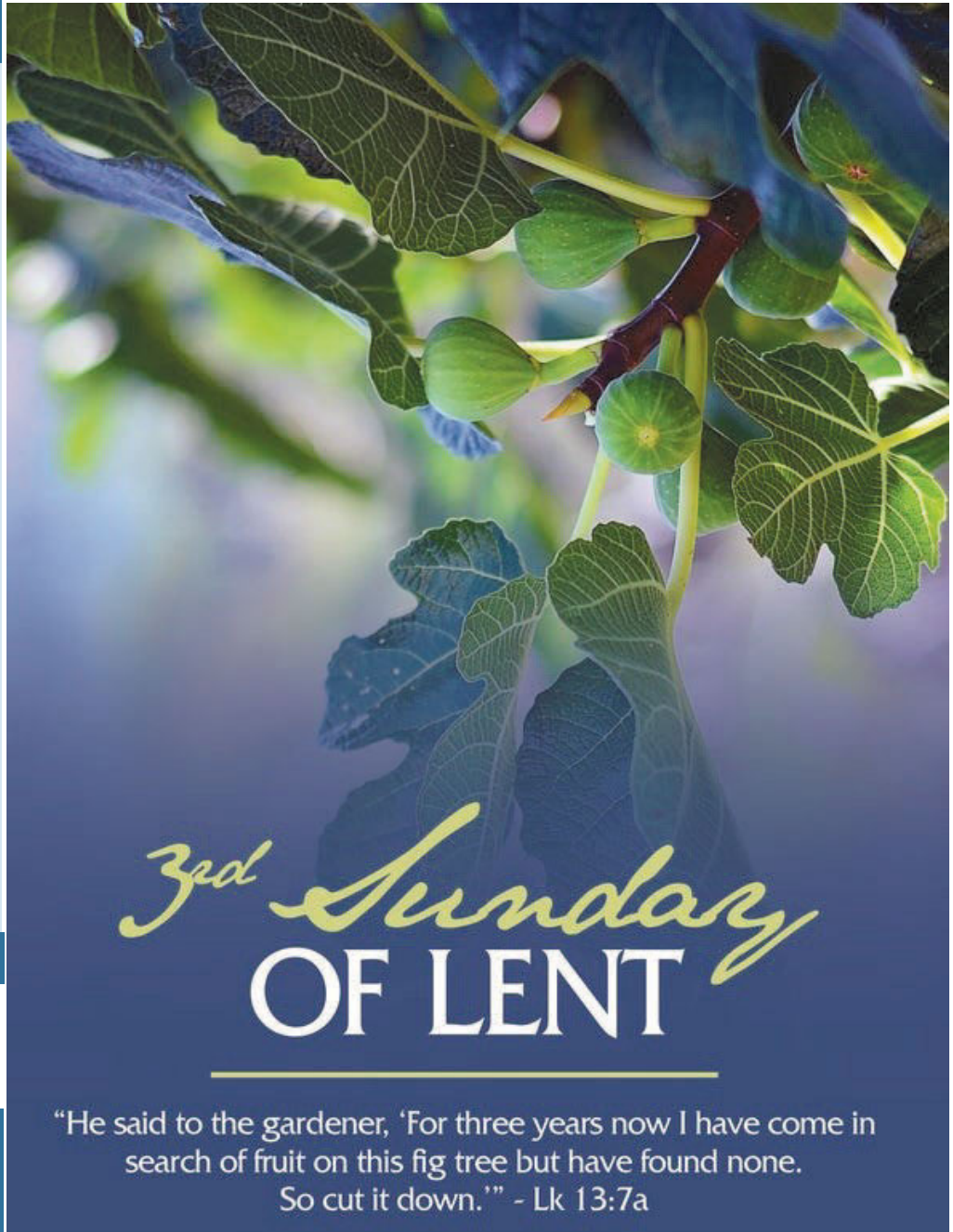
Ministers of Care will bring Communion to you when you are ill & unable to join us in Sunday worship.

PENANCE

1st Saturday of every month
3:30-4pm or by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm
Friday & Saturday office closed
Sunday office closed



"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

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REFLECTION

3rd Sunday of Lent

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the “I am” of all existence.



Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That’s when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God’s work, the pondering of life’s mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God’s presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn’t rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don’t get lost or confused and stay on course.

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REMINDERS & UPDATES

- ◆ **MASK UPDATE** want to welcome all to the St. Bridget Church Community. We understand that wearing a mask is a personal choice for each person but for the continued protection for the Priests, our unvaccinated children and each other, we are encouraging you to continue to wear your mask and practice social distancing while on the church grounds and at Mass. We feel this is beneficial to keeping everyone safe.

We thank you for your continued support to the church and ask that you continue to show kindness and understanding to each other both on the church grounds and when you are out in the community.

- ◆ **SCAM EMAIL** If you receive an e-mail or text that says it is from Fr. Scott or any St. Bridget staff member requesting some sort of financial help or asking you to e-mail them back, please do not reply to the message and delete it. **This is a scam e-mail.**

WEEK AT A GLANCE—MARCH 20-26, 2022

<u>Sunday:</u>	8:00am & 10:00am Mass, Church	8:45am Contemplative Rosary, Spirituality Center
<u>Monday:</u>	8:00am Daily Mass, Church 8:30am Centering Prayer, Spirituality Center	6:30pm Centering Prayer, Chapel
<u>Tuesday:</u>	6:00pm RCIA, Chapel	<u>Thursday:</u> <u>Friday:</u>
<u>Wednesday:</u>	8:00am Mass	8:00am Daily Mass 5:00pm Stations of the Cross 5:30pm Fish Fry
		<u>Saturday:</u> 4:30pm Mass, Church

The Sacred Triduum

“This is the most important prayer of our whole life together, especially the Easter Vigil. It is the ultimate celebration of our God’s saving love in Christ and throughout human history. We truly need to support each other these times and, of all occasions, it is the number one time to praise God as Catholics.”

Holy Thursday

April 14, 2022
7:00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday

April 15, 2022
7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
With Veneration of the Cross and Communion
Stations of the Cross at Noon
Led by Faith Formation
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm Church open for silent prayer

Holy Saturday

April 16, 2022
8:00 pm Easter Vigil
Fire Blessing and Easter Candle Procession
Orchestral Word Celebration
Blessing of Easter Baptismal Water
First Eucharist of Easter/Confirmation
Liturgy begins outside

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022
8:00 am Mass
10:00am Mass

Easter Liturgies will be held in the Plaza.



“Let There Be Peace on Earth. . .

Please join us for a Prayer Vigil for Ukraine
Wednesday, March 23rd, 5:15 p.m.

We will meet in the plaza and conclude at the Peace Pole where we will plant Ukrainian Flags in support of our brothers and sisters.

Immediately following, please join us in Collins Hall for refreshments and a discussion on refugees, led by Common Good members who volunteer at the Phoenix Welcome Center and various community churches.

...And Let It Begin With Me.”



CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION



Class Schedule

Wednesday Children’s Formation Class

March 16 Class
 March 23-Parent Night, speaker

Sacrament Prep Class Sundays 8:30 Collins Hall

#3 March 20 Eucharist & Confirmation,
 Speaker Kevin Saunders
 March 26 **Confirmation Retreat 10:00**

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN MINISTRY

TEEN MINISTRY HAS BEEN ON RETREAT THIS WEEKEND.

Pray that our teens continue to develop their gifts of the Spirit so that they may continue to grow in Christ & share their gifts with those around them.

**Spirit of God,
 grant me The gift of Wisdom
 to see the world through your eyes,
 The gift of Counsel to make difficult decisions,
 The gift of Knowledge and Understanding to use my
 mind to know you and love you,
 The gift of Fortitude to have the Courage to live in
 the faith despite the difficulties
 and disappointments,
 The gift of Piety to be able to express my special
 love, and commitment to you,
 And the right kind of Awesome Fear
 that makes me pause to wonder and
 Revere God’s love.
 Amen.**

**Praying the Contemplative Rosary
 Wednesdays at the
 Spirituality Center @ 8:45am**



Rosary prayer offers an opportunity to cultivate solitude while contemplating the way and life of Jesus. Rosaries are provided if you need one. For more information contact Kathy Perrin at willowroad1862@outlook.com.

ST. BRIDGET’S SPIRITUALITY CENTER

We invite you to discover and enjoy all that this unique space has to offer! Our primary purpose is to provide a Gathering Space that fosters a Culture of Encounter ~ that is, an encounter with one another, with sacred practices, and with the beauty of nature & art.



Spirituality Book Club: Meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am in the east garden of the Spirituality Center. All are welcome to come join in fellowship and lively discussion. The first book club gathering is March 15th. Please contact Kathy Perrin for more information, willowroad1862@outlook.com

Spirituality Center Grounds and Gardens:

The garden is now open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 7:30am to 12:00noon. Please come and enjoy the St. Bridget Self-Guided Prayer Walk. Contact Kathy Perrin for more info, willowroad1862@outlook.com

Small Group Spiritual Direction:

Cathy Olds, bridgetspcenter@gmail.com and Charlotte Schwartz, char11@cox.net

Spiritual Direction:

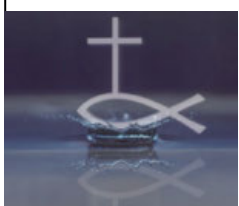
Cathy Olds, bridgetspcenter@gmail.com and Pat Root, rootpatricia60@yahoo.co

Centering Prayer: Mondays of Lent at 9:00am in the east garden. For more information email Mary Koszarek, maryrosekos@yahoo.com

Centering Prayer meets in the Spirituality Center Mondays at 9:00am and in the Prayer Chapel Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm
All are Welcome!



RCIA classes are held on Tuesdays 6:00pm in the Prayer Chapel. Please call the Parish office for more information. 480-924-9111



Next infant baptism is April 25. To sign up, forms (on website) are due March 24. Enrollment is not guaranteed until forms are reviewed. A Preparation Class is required. Our class was Feb 27. You may attend a class at any parish. Contact: baptism@stbridget.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is “a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and in service to people in need.” SVDP is open to all those who seek to live their faith, loving and committing themselves to their neighbors in need. **Membership in the St. Bridget Conference of the Society of SVDP is open to individuals who seek to answer the call to service.** For more information, please contact the office at 480-807-1493.

Pantry Needs

We are in need of jellybeans, wrapped candy, and small gender-neutral toys/stuffed animals for children’s Easter baskets (please no chocolate, Peeps, Easter baskets, or plastic eggs). The baskets will be distributed to children with their family’s Easter food box. Please drop off Easter items by March 30th. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Our regular pantry needs are the following: canned fruit, jelly, macaroni and cheese, dry soup mixes, shampoo, conditioner, and #5 & #6 diapers. Please drop pantry items in the SVdP grocery carts located outside of church during weekend Mass, thank you!

Welcome All Parishioners, Winter Visitors, and Neighbors of St. Bridget



Friday Lenten Fish Fry



Traditional Lenten Fish Fry Returns!
Every Friday during Lent
(except Good Friday) Beginning after
the Stations of the Cross

The Knights of Columbus welcome any donation of lemons that you may have from your trees. Any unused lemons will go to St. Vincent de Paul

Featuring: Fried Cod, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Bread Roll and your choice of beverage
Mac and Cheese for Children
Dessert is also available for \$1
Adults—\$12.00
Children—\$6.00

Sponsored by St. Bridget Knights of Columbus
Proceeds go to support the East Valley Men’s Center
And other worthy St. Bridget and K of C Programs
You are encouraged to wear a mask when not seated.

CONSTANT CONTACT FROM ST BRIDGET

If you would like to receive Constant Contact emails from the parish, please be sure we have your updated email address. Contact: Finance@stbridget.org

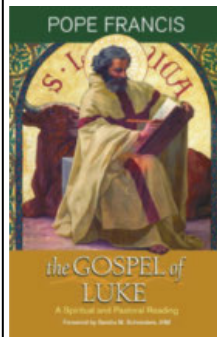


COMMON GOOD

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.
Matthew 25: 35-37

For the past several years, Common Good members have been volunteering with hosting churches and humanitarian aid non-profit organizations to provide direct assistance to asylum seekers. Are you curious about our experience welcoming the stranger? Are you interested in joining our effort? Join us for a panel discussion on Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30pm in the church.

BIBLE STUDY



Join us for “**The Gospel of Luke: A Spiritual and Pastoral Reading**” by **Pope Francis**. Drawn from homilies, writings, and speeches since Francis became pope and arranged in order of the chapters of Luke, the words of Pope Francis invite us into the world of Jesus, forming readings that shine light on our own lives.

Evening or morning sessions available.
Beginning Tues, April 19 at 7pm
Wed. April 20 9am, in the library

Please sign up in the office for the session you’d like to attend and to order your book. Books are also available to purchase from Amazon for approximately \$25.

We are excited to share this journey with you.

Contact Spencer Stopa at 480-244-7264, or Liz Carter at 480-833-5818 for more information

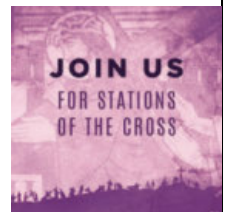


AN INVITATION

To all women available this Friday at 5:00 pm, come and walk the Stations of the Cross in the plaza.

Experience a prayerful journey with Jesus as he speaks and comforts us on our own Lenten journey through song and reflection.

For more information:
Gail 480-332-1859
Char 1-253-951-8954



COMMUNITY PRAYER & STEWARDSHIP



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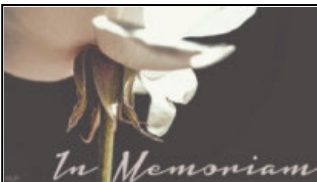
Sunday	8:00am	† Steve Fechner & Family
	10:00am	For the Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish
Monday	8:00am	
Wednesday	8:00am	
Friday	8:00am	
Saturday	4:30pm	

If you are interested in joining our Prayer Chain, please call the Parish Office at 480-924-9111.

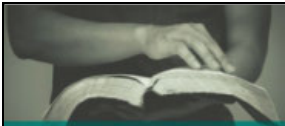


For all in our parish community who are in need of our prayers:

- ◆ Sharon Ackley
- ◆ Nancy & Bill Cowperthwait
- ◆ Barbara Hainsworth
- ◆ Rich Wittreich
- ◆ Marion Ballentyne



Please pray for all the deceased of our parish, their family and friends.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 21, 2022

- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-3

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Click on our parish **You Tube** Page and subscribe.



Financial Information March 12-13, 2022

Plate & Mail In	\$ 5,824.00
Tithley On-line	\$ 1,582.00
ACH Checks	\$ 530.00
Total	\$ 7,936.00

POPE	\$816.00
Easter Flowers:	\$200.00

Ukraine Collection as of March 14: \$7,125.00.

Thank you for your continued support to the parish and the special collection for Ukraine!



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Log into your Fry's account, search for St. Bridget Roman Catholic Church-Mesa or enter GH950, click Enroll".

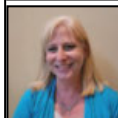
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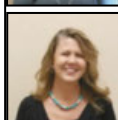
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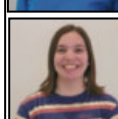
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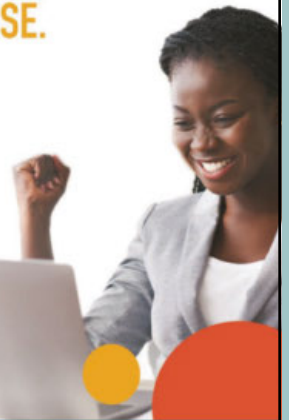
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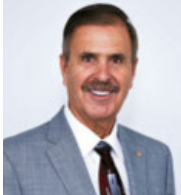
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