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16th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays, 7:00A.M.— 6:00P.M.

Temporarily Held in the Church

LITURGICAL SERVICES

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 4:30P.M.

Sunday: 8:00A.M., 11:00A.M. & 6:00P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES: *Monday No Mass—*

Tuesday— Friday 6:30A.M. Saturday: 8:30A.M.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 9:30A.M.

Exposition & Confession 8:30-9:20A.M.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Tuesday at 6:30A.M.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesday & Thursday-6:00A.M.,
Saturday-8:00A.M. & 3:30-4:20P.M., 30 minutes before
all Sunday Masses and by appointment.

ROSARY Wednesdays, 7:00A.M.

Sunday— Saturday 4:00P.M. (Church)

Please silence your cell phone during mass! Thank you!

The word of God
is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi



July 19-20, 2025

Sacristans: Saturday, 4:30p.m.—Maureen Alfred,
Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Gail Dupuis,
11:00a.m.—Brenda Besse, 6:00p.m.—Marcia Bergeron
Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday, 4:30p.m.—Donna Bourg
Sunday, 8:00a.m.— Gail Dupuis,
11:00a.m.—Larry Besse, 6:00p.m.— Marcia Bergeron
Lectors: Saturday, 4:30p.m.—Clara Ryan
Sunday, 8:00a.m.— Julius Hebert,
11:00a.m.—Emile Babin, 6:00p.m., Peggy Gowland

50th Anniversary of Our Lady Star of the Sea

On July 27, 1975, the Statue of Our Lady Star of the Sea was erected in Morgan City, Louisiana with Archbishop Philip M. Hannon dedicating the statue and placing the entire area under the protection of Our Lady Star of the Sea.



Please join us in celebrating the 50th Anniversary

Sunday, July 27 at Sacred Heart Church, Morgan City
10:15a.m. Rosary ~ 11:00a.m. Holy Mass

Meal with guest speaker, Paul Maclean, and testimonies following mass in Sacred Heart St. Joseph Hall.

Readings for the week of July 20, 2025



Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In life, there are so many “Marthas” — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question:

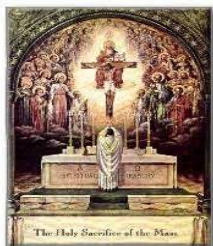
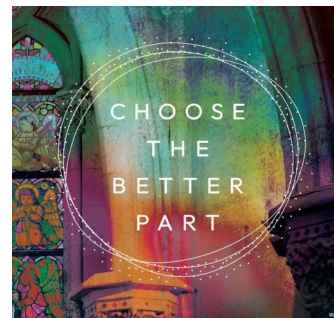
Abraham’s treatment of the three strangers modeled the value of hospitality in the ancient world. What are some ways you show kindness and warmth to others?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul found reasons to rejoice despite suffering for his faith in Christ and his mission to the Gentiles. How do you find joy and hope in difficult situations?

Gospel Question:

Jesus teaches Martha that her anxiety and worry can be calmed by listening to his words. How can you be present this week to an anxious friend or co-worker?



Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary before Mass

O Mother of devoted love and mercy, most blessed Virgin Mary, with all my heart and all my affection I take refuge in you, though I am a poor and undeserving sinner. You stood by your most dear Son as he was hanging on the cross. Stand mercifully by me, poor sinner though I am, and by all the priests who today offer this sacrifice, here and in all our holy Church. With the help of your gracious presence, may we offer a sacrifice that is right and acceptable in the presence of the most high and undivided Trinity. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Weekday, July 19, 8:30am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, Vigil, July 19, 4:30pm: Patrick J. Bergeron, Vera & Charles Dupuis, Frank & Corinne Mula, Seth & Jackie Sumrall, Santo & Stella Rousso, Anthony Governale, Sr., M/M Walter Romero, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Anthony Cannata, Vincent & Fannie Cannata, Charles Gowland, Sr., Bill & Eloise Gowland, Martin, Deshotel, Prince, & Lacour Families, Joe & Bet Cefalu, David Duplantis, Joe Parsiola, Agnes Robicheaux, James Kullman, Sr., Robert & Maridel LaBauve, Nellie & Dr. Robert Blereau, Chauvin/Boudreaux Family L/D, Caballero/Bucci Family L/D, Rafael Basas, Mary & James Groves, Mary Michael, Alden Vinning, Charlie Bergeron, Charles "Chuck" Ward, Jr., James Boudreaux, Andy Reed.

Sunday, July 20, 8:00am: Rose H. Percle, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Joe & Bernice Giandelone, Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Glenda Solar Gros, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, Mark Manfre, Luc/Percle Family, Donald Luc, Sr., Steve Luc, John, Josephine, Johnny, Jeffery, DiMatteo, Hilda & Richard Landry, Sr., Sheldon & Claire Bergeron, Lisa B. Bryan, Geri & Mel Bourgeois, Mike Deshotel. **11:00am:** Jim Holt, Holt/Alfred Families L/D, Hugh & Nell Brown, M/M Raymond Egle, A.J. Cannata, Marian & Richard Romaine, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., Mark Manfre, Rocco Guarisco, Jr. Family L/D, Francis X. Bassa, Donald Loupe. **6:00pm:** Charles Gowland, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Carl J. & Glenda W. Streva Family L/D., C.J. & Mary Doiron, Mac, Mary & Stephen McCleary, Louise & Clem Bourgeois. Charles L. Ward, Jr.

Tuesday, July 22, 6:30am: Carl & Glenda Streva Fam. L/D, Eloise & Bill Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., John & Stella Mula, Anthony Cannata, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Rickey Arceneaux, C. J. & Viva Solar, Glenda Solar Gros, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, Gerald & Garnette Listi, Listi/Theriot families, Earl Laughlin, Sr.

Wednesday, July 23, 6:30am: Mark Manfre, Carl & Glenda Streva Fam. L/D, Gerald Blanchard, Bet & Joseph Cefalu, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Marcelle Ordogne.

Thursday, July 24, 6:30am: Carl & Glenda Streva Family L/D, John & Stella Mula, Bet & Joe Cefalu, Gerald Blanchard, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Glenda Solar Gros, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, David Duplantis.

Friday, July 25, 6:30am: Holy Souls in Purgatory, Carl & Glenda Streva Fam. L/D, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Anthony, Vincent C. & Fannie Cannata, Patrick Bergeron.



~~~~ *In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.*

### Our New Bishop Elect

**Fr. Simon Peter Engurait**

SIXTH BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA THIBODAUX



### Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Simon Peter Engurait!

**Friday, September 5, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales in Houma, LA**

**A reception will follow at Vandebilt Catholic High School Kolb Gym.**

+Let us in a sincere way pray each day for Bishop-elect Simon Peter, that God may grant him all the graces he may need to carry out the will of God.

### Why does the Church Celebrate Saint Mary Magdalene

The Church celebrates St. Mary Magdalene because of her example of virtue and loyalty to Christ. She was a devoted disciple and close friend of Jesus during the time of His ministry, and one of the few who remained with Him during His agony on the Cross. Finally, she was one of the three women who went to anoint His body in the tomb on Easter morning, becoming the first person to announce the Resurrection to others, when she went and told the Apostles that He had risen.



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### Angel of God

my guardian dear to whom His love commits me here  
ever this day be at my side to light and guard to rule  
and guide. Amen.

#### PRAY FOR... PEACE,

Protection from Floods and Storms, Caregivers,

Huan Tran, Kathryn Stadalis, Stephen Giroir, Beulah De-  
shotel, Mona Thibodeaux, Hilda Landry, Kim Verrett, Rod-  
ney Frederick, Donna Henry, Roger Adams Jr., Ross Rock,  
Brittany Thomas, Dalton Dupree, Noah Fryou, Tara Trahan,  
Ashley Ribardi, Deanna Rome, Jimmy LeBlanc, Dale Hu-  
bert, Pat Rock, Barbara Breaux, Stacy Giroir, Eston Roger, Robbie &  
Kacie Touns, Janet Bennett, Jean Stephens, Zweigle/Dupree Families,  
Gloria & Jessie Michel, Lelia Johnson, Nicki Plessala, Jim Miller, Jaiden,  
Tammy Fitch, Chad Duval, Jr., Harley Blanco, Demarius Granger, Darrel  
Beadle, Killian Mabe, Joan Judycki, Mary Ann Trosclair, Anna Hargrave  
& Family, Shannon Swiber, Holly Brasseaux, Katy Bourgeois, Ina Clarke,  
Leonard & Priscilla Scully, Catherine & Elijah Landry, Robin Jeansonne,  
Charlie Solar, Sr., Karen Duhon, Barbara Olson, Jahmarla Guidry, Laine  
Mosher, Aceson Alleman, Catherine Thibodeaux, Scott Barbier, Martha  
Guillory, Will Lapoint, Edwin Bergeron, Jason Theriot, Evie Herrington,  
Mac Percle, Yvonne Zweigle, Bryson Plaisance, Betty Ross, Nedra Giroir,  
Jim Davis, Rachel Adams, Ave Ross, Elijah Carter, Valerie Streety, Larry  
Guillory, Anna Broussard, Reberta Ford, Margie Aucoin, Gentry Garrett,  
Cherie Dyer, Lovenia Percle, Layla Giroir, Wendy Hotard, Charles Gibson,  
Jr., Patty Fontenot, Rhonda Lile, Beth Naquin, Renee Harper, Warren  
Landry, Louis Tamporella, Mable Lester, Tammy Richard, Elliot Prejean,  
Kattie Ghirardi, Lynette Breaux, Ashia Starling, Mary Ann Adams, Kay  
Olds, Franklin Pierce, Marlene Pierce, Brent Gravois, Ava Carpenter, Ellen  
Rink, Richard Ford, Kelley Dalton, Jim Mestepey, Ryan, Willie Mae Lew-  
is, Earline & David Gastins, Elias Dupree, Peggy Perry, Keely Price, Steve  
Sealine, Robbie Sword, Mary Price, Austin Courtney, Elijah Allen, Jerry  
Trosclair, Danny Chiasson, Kenneth Hope, Max Anderson, Steve Morell,  
Jeanne McCloy, Keelan Arbuckle, Louis Chaisson, Dr. Conrad Poe, Billy  
Lamar, Audie Taquino, Sabrina Gaspard, Billy Giordano, Catherine Bour-  
dier, Brenda Landry Lamartinieri, Dr. Melvin Bourgeois, Zachary Dan-  
iels, Christian Smith, Kim Stansbury, Cindy Dupuis, Gloria Canova, Karlie  
Brasseaux, Merlin Boudreaux, II, Debbie LeBlanc, Cosmo Christopher,  
Ann Eastburn, Laura Vice, Nolan Bernucho, Anne Murray, Philip Dural,  
Kent Ledet, Jr., Gina Guzzino Crooks, Avery Compton, Claire Smith,  
Betty Keeling, Stephanie Broussard, Rita Duplantis, Sandra Mensman,  
Ward Mensman, Glenn Thibodaux, Duval Arthur, Takeshia Dixon, Russell  
Vicknair, Lester Beam, Fern Giandelone, Gertrude Prestenbach, Lisa G.  
Kent, Ida Mae Percle, Joseph Mensman, Edmond "Eddie" Guidry, Jr.,  
Spenser Kron, Dr. "Chip" Metz, Everett J. Prestenbach, Dianne Broussard,  
Annette Landry, April Kindred, Donna M. Credeur, Cynthia A. Wiltz,  
Mark Landry, Chris Sunseri, Mary Trascclair, Jason Dugar, Patricia Stelly,  
Peggy LeBlanc, Jennifer Beckett, DPG., JB, BW, Myra White, Kyle  
LaCour, Amanda Marie Fitch, Mary Darce, Carol Lajaunie, Keisha Foret,  
Karen Schaedel, Lawrence Giroir, Candace Cauty Foster, Jim Firmin,  
Mena Leonard, Niece Opperman, Richard Brasseaux, and All those in  
Nursing Homes.



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### Children's Corner



#### Sharing the Gospel

God created work for each of us to do, and it is important to do it. But Martha was upset because she forgot to stop and make time for Jesus. Mary had the right idea. She took a break from her work to listen to Jesus. Time with Jesus is precious, so we need to make time to rest and enjoy his love.



**Prayer** Dear God, thank you for reminding me to stop and enjoy time with you.

**Draw** a picture of yourself sitting next to Jesus in your favorite chair.

#### Mission for the Week

Ask your family to join you in reading the Bible or praying at meal time.



### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



U.S. Armed Forces and  
All who serve & protect us,  
Craig Bourdier, Ryan Bourdier,  
Andrew Bourdier, Joseph Johnson, V,  
Mathew Young, Luke Zweigle,  
Draven Smith, Brian Hartman,  
Ory Arcemont, Ryan Hunter,  
Cameron Case, Carson LeBlanc,  
Matthew Tregle, Tanner Richards,  
Johnathan Villegas, Brandon Daigle,  
Brycen Verdin



#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please send your prayer intentions  
to [shsecretary@htdiocese.org](mailto:shsecretary@htdiocese.org) or call the rectory 385-0770 and we will  
include them in our daily prayers.



**BAPTISMS:** Saturday or Sunday. Church Baptism Application should be turned in before the baptism seminar. BOTH parents AND Godparents MUST attend a baptism seminar held on the first Tuesday of each month, 6:00PM in the Gallen Room. Please register by calling the church office.

**WEDDINGS:** Couples should make an appointment with the parish priest at least six months in advance.

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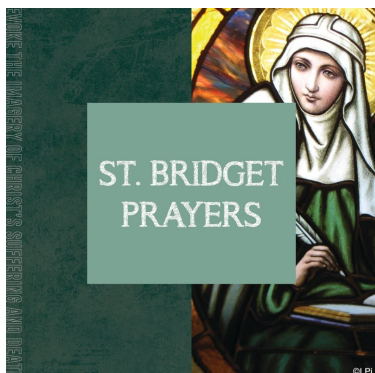
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**HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you or someone you know would like to be visited in the hospital, call the rectory at 385-0770.

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## DEVOTIONS, *EXPLAINED!* – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

### St. Bridget Prayers, *Explained!*



St. Bridget of Sweden (d. 1373) was a noblewoman of the Middle Ages whose renowned mysticism centered on the passion of Christ. A mother of eight and an attendant at the royal court in Sweden, as a widow she founded the Order of the Most Holy

Savior, advocated for reform in the church and for the return of the Pope to Rome from France.

The St. Bridget Prayers refer to 15 prayers attributed to Bridget which evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the suppliant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

For many years, these prayers were associated with divine promises, though in 1954 the Catholic Church declared that it could not be said that these promises were of supernatural origin. The prayers themselves remain beloved and popular devotions to Christ's passion.

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### PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

Lord, through the prayers of this faithful community and the intercession of Our Lady Star of the Sea, protect the lives and property of your people from the devastation of hurricanes and storms this hurricane season. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Lady Star of the Sea, help and protect us.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. *Oooh, Mary, she's so holy.* Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. *I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line.* But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

## Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People

**Reporting Numbers:** To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the LA Department of Children & Family Services (24/7) 1(855) 452-5437. **Outreach line for victims of sexual abuse by church workers.** If you suspect child abuse by clergy, church officials, church employees or volunteers, please also contact the Victims' Assistance Coordinator (985) 850-3172.

