



Dear Sisters and brothers,

This started out to be one of those “That’s my luck” kind of thoughts when I read about this guy. He ordered a tree house over the internet. When the box arrived, it had printed on the top the words that have become every parent's nightmare: "Some assembly required."



The man began to assemble the tree house (but would you believe it?) as he laid out all the parts on the floor and began reading the instructions, he realized (to his dismay) that the instructions were indeed for a tree house but the parts were for a sail boat!!

The next day, he sent an e-mail message to the company complaining about the mix-up. Back came the reply:

"We are truly sorry for the error and the mix-up and the inconvenience. However, it might make you feel better to consider the fascinating possibility that somewhere today there is a man out on a lake trying to sail your tree house."



After some initial laughter and, admittedly, feeling sorry for the guy as well, it’s clear: To put something together, you have to have the right parts and the right instructions.

This took the story beyond one of those “That’s my luck” stories but to one of those “This is where faith comes in” stories. The only way you can put your life together, with all of its complicated but amazing parts, moments, components, with all of the people, places, events, ups, downs, victories, setbacks, joys, fears, and all of the rest is through faith. It is only faith in Jesus, the Divine Word, The True Vine, our constant companion, our Saviour, our Friend. Through it all, that's what makes it work!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD



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Altar Servers

- 7:30 a.m. Chelsea Buckley, Jaiden Parker, Gerrick Camel, Jr., Da’Marquis London, Breanna Dillon, La’Kosha Chambers
- 10:30 a.m. Joseph Richard, Rudolph Richard, III, Kellen Anthony

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. Janice Carroll, Theresa Greivous
- 10:30 a.m. Jodeci Alsobrook, Kim Dunn

Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Monique Spaulding, Alice Zacharie, Murray Chenevert, Joannette Dunn
- 10:30 a.m. Jean Roan, Barbara Cornell, Sonja Bowers, Christy Hall, Justin Kennedy, Robinette Harleaux

Mass Intentions

- 7:30 a.m. Mrs. Edna Stewart
- 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

Readings for the Week

- Monday: **Memorial of St. Pius V**
Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker**
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: **Memorial of St. Athanasius**
Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: **Memorial of Ss. Philip and James; National Day of Prayer**
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: **Cinco de Mayo**
Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
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

St. Paul’s Website: Please be sure to check out the website for St. Paul. Weekly Sermons are still a feature, for parishioners and especially the homebound. The 10:30 Mass is broadcast live on the site – and is archived so anyone is able to watch it in its entirety at a later time. The site also has the weekly parish bulletins. For more information, please check the site out at www.stpaulbr.org



PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Please pray for the student of St. Paul who, along with students of Immaculate Conception and St. Francis will be joined by Bishop Robert Muench to celebrate the Sacrament of Conformation this Thursday, May 3rd. at 7 PM at St. Francis Xavier. St. Paul Students: Jared Anthony, Nia Brown, Nyah Johnson, Deonna London, Reginald Morrison, Sylvia Thomas, and Jordan Young.

Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Religion Classes
10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**
6:00 pm SVDP Meeting

Wednesday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**
4:30 p.m. Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal (St. Francis)

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Open
7:00 p.m. Confirmation at St. Francis Xavier
7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

Friday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**
6:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice

Saturday: 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13th Make it a day to worship together as a family!

Celebrating Mary, Crowning her as Mother of Jesus and of all humanity will also take place on Mother's Day. We invite parishioners to bring flowers to be presented

at a statue in her honor after we solemnly crown Mary Mother of Heaven and Earth!

Jazz Brunch: St. Paul's Jazz Brunch is Sunday, June 10, in St. Paul's Center. Tickets are available beginning today. To purchase your tickets, please see Mary Martin, Lionel Bazile, Sadie Simms, Debbie James, Judge Luke LaVergne, Velita Benjamin, Mary Murray, Dr. Kimberly Davis, Kim Starwood, or Vera Dunbar.



Wanted 2018 Summer Camp Counselors (\$10.00 - \$12.50 an hour): Meaningful Autistic Resources for Kids (Camp MARK) is seeking counselors for its summer program. The program will run June 4, to July 27, 20. Counselors will be expected to supervise, care for, and assist children 5-7 with special needs through various activities, such as arts and crafts, music and story time, outdoor play, and field trips. Qualifications include enrollment in a 2 or 4 year degree program, preferably psychology, kinesiology, physical or occupational therapy, pre-med, biology, or social work. CPR certification required. Interested candidates may apply at Indeed.com



2018 ANNUAL RAFFLE: If you want to start paying on the expected annual raffle ticket or donation of \$100, please use the green envelopes in the pew pockets and drop your payment in the collection basket or check "raffle ticket" online. Your payments or donations will be recorded and acknowledged.

The Word and Deed Spirituality Group will meet on Monday, April 30th, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Paul Center. The group is comprised of interfaith members from different churches/worship centers and focus on building bridges and relationships of a spiritual nature. This meeting will include a discussion of the book "A Fire in the Bones: Reflections on African American Religious History" Conversion Experience and a Hidden Wholeness: Thomas Merton and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Congratulations to St. Paul's youth Ethan L. Davis for placing 2nd in the Tennis Match for the 8-10 years of age group held at Highland Road Park and Community Center on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Ethan is the son of Mr. E'Vinski and Dr. Kimberly S. Davis. He is also a third grade student at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School. Good Luck Ethan in your future matches! We'll be cheering you on!!

Happy Birthday

Fr. Richard Andrus 4/27	Devin Pryer 5/02
Tasha Bergeron 4/29	Brandy Williams 5/02
Joseph Patrick, III 5/01	Aidan Sam 5/03
Vincent Foulcard 5/02	Martha George 5/05
Meredith Jones 5/02	



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Audrey Christopher, Edna Davis James, Mary Smart, Carolyn Christophe, Dorothy Bazile, Myrtis Coleman, Robert Seals, Mona Seals, Sylvia Collier, Steven Earl, Lena Batiste, Marie Myles, George Bell, Mary Lena Price, Irene Warner, Lois Joseph, Willis Reed, Jr, Joseph Broussard, Annie Joseph, Rosa Johnson, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Gloria Williams, Jeanette Bishop, Jasman Benjamin, Earline Bell, Don Thibodeaux, Dwight LeBlanc, James Hayward, Dorothy Andrews, Ursula Brady, Gussie Trahan, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Marie V. Hawkins, Quincy Hamilton, Amber Hunt, Charles Davis, Jr., Martha Davis, Jessie Joseph, Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, and Cruz Dudley Walker

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Ronnie Gauthier, Helen Celestine, Florence Jackson, Geraldine Floyd, Betty Hammond, Frank Ross, Norma Fagan, Violet Holly, Eunice Royal, Mona Bossier Bailey, Walker Williams, Barbara Brennan, Tyesha Collins, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Robert Lee Martin, Ann Pettit, Joan Pettit and Joel Rivera



Our Weekly Offering



April 22, 2018


Offertory Collection	\$ 3,044.00
Online Giving	\$ 430.00
Children's Offering	\$ 8.00
Building Fund	\$ 52.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 3.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 18.75
Retirement fund for Diocesan Priest	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 3,575.75



Remember this: whoever sows sparingly, reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously, reap generously.







2 Corinthians 9:6

<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Opston, Dorcenia, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert & Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth & Tia Davis, Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren and Marcus Montigue</p> 	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>George Coleman, Jr Geneva Coleman George Coleman, Sr. Carrie Coleman M.H. Weathersby Odelia Weathersby Donald Coleman</p> 	<p>JANI-KING</p> <p>Commercial Cleaning Service</p> <p>Monique Scott 225 273-5464</p>	<p>Jacques's Photography</p> <p>3168 Anita Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70805 355-2366 – Home 921-1563 – Mobile</p>	<p>State Farm Insurance</p> <p>Leonard Benjamin 775-2492</p>
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<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p align="center"><u>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</u></p> <p>Altar Servers - 7:30 - Shirley Dawson.....802-6128 Altar Servers - 10:30 - Christy Hall... ..223-7851 Infant Baptism - Deacon Benjamin Dunbar, Jr.....324-5808 Bible Study - Barbara Haynes.....665-2630 Bookkeeper - Debra Dudley.....383-2537 Center (Use of Center) - Mary Martin.....383-2537 Center Rental & Repast - Velita Benjamin.....654-6705 Child Protection Coordinator - Vera Dunbar.....324-2939 Eucharistic Ministers - Nancy Ball.....397-4309 Liturgy Committee - Martha Davis.....357-4108 Nurse - Maxine Watts278-6732 Parish Office - Secretary - Mary Martin.....383-2537 Pastor - Fr. Richard Andrus.....383-2537 Readers - Theresa Grevious.....773-8023 Religious Education Director - Martha Davis.....357-4108 RCIA Coordinator - Fr. Richard Andrus.....383-2537 Ushers - Edmonia Joseph772-2090 Youth Ministry - Justin Kennedy.....754-2609</p>
	<p><i>In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:</i></p> <p>Roosevelt Bowers Joseph "Buddy" Walker Oscar LeDuff, Jr. Frank P. Bowers Carrie & Douglas Rodney, Sr. Clara & Willis Walker Sarah Rodney Domino Freddie Bowers Ora Bowers Ward Sybil Thomas Johnson Wilbert Domino, Sr.</p>  

<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney</p>  <p align="center"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p>John K. Pierre <i>Attorney At Law</i></p> <p>2900 West Fork Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70815 225 295-5638</p>	<p>Chenevert Construction & Remodeling 344-0183</p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Lionel Bazile, Sr. James Bazile Sheila Bazile</p>  <p align="center"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Aaron Bradley Joseph H.P. Martin</p>  <p align="center"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian, Kirby, James "Pookie" Verdell, Corinne & Michael Joseph, Lawrence, Sr. & Shedrick Ashford, Ellis Myles, Sr., Rose & Albert Hebert, Eula White</p> 	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p>  <p>Wilfred Ferbos, Sr.</p>  <p align="center"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>The Joseph Family</p>  <p align="center"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>
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