



Dear friends,

We are entering the Second Week of Lent – and as we do, we are invited to rise with Jesus for a while above the daily demands and expectations of our lives where all that matters is time with God; where all that matters is getting a Word from God; where all that matters is to be able to see Jesus for who Jesus is, the beloved Son of God! And once we see Jesus for who He really is, like the disciples before us, we cannot give into the urge to just stay put where we are and be satisfied and overwhelmed with what we have discovered in Him. Jesus brings us back down the mountain to our everyday life – but with a new attitude, a new perspective, a new way of living and dealing with life and all of it’s issues, its needs, its problems and its people. And rather than being overwhelmed with the ways of the world and the world’s needs, from deep within, we take on life wherever we are with a sense that because of our relationship with God that we have found in Jesus, all is well with my soul!

Are you at that point? Are you a master of your own soul? Cyprian, a third-century martyr wrote to Donatus, “This is a cheerful world as I see it from my garden under the shadows of my vines. But If I were to ascend some high mountain and look over the wide lands, you know very well what I would see: brigands on the highways, pirates on the sea, armies fighting, cities burning; in the amphitheaters men murdered to please the applauding crowds; selfishness and cruelty and misery and despair under all roofs. It is a bad world, Donatus, an incredibly bad world. But I have discovered in the midst of it a quiet and holy people who have learned a great secret. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They are masters of their souls. They have overcome the world. These people, Donatus, are the Christians--and I am one of them?”

When we know and believe beyond a shadow of a doubt that “If God is for us, who can be against us” we are masters of our souls! I am one of them – aren’t you one too?

In the Divine Word, I am,

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD



Altar Servers

- 7:30 a.m. La’Kosha Chambers, Breanna Dillon, Da’Marquis London, Kelby Chenevert, Garrick Camel, Jr., Chelsea Buckley
- 10:30 a.m. Ariel Skinner, Demond Garner, Jermon Dunn

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. Darlene St. Romain, Debra Dudley
- 10:30 a.m. St. Paul’s Youth

Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Perry Chenevert, Audrene LeBlanc, Elaine Doyle, Alice Zacharie
- 10:30 a.m. Wanda Davis, Gigi Mathis, Wanda Alsobrook, Larry James, Darlene Richard, William Alsobrook, Jr.

Mass Intentions

- 7:30 a.m. Mr. John Stephen Jackson
- 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

A Vocation View: We are encouraged to listen to Jesus, the Beloved Son of God. Take time to listen in prayer. Listen to what Jesus is saying to you.

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Celebrating Black History Month:

Today at St. Paul, we are celebrating Black History Month, beginning with Mass and continuing with food, fellowship and a program in the parish hall. As Christians, we are called to recognize racial and ethnic diversity as an expression of God’s mani-

fold beauty. No single race or its culture can comprehensively display the infinite glory of God’s image, so God gave us our differences to help us appreciate God’s own splendor from various perspectives. God’s special graces even work themselves out in the providential movements of our own culture and history. We can look back on the brightest and darkest moments of our past and see God at work. God is weaving an intricate tapestry of events that climax in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And one day Christ will return. And on that day, we will all look back at the history — not just of a single race but of people from every nation, tribe, and tongue — and see that our Creator had a plan all along. God is writing a story that points to God’s own glory, and in the new creation, God’s people won’t have a month set aside to remember his greatness. We’ll have all eternity!

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: **Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer**
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: **Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel**
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday: **Third Sunday of Lent**
Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Mass-Ladies Guild Turn Out
 9:00 a.m Religion Classes
 10:30 a.m. Mass
 12:30 p.m. Black History Celebration

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Mass
 4:30 Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday: 7:00 a.m. Fish Fry Prep
 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Open
 5:00 p.m. RCIA
 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

Friday: 8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:00 am - 1:00 p.m. Fish Fry
 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Drivers for Sunday, March 4, 2018

10:30 a.m. Myrtis Rogers and Wanda Davis

The Falls Prevention Class, "A Matter of Balance" will begin Wednesday, March 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish center. The six weeks course will begin with light exercise. If you have any health concerns, please consult your doctor before beginning to exercise. For question or concerns, please contact Mrs. Maxine Watts, Parish Nurse at (225) 278-6732.

Join us today, February 25th for our Black History Celebration! Our program will be in the Parish Center immediately following 10:30 Mass. Lunch will be served.

Lenten Reflection will be held at St. Agnes Church on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:15 p.m. The Rev. Msgr. Robert H. Berggreen, Pastor, St. Mary of False River in New Roads will present "Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, Capuchin friar, stigmatist and mystic, in the midst of Suffering" during St. Agnes Lenten Reflection Series "...in the midst of my suffering...salvation". Confessions at 5:00 p.m., divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:00 p.m. with Lenten Reflection immediately following. All are invited. StAgnesBR.org.

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 351 is extending an invitation to interested women of St. Paul to join or to reinstate your membership in our Noble Order! For more information please contact Grand Lady Monique Scott-Spaulding at (225) 936-4197 or Vice Grand Lady Doris Spooner Hall at (256) 200-0181.

Happy Birthday

Carter Peters 2/25 Lokia James 2/27
 John Gradnigo 2/26 Larbre Mathis 2/28
 Jared Anthony, Sr. 2/27 Elthea LeDuff 3/01
 Jermon Dunn 2/27



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, Clayborn Johnson, Lois Joseph, Willis Reed, Jr, Joseph Broussard, Annie Joseph, Rosa Johnson, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Gloria Williams, Jeanette Bishop, Jasman Benjamin, Earline Bell, Wilfred Fleming, 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, and Dianna Franklin

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, Tyasha Collins, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Robert Lee Martin, Ann Pettit, Joan Pettit and Joel Rivera





February 18, 2018



Offertory Collection	\$ 5,673.35
Online Giving	\$ 550.00
Children's Offering	\$ 13.00
Building Fund	\$ 70.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 135.00
Black in Indian Mission	\$ 714.00
Church in Eastern Europe	\$ 151.00
Total	\$ 7,306.35


Remember this: whoever sows sparingly, reaps sparingly; and whoever sows generously, reaps 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>
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<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> 	
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<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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