



Dear Friends,

The wise men saw the star and followed it. They were total strangers, foreigners from distant lands, complete outsiders coming to give royal homage to this tiny child. Today's Feast of the Epiphany is telling us that for God, there are no foreigners, no outsiders. From God's point of view, all people are equally his beloved children. This great feast of Epiphany's light insists on, is that we all, regardless of whatever external physical or cultural differences there may be between us, belong to one single family, which has one God and Father of us all, "our" Father. It means that every one of us is a brother and sister to everyone else. There is no room for discrimination of any kind based on nationality, race, religion, class, gender or occupation. There cannot be a single exception to this position.

The facts of today's story may be vague but the message is loud and clear. We thank God today that there is no "Chosen People" whether they be Jews or Christians (or even Catholics). Let us try to understand more deeply God's closeness to us which is also a reason for us to be close to each other. There are no outsiders. All people are called – be it the Mother, the Step-father of Jesus, the rich and the poor, the privileged and the lonely, the healthy and the sick, the saints and the sinners.

Yet, we can become outsiders. We do that every time we make someone else an outsider, whether we do that individually, as a family, a community, or an ethnic grouping. To make even a single other person an outsider, that is, to deny them the love and respect which belongs equally to all, is to make an outsider of oneself. It is to join the ranks of the Pharisees, the chief priests and every other practitioner of bigotry.

What a wonderful world God intended for us: a world without division, barriers and walls – where we would be brother and sister, not just to some but to all, respecting the humanity and dignity of all!

As I have spent time at the manger this Christmas Season, I have had a personal epiphany: As I have looked to the Bethlehem's Star, I deeply believe that the world God intended is possible but I also realize that it begins with me!

The wise men did not know where the star would lead them. They just followed it until it brought them to Bethlehem – and to Jesus. They never, I am sure, regretted their decision. If we can only have the courage and the trust to follow their example, I doubt if we will have regrets either. If we have not already done so, today is the day to make that start!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD



Altar Servers

7:30 a.m. Jaiden Parker, Da'Marquis London
10:30 a.m. Rudolph Richard, III, Joseph Richard,
Contrell Salton

Readers

7:30 a.m. Felix Ezejiofo, Cindy Chenevert
10:30 a.m. Martha Davis, Harry Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers

7:30 a.m. Murray Chenevert, Monique Spaulding,
Alice Zacharie, Audrene LeBlanc,
Perry Chenevert, Paulette Robertson
10:30 a.m. Anna Perry, Darlene Richard,
Justin Kennedy, Christy Hall,
Tasha Anthony, Robinette Harleaux

Mass Intentions

7:30 a.m. Mr. Dwight LeBlanc
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

Readings for the Week

Monday: **Memorial of St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas**
1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25,
27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14;
3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

A Vocation View: The light of Christ shines upon you. Share that light with others. Consider the gift of a Church vocation.

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Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: **7:30 a.m. Mass** - Ladies Sodality Turn Out
 9:00 a.m. Religious Education Classes
10:30 am Mass

Monday: **No Mass**

Tuesday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**

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

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

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

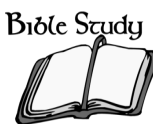
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. Mime Group Practice
 11 a.m. Liturgical Dance Practice
 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY
Drivers for Sunday, January 13, 2018
10:30 a.m. Judge Luke LaVergne and Alene Lockett



Before the "Holidays" are complete and come to an end, I want to take a moment to thank the members of the parish and parish organizations who made a sacrifice and showed me so much kindness and love with gifts, cards, and gift cards this Christmas. Each gift, each card, each note meant so much and is deeply appreciated especially because as I am still very much still in the healing and recovery process, appreciating life more and more. From the depth of my heart, thank you to all!

-Fr. Rick Andrus



Bible Study ASAP can be defined as Always Say A Prayer. St. Paul the Apostle Bible Study always have a prayer service before scripture study. Join us on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in St. Paul Center as we ponder on discipleship in the Book of Matthew with specific verses in chapters 5, 6, and 7. Light refreshments will be served.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate a liturgy honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, 65th or greater wedding anniversary. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterwards in the Kleinpeter Activity Center. The celebration will be held at St. George Church on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Mila Gernon in the Marriage & Family Life Office at 242-0323 or mgeron@diobr.org. The deadline to register is January 30, 2019. Please contact Mrs. Mary Martin in the parish office for a registration form.

ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.



May she rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Roan and Chenevert family at the passing of Mrs. Jean Roan. Please pray for her peaceful eternal rest, and for the comfort and consolation of her families. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Happy Birthday

Darion Harleaux 1/06	Alma Ferbos 1/09
Dewayne London 1/06	Laura Freeman 1/09
Fredrick Moore, Jr. 1/06	Megan Graves 1/09
Roycha Richard 1/07	Jameer Oliver 1/09
Kim Starwood 1/07	Halley Perry 1/10
Roger Banks, Jr. 1/08	Nyle Johnson 1/11
James Bazile 1/08	Elliott Baham 1/12
Lovie Marshall 1/08	Merline Lundy 1/12
Mary Martin 1/08	Ashley Sanford 1/12
Michael Boyd, Jr. 1/09	



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, 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, Albertha Varmall, John Christophe, Geraldine Jones, Ellis Doyle, Rauyshiera Cooks, and Fr. Richard R. Andrus, Jr., SVD

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS



Ronnie Gauthier, Helen Celestine, Florence Jackson, Geraldine Floyd, Betty Hammond, Frank Ross, Eunice Royal, Mona Bossier Bailey, Walker Williams, Barbara Brennan, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Joel Rivera, Dorie Martin., Alberta Conner, Martha Reinhart, Dana Simoneaux, Nichelle Hollins, Jessica Hughes, Rev. Frank H. Young, and Ernie Butitta



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December 30, 2018


Offertory Collection	\$ 3,530.11
Online Giving	\$ 800.00
Children's Offering	\$ 6.00
Building Fund	\$ 130.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 30.00
Christmas Donation	\$ 40.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 50.00
St. Joseph Abbey Flood Relief	\$ 50.00
Advent Folders	\$ 280.00
New Years	\$ 15.00
Catholic Life Center	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 4,946.11






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><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p>State Farm Insurance</p> <p>Leonard Benjamin 775-2494</p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Famye Reed and the Reed, Stewart, Davis, and Grainger Families</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney</p>  <p><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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