



Dear friends,

With all its imperfections, sins, blemishes, and warts, the Church is the intended healer of the world's wounds. Pope Francis even refers to the Church as a "Field Hospital." We as Christians are called to be compassionate, wounded healers.

Perhaps, Henri Nouwen, the Roman Catholic theologian, has said this better than anyone else. The author of many books, Nouwen speaks of Christians as "wounded healers" who have compassion.

Compassion is not pity. Pity lets us stay at a distance. It is condescending.

Compassion is not sympathy. Sympathy is for superiors over inferiors.

Compassion is not charity. Charity is for the rich to continue in their status over the poor.

Compassion is born of God. It means entering into the other person's problems. It means taking on the burdens of the other. It means standing in the other person's shoes and truly understanding their "walk of life." It is the opposite of professionalism. It is the humanizing way to deal with people. "Just as bread without love can bring war instead of peace, professionalism without compassion will turn forgiveness into a gimmick."

Compassion really is the real heart of our faith! "Be compassionate as your Heavenly Father is compassionate!" (Luke 6:36)

This week – strive to be a little more compassionate to someone in need!

In the Divine Word, I am

*Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD*



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**Altar Servers**

- 7:30 a.m. Damarquis London, Garrick Camel Jr, Chelsea Buckley, Kyron Phillip
- 10:30 a.m. Jared Anthony, Taj Anthony, Tavin Anthony

**Readers**

- 7:30 a.m. Cindy Chenevert, Felix Ezejiofo
- 10:30 a.m. Mary Martin, Robert Martin

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- 7:30 a.m. Murray Chenevert, Perry Chenevert, Alice Zacharie, Audrene Leblanc
- 10:30 a.m. Darlene Richard, Christy Hall, Justin Kennedy, Anna Perry, 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: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
- Tuesday: **St. Thomas**  
Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 10:24-29
- Wednesday: **Independence Day**  
Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
- Thursday: **St. Elizabeth of Portugal;**  
**St. Anthony Zaccaria**  
Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: **St. Maria Goretti**  
Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
- Sunday: **Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary Time**  
Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

**May they rest in peace...**

 Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Dunbar family at the passing of Mrs. Mary Dunbar, sister-in-law of Deacon Benjamin Dunbar, Jr., and at the passing of his cousin, Mrs. Elouise Dunbar. Please pray for their peaceful eternal rest, and for the comfort and consolation of their families. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

**A Vocation View:** Many people need a healing touch. Open your heart to the possibility that God may choose you to be a healing touch as a priest, sister, or brother.

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# HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

## Prayer for Independence Day

God our Father, your Son Jesus spoke to us a message of peace and taught us to live as brothers and sisters. His message took form in the vision of our Founding Fathers, as they fashioned a nation where all people might live as one. This message lives on in our midst as a task for us today and a promise for tomorrow. We thank you, Father, for your blessings in the past, and for all that, with your help, we must yet achieve. Bless our nation and bless each of us. As we thank you for our independence, may we extend its blessings to our youngest brothers and sisters, the children in the womb. Hasten the day when our nation will be a nation with liberty and justice, not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: **7:30 am Mass** - Ladies Sodality Turn Out  
**10:30 Mass** - Women's Club Turn Out  
Monday: **No Mass**  
Tuesday: **8 am Mass**  
6 pm St. Paul's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
Wednesday: **Office Closed**  
Thursday: 8 am Food Pantry Open  
7 pm Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir  
Friday: **8 am Mass**  
6 am Liturgical Dance Practice  
Saturday: 9 am Male Chorus Rehearsal  
10 am Mime Group Practice  
11 am Liturgical Dance Practice  
12 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

**RAFFLE CAPTAIN MEETING:** Persons who helped last year to give out our annual raffle tickets to members and persons who want to join the Raffle Captain Team are asked to come to a training workshop and pick up raffle tickets Wednesday, July 11, 6:00 PM in the Parish Center. A light meal will be provided.

This week's **Vacation Bible School** was filled with praise, song, prayer, and crafts along with a greater understanding of our African American Culture and faith! From the Theme: 24/7 Jesus makes a Way Every Day, stories from the bible were shared with the groups of how God provides for us every hour of every day so that we might have life and have it to the fullest! Under the spirited direction of Ms. Ladira James and a team of volunteers led children, youth, and adults in having fun discovering that abundant life is based on a strong faith foundation, sharing in community, seeking justice, persistent prayer, and the forgiveness and love of Jesus Christ. A great thanks to all – including all parish organizations that provided each evening's meal.

**115 members of the Society of the Divine Word, our Divine Word Missionaries priests, brothers and lay partners from around the world, are currently in Rome for our 18<sup>th</sup> "General Chapter" which occurs every 6 years. They are a time for reflection, prayer and meetings to plan for the directions for the future. The theme for the Chapter is "The love of Christ Impels Us (2 Cor 5:14): Rooted in the Word, Committed to His Mission."** I ask the parish to keep our Chapter and all of the delegates in prayer so that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide them as they meet and plan.



**St. Paul's Mime Group** - A meeting & practice will be held in St. Paul Center on Saturday, July 7th for young men that have signed up for St. Paul's Mime Group and young men 12 years of age and older that are interested in joining the group. Please contact Ms. Alicia Varmall at 332-1782 or Ms. Kim Dunn at 810-6382 if you are interested or have any questions.

**Our 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Father and Son Prayer Breakfast, "Men on a Mission: Living Godly in an Ungodly World"** turned out to be a great opportunity for all participants to take a morning out of their busy schedules for their lives to be enriched, challenged and affirmed! All three of our guest speakers spoke to the needs of our community and family life and how, we as men and young men have a positive impact on the greater community around us. A special thanks to the Committee for their months of preparation and fellowship in the process. We are grateful to all who participated and made it successful. We also want to thank the women who worked "behind the scenes" to ensure that the environment was festive, the food was delicious and that everything was in place! Thanks to all!

## Happy Birthday

Christiana Anthony 7/02	Katie Primas 7/04
Taj Anthony 7/02	Willie Belle Richard 7/05
Tavin Anthony 7/02	Arlington Smith, Sr. 7/05
Linda Carter 7/02	April Dunn 7/06
Robert Martin 7/02	Sadie Simms 7/06
Willetta Terrance 7/03	Asia Williams-Delone 7/06
Carroll Long 7/04	



### 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, 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, Joel Rivera, Dorie Martin., Alberta Conner, and Martha Reinhart*

### Our Weekly Offering

June 24, 2018

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,649.81
Online Giving	\$ 480.00
Children's Offering	\$ 4.12
Building Fund	\$ 305.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 48.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 414.05
Total	\$ 4,900.98

*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 &amp; Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth &amp; 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><b>JANI-KING</b></p> <p>Commercial Cleaning Service</p> <p><b>Monique Scott</b> <b>225 273-5464</b></p>	<p><b>Jacques's Photography</b></p> <p>3168 Anita Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70805 355-2366 – Home 921-1563 – Mobile</p>	<p><b>State Farm Insurance</b></p> <p><b>Leonard Benjamin</b> <b>775-2492</b></p>
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<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p><b>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</b></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 &amp; 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 Watts .....278-6732          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 Joseph .....772-2090          Youth Ministry - Justin Kennedy.....754-2609</p>	


*In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:*

Roosevelt Bowers  
Joseph "Buddy" Walker  
Oscar LeDuff, Jr.  
Elizabeth & Frank P. Bowers  
Carrie & Douglas Rodney, Sr.  
Clara & Willis Walker  
Sarah Rodney Domino & Wilbert Domino, Sr.  
Freddie Bowers  
Ora Bowers Ward  
Sybil Thomas Johnson  
Maureen Bowers Johnson

*In Loving Memory of:*

Famyee Reed and the Reed, Stewart, and Davis Families



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*In Loving Memory of:*

Geneva Battley Spooner  
Della Battley Rodney



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Aaron Bradley Joseph  
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*In Loving Memory of:*



Wilfred Ferbos, Sr.



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*In Loving Memory of:*

The Joseph Family



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