



Dear friends,

Jesus has his reasons for inviting his disciples to rest. They have just returned from a mission on which he had dispatched them. He had sent them out in pairs and in haste. They were not to encumber themselves with gear or supplies, but simply trust local hospitality to meet their needs. They were not to linger where they were not wanted. Instead, they were to be on the move, calling people to repentance, casting out demons, anointing the sick. It was work they had never done before, and once they returned, they must have been exhausted.

Many of us do critically important work and find ourselves exhausted. Yet we don't rest. We may even believe that we cannot or should not rest. We push ourselves in a way that we would never push others. Our life may be productive, we may check off everything from our daily "to do" list, but deep down we recognize something is wrong, that we lack a sense of deep meaning, and so we feel cheated.

Today, many people including all of us are in constant danger of becoming enslaved by the very things that were supposed to make life more convenient. Notebook computers, fax machines, and cellular phones threaten to take us hostage. No matter where we go, our work goes with us. In truth, our time and our lives are not our own.

Even if we could break free of the ever-encroaching demands of our jobs, our responsibilities are enough to occupy our every waking moment, things like volunteer work at the church and civic duties, not to mention family responsibilities. We need to spend quality time with our children. We need to be both physically and emotionally present for our spouses. The list seems endless.

Somewhere in our hectic schedule we need time to maintain a quality devotional life, time to read for personal and spiritual development, and worship. Is there a way out? I think so. The key is control. Are we going to be governed by external pressures --the desires of others--or will we allow the Spirit of God to set our agendas?

The disciples have returned from their travels, but the pace has not slackened. As the Gospel reports, "Many were coming and going, and they had no time to eat." Does that scene sound familiar to you? Is your workplace like that? Is your home like that? This is a common experience for people today. Many are coming and going, and they have no leisure even to eat.

Jesus listens to the disciples as they report on all they did and taught in the numerous places they visited. He does not, however, tell them to throw themselves into action again with even greater abandon. He doesn't ask them to do something difficult and dangerous, big and brave. Instead, what he asks for is disarming in its simplicity: "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest for a while."

If it sounds inviting, take the time for God's sake ... and for yours!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus SVD

Altar Servers

- 7:30 a.m. Kelby Chenevert, Da'Marquis London, Jaiden Parker
- 10:30 a.m. Ariel Skinner, Demond Garner, Jermon Dunn

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. Joannette Dunn, Paulette Robertson
- 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Youth

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Mass Intentions

- 7:30 a.m. Mr. Dwight Leblanc, Sr.
 - 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
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Readings for the Week

- Monday: **Memorial of St. Bridget**
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Sharbel Makhluf**
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: **Memorial of St. James**
2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
- Thursday: **Memorial of Ss. Joachim and Anne**
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary**
Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

A Vocation View: So many people with needs, So little time. If you make time for prayer, God will help you with the rest.

Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: **7:30 am Mass** - Ladies Guild Turn Out
10:30 am Mass
 Monday: **No Mass**
 Tuesday: **8 am Mass**
 Wednesday: **8 am Mass**
 4:30 pm Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir
 6 pm Bible Study
 Thursday: **7 pm Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir**
 Friday: **8 am Mass**
 6 pm Liturgical Dance Practice
 Saturday: **9 am Male Chorus Rehearsal**
 11 am Liturgical Dance Practice
 12 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Drivers for Sunday, July 29, 2018
10:30 a.m. Shirley Dawson and Augustine Kador



Good News Gatherings for St. Paul the Apostle Bible Study: Wednesday, July 25th at 6:00 p.m. in St. Paul Center - Pieces of Our Lives. Hear Our Stories. Saturday, August 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Open Gathering at Mrs. Eva Rodney's home - Prayer Service, Singing, Planning Meeting, Fellowship and Refreshments. All are welcome to fellowship with Fr. Rick and the Bible Study Group. Bible Study Summer Break is from August 1 - September 11, 2018.



The MLK Center is sponsoring a Back to School Block Party this Saturday, July 28th from 10 am to 12 noon. Registration begins at 9:45 and will end at 10:30. There will be school supplies, health screenings, free food, entertainment, and much more. St. Paul is a co-sponsor of this event.

Volunteers are needed to pack backpacks for this event. We will meet on Tuesday July 24th at 9:30 a.m. in St Paul Center. Please contact Ms. Maxine Watts at 225-278-6732 if you are able to assist or for additional information.

School Uniforms are needed for St. Paul's Pantry. If you have uniforms that your child no longer needs, please consider donating them to students in need. Please contact Rose Malveau at 357-4538 to donate. They are in need of all types of uniforms, including khakis.



The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank you for your support during their Chicken Wings Dinner Sale. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Join married couples from across the Diocese for the third annual **Supper & Substance** event which will include dinner, dancing, a live band, wine, beer and an inspirational presentation on marriage. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 4th at St. John the Evangelist Church in Prairieville beginning at 6:30 PM. Jean and Janice Charbonnet will provide the substance with a message entitled, "Giving God Permission." The cost for the evening is \$75 per couple. Register online at: www.mfldiobr.org. The deadline for registration is Monday, July 23rd. For additional information or to contribute as a sponsor, contact brfroeba@gmail.com. Don't miss out on this great date night!



RAFFLE TICKETS ARE READY: As you know, parishioners are responsible for \$100 yearly to sustain and grow St. Paul through our annual raffle or a donation. The raffle tickets are ready, and Raffle Captains will begin calling and giving out tickets THIS Sunday. If you are using our raffle payment plan, please continue; Raffle Captains will give out tickets when at least \$100 is paid. We have 3-months before our church fair, there's still time to take advantage of our payment plan. Use the green envelopes in the pew pockets or foyer, and drop payments in the collection basket. Thank you for your support, and may God continue to bless you.

Visit our Website for Live Mass Broadcasts
stpaulbr.org

Happy Birthday

Dora Moore 7/22	Harry Johnson 7/26
Lorena Williams 7/24	Oliver Johnson 7/26
Brandon James 7/25	Marzette Payne 7/27
Joseph Patrick 7/25	Maxwell Starwood 7/27
Joy Antoine 7/26	



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 Albertha Varmall

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



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Our Weekly Offering

July 15, 2018

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,022.55
Online Giving	\$ 1,640.00
Children's Offering	\$ 7.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 42.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 70.00
Total	\$ 5,991.55


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><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>	

In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:




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Oscar LeDuff, Jr.
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Carrie & Douglas Rodney, Sr.
Clara & Willis Walker
Sarah Rodney Domino & Wilbert Domino, Sr.
Freddie Bowers
Ora Bowers Ward
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Maureen Bowers Johnson



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Famy Reed and the Reed, Stewart, Davis, and Grainger Families



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