



Dear friends,

Would it surprise you to learn that everything in your life right now is pretty much the way you made it? From hundreds of options, you chose your responses to whatever situations presented themselves. Would you agree that you have exercised the capacity to choose what you have received? If so, doesn't it stand to reason that if you made the choice in the first place, you can change it?

What a powerful notion! Whatever happens to you, you can say, "I am the master of my life."

But just as the good that comes to you is a demonstration of your mastery, so is the negative. Consider how jumping fleas are trained. The fleas are put into a glass jar. As they try and jump in the jar, they bump their heads on the lid. Over time, they forget they can jump and, for fear of bumping their heads, never go beyond the limits of the jar, even though the lids have been removed. Through continued failure, they have become conditioned to confinement.

It is with all of us, if we let it be. Our self-made limitations sometimes cause us to forget that we can fly. WE RESPOND LIKE THE DISCIPLES, "WE ONLY HAVE FIVE SMALL LOAVES OF BREAD AND TWO FISH." We sometimes needlessly confine ourselves to glass jars. We may deeply desire to use our lives more effectively and creatively, but our "invisible prisons" remind us: "You can't do that. It isn't practical. You're not smart enough. It will cost too much. People will laugh at you. You're too young. You're too old. Your health won't allow it. Your parents won't allow it. It will take too long. You don't have the education."

But suppose we would always remember that we were made to achieve? SUPPOSE THAT WE WOULD REMEMBER THAT MIRACLES DO HAPPEN? Suppose we really believed that we are children and heirs of this magnificent universe given to us by an awesome Creator who provided it for us to use to our fullest potential? Would we still allow our jars to limit us to jumping just so far and no further? Suppose we became aware that resentments, hurts, hates, grudges, illness, anger, greed and the like are glass jars that have been, or can be, removed, that, indeed, we may be hampered by the illusion of our own self-imposed limitations? We attract to ourselves whatever our minds are focused upon.

Once aware, we can change and then we will no longer be confined to that glass jar. We will be ready and able to achieve. By the grace of God, life gets better with change not chance! Rather than "chance it on our own" the "change we need" is to put it all into the hands of God and see our abilities multiply like the fish and loaves with more than enough!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrews SVD

Altar Servers

- 7:30 a.m. Garrick Camel, Jr., DaMarquis London, Chelsea Buckley
- 10:30 a.m. KyRon Phillips, Michael Knox, Jacques Knox

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. Janice Carroll, Theresa Grevious
- 10:30 a.m. Jean Roan, Justin Kennedy

Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Monique Spaulding, Alice Zacharie Murray Chenevert, Audrene LeBlanc
- 10:30 a.m. Jean Roan, Barbara Cornell, Sonja Bowers, Christy Hall, Anna Perry, Robinette Harleaux

Mass Intentions

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

Readings for the Week

- Monday: **Memorial of St. Peter Chysologus**
Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola**
Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: **Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori**
Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18;
Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: **Memorial of St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard**
Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: **Memorial of St. John Vianney**
Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: **Memorial of St. John Vianney**
Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;
Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35


A Vocation View: If you are willing to share what you have, God will multiply your gifts. Imagine how God can use you to nourish a hungry world. Consider being a sister, brother, priest, or deacon.



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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):







A new group will soon form for those interested in the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church. This is an exciting journey that initially begins with some of the history and the traditions of the Catholic Church, then with the use of Scripture, we reflect on God's love, the gift of Jesus for our salvation and our eternal life and our response in faith and commitment as Catholic Christians. If you know anyone who is interested, please have them call the parish office and leave their names and contact information. Watch the bulletin for more information coming soon!

<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 775-2492</p>
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	<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. 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</p> 		

<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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