

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 Andrus SVD

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7:30 a.m. Garrick Camel, Jr., DaMarquis London,

Chelsea Buckley

10:30 a.m. KyRon Phillips, Michael Knox,

Jacquez 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

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.

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 800-553-3321 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 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



Friday:

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!

Parish Schedule for the Week

7:30 am Mass Sunday:

10:30 am Mass

No Mass Monday: Tuesday: 8 am Mass Wednesday: 8 am Mass

4:30 pm Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir

Thursday: 8 am Food Pantry Open

7 pm Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

8 am Mass Friday:

6 pm Liturgical Dance Practice

Saturday: 10 am Mime Group Practice

11 am Liturgical Dance Practice 12 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Drivers for Sunday, August 5, 2018 10:30 a.m. Lloyd Young and Janice Hamilton



FANTASTIC COME OUT AND ENJOY GREAT FOOD at St. Paul's Ladies Guild Food Taste Fest on Sunday, August 12th from 4 to

6 pm in St. Paul Center. Tickets are \$8.00

and can be purchased from any member of the Ladies Guild.

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BOOTH CAPTAINS NEEDED: Our

annual Church and Community Fair is Sunday, October 7, and we need parishioners to volunteer as Booth Captains for Big OLUNTEER Mouth, Bucket Toss, Hoop Shot, Tic-Tac-Toe, Giant Connect Four, Balloon Dart, and

Duck Pond games, Bounce Castle, Kiddie Merry-Go-Round, Kiddie Ferris Wheel, and the Fried Chicken Wing Booth. Booth Captains oversee the booth by making sure it's ready to operate, volunteers are working, and tickets from sales are secured, counted, and turned in. All games, decorations, prizes, supplies and forms will be provided. A Booth Captain sign-up sheet is on the podium in the entrance of the church. We will begin asking for booth volunteers August 21.

RENT A BOOTH TO SELL YOUR GOODS: Spaces are available for rent on the day of our Church Fair. Spaces are \$75 and comes with 1-table, 2-chairs, and one-12x12 pop-up tent. No food or outside rides allowed. Please contact Debbie James at 225-774-3087 or the Parish Office at 225-383-2537 for applications.



RAFFLE TICKETS: Raffle tickets are ready! Please support our annual raffle, and feel free to reach out to your Raffle Captain if he or she has not connected with you yet.

NEW MEMBERS REGISTRATION: It is exciting to see so many new faces at St. Paul on a regular basis. Some families have contacted the office to register and some may not be aware that we need information from them in order to officially be included on the parish roster. If you are not receiving correspondence or envelopes from St. Paul and would like to become a member, please contact Mrs. Mary Martin in the parish office at (225)383-2537 or pick up a registration form from the table in the foyer and return it to the office by mail, drop off or put it in the collection basket. We would love to get to know you and your family and have contact information so we can reach you regarding parish events when necessary. We give God the thanks and praise for the new additions to St. Paul's growing family!

Happy Birthday

Jared Ogonor, Jr. 8/02 Carroll Denman 7/29 Vanessa Bayham 8/03 Mercedes Mackey 7/29 Curtell Thibodeaux 7/29 Carletta Long 8/03 Nancy Ball 7/30 Carlos Sam 8/03 Gail Arline 7/31 Sherri Benjamin 8/04 Shelita Rodney 8/01 Debbie James 8/04 Makisha Anderson 8/02 Mary Ratcliff 8/04 Deadria Nelson 8/02

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, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Robert Lee Martin, Joel Rivera, Dorie Martin., Alberta Conner, Reinhart, and Dana Simoneaux

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Our Weekly Offering	_			
July 22, 2018	Co., Inc.			
Offertory Collection	\$	3,573.75		
Online Giving	\$	595.00		
Children's Offering	\$	3.00		
Building Fund	\$	59.00		
Catholic Charities	\$	15.00		
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$	1.00		
Assumption	\$	1.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	23.00		
Total	\$	4,270.75		
Remember this: whoever sows sparingly, reap sparingly; and				
whoever sows generously, reap generously.				
2	Cori	nthians 9:6		

In Loving Memory of:

Opston, Dorcenia, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert & Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth & Tia Davis, Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren and Marcus Montigue



In Loving Memory of:

George Coleman, Jr Geneva Coleman George Coleman, Sr. Carrie Coleman M.H. Weathersby Odelia Weathersby Donald Coleman



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Sarah Rodney Domino & Wilbert Domino, Sr. Freddie Bowers **Ora Bowers Ward**

Sybil Thomas Johnson Maureen Bowers Johnson

St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference

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	
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 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

In Loving Memory of:

Famye Reed and the Reed, Stewart, Davis, and **Grainger Families**



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In Loving Memory of:

Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney



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In Loving Memory of:



Wilfred Ferbos, Sr.



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The Joseph Family



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