



Dear Friends,

Regardless of political persuasion or party, as human beings and as Americans, most but clearly not all must be appalled by the barbaric decision of the American Government to intentionally separate children some younger than a year old from their parents when crossing the American/Mexican border.

As Christians, we are called to respond to God’s love by responding to the hurts and pains of children of all ages who are crossing the borders between Mexico and the United States by the hands of coyotes or even alone.

The rush of young border crossers began last fall but picked up speed this year, according to official figures. From October through July, the authorities detained 21,842 unaccompanied minors, most at the Southwest border, a 48 percent increase over a year earlier. Some left their parents behind at home. Many came yearning to reunite with parents who have long been living here illegally. The figures are striking... the numbers of young unaccompanied Mexicans crossing have stayed steady, and minors from Central America — especially El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras — have nearly doubled since last year. The truth is that 99% of those coming to our boarder seeking asylum are literally fleeing for their lives. Their countries are being overrun by deadly gangs and the drug cartel. Returning to their home countries would mean certain death for the greater number – mostly women and children.

This is not what American is about. We are a nation of immigrants. Many fore-parents also came to the shores of this nation seeking a better life for themselves and their families. As ships entered the New York harbor, immigrants and refugees were welcomed by the Statue of liberty on whose base has inscribed the timeless words of welcome, “Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

When Attorney General Jeff Sessions attempted to justify these heinous actions by quoting part of a verse from the Letter to the Romans 13 (*a verse that once was used as a defense for slavery*) talking about “law,” he clearly is no scholar of scripture. Throughout the pages of the sacred bible are countless texts about caring for widows and orphans, about caring for the poor and probably most powerfully, “What you do not do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did not do for me.” Scripture is also full of stories of God’s folks crossing borders ... Abraham and Sarah were border crossing folk; Isaac was a border crosser; Jacob was a border crosser; Joseph was a border crosser; Moses was a border crosser; Hagar was a border crosser; Ana was a border crosser; Esther was a border crosser; Lidia was a border crosser; Joseph, Mary and Jesus were border crossers in the midst of a genocide! The Holy Spirit crossed borders to start the church and is still crossing borders today! Churches are border crossing places where rich and poor, black and white, brown and yellow gather to praise our God together! We are border crossing people, all of us with no exception. No human being is illegal. None! This country and every country are made of border crossers We are heirs of border crossing people We must attend the borders with compassion, understanding, tenderness, and justice without ceasing because we are all border crossing people!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD



Altar Servers

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

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. Paulette Robertson, Joannette Dunn
- 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. Wanda Davis, Gigi Mathis, Wanda Alsobrook, Larry James, Darlene Richard, William Alsobrook, Jr.

Mass Intentions

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

Readings for the Week

- Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria
2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: St. Irenaeus
2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
- Friday: Ss. Peter and Paul
Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
- Sunday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Blessed Virgin Mary
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

A Vocation View: “Why are you terrified? Why are you lacking in faith?” If God is calling you, don’t let fear stop you.

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Be prepared in the event of an emergency! We know first hand how devastating hurricanes, and floods can be. In an effort to be of service to our parishioners and parish during emergency situations, we formed an Emergency Preparedness Committee here at St. Paul. In one of our parish bulletins last month, we inserted the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide . Please make time to review this booklet that is very beneficial when preparing yourself, and your family in the event of an emergency such as a hurricane, flooding, or other natural disasters. Parishioners had an opportunity to complete an Emergency Preparedness Questionnaire during Mass today, if you did not turn your questionnaire in after Mass, you still have time to do so. Just put it in the collection basket when you return for Mass. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office at 383-2537.

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**
6 pm Vacation Bible School
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Saturday: 11 am Liturgical Dance Practice
12 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Drivers for Sunday, July 1, 2018
10:30 a.m. Myrtis Rogers and Wanda Davis

Chicken Wing Dinner Sale - The Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver are having their annual fundraiser dinner today, June 24th after both Masses. **The meal consists of Chicken Wings, French Fries, and Green Salad** at a cost of \$8.00 per plate. Drinks will also be available. Please join us in St. Paul Center on the 24th for a delicious meal!



Join us for Vacation Bible School this week, June 25-29 from 6 pm to 8 pm. This is a fun-filled week of reflection and outreach to our youth and adults within our church parish and community. We will journey through stories Jesus told of how God provides

every hour of every day so that we might have life and live it to the fullest! In addition, we will utilize the African American culture and history to Remember Our Past, Honor Our Present and Embrace Our Future.

Adults Vacation Bible School will be held during this time also. St. Paul the Apostle Bible Study will discuss verses from the Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Philipians about Building a Firm Spiritual Foundation, Community Sharing, Inspired Abundant Living, Prayer Reducing Anxieties, and Receiving God's Forgiveness. Join us in fellowship along with refreshments.

The 3rd Annual "Blue Mass" honoring first responders and law enforcement will be held at St. Gerard Majella Catholic Church on Sunday, July 15th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Please join us.

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!

Happy Birthday

Valda Christmas 6/24	Felicia Turner 6/26
Nicollette Davis 6/24	Lois Victorian 6/26
Courtney Dickerson 6/24	Zaria Harleaux 6/27
Eva Rodney 6/24	Jacques Parms 6/29
Christina Carter 6/26	Ashley Lewis 6/30

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

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June 17, 2018


Offertory Collection	\$ 4,982.24
Online Giving	\$ 465.00
Children's Offering	\$ 9.00
Building Fund	\$ 103.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 62.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 10.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 5,636.24



Remember this: whoever sows sparingly, reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously, reap generously.







2Corinthians 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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