



Dear friends,

This week, I found an interesting article while I was reading. It fascinated me because of its connectedness to the ordinary Gospel for this Sunday from John 12:20-33. In this passage, some Greeks came to Philip and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus. Philip in turn went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. The significance of this is that Greeks came seeking Jesus, Jews looking, hungering for the gift Jesus had to offer. The gift of Jesus is salvation, not only for the Jews but for all people. Jesus said, "when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all People to myself."

In 1992, the Washington Redskins won the Super Bowl with an explosive victory over the Buffalo Bills. Seventy five thousand people gathered on the mall between the Capitol and the Washington Monument to cheer their team and Coach. Four days later, Chuck Colson called the Redskins' office to see if any football players could attend a rally at a prison the next day. Many of the players had given their life to Christ. Joe Gibbs the head coach answered the phone and told Colson that all the players had left the city for a well-deserved rest. With his characteristic humility, Joe Gibbs asked Colson, "Will I do?"

Colson immediately accepted the offer by the coach of the championship Washington Redskins. Five days after winning the Super Bowl, Joe Gibbs could have opened any door in Washington DC but he was willing to walk behind the locked steel doors of the penitentiary for the District of Columbia to speak to men about his faith in Christ.

Joe Gibbs stood up to speak to the cheers, whistles and applause of 500 prisoners five days after he had won the most prestigious event in pro sports. He told those men:

"A lot of people in the world would probably look at me and say: Man, if I could just coach in the Super Bowl, I'd be happy and fulfilled... But I'm here to tell you, it takes something else in your life besides money, position, football, power, and fame. The vacuum in each of our lives can only be filled through a personal relationship with Jesus who is Lord and Savior. Otherwise, I'm telling you, we'll spend the rest of our lives in a meaningless existence. I've seen it in football players' eyes, and I've seen it in men who are on their deathbed. There's nothing else that will fill the vacuum."

I pray that your time of prayer, fasting and sacrificing this Lent continues to fill you with the life-giving power of Jesus who alone fills the vacuum in all of our lives!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD



Altar Servers

- 7:30 a.m. DaMarquis London, KyRon Phillips, Chelsea Buckley, Jaiden Parker, La'Kosha Chambers
- 10:30 a.m. Rudolph Richard III, Joseph Richard, Kellen Anthony

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. Evangeline Hughes, Mary Davis
- 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Youth

Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Monique Spaulding, Alice Zacharie, Audrene LeBlanc, Murray Chenevert
- 10:30 a.m. Sylvia Trahan, Martha Davis, Paul Stewart, Justin Kennedy, Velita Benjamin, Nancy Ball

Mass Intentions

- 7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
- 10:30 a.m. Deceased Victims of the Shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School

Readings for the Week

- Monday: **Memorial of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; ps 89:2-5,2-29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday: Nm 21: 4-9; Ps 102:2-3,16-21; Jn 21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92,95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; JN 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10,11-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday: **Sixth Sunday of Lent**
Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—[15:1 -39]

A Vocation View: To be God's servant, we must follow Jesus. Have the desire to see where Jesus lives. Serve the poor and marginalized.

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



May she rest in peace...
Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Beckham and Bazile family at the passing of Ms. Sherian Beckham, sister of Mrs. Lucille Bazile. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



Help us finish our **Lenten Fish Fry** with a BANG! This Friday is the last day. Dinners are available Friday from 8 am - 1 pm at a cost of only \$9.00. Menu: Fried Fish or Shrimp, Potato Salad, Sweet Peas, Bread and Dessert. Dine-in, carry-out or we can deliver 5 or more dinners. **We could use your help on Friday to deliver dinners!**

Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: **7:30 a.m. Mass**
9:00 a.m Religion Classes
10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**
5-7:00 p.m. Reconciliation - St. Paul
6:00 p.m. St. Paul's Conference of St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**
4:30 p.m. Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir
6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday: **7:00 a.m. Fish Fry Preparation**
8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Open
5-7:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Immaculate Conception
7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

Friday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**
8:00 am - 1:00 p.m. Fish Fry
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday: **12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal**



Twice this week, once here at St. Paul and again at Immaculate Conception, you are offered the opportunity to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation, or penance.** Confession is just one part of that sacrament and focuses on the forgiveness of sins. There is a broader understanding of the sacrament, which is not only to be forgiven but also as a healing sacrament. As we participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we don't just confess our sins but we should also ask God to heal us because another dimension of the sacrament is empowerment. God's grace will help us overcome our weakness. We're encouraged to see this sacrament as part of our Lenten practice – a renewal – because the sacrament is a powerful means to bring about ongoing renewal and conversion. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated Tuesday, March 20th here at St. Paul and on Thursday, March 22nd at Immaculate Conception. Fr. Richard Andrus and Fr. Thomas Clark will both be available for those who wish to celebrate the Sacrament.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday the beginning of Holy Week. All parishioners wishing to participate in the blessing of the palms and procession to the church are asked to meet in the Center 15 minutes before either Mass where we will begin. Blessed palms will be provided for those who wait to welcome the procession into the church.

St. Paul's New Website Is Up and Running! The 10:30 Mass is broadcast live on the site – and is archived so anyone is able to watch it in its entirety at a later time. Please check the site out at www.stpaulbr.org

Attention Parents of College Students: In an effort to stay in touch with St. Paul's young adults that are in college, Father Richard Andrus ask parents to please provide their contact information. On the log sheet on the table in the foyer, please include their name, email address, and cell number.

Raffle! **2018 ANNUAL RAFFLE:** If you want to start paying on the expected annual raffle ticket or donation of \$100, please use the green envelopes in the pew pockets and drop your payment in the collection basket or check "raffle ticket" online. Your payments or donations will be recorded and acknowledged.

The 2018 Christ Mass will be held Wednesday of Holy Week, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. You are invited to witness the priests commitment and the blessing of the oils.

Happy Birthday

Cierra Colar 3/18	Terrilyn Jeanpierre 3/20
Drew Brown 3/19	Jackson Williams 3/20
Elaine Doyle 3/19	Betty J. Jackson 3/21
Delores Price 3/19	Konitra Kemp 3/22
Aniyah Raby 3/19	Dietrich Thomas 3/24
Myrtis Reed 3/19	Natasha Williams 3/24
Marva Carrier 3/20	

Our Weekly Offering

March 11, 2018

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,625.90
Online Giving	\$ 1,565.00
Children's Offering	\$ 29.94
Building Fund	\$ 182.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 87.00
Catholic Relief Service	\$ 409.00
Retirement Fund for Dio. Priest	\$ 5.00
Holy Land	\$ 45.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 179.00
Total	\$ 8,127.84



Remember this: whoever sows sparingly, reaps sparingly; and whoever sows generously, reaps generously.
2 Corinthians 9:6

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, Clayborn Johnson, Lois Joseph, Willis Reed, Jr, Joseph Broussard, Annie Joseph, Rosa Johnson, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Gloria Williams, Jeanette Bishop, Jasman Benjamin, Earline Bell, Wilfred Fleming, Don Thibodeaux, Dwight LeBlanc, 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 and Joel Rivera







<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>Space Available</p>	<p align="center"><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>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:</i></p>  <p>Roosevelt Bowers Joseph "Buddy" Walker Oscar LeDuff, Jr. Frank P. Bowers Carrie & Douglas Rodney, Sr. Clara & Willis Walker Sarah Rodney Domino Freddie Bowers Ora Bowers Ward Sybil Thomas Johnson Wilbert Domino, Sr.</p> 	<p>John K. Pierre Attorney At Law</p> <p>2900 West Fork Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70815 225 295-5638</p>
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<p>Space Available</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>Chenevert Construction & Remodeling 344-0183</p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Lionel Bazile, Sr. James Bazile Sheila Bazile</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Aaron Bradley Joseph H.P. Martin</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian, Kirby, James "Pookie" Verdell, Corinne & Michael Joseph, Lawrence, Sr. & Shedrick Ashford, Ellis Myles, Sr., Rose & Albert Hebert, Eula White</p> 	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p>  <p>Wilfred Ferbos, Sr.</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>The Joseph Family</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>
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