



Dear friends,

I read a really great illustration recently about how we face and deal with fear in our life.

The story is told of one night at a circus. The "Main Event Tent" was packed with thousands of people. It was time for the tiger trainer to come out and perform. He bowed to the audience then went inside the cage. A hush drifted over the audience as the door was locked behind him. The trainer skillfully put the tigers through their paces. Suddenly there was a huge pop, followed by a complete blackout of power. For several long minutes the trainer was trapped in the cage with the tigers in total darkness. The trainer knew the tigers could see him with their powerful vision, but he could not see them. All he had was a whip and small chair as a means of protection.

Finally, the lights came back on, and the trainer finished his performance. Everyone was amazed that he wasn't attacked and feared for him in the darkness. After his performance the trainer was interviewed by a local television reporter. He admitted how scared he was. But during the blackout he realized that the tigers did not know that he could not see them. He just kept cracking his whip and talked to them until the lights came back on.

There are times when all of us are confronted with our own "tigers in the dark." Experience has taught so many people not to trust people to keep promises; it is almost completely impossible to trust government officials because of all the perks, the behind closed door deals, the golf trips congressmen and lobbyists are offered; some don't trust family members; trust is also a problem in relationships. Some don't trust their spouses. Others don't trust their children. Some don't trust the Church. You get what I am talking about!

Like the trainer in the cage with no power, we live in the darkness, afraid that we will be attacked, hurt, rejected, abused or taken advantage of. Just as the trainer had to trust that he could survive the darkness while engaged with the tigers, God wants us to trust Him, when we are overcome with darkness and fear. Joshua 1:9 tells us, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

In all things, my friends, be strong and courageous – God is with us wherever we go!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrews SVD

Altar Servers

- 7:30 a.m. Kelby Chenevert, Breanna Dillon,
La'Kosha Chambers, Da'Marquis London
- 10:30 a.m. Michael Knox, Jacquez Knox,
Contrell Salton

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. Darlene St. Romain, Debra Dudley
- 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Youth

Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Audrene LeBlanc, Murray Chenevert,
Alice Zacharie, Paulette Robertson
- 10:30 a.m. Jean Roan, Christy Hall,
Sonja Bowers, Barbara Cornell,
Mary Haynes, Amanda Skinner

Mass Intentions

- 7:30 a.m. Mr. Thomas Hebert
- 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

Happy Birthday

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| Belinda Carney 3/3 | Henry Harris 3/14 |
| Dominique Banks 3/11 | Ernest Hebert 3/14 |
| Gregory Garner 3/11 | Mekhi Jones 3/14 |
| Nautica Hatch 3/11 | Lavone Hatch 3/15 |
| Godis Jackson 3/12 | Jawasski Edwards 3/16 |
| Timothy Marioneaux 3/12 | Bennie Robertson 3/16 |
| Lula Grant 3/13 | Derrick Wells 3/16 |
| Sallie Williams 3/13 | Tonya Ward 3/17 |
| Renee Camberos 3/14 | |

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: **Memorial of Saint Patrick**
Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

A Vocation View: God loves the world so much and blesses us with the gifts of his son, Jesus. Receive and share this gift of love.

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Help us finish our **Lenten Fish Fry** stronger than ever! Remember: St. Paul's Lenten Fish Fry continues this Friday and next from 8 am - 1 pm. Fish & Shrimp Dinners are 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. **Delivery drivers are needed on Fridays!**

Parish Schedule for the Week

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

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**

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
5:00 p.m. RCIA
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: 9:00 a.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal



St. Paul's New Website Is Up and Running! Please be sure to check out the new website for St. Paul. Weekly Sermons are still a feature. For parishioners and especially the homebound, 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. The site also has the parish bulletins. We are beginning to collect a library of photos to include on the media page. For more information, please check the site out at www.stpaulbr.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Please join Fr. Richard Andrus and Fr. Thomas Clark for the sacrament of reconciliation from 5-7 pm at St. Paul the Apostle on Tuesday, March 20 or at Immaculate Conception on Thursday, March 22.



2018 RAFFLE: Please use the green envelopes in the pew pockets and foyer of the church or check "Raffle Ticket" online to give any amounts toward the expected annual \$100 raffle contribution per member. Place your donation envelopes in the collection basket. Each donation will be recorded and acknowledged.

Bad habits are like comfortable beds; they are so easy to get into and so hard to get out of.

Toiletries and Underwear Drive - St. Paul Junior Daughters Court 351 is sponsoring a **Toiletries and Underwear Drive** for homeless children and women of the Sweet Dreams Shelter. Please join us in our efforts by donating toiletries and underwear for boys up to age 10, girls of all ages, and women. A bin is located in the foyer for your donations. Thanks in advance for your support in making a difference for those less fortunate!



"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." —Matthew 25:40.

St. Paul Congratulates **Ms. Aaliyah Johnson** who has been offered admission into the Class of 2022 at Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine! May God's continue to bless her with the spirit of wonder, wisdom, knowledge and perseverance so that one day she too will share in the healing of God's creatures!

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY
Drivers for Sunday, March 18, 2018
10:30 a.m. James Hayward and Jean Hayward

Our Weekly Offering

March 4, 2018

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| Offertory Collection | \$ 9,452.78 |
| Online Giving | \$ 1,750.00 |
| Children's Offering | \$ 6.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 1,767.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ 376.00 |
| Church in Eastern Europe | \$ 5.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$ 10.00 |
| Easter Flowers | <u>\$ 195.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 13,561.78 |



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 Sils, 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







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| <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 style="text-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>  | |
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| <p><i>Space Available</i></p> | <p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><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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| <p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Lionel Bazile, Sr. James Bazile Sheila Bazile</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p> | <p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Aaron Bradley Joseph H.P. Martin</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p> | <p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>The Joseph Family</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p> |
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