



Dear friends,

I was deeply struck lately by a story I was reading. It came from a few years back during the conflict in Sarajevo. It is about a reporter who was covering the conflict. In the middle of Sarajevo he saw a little girl shot by a sniper. The reporter threw down his pad and pencil and stopped being a reporter for a few minutes. He rushed to the man who was holding the child and helped them both into his car.

As the reporter stepped on the accelerator, racing to the hospital, the man holding the bleeding child said, "Hurry, my friend, my child is still alive."

A moment or two later, "Hurry, my friend, my child is still breathing."

A moment later, "Hurry, my friend, my child is still warm."

Finally, "Hurry. Oh, God, my child is getting cold."

When they got to the hospital, the little girl was dead. As the two men were in the lavatory, washing the blood off their hands and their clothes, the man turned to the reporter and said, "This is a terrible task for me. I must go tell her father that his child is dead. He will be heartbroken."

The reporter was amazed. He looked at the grieving man and said, "I thought she was your child."

The man looked back and said, "No, but aren't they all our children?"

Yes, they are all our children. They are also God's children as well, and God has entrusted us with their care whether they are in Sarajevo, in Somalia, Ghana, North Korea, the Philipppians, in New York City, in Los Angeles, in Chicago, Washington D.C. St. Louis, New Orleans, in my hometown of Toledo, or here in Baton Rouge.

Yes, we are all God's beloved sons and daughters and what a world of difference it would make if more people — more people of faith understood that — and lived that!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD



Altar Servers

- 7:30 a.m. La'Kosha Chambers, Kelby Chenevert, KyRon Phillips, Da'Marquis London, Breanna Dillon
- 10:30 a.m. Jared Anthony, Taj Anthony, Tavin Anthony

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. Cindy Chenevert & Felix Ezejiofo
- 10:30 a.m. First Communion Candidates

Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Murray Chenevert, Perry Chenevert, Alice Zacharie, Audrene LeBlanc
- 10:30 a.m. Darlene Richard, Anna Perry, Tasha Anthony, Christy Hall, Justin Kennedy, Robinette Harleaux

Mass Intentions

- 7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
- 10:30 a.m. Mr. Wilfred Fleming

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: **Memorial of Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras**
Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

A Vocation View: It was God who chose us to go forth and bear fruit that will last.

Let your heart rejoice in God's call to you.

What is the fruit of your life?

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



My Communion Prayer

Loving Jesus – look upon our Children with your special love today as they receive you in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for their first time. Bless them today and always with your favor as they come to share in Your Supper. And through every day that follows, guide, bless and keep them close to you. Amen!



Please pray for our children receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at 10:30 mass today. Candidates: Sydney Anderson, Brooklyn Bailey, Jose' Camberos, Terrell Carter, Damani Goss, Saija Parker, and Aidan Sam.

A special thanks to the parents of the candidates and to Ms. Sydney Brown and Mrs. Dorphelia Patterson for preparing them for this special day.

Parish Schedule for the Week

- Sunday: 7:30 am Mass - Ladies Sodality Turn Out
9:00 am Religion Classes
10:30 am Mass
First Communion
Women's Club Turn Out
- Monday: No Mass
- Tuesday: **8 am Mass**
6 pm Father/Son Breakfast Meeting
- Wednesday: **8 am Mass**
4:30 pm Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir
6 pm Bible Study
- Thursday: 7 pm Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir
- Friday: **8 am Mass**
6 pm. Liturgical Dance Practice
- Saturday: 9 am Male Chorus Rehearsal
11 am Liturgical Dance Practice
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal



May she rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Johnson & Hall family at the passing of Mrs. Dorseline Nelson, sister of Mrs. Rosalie Johnson, and aunt of Mrs. Doris Hall. Please pray for Mrs. Nelson's peaceful eternal rest, and for the comfort and consolation of her families. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Celebrating Mary, Crowning her as Mother of Jesus and of all humanity will take place next Sunday, Mother's Day. We invite parishioners to bring flowers to be presented at a statue in her honor after we solemnly crown Mary Mother of Heaven and Earth!



Can We Talk? No gossip, just spiritual talk. **St. Paul the Apostle Bible Study** will present "Women of the Bible - Hear their Stories" on Wednesday, May 9th and May 16th at 6:00 p.m. in St. Paul Center. "Men of the Bible - Hear Their Stories" will be presented on June 13th and June 20th at 6:00 p.m. in St. Paul Center. Come fellowship with us.

Mark Your Calendar: St. Paul's 3rd Annual Father & Son Prayer Breakfast will be held June 16, 2018 in St. Paul Center.



Jazz Brunch: St. Paul's Jazz Brunch is Sunday, June 10, in St. Paul's Center. To purchase your tickets, please see Mary Martin, Lionel Bazile, Sadie Simms, Debbie James, Judge Luke LaVergne, Velita Benjamin, Mary Murray, Dr. Kimberly Davis, Kim Starwood, or Vera Dunbar.

Spaghetti Dinner - The Knights of St. Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #351 will host their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 20th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in St. Paul Center. Dinners are \$7 and will include spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, sweet peas, and dessert. All proceeds are earmarked for their scholarship fund.

St. Paul Jr. Daughters Court 351 appreciates the overwhelming support they received from their church family during their toiletries and underwear drive. **It was a great success!** All of the items collected will be delivered to the Sweet Dreams Shelter for Homeless Women and Children. Thanks for all you have done to help improve the quality of life for the less fortunate. May God bless you all! *"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."* —Matthew 25:40

Happy Birthday

- Jaiden Parker 5/06 Myrtis Rogers 5/08
- Luke laVergne 5/07 Heather Marcelle 5/10
- Patrick Clay 5/08 Terrell Carter 5/12
- Harry Griffen 5/08



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, 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, Tysha Collins, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Robert Lee Martin, Ann Pettit, Joan Pettit and Joel Rivera



Our Weekly Offering



April 29, 2018


Offertory Collection	\$ 4,874.00
Online Giving	\$ 440.00
Children's Offering	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 155.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 10.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 423.57
Easter Offering	\$ 60.00
Retirement fund for Diocesan Priest	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 6,037.57



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







2 Corinthians 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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<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><i>Space Available</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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<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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