



Dear sisters and brothers,

This week's gospel brings to mind an old favorite story of mine about a palace servant who longed for more than anything else in life to be a knight. He desired to represent his king and vowed within himself that if he ever had a chance to be a knight he would serve his king as the noblest knight who ever lived. His dream came true. His great day came. At his knighthood ceremony, the former servant, now a knight, made a special oath within himself. He vowed that from that day forward he would bow his knees and lift his arms in homage to no one but his king.

As a knight, he was assigned to guard a remote city on the edge of the kingdom. On the day he took up his duties standing at attention in full armor at the city gate, an elderly peasant woman passed by on her way to the market. In a rickety cart, she carried some vegetables she had grown and hoped to sell. As she passed the knight, her rickety old vegetable cart hit a bump on the road and turned over. Potatoes, onions, carrots, and peas spilled everywhere. The peasant woman scurried to get them all back in her cart to no avail. She looked toward the knight in hopes he would help her but already he had forgotten what it was to be a servant. The knight stood there, unmoved, holding his pose. He would not bend to help her. He just stood at attention keeping his vow to never again bow his knees or lift his arms in homage to anyone but his king.

Years passed, and one day an elderly one-legged man hobbled by on his old crutch. Directly in front of the knight, the old man's crutch finally gave out and broke in two. "Sir knight," the old one-legged man begged, "please reach down and help me to get up again." The knight, unmoved by the old man's predicament, made no response. He held his pose proudly and remembered he had vowed that he would neither stoop nor lift a hand to help anyone but his king.

Decades passed, and the knight grew older. One day his granddaughter came by and said, "Papa, pick me up and take me to the fair." But, even for his own granddaughter the knight would not stoop, for within himself he had made a vow to bow only to his king. Finally, the day came for the king to come. This was the day for which the knight had longed since the day of his knighthood. As the king approached to inspect him, the knight stood proudly and stiffly at attention. As he did, the king noticed a tear rolling down the proud knight's cheek. "You are one of my noblest knights," said the king, "why are you crying?"

"Your majesty," the knight replied, "I took a vow that I would bow and lift my arms in homage to you alone, but now that you are here I am an old man unable to keep my vow any more. The years of standing here stiffly at attention, waiting for you to come, have taken their toll. The joints of my armor is rusted and I can no longer lift my arms or bend my knees." The wise king replied, "Perhaps if you had knelt to help all those people who passed by you, and lifted your arms to reach out to all the people who asked for your help, you would have been able to keep your vow to pay me homage today."

Jesus Christ says, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35) And so, we strive to serve.

In the Divine Word, I am

*Fr. Rick Andrews SVD*



Be the servant of all

**Altar Servers**

- 7:30 a.m. Da'Marquis London, Kelby Chenevert
- 10:30 a.m. Kellen Anthony, Demond Garner, Jermon Dunn

**Readers**

- 7:30 a.m. Joannette Dunn, Paulette Robertson
- 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Youth

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- 7:30 a.m. Perry Chenevert, Joannette Dunn, Elaine Doyle, Alice Zacharie, Murray Chenevert
- 10:30 a.m. Gigi Mathis, William Alsobrook, Jr., Wanda Alsobrook, Larry James, Wanda Davis, Darlene Richard

**Mass Intentions**

- 7:30 a.m. Mr. Elton Oubre, Sr.
- 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: **Memorial of Ss. Cosmas and Damian** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: **Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul** Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: **Memorial of St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus** Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: **Memorial of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FAIR:** The week-end of our Church & Community Fair, St. Paul will celebrate Mass Saturday, Oct. 6th at 5:30 P.M. for fair workers and their families; on Sunday, Oct. 7th, there will be only one Mass at 9 A.M.

**A Vocation View:** If we want to be great we must serve others.  
How can you best serve others?  
You can make a difference with your life.  
**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY**  
**Drivers for Sunday, September 30, 2018**  
**10:30 a.m. Lloyd Young and Janice Hamilton**

**Parish Schedule for the Week**

Sunday: **7:30 am Mass**  
 9 am Religious Education Classes  
**10:30 am Mass**

Monday: **No Mass**

Tuesday: **8 am Mass**

Wednesday: **8 am Mass**  
 4:30 pm Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir  
 6 pm Bible Study

Thursday: 5 pm Ladies Guild Meeting  
 7 pm Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir  
 7 pm Bishop Edward Braxton - Presentation on Racism at Catholic Life Center

Friday: **8 am Mass**  
 6 pm Liturgical Dance Practice

Saturday: 10 am Mime Group Practice  
 11 am Liturgical Dance Practice  
 12 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal



**The Rite of Christian initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)** is the process used for admitting new members into the Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person: learning about the Church community, living with the Church community, praying with the Church, and serving with the Church community. If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or joining the Catholic Church, call Fr. Rick Andrus in the parish office at 383-2537. We will also be happy to answer additional questions about the class. There is never any pressure or obligation.

**FOOD & BLANKET DRIVE:** Please help St. Paul's Junior Daughters support the needy of our community. The Junior Daughters are sponsoring a **Food & Blanket Drive**. All non-perishable food items collected will be donated to our Food Pantry here at St. Paul and will be distributed to individuals in the Eden Park Community. The blankets will be distributed to the homeless during the cold winter months. Please help us to continue to make a difference in our community. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

**St. Paul Church & Community Fair**  
**Sunday, October 7, 2018 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

Please continue to do your part and support our raffle! All raffle money is due Sunday, September 30th. **Grand Prize Drawing: \$10,000.00**

The Ladies Sodality need homemade cakes, cookies, cupcakes, candies, and popcorn balls for the Sweet Shop on the day of our Church Fair. Please bring items Oct. 6 or Oct. 7.

*Happy Birthday*

Rosemary Brown 9/24	Leslie Bradford 9/27
Jasmine Oliver 9/24	Jazzmine Eugene 9/28
Lisa Price 9/25	Anthony Coleman 9/29
Terry Alexander 9/26	Rauyshiera Cooks 9/29

**Fair Booth Captains:** The following Booth Captains are asked to please plan to attend a 10-minute meeting after one of the Sunday Masses on September 30: Nancy Ball, Jalissa Bates, Mark Becker & Sarah Latham, Marva Carrier, Mary Martin, Martha Davis, Justin Kennedy, Anthony Coleman & Augustine Kador, Gigi Mathis, and Amanda Skinner.

**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, Albertha Varmall, John Christophe, Geraldine Jones*



A special thank you is extended to the children, youth, adults, and friends of St. Paul for signing up to showcase their talents and skills. Due to overwhelming response, registration is closed.

**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, Martha Reinhart, Dana Simoneaux, Nichelle Hollins, Jessica Hughes, and Rev. Frank H. Young*

**Attention St. Paul's Youth:** Our youth 10 to 19 years of age are invited to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Gathering of Black Catholic Youth sponsored by the Society of the Divine Word. This SVD Youth Day Conference will be held at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. What a great opportunity for youth from across Louisiana to gather together and grow in fellowship, and their faith will be enriched by very faith filled and informative speakers. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity, please sign up by Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Justin Kennedy at 754-2609.

**The Diocesan Racial Harmony Commission and the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University** will sponsor a lecture by the Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, the Bishop of Belleville, Illinois on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Westerfield Center at the Catholic Life Center. Bishop Braxton will lecture on **"LISTEN! LEARN! THINK! PRAY! ACT!"** Please join us!

**Website for Online Giving:**  
[www.osvonlinegiving.com/4266](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4266)


**Our Weekly Offering**



September 16, 2018



Offertory Collection	\$ 4,179.00
Online Giving	\$ 775.00
Children's Offering	\$ 9.00
Building Fund	\$ 61.00
Religious Education	\$ 303.05
Catholic University of America	\$ 1.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 51.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,379.05</b>


*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 &amp; Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth &amp; 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><b>JANI-KING</b></p> <p>Commercial Cleaning Service</p> <p><b>Monique Scott</b> <b>225 273-5464</b></p>	<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p><b>State Farm Insurance</b></p> <p><b>Leonard Benjamin</b> <b>775-2492</b></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. Elizabeth &amp; Frank P. Bowers Carrie &amp; Douglas Rodney, Sr. Clara &amp; Willis Walker Sarah Rodney Domino &amp; Wilbert Domino, Sr. Freddie Bowers Ora Bowers Ward Sybil Thomas Johnson Maureen Bowers Johnson</p> 	

<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Famyee Reed and the Reed, Stewart, Davis, and Grainger Families</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</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><b>John K. Pierre</b> <i>Attorney At Law</i></p> <p><b>2900 West Fork Dr.</b> <b>Baton Rouge, LA 70815</b> <b>225 295-5638</b></p>	<p><b>Chenevert Construction &amp; Remodeling</b> <b>344-0183</b></p>
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