



Dear sisters and brothers,

Years ago, I had a friend, a Methodist minister, who had been badly burned in a terrible accident years before we met. The scars on his face and hands were the most apparent things about him.

When we got to be good enough friends, he told me the story behind the scars. The very first Sunday at his very first church, he and his young son had gone to the church early in the morning to light the gas heaters. He smelled a faint odor but had no way of knowing that the gas had been leaking for several hours. When he struck a match there was no explosion, only a sort of flash flame that left a blue haze of fire dangling at ceiling level where the gas had gathered. Before he could pull himself and his little boy out of the building they had both suffered terrible burns that left them scarred for life.

By the time I met him, he had actually been able to gain some sense of humor about it all. He said he was always able to tell everyone that, in his first pastorate, he had really “set the church on fire.” What he was never able to forget, however, was the awesome power of one little spark. It’s amazing how little some people appreciate the power of *just one little spark*.

Once, when I was stopped at a traffic light, across the intersection, I saw a lady measuring the gasoline on the underground gasoline tank at a convenience store. She had the lid off the tank and was bent over it – with a cigarette dangling from her mouth. All I remember thinking was that I felt about two-hundred yards too close to someone who didn’t appreciate what *one little spark can do under the right, or wrong, circumstances*.

The scripture we have read from Mark’s gospel this morning is nothing less than a reminder of the awesome power of one. Twice Jesus remarks, in a promise and a warning, about the power we have to affect change when we are aware, or fail to be aware, of the awesome power of one.

St. Paul is, already a church “set on fire!” Sparks have been ignited throughout our Church community in so many ways, through so many ministries accomplishing so much good not only for ourselves, but for the betterment of the greater community of Eden Park and the City and State of Louisiana. I would suggest that each of us has that “power of one” to continue to make a world of difference in our various ministries and involvements at St. Paul. But let me ask today just how you, *yes you* can use your “power of one” this week so that our Church Fair is ablaze with excitement, with crowds of folks enjoying themselves, playing games at the various booths (*spending money*), enjoying great food and awesome music? It takes the entire parish, each one using our “power of one” for a common cause and vision to set ablaze all that we do to ensure a rock-solid foundation for a strong future of St. Paul!

With our eyes fixed on a great success next Sunday, let’s all bring our awesome “power of one” and set ablaze this year church fair like we’ve never seen before!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrews SVD

Altar Servers

- 7:30 a.m. Chelsea Buckley, Garrick Camel, Jr., Da’Marquis London
- 10:30 a.m. KyRon Phillips, Michael Knox, Jacquez Knox

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. Theresa Greivous, Janice Carroll
- 10:30 a.m. Mary Martin, Robert Martin

Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Elie Jackson, Alice Zacharie, Murray Chenevert, Audrene LeBlanc, Monique Spaulding
- 10:30 a.m. Jean Roan, Barbara Cornell, Sonja Bowers, Christy Hall, Sylvia Trahan, Robinette Harleaux

Mass Intentions

- 7:30 a.m. Mrs. Edna Stewart
- 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

Join us for the Anointing of the Sick Mass Saturday, October 13th at 10 AM. Lunch will be served in the parish center immediately following Mass.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

The Church Van will not run next Sunday, Oct. 7th. Please make arrangements to join us for 9 AM Mass

**Whoever gives
you a cup of water
to drink because
of Christ
will be rewarded**



Readings for the Week

- Monday: **Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**
Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: **The Holy Guardian Angels**
Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8;
Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Wednesday: **Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;**
Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: **Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi**
Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: **Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos**
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,
13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: **Memorial of St. Bruno;**
Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher;
First Saturday; **Blessed Virgin Mary**
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,
91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

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
6 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

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

Thursday: 8 am Food Pantry Open
6 pm Blessing of Pets
7 pm Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

Friday: 8 am Mass
6 pm Liturgical Dance Practice

Saturday: 8 am Fair Set-up
10 am Mime Group Practice
11 am Liturgical Dance Practice
12 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm Mass




Bring your pets out on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for a special Blessing of the Pets.

MASS SCHEDULE NEXT WEEKEND: Next Sunday is our Church and Community Fair. There will be a 5:30 P.M. Mass on Saturday and ONLY one Sunday Mass at 9:00 A.M. on October 7, 2018

A Vocation View: All who serve in the name of Jesus will receive a reward. Encourage someone you know who would be of service as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister.

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May she rest in peace...

 Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Christophe family at the passing of Ms. Sadie Christophe, sister of Mr. John Christophe. Please pray for Ms. Christophe's peaceful eternal rest, and for the comfort and consolation of her family. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

Cancer Screening: The Willie F. Hawkins Community Health Fair hosted by State Senator Regina Barrow will be held Saturday, October 6th from 10 AM – 1 PM at the LSU Health Baton Rouge North Clinic at 5439 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge. There will be free adult health screenings for breast, prostate and colorectal cancer, blood pressure, glucose and HIV. If you encounter anyone that has not been screened for breast cancer in the past 12 months and would like to schedule screening, please have them call 225-215-1234 to schedule an appointment. There will also be free adult flu shots, children's activities, health care and community education, door prizes, and refreshments.



Happy Birthday

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| Cheryl Crockett 9/30 | Contrell Salton 10/03 |
| Taylor Franklin 9/30 | Denise Bennett 10/04 |
| Robin Christmas 10/01 | La'Kosha Chambers 10/04 |
| E. Chad Metz 10/01 | Kelby Chenevert 10/04 |
| Rylee Sanders 10/01 | Brenda Jackson 10/05 |
| Hebert Twase 10/01 | |

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need members to sign up to work in booths at least one-hour at the Fair on Sunday. We also need help with the cleaning of ribs and wings, and to put up tents on Saturday. Please sign up in the lobby at the main entrance of the church. We need your help to make our fair a successful event!

SWEET SHOP: Please bring cakes, cookies, cupcakes, and candies for the Sweet Shop on Saturday, Oct. 6, 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon or Sunday, Oct. 7.

RAFFLE TICKET: Thank you for supporting our annual raffle. Please turn in money and ticket stubs today.

TENTS NEEDED: St. Paul needs to use your tents for the Church Fair. Please be sure to write your name on your tents and bring them Friday or Saturday. We will take care of them and ensure they are returned to the owners.

BOOTH CAPTAIN: Booth captains, please, meet Vera in the chapel today immediately following this Mass for a 10-minute meeting.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Wear Pink on Sunday, October 14th in recognition of Breast Cancer.







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, and Ellis Doyle


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

<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><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p>State Farm Insurance</p> <p>Leonard Benjamin 775-2492</p>
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<p><i>Space Available</i></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>
<p><i>In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:</i></p>  <p>Roosevelt Bowers Joseph "Buddy" Walker Oscar LeDuff, Jr. Elizabeth & Frank P. Bowers Carrie & Douglas Rodney, Sr. Clara & Willis Walker Sarah Rodney Domino & Wilbert Domino, Sr. Freddie Bowers Ora Bowers Ward Sybil Thomas Johnson Maureen Bowers Johnson</p> 	

<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Famye 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>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>Space Available</i></p>
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