



Dear Friends,

It was Sunday evening. Easter morning had come and gone, and the disciples had spent the entire day talking about the fact that Jesus had actually been raised from the dead. They were all fired up and making plans for how they were going to go out and spread the word of God and continue the ministry that Jesus had taught them to perform. Right? Not quite.

As the sun went down Sunday evening, some of the disciples had gathered together. They were still hiding in a small room somewhere with the doors and windows closed and locked. Easter morning had come, but the disciples were still hiding, still overwhelmed by what happened at the end of the week, and still afraid that they might be the next ones to be arrested and killed. We can't really blame them, can we? I mean, even with the stories being told by Mary, Peter, and a few others about what they saw at the tomb that morning, it was all still just pretty overwhelming to make sense of wasn't it? What was about to happen next made things much clearer for them, but it really clouds everything more for us at the same time.

As they were huddled in their secure little hiding place, still filled with doubts and questions, we are told that Jesus came and stood among them. Over the next few minutes, their paralyzing fears were beginning to be transformed into the belief and confidence they would use to unlock the doors and windows and go out into the streets to change the world. It would be a few more weeks before they were fully ready to do that, but it began here.

All except for one guy. His name was Thomas. Thomas was not with the group that Sunday evening. He was probably hiding in a place all of his own to avoid being caught with the others. When Thomas was told about Jesus appearing to the others in that locked up, all secured closed room, his first response was more like ours. "What? I don't believe it. I need some proof."

We're not told how the others responded to Thomas. We don't know if they gave him a hard time for not believing them, or if they accused him of not having enough faith. All we know is that the following week when they got together in that locked room, Thomas was there with them. We're told that Jesus appeared, walked over to Thomas and said, "Go ahead... touch me." Thomas asked for proof, and he got proof! (Remember, be careful what you ask God for!). Jesus talked with them a bit more and then said, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." And then he left.

It's a bit unfair that this disciple, Thomas, ended up being known from then on as Doubting Thomas. I doubt Thomas was any more doubtful than most of us are at times! Touch me Lord. So that I may believe!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD



Altar Servers

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

Readers

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

Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Perry Chenevert, Murray Chenevert,
Alice Zacharie, Paulette Robertson
- 10:30 a.m. Anna Perry, Barbara Cornell,
Sonja Bowers, Christy Hall,
Pamela Claiborne, Amanda Skinner

Mass Intentions

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

Readings for the Week

- Monday: **The Annunciation of the Lord**
Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: **Memorial of St. Stanislaus**
Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Yom Ha-Shoa
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: **Memorial of St. Martin I**
Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: **Third Sunday of Easter**
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9;
1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

A Vocation View: Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. We are blest when we have not seen and believe. What will it take for you to believe in Jesus' call to you?

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and
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When it looked like it was over—it was just a CALL TO ACTION! Thanks to Mr. Brett Moton and the entire crew who stepped up to make this year's Lenten Fish Fry Dinner a HUGE SUCCESS - and as a matter of fact - the **Best Season Ever** because of parishioners who pitched in to make a difference. Looking back on where we have come from, we can look forward to where we are going! **Together we did it!**

Fish Fry Results:

2018	\$16,009.76
2017	\$13,653.39
2016	\$10,730.57
2015	\$10,449.50
2014	\$13,021.96

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 10:00 a.m. Fall Prevention Class 4:30 p.m. Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir 6:00 p.m. Bible Study
Thursday:	7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir
Friday:	8:00 a.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal 11:00 a.m. Liturgical Dance Practice 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY
Drivers for Sunday, April 15, 2018
10:30 a.m. James Hayward and Jean Hayward



The Toiletries & Underwear Drive for the homeless children and women of the Sweet Dreams Shelter sponsored by St. Paul Junior Daughters is ongoing. They are asking for your donation of toiletries and underwear for boys up to age 10, girls of all ages, and women. The bin is located

in the foyer for your donations through April 29th. Thanks for your support in helping us make a difference for the less fortunate! *“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”*

—Matthew 25:40

The Southern University Law Center is sponsoring a workshop in St. Paul Center on Friday, April 13th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Topics of interest include **Financial Planning, Estate Planning, Elder Abuse, Scams & Fraud Against the Elderly, Wills, Trust & Successions, Power of Attorney, Interdictions for Long Term Care, and much more.** The workshop provides very important information that everyone should be aware of. You are welcome to invite your family, friends and neighbors. The workshop is **FREE** and open to the public.



May he rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Patterson family at the passing of Mr. Wesley Patterson, Jr. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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.



Happy Birthday

Rose Crockett Carter 4/8	Iona Trammel 4/10
Delphine Lastrapes 4/8	Arlene Twase 4/10
Roderick Jeanpierre, Jr. 4/8	Angela Lamotte 4/12
L. Marine Thibodeaux 4/8	Stafford Davis 4/12
Dorothy Voltaire 4/8	Janet St. Cyr-Moore 4/12
Shawnderlyn Chatman 4/09	Gussie Trahan 4/12
Bryson Jordan 4/09	Veronica Freeman 4/13
Gian Twase 4/9	George Bell 4/14

Our Weekly Offering

March 29 - April 1, 2018

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,600.20
Online Giving	\$ 1,640.00
Children's Offering	\$ 61.42
Building Fund	\$ 601.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 243.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 208.36
Holy Land	\$ 299.65
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 63.00
Retirement fund for Diocesan Priest	\$ 636.41
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 12,378.04

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, 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, Tyeshia 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>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</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>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>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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