



Dear friends,

You may have heard about the man who spent 3-1/2 hours enduring the long lines, surly clerks and insane regulations at the Department of Motor Vehicles. On his way home, he remembered he needed to stop at a toy store to pick up a gift for his son. He brought his selection, a baseball bat, to the cash register.

“Cash or charge?” the clerk asked.

“Cash,” the man snapped. Then apologizing for his rudeness, he explained, “I’ve spent the afternoon at the motor-vehicle bureau.”

“Shall I gift wrap the bat?” the clerk asked sweetly. “Or are you going directly back there?”

We’ve all been there, haven’t we? I don’t mean to the Department of Motor Vehicles. But we’ve all been in situations when things were so aggravating that we haven’t known what we could do with our fury.

Paul addressed this very emotion, his Letter to the Ephesians when he wrote: “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

What a supremely important word for the divided, angry world in which you and I live. Red states and blue, black people and white, rich people and poor, conservatives and liberals--we seem to be drifting farther apart. And here’s something that you and I can agree on: Bitterness, rage and anger are dangerous emotions. Unfortunately, such displays of destructive emotions are becoming almost routine in our society.

It is up to us as Christians to live in such a manner powerful enough to change the conditions of our troubled times. We must be strong enough in our faith to walk in the way of love, just as Jesus loved us! St. Paul taught us in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 the transforming power of love: “Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude ... it is not irritable or resentful; ... but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. What the world needs now is love, God’s life-changing love, a love found in Christians like you and me! May we never tire of living that transforming love for others!

In the Divine Word, I am,

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD



Altar Servers

- 7:30 a.m. Jaiden Parker, DaMarquis London, Kelby Chenevert
- 10:30 a.m. Michael Knox, Jacquez Knox, KyRon Phillips

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, Elie Jackson
- 10:30 a.m. Jean Roan, Barbara Cornell, Sonja Bowers, Christy Hall, Amanda Skinner, Pamela Claiborne

Mass Intentions

- 7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
- 10:30 a.m. Mr. Clifford Rodney

Readings for the Week

- Monday: **Memorial of Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus**
Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe**
Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
- Thursday: **Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary**
Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
- Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary**
Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

A Vocation View: Jesus continues to draw those who believe. Our world is hungry and thirsty for the Bread of Life. Consider sharing your faith. Consider ministry in the Church.
DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: 7:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass
Youth Sunday
4 pm - 6 pm Ladies Guild Food Taste Fest

Monday: 6 pm Word & Deed Gathering

Tuesday: 8 am Mass

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

Thursday: 8 am Food Pantry Open
7 pm Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

Friday: 8 am Mass
6 pm Liturgical Dance Practice

Saturday: 9 am Male Chorus Rehearsal
10 am Mime Group Practice
11 am Liturgical Dance Practice
12 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Wednesday, August 15th, a *Holy Day of Obligation*. Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul the Apostle at 8:00 a.m.

FANTASTIC FOOD FEST COME OUT AND ENJOY GREAT FOOD at St. Paul's Ladies Guild Food Taste Fest today, August 12th from 4 to 6 pm in St. Paul Center. Tickets are \$8.00. Entertainment by the Male Chorus.

A Word & Deed gathering will be held in St. Paul Center Monday, August 13th at 6:00 p.m.

National Health Center Week is August 12th -18th. Join the celebration of National Health Center Week on Friday, August, 17th from 1 – 3 pm at CareSouth Medical & Dental Center located at 3140 Florida Boulevard. There will be giveaways and refreshments. It is **FREE** to the public.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY
Drivers for Sunday, August 19, 2018
10:30 a.m. Robert Martin and Pamela Claiborne



The Rite of Christian initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the modern form of the ancient process used in the first centuries of Christianity 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. Ideally each inquirer comes to class with a practicing Catholic who serves as their sponsor during the process. However, parishioners are happy to fulfill this role if needed. We will begin meeting in September.

Happy Birthday

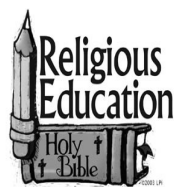
Dianna Franklin 8/12	Martha Spencer 8/15
Jessica Ashford 8/13	Jasman Benjamin 8/16
Iris Davis 8/13	Jacques Brown 8/16
Monique Edwards 8/13	Bria Narcisse 8/16
Brenda Harris 8/13	James Rodney 8/16
Christopher Alexander 8/14	Rosie Lollis 8/17
Leyon Broussard 8/14	Ruby Patterson 8/17
Malonna Peters 8/14	Kyeshia Chambers 8/18
George Cornell 8/15	Carla Lewis 8/18
Kayla Kennedy 8/15	Carolyn Paul 8/18

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, and John Christophe

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, and Jessica Hughes



Parish School of Religion - Registration for Religious Education students pre-K through 11th grades and adults will be available after both masses on August 19th, 26th and September 2nd. All students attending Catholic schools who will be receiving the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation should also register.

Registration Forms will also be available on our website at stpaulbr.org.



ANNUAL RAFFLE: Hey, Raffle Captains, parishioners are ready and waiting for you to reach out to them with a raffle ticket or two. Let's reach out and meet our goal!

RENT A BOOTH SPACE: Rent a booth and sell your jewelry, t-shirts, handbags, soaps, or vitamins at St. Paul's Church and Community Fair on October 7th. Call Debbie James (225)774-3100 or the Parish Office.

BOOTH CAPTAINS: We still need booth captains for our games. Please sign up in the church entrance.

Attention St. Paul's Youth: We will have our annual pool party next Sunday, August 19th at the Kennedy's residence located at 13421 Triple B Rd., Greenwell Springs, LA from 2 until 6 pm. There will be food, drinks and summer fun! Lets end the summer with a big bang! A sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the church. If you have any question, please contact Mr. Justin Kennedy at (225) 754-2609.


Website for Online Giving:
www.osvonlinegiving.com/4266



Our Weekly Offering
August 5, 2018



Offertory Collection	\$ 9,254.21
Online Giving	\$ 2,790.00
Children's Offering	\$ 9.00
Building Fund	\$ 588.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 243.00
Total	\$ 12,889.21


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><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>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>The Joseph Family</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>
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