



Dear sisters and brothers

The past week, a number of conversations I've had with people who stated something along the lines, "Lent is almost over ... and I have little or nothing to show for it." Others have said, "I started Lent off great, then something happened." One even felt that Lent was a total lost because "the devil distracted me!"

I don't know if most of us have felt that way during Lent – but the good news is that it's never too late to get our act right with God and to live better lives!

We began Lent with on Ash Wednesday hearing from the Book of the Prophet Joel 2:12-13 extending such a promising invitation, "Even now, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting in punishment!"

Sometimes people can get the feeling that we have no real hope, that all is lost because of our former way of living, because of the sin in our life. Rather than returning to God seeking forgiveness and the fullness of life, some people are afraid of God or try and hide from God. But have we forgotten, have we lost faith that Jesus comes to us in our need? Jesus entered our world to help us and he said, "God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." We need not fear God. We need not hide behind closed doors. For we have a friend who has come to help. We have a Savior who can rescue us from sin, from the grave, and even from the power of death as we hear this Sunday in the Gospel of Jesus giving Lazarus life again in this life. Anywhere Jesus is there is life. Isn't that what he says? "I am the resurrection and the life." Where Jesus is present, there is life. Where Jesus is present, we are set free. The keys to unlock anything and everything that we have allowed to imprison us are in Jesus' hand. Where Jesus is present, there is no need to fear. For neither sin nor even death has no power over us. Through faith in Christ Jesus, we are set free.

Lent reminds us all that Jesus comes to us in our need and has entered our world and our very lives to help us to unbind us from all of our sins and all that oppresses and ensnares us and to set us free to live fully, even now! Thank God because for as long as we live, it's never too late – but just a word of caution – don't wait too long!

In the Divine Word, I am

*Fr. Rick Andrews, SVD*

**Altar Servers**

7:30 a.m. DaMarquis London, Jaiden Parker  
10:30 a.m. Jared Anthony, Tavin Anthony  
Taj Anthony

**Readers**

7:30 a.m. Cindy Chenevert & Felix Ezejiofo  
10:30 a.m. Constance Savoy & Carla Lewis

**Eucharistic Ministers**

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

**Mass Intentions**

7:30 a.m. Elton Oubre, Sr. & Evelina Brown  
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

**Reading for the Week**

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62  
[41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21;  
Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;  
Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Memorial of St. Stanislaus  
Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Abstinence  
Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Memorial of St. Martin I  
Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13;  
Jn 11:45-56  
Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny  
Lk 19:28-40 (procession);  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;  
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56  
[23:1-49]



**Congratulations to Archbishop Wilton Gregory!**

The Vatican has appointed Atlanta's Archbishop Wilton Gregory as the new Archbishop of Washington, DC. In transferring Archbishop Gregory from Atlanta, Pope Francis has also appointed the first African American Archbishop for the nation's capital, putting him in line to likely become the first black cardinal in the 230-year history of the U.S. church. Please pray for Archbishop Gregory and the ministry to which the Church has called him to!



Help us finish our **Lenten Fish Fry** with a BANG! This Friday is the last day. Dinners are available Friday from 8 am - 1 pm at a cost of only \$9.00. Menu: Fried Fish or Shrimp, Potato Salad, Sweet Peas, Bread and Dessert. Dine-in, carry-out or we can deliver 5 or more dinners.



**3rd Annual Easter Bash!** Councilman LaMont Cole is hosting an Easter Bash on April 13th, 2019 from 1pm-5pm at Howell Park 5509 Winbourne Ave. Baton Rouge, LA 70805. There will be live entertainment, games, free food, and 150 bikes will be given out.



### Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Penance.

Confession is just one part of that sacrament and focuses on the forgiveness of sins. There is a broader understanding of the sacrament, which is not only to be forgiven but also as a healing sacrament. As we participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we don't just confess our sins but we should also ask God to heal us because another dimension of the sacrament is empowerment. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be celebrated Wednesday April 10th from 5:00pm-7:00pm here at Saint Paul the Apostle and on Thursday, April 11th from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Immaculate Conception. Fr. Richard Andrus and Fr. Thomas Clark will both be available for those who wish to celebrate the Sacrament.

### Parish Schedule for the Week

- Sunday: **7:30 a.m. Mass**  
**Ladies Sodality Turn Out**  
**9 a.m. Religious Ed. Classes**  
**10:30 a.m. Mass**  
**Women's Club Turn Out**
- Monday: **No Mass**
- Tuesday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**
- Wednesday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**  
5-7 Reconciliation at St. Paul Apostle  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
- Thursday: **8:00 a.m. Fish Fry Prep**  
**5-7 pm Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception**  
7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir
- Friday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**  
**8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Fish Fry**  
**6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**  
**6:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance practice**
- Saturday: **9 a.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal**  
10:00 a.m. Mime Group Practice  
11:00 a.m. RCIA  
**12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal**

### TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Drivers for Sunday, April 14, 2019  
10:30 a.m. Brent Hayward & Chris Bank



**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday** the beginning of Holy Week. All parishioners wishing to participate in the blessing of the palms and procession to the church are asked to meet in the Center 15 minutes before either Mass

where we will begin. Blessed palms will be provided for those who wait to welcome the procession into the church. Parishioners with saga palms or access to saga palms are asked to consider donating some to St. Paul for Palm Sunday. If you are able to, please contact the parish office at 383-2537 as soon as possible. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

**PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** The Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Palm Sunday Breakfast in St. Paul Center on April 14th. The breakfast consist of grits, eggs, meat, and a biscuit at a cost of \$7.00 Tickets will be sold at the door.

The East Baton Rouge Parish Chapter, Southern University Alumni Federation is offering four academic scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each to a student that has applied or been accepted to attend Southern University. The student must be a graduate of a high school in EBR. The deadline for the application to be submitted is April 30, 2019. Please contact Janet St. Cyr Moore at [JMoore985@aol.com](mailto:JMoore985@aol.com) or (225) 572-4681 for an application.

### Happy Birthday

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Tasha Anthony 4/07         | Donna Gage 4/10         |
| Rose Crockett Carter 4/08  | Iona Trammel 4/10       |
| Delphine J Lastrapes 4/08  | Arlene Twase 4/10       |
| Roderick B Jeanpierre 4/08 | Angela Lamotte 4/12     |
| L. Marine Thibodeaux 4/08  | Stafford Davis 4/12     |
| Dorothy Voltaire 4/08      | Janet St Cry-Moore 4/12 |
| Shawnderlyn Chatman 4/09   | Gussie Trahan 4/12      |
| Bryson Jordan 4/09         | Veronica Freeman 4/13   |
| Gian Twase 4/09            |                         |



### 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, Lena Batiste, Marie Myles, George Bell, Mary Lena Price, Irene Warner, 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, Ursula Brady, Gussie Trahan, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Quincy Hamilton, Amber Hunt, Charles Davis, Jr., Martha Davis, Jessie Joseph, Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, John Christophe, Geraldine Jones, Ellis Doyle, Fr. Richard R. Andrus, Jr., SVD, Ruby Major, and Meredith Jones*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

*Ronnie Gauthier, Helen Celestine, Florence Jackson, Geraldine Floyd, Betty Hammond, Frank Ross, Eunice Royal, Mona Bossier Bailey, Walker Williams, Barbara Brennan, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Joel Rivera, Dorie Martin, Alberta Conner, Martha Reinhart, Dana Simoneaux, Nichelle Hollins, Jessica Hughes, Rev. Frank H. Young, Ernie Butitta, Edna Dixon, and Gene Decuir.*




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March 31, 2019

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,139.00
Online Giving	\$ 650.00
Children's Offering	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 70.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 45.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 104.00
	\$ 6,033.00

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

2 Corinthians 9:6

<p><b>In Loving Memory of:</b></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><b>In Loving Memory of:</b></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><b>Space Available</b></p>	<p><b>State Farm Insurance</b></p> <p><b>Leonard Benjamin</b> <b>775-2494</b></p>
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**In Loving Memory of:**

Geneva Battley Spooner  
Della Battley Rodney




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**St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference**

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 Watts.....	278-6732
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 Joseph.....	772-2090
Youth Ministry - Justin Kennedy.....	754-2609

**In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:**




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  
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