



Greetings sisters and brothers!

This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent, a time of preparation, a time of going toward the coming again of the Messiah, a time of great expectation and great anticipation. But exactly what is it that we anticipate? What in the world are we getting ready for? What do we expect to happen? Do we anticipate the end of the world, as some religious cults always do at this time of the year? Are we preparing our hearts and spirits to receive again the coming of the Christ child into the world? Or are we preparing for yet another month-long shopping spree that some have called "economic first-degree murder" – willfully and with malice aforethought murdering our bank accounts? Or maybe we're getting ready for the seven to ten pounds the average American will gain during the season (Lord, please let me be an underachiever this year!)? Or are we preparing for the suicidal traffic jams at the mall, or the general atmosphere of surliness and desperation?

Are we getting ready for the depression, the anxiety, and even the rage that accompanies the secular holiday season? If we allow ourselves to get caught up in the consumer Christmas – and I firmly believe that we in America celebrate two separate events on December 25 – we can easily find that instead of preparing to sing "O Holy Night" we will find ourselves living out one holy nightmare.

For the many who faithfully observe the consumer Christmas, Advent is the inevitable prelude to disappointment. For the majority of these folks, Christmas somehow hardly ever measures up to their fantasies. Even for those who manage to have some of their Christmas wishes fulfilled, the season is over so quickly that the need to make New Year's resolutions to lose those added pounds, bears down on them even before the decorations come down.

But the Advent we celebrate in the church – The advent we celebrate as Christians, this Advent that has nothing at all to do with the number of shopping days left until "Xmas" – is altogether different. The promise of Advent is that Jesus is already present with us as we wait for him prayerfully again this "Christmas." Our times of prayerful preparations and the promise of Advent reminds us that God is still in charge, and hope is alive. And as long as the night seems, morning will come - in God's good way and Jesus will come to each of us on Christmas Day as we are preparing our hearts and spirits to receive again the coming of the Christ child into the world.

Together, as the family of St. Paul, let us prepare the way for the Lord's return!

In the Divine Word, I am,

*Fr. Rick Andrus, Jr., SVD*



**Altar Servers**

7:30 a.m. DaMarquis London, Kelby Chenevert  
10:30 a.m. Tavin Anthony, Taj Anthony, Joseph Richard

**Eucharistic Ministers**

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

**Readers**

7:30 a.m. Ronnice Johnson & Paulette Robertson  
10:30 a.m. Robert Martin & Mary Martin

**Mass Intentions**

7:30 a.m. Mr. Alex Gremillion, Mr. Paul Christophe, & The Jarreau Family  
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

***Week 1 of Advent - Hope:*** Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



**Readings for the Week**

Monday: **Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11**  
Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Francis Xavier**  
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: **Memorial of St. John Damascene**  
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: **Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;**  
Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: **Memorial of St. Nicholas; First Friday**  
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: **Memorial of St. Ambrose;**  
**Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1  
Sunday: **Second Sunday of Advent;**  
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**Parish Schedule for the Week**

Sunday: **7:30 a.m. Mass** – Ladies Sodality Turn Out  
 No Religious Education Classes  
**10:30 a.m. Mass**-Women’s Club Turn Out

Monday: **No Mass**

Tuesday: **8:00 am Mass**  
 6:00 p.m. RCIA  
**6:00 p.m. St. Paul Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**  
 6:30 p.m. Together Baton Rouge Gala  
 Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church

Wednesday: **No Mass**  
 4:30 p.m. Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir  
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Pantry Open  
 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

Friday: **No Mass**  
 6:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Mime Group Practice  
 10:30 a.m. Remembrance Prayer Brunch  
 11:00 a.m. Liturgical Dance Practice  
 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

**TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY**  
**Drivers for Sunday, December 8th 2019**  
**Lloyd Young & Janice Hamilton**



**REMEMBRANCE BRUNCH**

Father Rick Andrus would like to invite all parishioners who have lost a loved one in the last year to join him for an uplifting prayerful remembrance service in St. Paul

Center Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 10:30 am. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Maxine Watts.



**Come out and enjoy a wonderful, safe Christmas Dance!** The Knights and Ladies of Council and Court 351 of St. Peter Claver are hosting a dance Saturday,

December 14, from 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. in St. Paul Parish Center. Tickets are \$20, which includes some free refreshments. Small ice chests will be allowed. Set-ups and hot links will be available for purchase.



**DIAL IN & PRAY THE ROSARY:**

Please join the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Court #351 as they pray the Joyful Mystery of the

Rosary on Sunday, December 1 at 6:00 P.M. It’s a “FREE” call: 712-770-5505, and when asked input the Access Code: 733449. Join the Ladies as they pray that God will fill us with the love of Christ this Advent Season.



**ST. PAUL’S CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

is in the foyer with the wish list of several of St. Paul’s youth. This program assists St. Paul families in providing

Christmas gifts for their children. If you would like to adopt a child for Christmas, please select one from the tree. Please sign the log sheet with your contact information and the number of the child you selected. It is very important that all children are accounted for on the log. All gifts are due by Sunday, December 15th. Thanks for your generosity in supporting our children at Christmas.



**WARM ACCESSORIES**

**NEEDED:** In an effort to help shield the needy and homeless from the cold weather, St. Paul Junior Daughters Court 351 is sponsoring a drive to collect warm accessories such as

socks, gloves, hats and scarves of all sizes to distribute to the homeless at the shelters and in the community. A bin is in the foyer for donations. Thank you in advance for helping to keep our sisters, brothers, and children warm during these cold winter months.



*Happy Birthday*

Sylvia Battley 12/01	Sheila Harrell 12/04
Byron Buggage Sr. 12/01	Nicholas Hawkins 12/05
Brannon Dillon 12/01	Raphew Reed 12/05
Christina Haynes 12/01	Robert Scott 12/05
Tyeisha Reed 12/01	Wanda Ward 12/06
Karen Anthony 12/02	Jourdan Alsobrook 12/07
Nedra LeBeuf 12/02	Perry Chenevert 12/07
Zaileigh Patterson 12/02	Carolyn Christopher 12/07
Angelle Ferguson 12/03	Khari Diggs 12/07
Lakeida Spears 12/03	Janice Hamilton 12/07
Breanna Dillon 12/04	Jeremy Johnson 12/07

**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, Willis Reed, Jr., Annie Joseph, Rosa Johnson, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Jasman Benjamin, James Hayward, Gussie Trahan, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Quincy Hamilton, Charles Davis, Jr., Jessie Joseph, Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, Meredith Jones, Gregory Cornell, Joseph Broussard,, Mr. George Cornell, and Mable King*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

*Ronnie Gauthier, Helen Celestine, Florence Jackson, Geraldine Floyd, Betty Hammond, Frank Ross, 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, Ernie Butitta, Edna Dixon, Gene Decuir, Charles Bethley, Janet Bossier, Ashton Dixon*

**Website for Online Giving:**  
[www.osvonlinegiving.com/4266](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4266)  
 November 24, 2019

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,545.76
Online Giving	\$ 740.00
Children’s Offering	\$ 5.00
Building Fund	\$ 38.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 35.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 314.00
Advent Offering	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,717.76</b>

*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>Space Available</b></p>	<p><b>Space Available</b></p>	<p><b>State Farm Insurance</b></p> <p><b>Leonard Benjamin</b> 775-2494</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 - Gigi Matthis.....	278-0071
Nurse - Maxine Watts.....	278-6732
Parish Office - Secretary - Mary Martin.....	383-2537
Pastor - Fr. Richard Andrus.....	383-2537
Readers - Fr. Richard Andrus.....	383-2537
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  
Maureen Bowers Johnson



**In Loving Memory of:**

Famye Reed  
and the  
Reed, Stewart, Davis, and  
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**In Loving Memory of:**

Milton, Rachel, Lillie,  
Lillian, Kirby, James  
"Pookie" Verdell,  
Corinne & Michael  
Joseph, Lawrence, Sr. &  
Shedrick Ashford,  
Ellis Myles, Sr., Rose &  
Albert Hebert, Eula  
White



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