



Dear friends,

Elizabeth and Mary both were selected to give birth to these very special babies, John and Jesus only because of their faith in God. They did not have affluent homes or great educational advantages. All they had was their faith ... their simple faith. And that's important. Happy families don't just happen. They are part of a package.

Some of our young people may complain that your parents expect too much from you. They have too many rules and regulations. Maybe your parents are a little old fashioned, a little behind the times. Let me clue you in: it is these same characteristics that make you so fortunate. If they were any other way, they wouldn't put your happiness before their own, they wouldn't make sacrifices in your behalf, they wouldn't have surrounded you with love ever since you first came into the world. Because they are people of strong values, you can rest assured that they will always be there for you regardless of what may come. It's all part of a package. It has to do with a commitment that they have made - to God, to one another, and to you. The family that prays together generally does stay together, as trite as that may sound. Faith was important to Elizabeth and Mary. They trusted God. Faith is important to us – that's why we are here today. Faith is important to us – that's why we pray and worship together as a family, passing on traditions of our faith and all that we value and cherish of the greatest importance. Faith is important to us – that's why we are expecting with a deep sense of anticipation and holy excitement, to celebrate Jesus' birth and amongst us in a very real way on Christmas morning, and by the Grace of God – throughout another year!

As we wait for Him, I am

Fr. Rick Andrews SVD



Altar Servers

7:30 a.m. Da'Marquis London, Jaiden Parker
10:30 a.m. Demond Garner, Kellen Anthony, Jermon Dunn

Readers

7:30 a.m. Joannette Dunn, Paulette Robertson
10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Youth

Eucharistic Ministers

7:30 a.m. Perry Chenevert, Audrene LeBlanc, Alice Zacharie, Paulette Robertson, Elaine Doyle
10:30 a.m. Gigi Mathis, Wanda Davis, Wanda Alsobrook, Larry James, William Alsobrook, Darlene Richard

Mass Intentions

7:30 a.m. Mr. John Stephen Jackson, and Mr. Martin Dale Major
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

Readings for the Week

Monday: **Vigil of Christmas**
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Wednesday: **Memorial of St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa**
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: **Memorial of St. John**
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: **The Holy Innocents**
1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: **Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket**
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday: **Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

A Vocation View: Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you.

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Give someone the best Christmas Gift - Invite them to celebrate Christmas at St. Paul with you.





Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Mass - Ladies Guild Turn Out
 No Religious Ed. Classes
 10:30 am Mass

Monday: Office Closed
 7:00 p.m. Caroling
 7:45 p.m. Youth Performance
 8:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

Tuesday: Office Closed
 9:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday: Office Closed
 No Mass
 4:30 pm Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir

Thursday: Office Closed
 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

Friday: Office Closed
 No Mass
 6:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice
 6:00 pm Liturgical Dance Practice

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



TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY
Drivers for Sunday, December 30, 2018
10:30 a.m. Shirley Dawson and Augustine Kador

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS - Our parish calendar is beginning to fill up. We would like to give the parish ministries and organizations an opportunity to book dates for events and use of the center. The public has already begun booking the center for 2019. If your organization plans to use the Center or sponsor fundraising events at St. Paul between January - December 2019, you should submit your request to the parish office as soon as possible. All events must be approved by Fr. Rick Andrus.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Diocese of Baton Rouge established the Bishops Annual Appeal with a desire to expand ministry and increase Catholic influence in each city and rural community in the diocese. From family life to Catholic education and disaster response, the Bishop's Annual Appeal offers spiritual hope and practical assistance to those in our communities most in need of God's provision. Generous parishioners make it possible.

If you have already mailed your contribution this year, please accept our thanks for your gift of support. If you've not yet made your commitment, we invite you to do so this weekend, as offertory envelopes are available on the table in the foyer.

The Parish Office will be closed this week so the staff is able to enjoy some of the joys of Christmas.



Happy Birthday

Mary Gloston 12/23	Treasure White 12/26
Gavin Antoine 12/24	Kim Dunn 12/27
Ivory Brown, Jr. 12/24	Doris Hall 12/27
Michelle Haynes 12/24	Trinice Simms 12/27
Fredrick Moore 12/24	Irma Landry 12/28
Ronnie Chambers 12/25	Varick Rodney 12/28
Mary Haynes 12/25	Leitha Thomas 12/28
Ivory McCoy 12/25	Alicia Varmall 12/28
Earline Bell 12/26	Augustine Kador 12/29
Senira Honora 12/26	Eric Peters 12/29
Isiah Jones 12/26	Virgin Williams 12/29

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, Ellis Doyle, Rauyshiera Cooks, and Fr. Richard R. Andrus, Jr., SVD

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, and Ernie Butitta



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



December 16, 2018


Offertory Collection	\$ 4,006.80
Online Giving	\$ 590.00
Children's Offering	\$ 15.80
Building Fund	\$ 120.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 182.00
Christmas Donation	\$ 40.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 133.00
New Years	\$ 5.00
Advent Folders	\$ 130.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 5,232.60






Remember this: whoever sows sparingly, reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously, reap generously.
 2 Corinthians 9:6

<p>In Loving Memory of:</p> <p>Opston, Dorcenia, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert & Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth & Tia Davis, Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren and Marcus Montigue</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of:</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>Space Available</p>	<p>State Farm Insurance</p> <p>Leonard Benjamin 775-2494</p>
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<p>In Loving Memory of:</p> <p>Famye Reed and the Reed, Stewart, Davis, and Grainger Families</p>  <p>"Rest in Peace"</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of:</p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney</p>  <p>"Rest in Peace"</p>	<p>John K. Pierre Attorney At Law</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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