



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

All of us have seen those signs, "Keep Christ in Christmas." I hope we all did that this year. There are many people who celebrate Christmas yet have no idea at all that it is Jesus who is the hope of the world that we celebrate – that Jesus is the reason for the excitement and spirit of this time of the year!

Recently, I read about a family. They were gathered to celebrate the holiday without much thought to its significance. Little Charlotte, gulping her milk, heaved a white mustached sigh. She pointed her fork toward her grandfather like a microphone and asked, "Grandpa, why is today called Christmas?" The child's question came like a peal of thunder. "Out of the blue it fell crashing into the dining room just as though the roof might be collapsing." Did the little girl have any idea what she was asking? After what seemed like an eternity, her grandfather said, "Perhaps your mother could give you a better answer than I could."

It had been a trying day for Rita, her mother. It was the first time she was able to sit with her father in many years. She answered her daughter, "Today is called Christmas, Charlotte, because it is the birthday of Jesus Christ." She then gave a brief but rather full and beautiful explanation. Grandpa looked in disbelief at his daughter. A note of astonishment, of genuine, of radiant humility, something so unexpected that it even caught Rita off guard. Indeed, she spoke revealing that she had just discovered the origins of Christmas herself, as if that very moment such knowledge had been revealed to her."

Laughter broke out again; Charlotte's face glowed like a little angel. There was no more talk of Jesus that evening. And yet it was as if the Lord Himself, like a master goldsmith, had devised exactly the right setting in which the mere mention of His name might shine forth like a spectacular jewel, like a diamond against a black velvet cloth.

Friends, on this Feast of the Holy Family during the Christmas Season, we need to be reminded of the reason for the season. The child that was carried into Egypt by his loving, parents who were fleeing for their very lives is the hope and the salvation of the world!

May the same blessings of this Christmas season continue to bless and protect you and your family as it did the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus from all powers of evil, hatred and fear by the One who came that we might have life and have it most abundantly!

I am, in the Divine Word,

Fr. Rick Andrus, SOD

Altar Servers

- 7:30 a.m. Garrick Camel, Jr., Da' Marquis London, Chelsea Buckley
- 10:30 a.m. Contrell Salton, Jacquez Knox, Xavier Knox

Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Paulette Robertson, Murray Chenevert, Alice Zacharie, Joannette Dunn, Audrene LeBlanc, Perry Chenevert
- 10:30 a.m. Darlene Richard, Barbara Cornell, Sonja Bowers, Christy Hall, Justin Kennedy, Robinette Harleaux, Pamela Claiborne

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. Evangeline Hughes, Ronnice' Johnson
- 10:30 a.m. Sydney Brown, Mary Gloston

Mass Intentions

- 7:30 a.m. Mrs. Marie Hawkins and Mrs. Margaret Hawkins Kemp
- 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle



Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Sylvester I;** New Year's Eve
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Wednesday: **Mary, the Holy Mother of God;** **World Day of Peace; New Year's Day**
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Thursday: **Memorial of Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Friday: **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Saturday: **Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Sunday: **Epiphany of the Lord**
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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Parish Schedule for the Week

- Sunday: **7:30 a.m. Mass**
No Religious Education Classes
10:30 a.m. Mass - Silver & Golden Anniversary Celebration
- Monday: **No Mass**
Office Closed
- Tuesday: **Office Closed**
6:00 p.m. New Year's Vigil Mass
- Wednesday: **No Mass**
New Year's Day
- Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir
- Friday: 6:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Mime Group Practice
11:00 a.m. Liturgical Dance Practice
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

Religious Education Classes will resume next Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in class.

Be Our Light for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.
May this new year be a time of
deep spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always.



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 the cold winter months.



Happy Birthday

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| Dea. Benjamin Dunbar, Jr. 1/01 | Edna James 12/30 |
| Nautical Ward 1/01 | Ethel Hinton 12/30 |
| Nijel Butler 1/02 | Myra Johnson 12/30 |
| Jeremy Delafosse, Jr. 1/02 | Arlington Smith 12/30 |
| John Tubbs 1/02 | Michelle Wales 12/30 |
| Sharon Miller 1/03 | |



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, and Jenna Scott

Feast Of the Holy Family-God sent His Son Jesus to teach people of the Father's love and plan for salvation. Jesus continues to send priests, sisters, deacons and brothers to the world to continue his work of salvation.



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

Geneva Battley Spooner
Della Battley Rodney




"Rest in Peace"


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
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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
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