



Dear friends,

Spiritually, there may be some who feel insecure as we enter this Advent season. You are if your marriage is less than solid. You are if your job is at risk. You might if you have medical problems. If you have lost a loved-one in the last year, insecurity could be part of your grief.

Rev. James Moore of Houston, Texas tells a story about a young man whose wife had died, leaving him with a small son. Back home from the cemetery, they went to bed early because there was nothing else he could bear to do.

As he lay there in the darkness, grief-stricken and heartbroken, the little boy broke the stillness from his little bed with a disturbing question, "Daddy, where is mommy?"

The father got up and brought the little boy to bed with him, but the child was still disturbed and restless, occasionally asking questions like "Why isn't she here?" and "When is she coming back?"

Finally, the little boy said, "Daddy, if your face is toward me, I think I can go to sleep now. And in a little while he was quiet.

The father lay there in the darkness, and then in childlike faith, prayed this prayer: "O God, I don't see how I can survive this. The future looks so miserable. But if your face is toward me, somehow I think I can make it."


That's what the Messiah came to teach us: that God's face is always towards us! Therefore, let the Messiah replace whatever insecurity you may have this Advent season with this following bedrock conviction: **God and you are in this together!** Nothing can happen that God and you together cannot manage. Nothing will ever be able to separate you from his love. Now, that's real security!

Come Lord Jesus!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Richard R. Andrus SVD

Week 2 of Advent - Peace: Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.




Congratulations to Fr. Rick Andrus as he celebrates his 36th anniversary of Priesthood on December 10th. May God continue to bless you and your ministry!

Readings for the Week

- Monday: **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: **International Human Rights Day**
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: **Memorial of St. Damasus I**
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Friday: **Memorial of St. Lucy**
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: **Memorial of St. John of the Cross**
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday: **Third Sunday Of Advent**
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Altar Servers

- 7:30 a.m. Jaiden Parker, Da'Marquis London
- 10:30 a.m. Kellen Anthony, Kaila Anthony
KyRon Phillips

Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Audrene LeBlanc, Monique Spaulding,
Alice Zacharie, Paulette Robertson,
Murray Chenevert, Perry Chenevert
- 10:30 a.m. Christy Hall, Barbara Cornell,
Sonya Bowers, Nancy Ball,
Pamela Claiborne, Amanda Skinner,
Tasha Anthony, Paul Stewart

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. Janice Carroll & Lucille Brown
- 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Youth

Mass Intentions

- 7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
- 10:30 a.m. Lawrence James "Lil Larry" Ashford, III

Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Mass
 9:00 a.m. Religious Education Classes
 10:30 a.m. Mass- Youth Sunday

Monday: 6:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Mass
 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Paul

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

Thursday: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

Friday: 8:00 a.m. Mass
 6:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Mime Group Practice
 11:00 a.m. Liturgical Dance Practice
 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Christmas Dance

Thanksgiving Community Dinner: At 11 o'clock Thanksgiving morning when the doors of Saint Paul Community Center were opened, nearly 100 people were already standing in line waiting to enjoy Thanksgiving Day Community dinner.

For the past 5 years we have provided Thanksgiving dinner to everyone who comes through our doors, members Of the Eden Park Community, parishioners and everyone else who finds their way to us. Over the course of the next 2 hours more than 300 people were served a fantastic homemade dinner!

I am very grateful to all parishioners who again stepped up, organizing, advertising, preparing food, setting up, welcoming, serving, fellowshiping, cleaning up, slicing hams and carving turkeys and helping out in any way! Again, those who pitched in made it happen for the 5th year of giving witness of our own gratitude to God for all of our blessings – Again, St. Paul at its best! Thanks to all!



Attention Ministries & Organizations: Our parish calendar is beginning to fill up. If your organization plans to use the Center or sponsor fundraising events at St. Paul between January - December 2020, please submit your request to the parish office by Thursday, December 19, 2019. All events must be approved by Fr. Richard Andrus.

Each year during Advent, we have provided parishioners with “*Advent Coin Folders*” for you to make a sacrificial offering for our outreach program to neighbors and parishioners in need. Those folders have ranged in offerings from a quarter a day to a dollar a day – or what people could afford. This year, we provided Advent Envelopes that have been in the back of the church along with a letter. If you have not yet done so, we need you to pick up your envelope today and fill it out, make your offering and return next week so we are able to extend Christmas blessings to some of the poorest students around us and some of our parishioners also in need of a Christmas blessing.

Silver and Gold Anniversaries - For all married couples of St. Paul who are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage this year, we want to recognize and honor you on Sunday, December 29th at the 10:30 Mass. Please be sure to place your names on the signup sheet in the foyer of the church and be sure to indicate 25 or 50 years! For more information, contact Mr. Justin Kennedy at 225-754-2609.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated Tuesday, December 10th from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. here at St. Paul and on Thursday, December 12th from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception. Fr. Richard Andrus and Fr. Thomas Clark will both be available for those who wish to celebrate the Sacrament.

May he rest in peace...



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Dixon and Broussard family at the passing of Ashton Dixon, grandson of Mr. Leyon Broussard. Please pray for his peaceful eternal rest, and for the comfort and consolation of his family. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

December Calendar Correction: Daily Masses were omitted from the December calendar. There will be Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays on the following dates: December 4, 6, 13, 18, & 20.

Happy Birthday

Jude Route 12/08	Christopher Howard 12/11
Donald Dorsey 12/09	Jayla Patrick 12/11
Anna Perry 12/09	Baylor Joseph 12/12
Gerald Anderson 12/10	Elliott Baham, Jr. 12/13
Deatra Joseph 12/10	Dianne Briley 12/13
Sherri Williams 12/10	Corey-Michael Free 12/13
Andrea Eugene 12/11	Felicia Hebert 12/13



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, and Janet Bossier



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December 1, 2019

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,389.00
Online Giving	\$ 725.00
Children's Offering	\$ 7.00
Building Fund	\$ 427.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 179.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 20.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 105.00
Christmas	\$ 120.00
Advent Offering	\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 7,012.00

<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




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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



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