



Dear sisters and brothers,

A special thanks to all who prepared, participated in and attended any or all of our parish's Black History celebrations during the month of February. It takes the creative, generous work of many people along with their various gifts and visions blending together for the greater good and growth of the members of St. Paul!

We began the month with the Blessing of African and African American Families on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, we began a Week of Prayer for all Married Couples ending on Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup> with the celebration of the Power of Love and the amazingly joyful experience of witnessing all of the married couples of St. Paul in the prayerful Renewal of Marriage Vows. Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, over 130 members of St. Paul were treated to an evening that consisted of African American poetry and song by some of the older youth of the parish followed by dinner. Dr. John Pierre, Chancellor of Southern University School of Law and a member of St. Paul the Apostle then provided an awakening presentation on the Role of Faith and the Church for Civil Rights and for Equality in Louisiana. Our month-long celebration began to come to a close with the celebration of Mass remembering "All of the Wonderful Blessings God has Provided Us Directly From God's Throne," followed by the closing celebration in the parish hall.

Carter G. Woodson the creator of "Negro History Week" in 1926 said, "I would suggest that we learn even more about a country by what it chooses to forget — its mistakes, its disappointments, and its embarrassments. In some ways, African American History month is a clarion call to remember." In our own small way, that is what we have attempted to do again this month at St. Paul is to ... to remember. And we will do it week after week, day after day!

In the Divine Word, I am

*Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD*



**Altar Servers**

- 7:30 a.m. Kelby Chenevert, DaMarquis London
- 10:30 a.m. Kellen Anthony, Demond Garner  
Jacquez Knox

**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, Monique Spaulding  
Alice Zacharie, Audrene LeBlanc  
Paulette Robertson, Joannette Dunn
- 10:30 a.m. Wanda Davis, Gigi Mathis  
Wanda Alsobrook, Larry James  
Darlene Richard, William Alsobrook

**Mass Intentions**

- 7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
- 10:30 a.m. Ms. Carolyn Boyd-Givens,  
Mrs. Thelma-Boyd Desormes, and  
Mr. John Wesley Boyd

**Reading for the Week**

- Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5;  
Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19,  
27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171,  
172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: **World Day of Prayer;**  
**First Friday**  
Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27,  
34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary, First Saturday**  
Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18;  
Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday: **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16;  
1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



**2019 Annual Tri-Parish Lenten Revival**

is planned for March 11,12 & 13. This year, our guest preacher is Bishop Ferdinand Cherie, OFM who has been with us at St. Paul a couple of times already. St. Francis Xavier will host the opening night, St. Paul the Second night and Immaculate Conception the closing night. The closing night will also be held here at St. Paul due to the remodeling at Immaculate Conception. Please mark your calendars and be prepared for three amazing nights of spirit filled song, praise, preaching and prayer!

**A Vocation View: Jesus helps our faith be fruitful when we follow where he leads. Where is Jesus leading you today? DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



**Remember: Next Wednesday, March 6 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. A day of fasting and abstinence.**

**Parish Schedule for the Week**

Sunday: **7:30 a.m. Mass**  
**Ladies Guild Turn Out**  
**10:30 a.m. Mass**  
**12:30 pm Black History Program**

Monday: **No Mass**

Tuesday: **No Mass**

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

Thursday: **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  
 11a.m. Liturgical Dance Practice  
 12 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

**I will be out of the Office until Ash Wednesday.** All of us Divine Word Missionaries of Southern Province will be participating in a workshop next week at St. Augustine's Seminary in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. Father Tom Clark from Immaculate Conception will be filling in for me from Monday afternoon until Ash Wednesday in the event of any pastoral emergence needing the attention of a priest. There will be no morning masses until Friday, March 8th. — Fr. Rick Andrus

**We welcome Fr. Robert Stein as our celebrant for next Sunday's Masses while Fr. Rick Andrus is away for a few days.**



**INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION WORKSHOP:** Parents of infants or preschoolers 0-4 years of age or expecting parents, who are registered members of St. Paul, are invited to attend a baptism preparation workshop Tuesday, February 26, at 6:30 PM in a classroom in the Parish Center. Parents and godparents must attend this preparation workshop for their infant or preschooler to be baptized. When choosing godparents, parents are reminded that at least one of the godparents must be a practicing Catholic. If a godparent is not a member of St. Paul, they are asked to kindly request a letter from the church they belong to verifying membership/participation.



**FALL PREVENTION TRAINING:**

Falls are the number one reason why people go to the emergency room. "A Matter of Balance" is a research based 5 week program to help prevent falls. Classes will be held in St. Paul Center on Tuesdays March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9th at 10:00 a.m. and will include exercises to help prevent falls. Please wear comfortable clothing. Blood pressure screenings will be conducted at 9:30. If you are over 65 and interested in attending this **free** program, please sign up in the foyer of the church. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Maxine Watts, Parish Nurse at 278-6732.



By the grace of God and commitments from Mr. Robert Martin, Renee Camberos, Elaine Doyle and the faithful fish fry volunteers, **St. Paul WILL HAVE its Annual Fish Fry fundraiser.** As usual, we need lots of volunteers to help! **Please sign up TODAY** to help on Wednesdays Thursdays or Fridays, beginning March 6. **Also, mark your calendar to attend a gathering for ALL fish fry volunteers Wednesday, February 27th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center. A light meal will be served.** For more information, please contact Robert Martin at 225-400-3925.

*Happy Birthday*

Raven Williams 02/24	Lakia James 02/27
Carter Peters 02/25	Larbre Mathis 02/28
John Gradnigo 02/26	Frank Thomas, Sr. 02/28
Jared Anthony Sr. 02/27	Elthea LeDuff 03/01
Jermon Dunn 02/27	Murray Chenevert 03/02



**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, Marie V. Hawkins, Quincy Hamilton, Amber Hunt, Charles Davis, Jr., Martha Davis, Jessie Joseph, Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, John Christophe, Geraldine Jones, Ellis Doyle, Rauyshiera Cooks, 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, and Ernie Butitta*

**Website for Online Giving:**

[www.osvonlinegiving.com/4266](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4266)



February 17, 2019

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,707.25
Online Giving	\$ 1,050.00
Children's Offering	\$ 12.15
Building Fund	\$ 420.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 23.00
Church In Eastern Europe	\$ 298.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,510.76</b>

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

2 Corinthians 9:6