



Dear friends,

A cartoon appeared in the NEW YORKER magazine. Approaching a small bridge plainly marked, "Load Limit 8 tons" was a truck, also marked on its side, "8 tons." When the 8 ton truck was about in the middle of the bridge with the 8 ton limit, a bluebird landed on the top girder. At that point the bridge gave way and crashed with the truck into the river below, to the obvious surprise of the bluebird.

The bridge was built, as indicated for 8 tons; the truck weighed exactly that. The bridge could hold up under its load limit, but not under 8 tons plus one bluebird.

Of course, this story is wonderfully ridiculous. Most bridges could stand up under their load limit and several thousand bluebirds on top of that. But, to be sure, all bridges have a breaking point somewhere "that point at which the bluebird would be just too much. But, friends, it really isn't the bluebird that breaks it down. It is the fact that 8 tons are already present.

We all have bluebird troubles, don't we? We are all burdened by the facts of our lives which load us to the point of "load limit." We let little things get the best of us, little bluebirds of nothingness, tiny bluebirds of no importance, but just the thing to bring us down. Every person has a limit and we would do well to watch for the warning signs of one bluebird too many. There is always a load limit. Perhaps that is why Jesus chided her saying, "Martha, you are troubled and burdened by many things when only one is necessary and Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Perhaps better yet is the point that Jesus was making: if we would only take all of our troubles and burdens to the Lord in the first place, we wouldn't collapse under their weight ... None of those "bluebirds" could ever trouble us to the point that they could ever bring us down!

When you take your troubles and worries to the Lord and leave them there you chose the better part – the part that strengthens and empowers you, bringing out the best in you! Don't be deprived of what God has in store for you.

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD

Altar Servers

- 7:30 a.m. Chelsea Buckley, DaMarquis London
Garrick Camel, Jr.
- 10:30 a.m. Roudolpd Richard III, Joseph Richard
Contrell Salton

Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Audrene LeBlanc, MoniqueSpaulding,
Alice Zacharie, Paulette Robertson,
Joanette Dunn, Murray Chenevert
- 10:30 a.m. Velita Benjamin, Justin Kennedy,
Anna Perry, Martha Davis,
Christy Hall, Nancy Ball,
Tasha Anthony, Paul Stewart

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. .Felix Ezejiifo & Evangeline Hughes
- 10:30 a.m. Gigi Collin & Linda Carter

Mass Intentions

- 7:30 a.m. Mr. Brett Moton
- 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

Readings for the Week

- Monday: **Memorial of St. Mary Magdalene**
Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17;
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Bridget**
Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12,
17; Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: **Memorial of St. Sharbel Makhluf**
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19,
23-28; Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: 2 Mt 20:20-28
- Friday: **Memorial of Ss. Joachim and Anne**
Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11;
Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary**
Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday: **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14,
17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

**Drivers for Sunday, July 28, 2019
10:30 a.m. Brent Hayward & Chris Banks**



If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic, please sign up in the foyer of the church or invite them to sign up for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) which will begin in September. This is an exciting faith growing journey. If you have any question, please contact Fr. Richard Andrus at 383-2537.



Save the Date: There will be a meeting for all Religious Education volunteers on Saturday, August 10th at 9 a.m. in the parish center. All Religious Education volunteers are requested to attend.

Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: No Mass
6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.
Wednesday: No Mass
4:30 p.m. Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
Thursday: No Mass
7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir
Friday: No Mass
6:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice
Saturday: 11:00 a.m. Mime Group Practice
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

May they rest in peace...



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Briley family at the passing of Ms. Dianne Briley. Also to the Rodney & Harris Family at the passing of Mrs. Annie Bell Rodney Harris, sister of Mrs. Elthea LeDuff. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Members of St. Paul are encouraged to attend a meeting of **Together Baton Rouge Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 12pm. - 1:15pm at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center**. This meeting topic will be regarding the separation of St. George from the city of Baton Rouge. We know that this could have a devastating effect on the economy of Baton Rouge and strained the relationships that have been built between people. We know that together we are better. If you are able to attend your presence is strongly encouraged. We will Not be providing lunch for this meeting but feel free to bring your own lunch. Thanks.



What does the Lord require of you? "To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8. Learn more at **St. Paul the Apostle Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in St. Paul Center. July and August Birthday Celebration is on July 14, 2019. **Summer Break is from August 1, 2019 through September 10, 2019.**



Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a

peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For confidential information about the upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend for couples in **Baton Rouge, September 6-8**, contact: Bill and Missie Curth @ 985-232-5963 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org

Last weekend we received a last minute notification from the Bishop cancelling obligations for last Sunday due to Tropical Storm Barry. Your contributions enable us to continue our work at St. Paul with outreach programs and ministries in our parish and community. **We encourage you to bring a make-up offering** for last Sunday. It is deeply appreciated and greatly needed. Thank you, Fr. Rick

Fr. Rick's knee surgery went well. He is home recuperating and welcome calls and visits. Several parishioners expressed an interest in preparing meals for Fr. Rick while he is recovering. If you would like to prepare lunch or dinner and deliver to Father Rick at his house, please contact Ms. Myrtis Rogers at 933-5790 for preparation details and delivery times. Please sign up in the foyer.



Councilman Lamont Cole, MLK Community Center and the CEO Mind Foundation present **PACK THE SACK Back To School Give - A - Way** which will be held Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 10AM-12PM at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. There will also be free health screenings in St. Paul Parish Center.

The Media Ministry is on the move! Visit our website www.stpaulbr.org to view pictures and watch videos on our Youtube channel! Are you on Facebook? Follow our page (@ St. Paul The Apostle Catholic Church) by July 31, 2019 to be entered into a drawing for a **FREE 30 minute Photo Session**

Happy Birthday

Kemmyona Moore 7/21	Joy Antoine 7/26
Dora Moore 7/22	Harry Johnson 7/26
Lorena Williams 7/24	Oliver Johnson 7/26
Brandon James 7/25	Marzette Payne 7/27
Joseph Patrick 7/25	Maxwell Starwood 7/27





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., Joseph Broussard, 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, John Christophe, Geraldine Jones, Ruby Major, Meredith Jones, Patrick Simms, Eddie Dunn, and Mae Ruby Johnson.

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, and Gene Decuir.

<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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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
Baptism - Fr. Richard Andrus.....	383-2537
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 - Martha Davis.....	357-4108
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:

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In Loving Memory of:


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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
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