

Dear sisters and brothers,

Beginning with the celebration of Easter until now, the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus, each Sunday, scripture has retold the stories of how Jesus returns from the dead and meets his disciples in different places: They found the Risen Jesus in the garden, on the Emmaus Road, at the seashore, in the Upper Room and finally on the outside of Bethany where he told them to be his witnesses to all of the nations, giving them his last instructions, blessed them and was lifted beyond their sight. Jesus witnesses

to them that he is alive, this guy, is back from the dead with a body. Jesus isn't content to send them a postcard from heaven: "HAVING A GREAT TIME. WISH YOU WERE HERE!" No. Jesus shows up among them as his own witness.

And Jesus recruits as witnesses those other people with bodies. Jesus wants them to move out and tell everyone who will listen and everyone who won't that bodies count, that he's back from the dead with a body, threatening them with life that is healed and made whole, that is restored and strong, loved and lovable, life that is abundant and forever!

Those who recognize his witness become witnesses themselves. They put their bodies on the line. They become contagious with the forgiveness and the joy they've caught, carriers of resurrected life they have been touched with themselves!

That's what this back-to-life Jesus wants of us: not names on a list, or what someone has called "pew potatoes." Jesus wants us as joyful witnesses. Not airy spirits or pious ghosts, but bodies like his own with wounds to show, bodies that witness to resurrection, threatening the world with life. And get this: the only Resurrected Jesus some people may ever see is the Resurrected Jesus they see in you and me!

So friends, remember that faith impels us to get up, stand up, dress up, step up, show up, to speak up and never give up being a witness for Jesus, The Divine Word!

I am, in the Divine Word,

Fr. Rick Andrus, Jr. SVD



Altar Servers

7:30 a.m. Kelby Chenevert, DaMarquis London 10:30 a.m. Tayin Anthony, Taj Anthony

**Eucharistic Ministers** 

7:30 a.m. Murray Chenevert, Monique Spaulding Alice Zacharie, Audrene LeBlanc Paulette Robertson, Perry Chenevert

10:30 a.m. Darlene Richard, Christy Hall, Justin Kennedy, Anna Perry, Tasha Anthony, Robinette Harleaux

Readers

7:30 a.m. Cindy Chenevert, Felix Ezejiofo
10:30 a.m. Graduates: Jared Anthony, Jr.,
Deonna London, Symphony Malveaux,
Arlysse Rodney, Dominique Seals

**Mass Intentions** 

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
10:30 a.m. Ms. Carolyn Boyd Givens,
Mrs. Thelma Desormes Boyd,
Mrs. Bertha Desormes Boyd

Reading for the Week

Monday: Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Eid al-Fitr, Islamic observance of the

**end of Ramadan, begins at sundown** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Memorial of St. Boniface

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-

36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: **Memorial of St. Norbert**;

Julian Calendar Ascension

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5,

7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: First Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,

19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

<u>Vigil</u>: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Day</u>: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; In 20:19 23 or In 14:15 16, 23b 26

Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



May they rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the James family at the passing of Mr. Ronnie James, brother-inlaw of Mrs. Debbie Fines-James. And to the Peterson and Williams family at the passing of Ms. Alicia Peterson, grand-daughter of Ms. Gloria Williams.

Also to the Christopher and Brown family at the passing of Mrs. Dorothy Christopher. Please pray for their peaceful eternal rest, and for the comfort and consolation of their families. May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: **7:30 a.m. Mass** Ladies Sodality Turn Out 10:30 a.m. Mass Women's Club Turn Out

2019 Graduate Ceremony

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: No Mass

6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul meeting

Wednesday: 8 a.m. Mass

4:30 p.m. Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Pantry

5 pm Ladies Guild Meeting

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

Youth Choir Rehearsal (TBD) **4p.m. Altar Servers Practice** 

I will be on Retreat this Week for all members of the Southern Province of the Society of the Divine Word. All of our Divine Word Brothers and Priests will gather at

**St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis, MS** for our annual week of spiritual renewal, prayer and reflection. Please remember me and My Divine Word Missionary Brothers and Priest in your prayers this week.

Fr. Rick Andrus SVD

#### Because I will be out of the office all week for retreat,

**Fr. Tom Clark, SJ** from Immaculate Conception is covering for me in the event of urgent sick calls.



JAZZ BRUNCH: Our annual Jazz Brunch is next Sunday, June 9th at 12:30 P.M., in the Parish Center. Come enjoy a fun-filled afternoon! Be sure to get your tickets early. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$25 and available after both Masses, at the Parish Office, or see Lionel Bazile, Velita Benjamin, Vera Dunbar, Murray Chenevert, Mary Murray, Sadie Sims, or Kim Starwood.

St. Paul's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Father and Son Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, June 15 from 7:30 until noon. Judge Luke LaVergne (retired) will be one of our speakers. He served as District Judge of the Family Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Division "B". Our featured guest speaker is Mr. Dwayne Bryant. Dwayne is an internationally renowned expert and author of 21 educational resources. Through his mentoring and motivational speaking series, he has reached over 15,000 youth. This is one of those events you sure don't want to miss for Fathers and sons ... sons without sons and sons without fathers ... Find someone and come together for Breakfast and an prayerful, spirited and inspiring morning of fellowship! Admission is free - however - free will offerings are joyfully accepted. Please call St. Paul's Office at 383-2537 to register before June 11th.

**Attention Youth of St. Paul:** We are looking for our youth to participate in three of our ministries during the summer. We need youth readers, for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, youth choir members, and youth and adult liturgical dancers. If you would like to join or continue in any of the ministries during the summer, please sign up on the table in the foyer of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tasha Anthony.



Congratulations to St. Paul's Graduates!
College Graduates: Iriel Evans, Symphony

Malveaux, Arlysse Rodney, and Domonique Seals

*High School Graduates*: Jared Anthony, Jr., and Deonna London

Middle School Graduate: Joia Anthony, and

Da'Marquis London



#### **Upcoming Nuptials**

Congratulations to Mr. Trevor Byrd and Ms. Ambriel Spain. They will be united in Holy Matrimony in Alexandria, LA Saturday, June 8, 2019.

## Happy Birthday

Leona Knox 6/05 Jared Anthony, Jr. 6/02 Javonte Morris 6/02 Pamela Claiborne 6/06 Kadeem Allen 6/03 Lawand Johnson 6/07 Jiselle Anthony 6/03 Sharesa Christophe 6/08 Da'Marquis London 6/03 Gidget Coates 6/08 Deirdre Ricard 6/03 Sylvia Fontenot 6/08 Tamika Raby 6/04 Christopher Harrell 6/08 Tyra Paul 6/04 Tyresha Simms 6/08 Ethan Sam 6/04

#### 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, and Patrick Simms.

#### 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, Rev. Frank H. Young, Ernie Butitta, Edna Dixon, and Gene Decuir.



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#### May 26, 2019

Offertory Collection	\$ 2	2,516.00
Children's Offering	\$	10.00
Online Giving	\$	775.00
Building Fund	\$	93.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	35.00
Black/Indian Mission	\$	5.00
Catholic Commentator	\$	70.00
Total	\$ 3	3,504.00

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

2 Corinthians 9:6

#### In Loving Memory of:

Opston, Dorcenia, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert & Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth & Tia Davis, Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren and Marcus Montigue



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Carrie & Douglas Rodney, Sr.

Clara & Willis Walker Sarah Rodney Domino & Wilbert Domino, Sr. Freddie Bowers

Ora Bowers Ward Sybil Thomas Johnson Maureen Bowers Johnson

#### 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	
Center (Use of Center) - Mary Martin	
Center Rental & Repast - Velita Benjamin	
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	
Readers - Theresa Grevious	773-8023
Religious Education Director - Martha Davis	357-4108
RCIA Coordinator - Fr. Richard Andrus	383-2537
Ushers - Edmonia Joseph	772-2090
Youth Ministry - Justin Kennedy	
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#### In Loving Memory of:

Famye Reed and the Reed, Stewart, Davis, and Grainger Families



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