



Dead friends,

Perhaps many of you will remember the name Bobby Fisher. A story is told of this former world chess champion when he was a young boy.

His mother took him to a museum, and he happened upon a painting that caught his eye. It depicted a bedraggled, exhausted older man slumped over a chessboard. Few of his pieces were left on the board, and he was conceding the game. On the other side of the board was his fresh and snappy opponent, Satan. The painting was entitled "Checkmate."

Already a chess prodigy, young Bobby Fischer stood looking at the painting for a long time. His mother soon tired of it and moved around the remainder of the gallery, finally returning to find Bobby still entranced by that painting. "Come now, Bobby, we have to go." Bobby Fischer did not stop staring, thinking. One more time his mother insisted, "Bobby, we have to go. Come now!" "But, Mom," he pleaded, "he has one more move!"

What the lay eye could not see the trained eye did. The painter had intentionally left an option open for the old man that he could not see. Fisher did. There is always an option open to us, even in the face of our fiercest opponent. Satan cannot checkmate God!

Lent reminds us at its toughest times to keep our trust in God!

In the Divine Word, I am

*Fr. Rick Andrews, SVD*



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**Altar Servers**

- 7:30 a.m. Jaiden Parker, Kelby Chenevert  
DaMarquis London,
- 10:30 a.m. Kellen Anthony, KyRon Phillips,  
Demond Garner

**Readers**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- 7:30 a.m. Perry Chenevert, Audrene LeBlanc,  
Alice Zacharie, Paulette Robertson,  
Joanette Dunn, Elaine Doyle
- 10:30 a.m. Gigi Mathis, Wanda Davis  
Wanda Alsobrook, Larry James  
William Alsobrook, Darlene Richard

**Mass Intentions**

- 7:30 a.m. April Voltaire, Dorothy Voltaire, &  
Da'Marquis London
- 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

**Reading for the Week**

- Monday: **Annunciation of the Lord**  
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11;  
Heb 10:4; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc,  
8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19  
20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;  
Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: **Abstinence**  
Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;  
Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab;  
Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: **Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny**  
Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor  
5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34

**TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND  
WGMB channel 44 (Fox) at 9:00 a.m**

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org). (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

**MID-LENT CHECK-IN**

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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**Parish Schedule for the Week**

Sunday: **7:30 a.m. Mass**  
Ladies Guild Turn Out  
**9 a.m. Religious Ed. Classes**  
**10:30 a.m. Mass**

Monday: **No Mass**

Tuesday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**

Wednesday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**  
5:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday: **8:00 a.m. Fish Fry Prep**  
5:00 p.m. Ladies Guild Meeting

Friday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**  
**8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Fish Fry**  
**6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Mime Group Practice  
**11:00 a.m. RCIA**  
11:00 a.m. Liturgical Dance Practice  
**12 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal**

**TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY**

**Drivers for Sunday, March 31, 2019**

**10:30 a.m. Robert Martin and Pamela Claiborne**



**Bible Study** **The Color is purple.** Ask someone with a purple ribbon about Bible Study and our Lenten Journey Sessions which started March 20, 2019..



Our Lenten Fish Fry is going well. Don't forget to join us on Thursdays to help with preparation and on Fridays to prepare and deliver dinners. We appreciate all of our volunteers that have already stepped up, helped out, and worked so hard to help make it a success. We can still use a few more hands.

**Healthy Community Initiative:** You are invited to come and share your thoughts and feelings about your neighborhood on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 from 6 - 7 pm in St. Paul Center. This is a project of the 100 Black Men of Baton Rouge. The meeting is intended to last an hour. Please come and tell us about your neighborhood. Light snacks will be provided.

**A Vocation View:** Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. What is your passion, your burning bush? Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be.  
**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES AND SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



**May he rest in peace...**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Cooks & Bourgeois family at the passing of Mr. Otis Cooks, Jr., brother of Mrs. Shirley Bourgeois. Please pray for his peaceful eternal rest, and for the comfort and consolation of his families. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

***Happy Birthday***

Dietrich Thomas 3/24	Jeanette Bishop 3/28
Natasha Williams 3/24	Camilla Paul 3/28
Dorothy Christopher 3/25	Denise Hawkins 3/29
Brenda Hickman 3/25	Yvonne Joseph 3/29
Harold Christopher 3/26	Nicole McGee 3/29
Chelsea Dickson 3/26	Angela Baham 3/30
Demond Garner 3/26	Brandon White 3/30
Tarhonda Chube 3/27	



**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, 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, Quincy Hamilton, Amber Hunt, Charles Davis, Jr., Martha Davis, Jessie Joseph, Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, John Christophe, Geraldine Jones, Ellis Doyle, 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, Ernie Butitta, and Edna Dixon.*

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





March 17, 2019

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,885.35
Online Giving	\$ 840.00
Children's Offering	\$ 13.00
Building Fund	\$ 240.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 52.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 115.00
Black and Indian Mission	\$ 33.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 30.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 667.45
	<u>\$ 7,875.80</u>

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

2 Corinthians 9:6

<p><b>In Loving Memory of:</b></p> <p>Opston, Dorcenia, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert &amp; Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth &amp; Tia Davis, Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren and Marcus Montigue</p> 	<p><b>In Loving Memory of:</b></p> <p>George Coleman, Jr Geneva Coleman George Coleman, Sr. Carrie Coleman M.H. Weathersby Odelia Weathersby Donald Coleman</p> 	<p><b>JANI-KING</b></p> <p>Commercial Cleaning Service</p> <p><b>Monique Scott</b> <b>225 273-5464</b></p>	<p><b>Space Available</b></p>	<p><b>State Farm Insurance</b></p> <p><b>Leonard Benjamin</b> <b>775-2494</b></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 - Martha Davis.....	357-4108
Nurse - Maxine Watts .....	278-6732
Parish Office - Secretary - Mary Martin.....	383-2537
Pastor - Fr. Richard Andrus.....	383-2537
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.....	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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