



Dear sisters and brothers,

Let me share with you a story that comes to mind as I reflect on this Sunday's Gospel.

One night at a circus the tent was packed with thousands of people. It was time for the tiger trainer to come out and perform. He bowed to the audience then went inside the cage. A hush drifted over the audience as the door was locked behind him. The trainer skillfully put the tigers through their paces. Suddenly there was a huge pop, followed by a complete blackout of power. For several long minutes the trainer was trapped in the cage with the tigers in total darkness. The trainer knew the tigers could see him with their powerful vision, but he could not see them. All he had was a whip and small chair as a means of protection.

Finally, the lights came back on, and the trainer finished his performance. Everyone was amazed that he wasn't attacked and feared for him in the darkness. After his performance the trainer was interviewed by a local television reporter. He admitted how scared he was. But during the blackout he realized that the tigers did not know that he could not see them. He just kept cracking his whip and talked to them until the lights came back on.

There are times when all of us are confronted with tigers in the dark. We don't trust the oil companies because of escalating gas prices. It is getting more difficult to trust government officials because of all the perks and golf trips congressmen receive from lobbyists. Some don't trust the Church. But trust is also a problem in relationships. Some don't trust their spouses. Others don't trust their children.

Like the trainer in the cage with no power, we live in the darkness, afraid that we will be attacked, hurt, rejected, abused or taken advantage of. Just as the trainer had to trust that he could survive the darkness while encaged with the tigers, God wants us to trust Him, when we are overcome with darkness and fear. Remember, Lent is a call to live life fully with God and life lived fully with God is a life lived free from fear and full of faith!

In the darkest moments with tigers at your back may your faith keep you trusting in God!

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. Michael Knox, Jacques Knox
Jermon Dunn

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. Theresa Grevious & Janice Carroll
- 10:30 a.m. Amanda Skinner & Dana Sam

Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Paulette Robertson, Murray Chenevert,
Alice Zacharie, Joannette Dunn,
Audrene LeBlanc, Perry Chenevert
- 10:30 a.m. Nancy Ball, Barbara Cornell,
Sonya Bowers, Christy Hall,
Justin Kennedy, Robinette Harleaux

Mass Intentions

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

Reading for the Week

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b;
Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Francis of Paola**
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14,
17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: **Memorial of St. Isidore of Seville**
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23;
Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: **Memorial of St. Vincent Ferrer;**
First Friday; Abstinence
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: **First Saturday**
Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12;
Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: **Fourth Sunday of Lent;**
Second Scrutiny
Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8;
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-
27, 33b-45]

A Vocation View: God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God.

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES AND SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: **7:30 a.m. Mass**
9 a.m. Religious Ed. Classes
10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday: **No Mass**

Tuesday: **No Mass**
 6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.

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. Food Pantry Open
8:00 a.m. Fish Fry Prep
6:00 p.m. RCIA
 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

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

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY
Drivers for Sunday, April 7, 2019
10:30 a.m. Lloyd Young & Janice Hamilton



We will have the celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, April 12th, which is the beginning of Holy Week. Due to Mr. Joseph's declining health, he is no longer able to provide palms for Palm Sunday. Parishioners with saga palms or access to saga palms are asked to consider donating some to St. Paul for Palm Sunday. If you are able to, please contact the parish office at 383-2537 as soon as possible. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Attention Youth of St. Paul: As a service project, we will be organizing and sorting food for the needy at the Baton Rouge Food Bank on Saturday, April 13th. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the church. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Justin Kennedy at 754-2609.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST: The Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Palm Sunday Breakfast in St. Paul Center on April 14th. The breakfast consists of grits, eggs, meat, and a biscuit at a cost of \$7.00. Tickets will be sold at the door. Come hungry!



We are at the half-way mark of our Lenten Fish Fry and everything is going well. We appreciate all of the support we have received so far.

HAPPINESS

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

—Anonymous



The Knights of Peter Claver Junior Daughters would like to thank everyone that supported their raffle fundraiser. The winner of the 42 inch television was Mrs. June Turner. Thanks to you all, the fundraiser was a great success!

Because of the support of the Junior Daughters fundraisers which includes concession sales, they were able to attend the Knights of Peter Claver 58th Louisiana Junior State Conference March 15-17 at Crown Plaza in Baton Rouge. **Congratulations to Kaila Anthony** on placing third in the **Spelling Bee**, and to Jasmine Oliver for placing third in the **Arts & Crafts** competition!

Happy Birthday

John Christophe 3/25	Gabriel Camel 4/02
Sarah Latham 3/31	Audrene LeBlanc 4/02
Troy Mathis 3/31	April Givens 4/03
Udella Henderson 4/01	Lakeshia Reed 4/05
Tori Wilson 4/01	Shirley Weston 4/05
Jordan Young 4/01	Logan Gobert 4/06
Taylor Bowman 4/02	



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, 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, Edna Dixon, and Gene Decuir.

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www.osvonlinegiving.com/4266

March 24, 2019

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,969.00
Online Giving	\$ 635.00
Children's Offering	\$ 16.50
Building Fund	\$ 53.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 12.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 120.00
Black and Indian Mission	\$ 35.00
Catholic Relief Services	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
	\$ 4,915.50

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly, reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously, reap generously.
 2 Corinthians 9:6

<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Opston, Dorcenia, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert & Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth & Tia Davis, Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren and Marcus Montigue</p> 	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></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><i>Space Available</i></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





"Rest in Peace"

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

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