Dear Sisters and brothers,

I remember attending a conference some years ago. During one of the talks, an expert on the subject of time management was speaking to the group and, to drive home a point, he used an illustration I doubt I will ever forget.

As this man stood in front of the group, of overachievers, he said, "Okay, time for a quiz." Then he pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouthed Mason jar and set it on a table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes."

Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar, causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down in to the spaces between the big rocks. Then he smiled and asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?"

By this time the class was onto him. "Probably not," one of them answered.

"Good!" he replied. And he reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in, and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?"

"No!" the class shouted .

Once again, he said, "Good!" Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is this: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all.

Hmm. Jesus says, "Follow me." BIG rock. We respond, "I will follow you, Lord, but... "Priorities. Get the big rocks in first. How to make sure the priorities are appropriate? A good start will be a commitment to 'Ban the Buts', then all the rest will fall into place.

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus, Jr. SVD

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Altar Servers 7:30 a.m. Garrick Camel, Jr., Chelsea Buckley, DaMarquis London Jared Anthony, Tavin Anthony

10:30 a.m. Taj Anthony

Eucharistic Ministers 7:30 a.m. Joanette Dunn, Murray Chenevert Alice Zacharie, Audrene LeBlanc Paulette Robertson, Perry Chenevert 10:30 a.m. Nancy Ball, Barbara Cornell Sonya Bowers, Christy Hall Anna Perry, Robinette Harleaux

7:30 a.m. Lucille Brown & Felix Ezejiofo

10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Youth

Mass Intentions 7:30 a.m. DaMarquis London, JaVonte Morris The Jarreau Family

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY Drivers for Sunday, July 7, 2019 10:30 a.m. Myrtis Rogers & Wanda Davis

Readings for the Week Monday: Memorial of St. Junípero Serra;

> Canada Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18 -22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Memorial of St. Thomas

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: **Independence Day** Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8;

or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and

Justice," nos. 887-891

Friday: Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Portugal;

Memorial of St. Anthony Zaccaria;

First Friday

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Memorial of St. Maria Goretti;

Blessed Virgin Mary;

First Saturday

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6;

Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,

36. 37: or 19:8-11: Col 1:15-20:

Lk 10:25-37

A Vocation View: Choose to follow Jesus wherever he goes. To say "Yes" without hesitation requires great trust. The reign of God needs servants to trust.

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANATS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

As our nation celebrates Independence Day this Thursday, we are reminded of the words of Frederick Douglass, "Without struggle there is no progress." The victory that is secured for a righteous nation does not come without struggle. We don't have to fight for the many victories we strive for still on our own. We have somebody who promised never to leave us or forsake us. We have the Lord on our side. I can hear our ancestors singing, "He walks with me and he talks with me. He tells me I'm his own. And the joy we share as we tarry then none other has ever known." Let us press on till victory is won! To really make this a happy Independence Day ... celebrate with gratitude all that God has led us to ... and commit to the work to achieve the fullness of freedom that is yet to come!

Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: 7:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Mass

6 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Mass

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

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Independence Day Office Closed

8 a.m. Pantry

7 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. Mime Group Practice

12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

Congratulations Fr. Rick! - The Urban League of Louisiana honored Together Baton Rouge for the efforts of Fr. Richard Andrus and Rev. Westley as Criminal Justice Advocates in the Baton Rouge and surrounding Communities. The event was hosted June 29th in New Orleans. Thank you for all that you do in support of Social Justice in our community.

"Too Much DRAMA to stay Focused" is coming soon! If you would like to LAUGH, CRY, BE SHOCKED and just



Friday:

experience a roller coaster of emotions while ENJOYING an amazing production with a plot that is not only Dramatic, Suspenseful, Hilarious and Educational, you have to be there. It is a MUST SEE on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at the Independence Park Theater,

7800 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806. There will be two shows,

3 PM and 7 PM.

Uniforms for Kids: St. Vincent de Paul provides uniforms to children in need that are attending EBR head start, Pre-K, ele-



mentary and middle public schools including charter schools. They also provide assistance for children in private schools on vouchers or scholarships. Appointments are being scheduled for distributions in person only at the SVDP Thrift Store, 2655 Plank Road weekdays from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. until all available

appointments are filled. They do not take appointments by phone. Please pick up a flyer in the foyer.

School Uniforms Needed: The clothing section of St. Paul's Food Pantry is in full swing trying to prepare for back to school. They are in need of gently used uniforms for all grades. If you have uniforms you would like to donate, please contact Mrs. Rose Malveau at 357-4538.

The Media Ministry is on the move! Visit our web-



site 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!

Pool Party: The Youth Ministry is having their annual Pool Party at the Kennedy's residence located at 13421 Triple B Rd., Greenwell Spring, LA today Sunday, June 30th from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. For Youth Ministry members only. Get ready for swimming, food, fellowship, and lots of fun.

Happy Birthday

Ashley Lewis 6/30 Carroll Long 7/04 Christina Anthony 7/02 Katie Primas 7/04 Taj Anthony 7/02 Karsyn Bell 7/05 Willie Bell Richard 7/05 Tavin Anthony 7/02 Linda Carter 7/02 Arlington Bell, Sr. 7/05 April Dunn 7/06 Robert Martin 7/02 Davondra Brown 7/03 Sadie Simms 7/06 Willetta Terrance 7/03 Asia Delone 7/06

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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Peter's Pence	\$ 3.00
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Total	\$ 4,106.45

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

2 Corinthians 9:6

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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	
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	
Nurse - Maxine Watts	278-6732
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Readers - Theresa Grevious	773-8023
Religious Education Director - Martha Davis	357-4108
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