



# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

## Staying Connected During COVID-19

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

— Matthew 16:19

**August 23, 2020**

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Dear sisters and brothers,

It has often been noted that Jesus' favorite teaching method was the asking of questions. There are over 100 questions asked in the four Gospels. Of his parents Jesus asked, "Didn't you know that I would be in my Father's house?" Of the paralyzed man he asked, "Do you want to get well?" Of people who listened to Him teach but failed to act, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" No question is more important, however, than the question He posed to His disciples at Caesarea Philippi: "Who do you say that I am?"

One of my favorite stories about Helen Keller concerns her introduction to the Christian message. When Helen learned to communicate, Anne Sullivan decided it was time for her to hear about Jesus Christ. Being a Bostonian, she summoned the most renowned clergyman of his day, Phillips Brooks. Brooks came, and with Sullivan interpreting, he talked to Helen Keller about Christ. Soon a smile lighted Helen's face and she beckoned for a chance to respond. Through her teacher she said, "Mr. Brooks, I have always known about God, but until now I didn't know His name."

Helen Keller was more fortunate than most people in her spiritual sensitivity. She knew God's nature but not His name. Most people without Christ know His name but not His nature. Jesus is the revelation of the nature of God.

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator; If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist; If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist; If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer; But our greatest need was for forgiveness of sins, so God sent His Son to be our Savior whose name is Jesus.

But you? Who do you say I am? How your answer will make a difference for all eternity!

In the Divine Word, I am,  
*Fr. Rick Andrews SVD*



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Mrs. Ruby Major

### THE TRUE MEASURE

When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was. —Anonymous

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

**Psalm** — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Christ” (Matthew 16:13-20).

## TRUST

Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Memorial of St. Bartholomew**  
Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;  
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Louis; and  
St. Joseph Calasanz**  
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;  
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18;  
Ps 128:1-2, 4-5;  
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: **Memorial of St. Monica**  
1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7;  
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: **Memorial of St. Augustine**  
1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,  
10-11;  
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: **The Passion of St. John  
the Baptist**  
1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13,  
18-21; Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: **Twenty-second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**  
Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom  
12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



### May she rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Caldwell, James, and Rodney family at the passing of Mrs. Annabell Caldwell James, sister of Mrs. Eva Rodney. Please keep her and her family in your prayers! May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR RACIAL HARMONY

God our Father, You call us to love one another as You have loved us. We pray for the conversion of hearts in our Diocese of Baton Rouge to bring about racial harmony rooted in Your Son Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, strip us of our pride, mistrust, and prejudices, so that we may be able to dialogue with one another to build communities where justice, peace and love flourish. We ask these blessings trusting in the infinite mercy of Jesus and the intercession of Mary our Mother. Amen.

### PRAYER CALL - SUNDAYS at 6:00 P.M.

Join us in praying the Rosary and asking the Blessed Mother to intercede for us during this COVID-19 Global Pandemic. Please join us by calling **701-802-5490**. Access Code **878800#**

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS!



## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

As we are in the height of hurricane season, we are currently watching two storms that are threatening the Gulf of Mexico that can possibly affect us, all of Louisiana and neighboring states. If you have not already prepared an emergency kit, now is the time to do so while supplies are available. To avoid long lines at the gas stations, fill up your car(s) with gas now and purchase gas for generators. When putting an emergency kit together, store enough supplies to last everyone in your household for at least four days. Your kit should include: One gallon of water per day per person, pack nonperishable high-protein items such as energy bars, ready-to-eat canned food and food your family enjoys, flashlights with extra batteries, First Aid Kit, prescription and non-prescription medication, battery operated radio with extra batteries, fully charge cell phones with charger, have tools such as wrench, manual can opener, screwdriver, hammer, pliers, knife, duct tape, plastic sheeting and garbage bags, a change of clothes for everyone including hats, sturdy shoes and gloves, personal items such as eyeglasses or contact lenses and solution, copies of important papers including birth certificates, sanitary supplies, bleach, toilet paper, cash and coins, emergency numbers, and pet supplies, Don't forget to prepare for those in your family with special needs.

## PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of Land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you. O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea. Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

## A GOOD TEST

A test of worship is how sensitive it makes me to the needs of those around me.

—Anonymous

## CELEBRATING AUGUST 23rd - AUGUST 29th BIRTHDAYS



Margaret Rogers 8/23  
Wanda Alexander 8/24  
Christiana Bennett 8/24  
Barbara Cornell 8/24  
Eloise Foster 8/24  
Kawayna Ridgley 8/24  
Shirley Bourgeois 8/25  
Kristen Joseph 8/25  
Charlotte Dillon 8/26



Jacquez Knox 8/26  
Ave Williams 8/26  
Beulah Credit 8/27  
Amber Hunt 8/27  
Vincent Jeanpierre 8/27  
Dereck Rovaris 8/27  
Mason Sanders 8/28  
Erin Anthony 8/29  
Robert Seals, Jr. 8/29












## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

*Audrey Christopher, Mary Smart, Carolyn Christophe, Myrtis Coleman, Robert Seals, Mona Seals, Sylvia Collier, Lena Batiste, Marie Myles, Mary Lena Price, Willis Reed, Jr., Annie Joseph, Rosa Johnson, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Jasman Benjamin, James Hayward, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Charles Davis, Jr., Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, Meredith Jones, Gregory Cornell, George Cornell, Mable King, Barbara Rodney, Curtell Thibodeaux, and Audrene LeBlanc*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND 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, Charles Bethley, Janet Bossier, Jenna Scott, Anthony Grand, Allen Paschal, and James Pace*

<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></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><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><b>Space Available</b></p>	<p><b>Space Available</b></p>	<p><b>State Farm Insurance</b></p> <p><b>Leonard Benjamin</b> 775-2494</p>
<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>		<p><b><u>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</u></b></p> <p>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 &amp; Repast - Velita Benjamin.....654-6705  Child Protection Coordinator - Vera Dunbar.....324-2939  Eucharistic Ministers - Nancy Ball.....397-4309  Liturgy Committee - Gigi Mathis.....278-0071  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</p>		
<p><i>In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:</i></p>  <p>Roosevelt Bowers Joseph "Buddy" Walker Oscar LeDuff, Jr. Elizabeth &amp; Frank P. Bowers Carrie &amp; Douglas Rodney, Sr. Clara &amp; Willis Walker Sarah Rodney Domino &amp; Wilbert Domino, Sr. Freddie Bowers Ora Bowers Ward Sybil Thomas Johnson Maureen Bowers Johnson</p> 				
<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Famye Reed and the Reed, Stewart, Davis, and Grainger Families</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><b>Space Available</b></p>		<p><b>Chenevert Construction &amp; Remodeling</b> 344-0183</p>	<p><b>Space Available</b></p>
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