



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Staying Connected During COVID-19

Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. — Romans 12:2

August 30, 2020

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Dear friends,

This week as I was working out, I overheard a conversation between three men and the son of one of them I was intrigued when the 16 year old, fussing about why he didn't want to go to church and what made being a Christian, something he wasn't interested in and said, "The problem with your Christian way of life is that it's so daily."

It's true. Following Jesus is a lifestyle that builds on past lessons and decisions, but it also depends on our dedication day by day. We cannot live off yesterday's successes, last week's prayers, or the Bible stories we heard when we were children.

Each new day is both a challenge and an opportunity. Our faith will be challenged, and we can use that challenge as an opportunity to grow in our relationship with God as many of this past weeks events have challenged us! Jesus Himself said that those who wanted to be His disciples were expected to be in a continual attitude of self-denial and obedience to Him. Here's how the Lord put it: "If anyone desires to come after Me, let them deny them self, and take up their cross daily, and follow Me" (Lk. 9:23).

As each day unfolds, we must pause and remind ourselves that this is a day dedicated to God, that it is to be used for God's glory, and that it is best lived with a continual recollection of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Starting today, let's look at life that way. It's a daily commitment. Our life as a Christian is more than just a prayer of faith made in the past; it's dedicating every day to live for Jesus and what will last forever. Is the world a better place because I have been here, have lived, loved, sacrificed for the good of others? Dedication to Jesus is not just a one-time choice, it's a daily challenge! I pray that you are up to it!

In the Divine Word, I am
Fr. Rick Andrus, SOD

MASS INTENTIONS

Mr. Joseph Manuel Broussard,
Mrs. Evelyn Broussard, and
Mr. Paul Broussard
"Rest in Peace"



TRAITS OF A TEACHER

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth. —St. Joseph Calasanz

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27)

THE CROSS OF JESUS



The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102;
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: **World Day of Prayer for the
Care of Creation**
1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14;
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21;
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: **Memorial of St. Gregory
the Great** 1 Cor 3:18-23;
Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: **First Saturday;
Blessed Virgin Mary**
1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: **Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time**
Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-
10; Mt 18:15-20



BIBLE STUDY CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.
Join us by calling 978-990-5317.
Access Code 1966852#

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!



BUILDING BRIDGES

The Catholic Commentator is launching a new feature in its bi-weekly publication, and we need your help! A collaborative project with the Racial Harmony Commission of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, the new column will feature stories, letters, and other forms of personal reflections on race and faith in order to build bridges of empathy and understanding among members of the Body of Christ. To that end the column will be called "Building Bridges," the motto of the commission, which was established by Bishop Robert W. Muench after the tragic deaths of Alton Sterling and three Baton Rouge law enforcement officers in 2016. The commission remains active today with the strong support of Bishop Michael G. Duca. Have you suffered from racism but found healing and hope in your faith? Gained new insight or encountered Christ in those who do not look like you or share your culture? Read a book or watched a film that let you see the world through another's eyes? We want to hear from you! Submit your 700-800-word story, review or letter as a Microsoft Word attachment (about 2 ½ pages, double-spaced, 12 pt. type) to Goldie Domingue (racialharmony@diobr.org). The Commentator reserves the right to edit with respect to content and style according to generally accepted journalistic standards. Join us as we strengthen our faith communities by getting to know one another better. We look forward to personal stories that inform us, inspire us and help transform us into the image of God, in whose likeness people of all races have been wonderfully made.

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.

OFFERTORY

August 23, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,821.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,779.20
Building Fund	\$ 30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 30.00
Assumption	\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 4,700.20

CELEBRATING AUGUST 30th - SEPTEMBER 5th BIRTHDAYS

Anthony Davis 8/30
Alisha Hebert 8/30
Theodis Wright 8/30
Gerald Anderson Jr. 8/31
Jera'nae Donald 8/31
Mark A Hawkins 8/31
Sydney Brown 9/01
Luther Lamotte 9/01




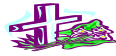







James B. Joseph 9/02
Gwendolyn Q Frank 9/02
Lunden Scott 09/03
Meshell Franklin 9/04
Rudolph Richard, Jr. 9/04
Carolyn Bajoie 9/05
Xavier Knox 9/05

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 & 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>Space Available</p>	<p>Space Available</p>	<p>State Farm Insurance</p> <p>Leonard Benjamin 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><u>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</u></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 & 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 Watts278-6732 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 Joseph772-2090 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 & 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</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>Space Available</p>		<p>Chenevert Construction & Remodeling 344-0183</p>	<p>Space Available</p>
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