



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Staying Connected During COVID-19

Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Truth shall spring out of
the earth, and justice shall
look down from heaven.

August 9, 2020

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My dear friends,

There is no doubt: we live in an embattled time. Conflicts in politics, problems with economics, and a global pandemic have put the icing on the proverbial cake of usual issues. Most of us already feel we are up to our necks in alligators. Now we have also entered the 2020 hurricane season to boot. How much more can we take? How much longer can we fight?

Let's face it. We are a tired, fatigued, tense, and nervous bunch right now. Just when we think we've ridden the final wave another rises up and heads right toward us. What shall we do?

When I think of prepping and preparing for adverse conditions, I think of athletes. Athletes train themselves not only physically, but mentally and spiritually, in order to accomplish ever more rigorous feats. Runners in particular have an entire body of literature on how to excel in this endorphin-boosting sport. I like to call their oeuvre "runners' wisdom."

A lot of runners' wisdom is simply common sense. Drink water before you run. Warm up and stretch. Push harder every day but don't overdo it. Wear good shoes. Trust what your body is telling you. Let your instincts guide you. But one of the best articles I found written by Jonathan Beverly of "Runner's World" is about how to run in a headwind.

Beverly explains that most of us, when we are running against the wind, tend to work harder, push more, bear down, tense up. This causes tension, fatigue, and exasperation. Instead, he explains, we must do exactly the opposite: lean in, relax, and allow the wind to dictate the pace. We must "dance in the wind."

Beverly learned this lesson not from other runners but from hawks he saw flying above the fields. He noticed that the amazing birds did not struggle against the headwinds, but they used the wind to do a kind of mid-air dance. They circled, they swooped, they twirled, they dove. They relaxed and played in the wind.

Their goal was not measured progress but play and enjoyment. They were masters at seizing the moment and "going with the flow." Adapting to the wind. Adapting to life.

I believe that we too could learn some lessons from the hawks of the skies when it comes to dealing with the hurricanes, wind-gusts and tidal waves of life sometimes we need to adapt to life and go with the flow, enjoy the moment once in a while and dance with the wind!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrews SVD

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Elijah: “Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by” (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, “Truly, you are the Son of God” (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Memorial of St. Lawrence 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26	Friday:	Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Tuesday:	Memorial of St. Clare Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	Saturday:	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20	Sunday:	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday:	Memorial of Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28		



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Loving Jesus, look upon our Children with your special love today as they receive you in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for their first time. Bless them today and always with your favor as they come to share in Your Supper. And through every day that follows, guide, bless and keep them close to you. Amen!

Candidates: Mason Sanders, Nyle Harris, Jeremy Johnson, and Iylla Hemphill.

A special thanks to the parents of the candidates and to Ms. Sydney Brown, Mrs. Dorphelia Patterson, and Mrs. Tasha Anthony for preparing them for this special day.

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.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS!





May he rest in peace...

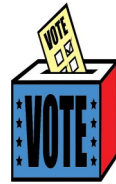
Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Davis family at the passing of Mr. Malcolm Davis, brother of Mrs. Wanda Davis.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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.



VOTE SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020.

Each of us has a moral obligation to exercise our right to vote. Change comes through the men and women we elect to represent us. If you are at least 18 years of age and have not registered to vote, please register in person as soon as possible or register through the **Geaux-Vote** online registration system. The deadline to register to vote in the November 3rd Presidential Election is October 5, 2020. **BE READY TO CAST YOUR VOTE! EVERY VOTE COUNTS!**

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#**

OFFERTORY

August 2, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,922.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,347.35
Building Fund	\$ 405.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 188.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00
Assumption	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 6,887.35

CELEBRATING August 9th - August 15th BIRTHDAYS



- Jesse Leonard 8/09
- Kameron Stewart 8/09
- Karen Batiste 8/10
- Nina Donald 8/10
- Gloria Dunn 8/10
- Frank Thomas, Jr. 8/10
- Edwin Young, Jr. 8/10
- Mary Irvin 8/11
- Sharon Spears 8/11
- Dianna Franklin 8/12



- Jessica Ashford 8/13
- Iris Davis 8/13
- Brenda Harris 8/13
- Christopher Alexander 8/14
- Leyon Broussard 8/14
- Malonna Peters 8/14
- Gregory Price 8/14
- George Cornell 8/15
- Martha Spencer 8/15












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 style="text-align: center;"><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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