



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Staying Connected During COVID-19

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy
“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
— John 20:29b

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Dear Friends,

There is a story told about Albert Einstein, the brilliant physicist of Princeton University in the early 20th century who was traveling from Princeton on a train. When the conductor came down the aisle to punch the passengers’ tickets, Einstein couldn’t find his. He looked in his vest pocket, he looked in his pants pocket, he looked in his briefcase, but there was no ticket. The conductor was gracious; “Not to worry, Dr. Einstein, I know who you are, we all know who you are, and I’m sure you bought a ticket.”

As the conductor moved down the aisle, he looked back and noticed Einstein on his hands and knees, searching under the seat for his ticket. The conductor returned to Einstein; “Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don’t worry. I know who you are. You don’t need a ticket, I’m sure you bought one.” Einstein arose and said, “Young man, I too know who I am; what I don’t know is where I am going.”

And that is the good news on this Second Sunday of Easter; that we know where we are going. We have been told by Jesus the Liberating Savior that his life, death and Resurrection have promised us life eternal. And this Sunday of Divine Mercy reminds us of that promise. And Corona Virus doesn’t change that promise and neither does unemployment. Divorce cannot change that promise nor can bankruptcy, cancer, or depression, or felony, or failure. Through elation and deflation and every emotion in between, this truth remains; we know whose we are and we know where we are going, because Jesus the Risen Son of God has promised. And this, my friends, is faith ... and faith is believing without seeing ... How blessed we are!

Continue to trust in the power, the love and the Divine Mercy of God to bring us all through times like these. God has in the past and God is doing it even now! Continue to keep one another lifted in prayer – it works! To God be the glory!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD



Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



May they rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of our deceased members and friends: Ms. Edna Davis James, Mr. Byron Buggage and his mother Mrs. Marine Skidmore Buggage, April Dunn, Joseph Alex LeMay, brother of Mr. Paul Hebert, Joseph Broussard, father of Mrs. Mary Martin, Mr. Magdon LaVergne, brother of Judge Luke LaVergne, Dorothy Larry, grandmother of Mrs. Amanda Skinner, Germain Francis Bruno, sister of Mrs. Paulette Robertson, Mr. Jim Andrus, uncle of Fr. Richard Andrus, Mr. James Rodney, and his son Mr. Keith Rodney.

May God grant them peaceful eternal rest. May the same God grant comfort and consolation to the families as they grieve the passing of their loved ones.

Prayer of Pope Francis to Mary during the Coronavirus Pandemic

“O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

“We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

“You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

“Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our Pleas, We who are put to the test and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.
Amen.

Coronavirus - COVID-19

The coronavirus [2019-nCoV] is a new type of coronavirus that was first diagnosed in Wuhan, China. It causes respiratory illness in people affected by it. Unfortunately, there is currently no vaccine available.

- COVID-19 can spread from person to person. This usually happens through respiratory droplets when someone with the virus coughs or sneezes and you breathe it in. Most often, you need to be close within 6 feet of the person for it to spread this way.
- It is possible to get the virus by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching your own mouth, nose or your eyes before washing your hands.
- COVID-19 can cause respiratory illness ranging from mild to severe or even deadly. The symptoms usually start 2-14 days after you get infected. They include fever, headache, runny nose, sore throat, cough, and shortness of breath. Severe infections are more common in people with weakened immune systems.
- Anyone can get the coronavirus.
- To reduce your risk of getting or spreading the coronavirus, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose, or eyes with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces you frequently touch.
- Cough and sneeze into the fold of your elbow or tissue, then throw away the tissue and wash your hands.
- Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, utensils or towels with anyone.
- Avoid close contact with people, practice social distancing by staying 6 feet apart.
- Drink plenty of fluids and get plenty of rest.
- Stay home if you are sick.



CELEBRATING APRIL BIRTHDAYS



H Udella Henderson, Tori Wilson, Jordan Young, Taylor Bowman, Gabriel Camel, Audrene Leblanc, April Givens, Lakeshia Reed, Shirley Weston, Tasha Anthony, Rose Carter, Delphine Lastrapes, Roderick Jeanpierre, Jr., Marine Thibodeaux, Dorothy Voltaire, Shawnderlyn Chatman, Bryson Jordan, Gian Twase, Donna Gage, Iona Trammel, Arlene Twase, Angela Lamotte, Stafford Davis, Janet St. Cyr-Moore, Gussie Trahan, Veroica Freeman, George Bell, Sheila Rucker, Hazel Brown, Ogbonna Ofor, Bree Parms, Mable King, Pentral Ross, Sharon St. Romain, Albertha Varmall, Ethan Watson, Debra McGhee, Dana Sam, Leonna Scott, Almeasey Foster, Kaleigh Garner, Gloria Olivarez, Kendrick Paul, Mia Trench, LaDonna Battiste, Vernal George, Gigi Mathis, Angela tubs, Odeal Harris, N'Yah Johnson, Destiny Jones, Justin Kennedy, Egypt Donald, Courtni Patterson, Fr. Richard Andrus, Barbara Banks, Lacie Mathis, Kerry Bardell, Damoni Goss, and Tasha Bergeron

A Prayer for Our Uncertain Times

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country, let us choose love.
And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

Fr. Michael Graham, SJ



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Audrey Christopher, Mary Smart, Carolyn Christophe, Dorothy Bazile, Myrtis Coleman, Robert Seals, Mona Seals, Sylvia Collier, Lena Batiste, Marie Myles, George Bell, Mary Lena Price, Willis Reed, Jr., Annie Joseph, Rosa Johnson, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Jasman Benjamin, James Hayward, Gussie Trahan, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Quincy Hamilton, Charles Davis, Jr., Jessie Joseph, Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, Meredith Jones, Gregory Cornell, George Cornell, Mable King, Barbara Rodney, and Mercedes Mackey

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, and Jenna Scott