



# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Staying Connected During COVID-19

June 21, 2020  
Happy Father's Day

Sing to the LORD,  
praise the LORD,  
for he has rescued  
the life of the poor.  
— Jeremiah 20:13

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Dear friends,

Some years back the syndicated author and humorist, Erma Bombeck wrote the following short article for Father's Day entitled, "When The Good Lord Created Fathers." I share it with you today in hopes that it stir good memories, forms good young men into great fathers and encourages all men to step up and stand in where young men might need a good father-figure in their lives.

When the good Lord was creating **fathers**, He started with a tall frame. And a female angel nearby said, "What kind of **father** is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put **fathers** up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."

And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child size, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a **father's** hands, they were large and sinewy. And the angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do You know what You're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on pony tails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats."

God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of a **day**...yet small enough to cup a child's face."

Then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders. The angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked. "Do You realize You just made a **father** without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?"

God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A **father** needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do You honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?" And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to "ride a horse to Banbury Cross" or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the **father** few words, but a firm authoritative voice; eyes that see everything, but remain calm and tolerant.

Finally, almost as an afterthought, He added tears. Then He turned to the angel and said, "Now are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?" And the angel shutteth up!

Happy **Father's Day** to all of the **Fathers, grand Fathers and Fatherly**. **Our young people need** strong, healthy spiritual men who are mentors and examples. They need bright, guiding lights to lead them to live life productively, safely, fully and well. Men who are unashamed of not just belonging to the church but at Mass every Sunday and serving God in the Church, prayerful, loving his children, treating their mother, his wife like a queen, caring for his children, raising them with discipline and love while working to make our communities, schools, neighborhoods and families stronger, better because of the man, the father your are!

**Happy Fathers Day !**  
**+Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD**

## TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).  
Psalm — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

**Second Reading** — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

**Gospel** — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Memorial of St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More**  
2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;  
Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;  
1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;  
Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9;  
Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: **Memorial of St. Cyril of Alexandria; Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



### MASS INTENTIONS

Joseph M. Broussard, Robert L. Martin, Robert D. Martin, Eddrick Martin, Aldwin Martin, Leyon Broussard, and Gene Decuir



### BIBLE STUDY CONFERENCE

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



The members of the **Rite of Christian Initiation** Group was not stopped for too long in spite of the Pandemic. When we were no longer able to meet weekly face-to-face, we began Zoom weekly meetings. Week after

week, we shared faith, spoke of the power of prayer, our growth in our relationship with God and love for the Church. It gives me great joy to present to St. Paul the Apostle the following for Full Communion into the Catholic Church: **Mr. Richard Z. Johnson, Jr, Ms. Chenikica Martin and Ms. Wanda Alexandra**. They will be received into the Church this Sunday at the 10:30 Mass with the Profession of Faith, the Sacrament of Confirmation and their First Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

## 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 May our Mother.

Amen.

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19!**



## 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**.

### What Is A Dad?

A dad is someone who  
wants to catch you before you fall  
but instead picks you up,  
brushes you off,  
and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who  
wants to keep you from making mistakes  
but instead lets you find your own way,  
even though his heart breaks in silence  
when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who  
holds you when you cry,  
scolds you when you break the rules,  
shines with pride when you succeed,  
and has faith in you even when you fail...

—Unknown—



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is going virtual. Join us with kids around the world for the biggest Vacation Bible School Spectacular Ever. This live stream event will take place on Monday June 22 - Thursday, June 25 from 5:45 to 7:15 pm. All you need to do is download the zoom link. Packets will be distributed after church this Sunday, June 21, 2020, for all families to pick up with instructions and activities for the week. We look forward to seeing you all at our VBS Spectacular Event. Details can be found on our church Facebook page or by contacting Ladira James at (225) 413-2582.



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### June 14, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,137.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,787.16
Building Fund	\$ 195.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 75.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$ 30.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 7,229.16

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

2 Corinthians 9:6

## CELEBRATING JUNE 21st - JUNE 27th BIRTHDAYS

Ursula Brady 06/21  
Quintin Chenevert 06/21  
Stacy London 06/21  
Darlene Richard 06/21  
Paula Richard 06/21  
Jaylon Henry 06/23  
Valda Christmas 06/24



Nicollette Davis 06/24  
Courtney Dickerson 06/24  
Eva Rodney 06/24  
Christina Carter 06/26  
Lois Victorian 06/26  
Zaria Harleaux 06/27









## 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, 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, Mercedes Mackey, and Curtell Thibodeaux*

## 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, and Anthony Grand*

<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 style="text-align: center;"><u><b>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</b></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 &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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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Lionel Bazile, Sr. James Bazile Sheila Bazile</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Aaron Bradley Joseph H.P. Martin</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><b>Space Available</b></p>		