



Dear Friends,

The infant Jesus was a powerful and expected sight for certain eyes, born of devout and unwavering faith. It has been said that Harriet Tubman was known to wait in train stations without the aid of train schedules or knowing when the train was coming. When asked why she would do that, she simply said because she had faith that the train was coming. In an age where people want to know, in an age of GPS, in an age of PDA's and all information load, this may sound strange, but what does it mean to wait without a schedule but to be certain that the train is coming? Could it be that Tubman knew that the station was the place to be when waiting for coming trains? Might it have been that Tubman recognized that the tracks had already been laid outside the station for traveling beyond where her stationed eyes could see?

Likewise, Simeon and Anna were stationed in the very place, the temple, where certain eyes were able to see and recognize the infant Jesus for who he was and is: the Messiah!

We know that not all people would or could not see Jesus as the Messiah. Experience had clouded their expectation, but today's gospel calls us to expect to experience and to express what the Lord has shown us in the midst of everything else in our lives. The world would not recognize him as the Messiah, certainly not an ordinary kid growing up down the street or later, preaching rather radical prophetic messages in the synagogue. Surely, no one ever expected the Messiah to be the man on a donkey from an off-the-beaten-path like Nazareth. What a sight to see the consolation and redemption in a baby that was still babbling! How it must have been for Joseph and Mary to see and hear what they heard! The text says that his parents were amazed at what was said about him.

Amazed, then Simeon blessed them. He blessed them because he could see what the future held for them. Old Simeon could see the surprises, the pain, the ups and downs that life would bring them all. And Anna the old prophetess and widow gave thanks to God because she too could see what the future held for this child and spoke about him to all who were waiting the redemption of Israel.

On this Feast of the Presentation of Jesus, we also come, families of many generations seeking the blessings the Mighty One as we did when we brought our children to the waters of baptism. We seek blessing of protection, health, provision, shelter, forgiveness, love, strength, and so much more.

May God who is our everything, be our blessed assurance today as we begin Black History Month by blessing our families and may God be that same blessed assurance with every tomorrow God blesses us with!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrews SVD



Altar Servers

7:30 a.m. Kelby Chenevert, DaMarquis London
10:30 a.m. Tavin Anthony, Taj Anthony,
Contrell Salton

Eucharistic Ministers

7:30 a.m. Murray Chenevert, Monique Spaulding,
Alice Zacharie, Audrene LeBlanc,
Paulette Robertson, Perry Chenevert
10:30 a.m. Anna Perry, Darlene Richard,
Justin Kennedy, Christy Hall,
Tasha Anthony, Robinette Harleaux,
Pamela Claiborne

Readers

7:30 a.m. Mary Gloston, Darlene St. Romain
10:30 a.m. Amanda Skinner, Ladira James

Mass Intentions

7:30 a.m. Mr. Brett Moton
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

Readings for the Week

Monday: **Fourth Week in Ordinary Time; Memorial of St. Blaise; St. Ansgar**
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;
Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: **Memorial of St. Agatha**
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: **Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions**
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;
Mk 6:7-13
Friday: **First Friday**
Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: **Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary**
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day**
Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16



Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Mass – Ladies Sodality Turn Out
 9:00 a.m. Religious Education Classes
 10:30 a.m. Mass–Women’s Club Tour Out

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Mass
 6:00 p.m. RCIA
 6:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Mass
 4:30 p.m. Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Open
 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

Friday: 8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Mime Group Practice
 12 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY
Drivers for Sunday, February 9, 2020
Brent Hayward and Chris Banks



PRAYER LEADERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the church for anyone who is interested in leading us in the Stations of the Cross for one of the six Fridays during Lent. We encourage our youth to also consider leading the Stations.

Our Lenten Fish Fry is scheduled for February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3, 2020. We need volunteers for Thursdays to help with preparation and on Fridays to prepare the dinners, and to deliver. Please sign-up in the foyer. Your help is greatly needed!



Online Giving Reminder: You have the option to give electronically and securely. To sign up for online giving, visit our website at www.osvonlinegiving.com/4266. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.



Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate a liturgy honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 65th or greater wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterwards at the STM Activity Center. Please contact St. Paul parish office at 383-2537 to register.



Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance: Ladies, here’s an opportunity for you to invite your spouse, significant other, or a friend to a fun-filled evening on Valentine’s Day. The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Sadie Hawkins Valentine's Dinner and Dance on Friday, February 14th, beginning at 8:00 P.M., in St. Paul Center. Tickets are \$20 per adult. See any lady of the KPCLA to purchase your tickets.



Congratulations to Ethan Davis and his Red Storm teammates for winning the 2020 Premier Soccer Center Winter Championship!

Happy Birthday

Brooklynn Bailey 2/02	Willis Reed 2/04
Troylynn Balancier 2/02	J’Alen Grevious 2/05
Cindy Chenevert 2/02	Kimberly Davis 2/06
Chelsey Haynes 2/02	Albert Grevious 2/06
Virgil Johnson 2/02	Isaiah Sam 2/06
Liyah Landry 2/02	Marvin Haynes 2/07
Kaelyn Dennis 2/04	Joseph Richard 2/07
Veronica Dyson 2/04	Ziyad Allen 2/08
Karyn Metz 2/04	Laryon James 2/08

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Audrey Christopher, Edna Davis James, 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, Joseph Broussard, Mr. George Cornell, and Mable King

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS & 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, Gene Decuir, Charles Bethley, Janet Bossier, and Jenna Scott



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January 26, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,926.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,515.00
Children’s Offering	\$ 4.30
Building Fund	\$ 190.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 75.00
Total	\$ 7,011.68

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

2 Corinthians 9:6

<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>
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In Loving Memory of:

Geneva Battley Spooner
Della Battley Rodney



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St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference

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 Matthis.....	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

In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:




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



In Loving Memory of:

Famye Reed
and the
Reed, Stewart, Davis, and
Grainger Families



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Aaron Bradley Joseph
H.P. Martin



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In Loving Memory of:

Milton, Rachel, Lillie,
Lillian, Kirby, James
"Pookie" Verdell,
Corinne & Michael
Joseph, Lawrence, Sr. &
Shedrick Ashford,
Ellis Myles, Sr., Rose &
Albert Hebert, Eula
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