



Dear friends,

In a sermon written in a Georgia jail and preached just after the bus protest in Montgomery, Alabama, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said this about loving your enemies, after noting that hate is just as injurious to the hater as the hated, Dr. King says, "Of course this is not practical; life is a matter of getting even, of hitting back, of dog eat dog.

My friends, we have followed the so-called practical way for too long a time now, and it has led inexorably to deeper confusion and chaos. Time is cluttered with the wreckage of communities which surrendered to hatred and violence. For the salvation of our nation and the salvation of mankind, we must follow another way. This does not mean that we abandon our righteous efforts. With every ounce of our energy we must continue to rid this nation of the incubus of segregation. But we shall not in the process relinquish our privilege and our obligation to love. While abhorring segregation, we shall love the segregationist. This is the only way to create the beloved community."

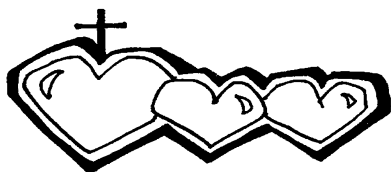
This is what Jesus meant when he said: "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust."

Love your enemies ... pray for your persecutors ... it's the only way ... the only way to create the beloved community ... it's the only way to build God's Kingdom ... the only way!

As part of the beloved community under construction, sometimes we need to be reminded to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors to build God's Kingdom!

In the Divine Word, I am

*Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD*



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**Altar Servers**

7:30 a.m. DaMarquis London, Kelby Chenevert  
10:30 a.m. Joseph Richard, Kellen Anthony, Kaila Anthony

**Eucharistic Ministers**

7:30 a.m. Perry Chenevert, Monique Spaulding, Alice Zacharie, Audrene LeBlanc  
10:30 a.m. Paulette Robertson, Joannette Dunn, Wanda Davis, Gigi Mathis, Justin Kennedy, Larry James, Darlene Richard, William Alsobrook, Jr., Tasha Anthony

**Readers**

7:30 a.m. Barbara Cornell, Evangeline Hughes  
10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Youth

**Mass Intentions**

7:30 a.m. Mr. John Stephen Jackson  
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

**A Vocation View:** Be Holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy! Embrace the call to holiness, and everyday will bring new adventures of following where Christ leads.

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37  
Wednesday: **Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence**  
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
Sunday: **First Sunday of Lent**  
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



**Ash Wednesday, Fridays during Lent and Good Friday are obligatory days of abstinence.**

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Ill health or similar situation of urgency excuses one from this.

Please join us as our pastor, parishioners, and youth lead the **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays during Lent at 6:00 p.m.



**Father Rick Andrus is away** and will return Wednesday, February 26th. Fr. Thomas Clark of Immaculate Conception is on call for any pastoral emergencies.



**Parish Schedule for the Week**

- Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. Mass –Ladies Guild Turn Out  
No Religious Education Classes  
10:30 a.m. Mass
- Monday:** Office Closed
- Tuesday:** Happy Mardi Gras!  
Office Closed
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday  
6:00 p.m.. Mass
- Thursday:** 8:00 a.m. Fish Fry Prep  
5:00 p.m. Ladies Guild Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir
- Friday:** 8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:00 a. m. -1:00 p.m. Fish Fry  
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- Saturday:** 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal



**This Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> is the first day of our Lenten Fish Fry.** As usual, we need lots of volunteers to help! Please sign up today to help on Thursdays, and/ or Fridays, beginning February 27<sup>th</sup>. We

need help with preparation on Thursdays, and on Fridays to prepare dinners, deliver, and clean-up. Please sign up in the foyer. Flyers are also available to take to your place of employment, school, or any business you think may be interested in ordering dinners. Orders may be faxed to 225-383-3702, or call 225-387-9506.

To St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Congregation:

The St. Paul Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is deeply appreciative of your generosity this past year. Because of you we have been able to assist families in need over and over again. Lights have been kept on, rent has been paid and whatever the need has been. We are proud to say that St. Paul takes care of its own and so many more that reside in the area. Please be assured your money is being put to good use.

We pray for your continue support as we continue to help others. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Janet St.Cyr Moore, President  
St. Paul Conference, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**CHAIR YOGA** - Free sessions of Chair Yoga will be held on Tuesdays beginning March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the parish center. A yoga instructor will be here to direct us once a week for four weeks. If you have any question, please contact Mrs. Maxine Watts, parish nurse.

**February 26<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, a day of fasting and abstinence. While not a holy day, all Catholics are urged to attend Mass to begin our Lenten Journey and receive ashes. Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul at 6 PM .



**TRI-PARISH LENTEN REVIVAL**

Join us for our Tri-Parish Lenten Revival with Immaculate Conception, and St. Francis Xavier. Our revivalist will be Mr. & Mrs. Al Carter. Revival will be at St. Francis Xavier on Monday, March 2nd, St. Paul on Tuesday, March 3rd, and Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, March 4th.

**TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY**

**Drivers for Sunday, March 1, 2020**  
**Lloyd Young & Janice Hamilton**

*Happy Birthday*

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| Stephanie Allen 2/23  | Jared Anthony, Sr. 2/27 |
| Mary Leona Smart 2/23 | Jermon Dunn 2/27        |
| Raven Williams 2/24   | Lakia James 2/27        |
| Shirley Dawson 2/25   | Larbre Mathis 2/28      |
| Carter Peters 2/25    | Frank Thomas, Sr. 2/28  |
| John Gradnigo 2/26    |                         |



**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,, 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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February 16, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,561.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,294.00
Children's Offering	\$ 16.10
Building Fund	\$ 95.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 33.00
Eastern Europe	\$ <u>203.81</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,202.91</b>

*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 &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>
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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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Lionel Bazile, Sr.  
James Bazile  
Sheila Bazile



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*In Loving Memory of:*


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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