



Dear sisters and brothers,

Two months before his assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke to his congregation at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta about his death in what would oddly enough become his eulogy.

"Every now and then I think about my own death, and I think about my own funeral," Dr. King told his congregation. "If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell them not to talk too long. Every now and then I wonder what I want them to say. Tell them not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize, that isn't important. Tell them not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards, that's not important. I'd like someone to mention that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to give his life serving others. I'd like someone to say that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to love somebody. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try, in my life, to clothe those who were naked. I want you to be able to say that I did try to visit those in prison. I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity." Dr. King concluded with these words: "I won't have any money left behind. I won't have the fine and luxurious things of life to leave behind. But I just want to leave a committed life behind."

Did Dr. King have that level of commitment when he first began his ministry? It's doubtful. He had youthful enthusiasm to be sure. He had strong convictions. He was well brought up, with an outstanding Baptist preacher as a father. But people who are truly captured by the spirit of Christ do so generally after years of walking in Christ's footsteps. Our faith is validated and grows as we, like the disciples and Martin once did, respond to the invitation of Jesus to "come and see."

If you do, your living will never be in vain!

I am in the Divine Word

Fr. Richard P. Andrus, Jr., SVD



Altar Servers

- 7:30 a.m. Chelsea Buckley, DaMarquis London
Garrick Camel, Jr.
- 10:30 a.m. Rudolph Richard III, Demond Garner,
Kaleigh Garner

Eucharistic Ministers

- 7:30 a.m. Poullette Robertson, Monique Spaulding,
Alice Zacharie, Joannette Dunn,
Audrene LeBlanc, Perry Chenevert
- 10:30 a.m. Velita Benjamin, Martha Davis,
Christy Hall, Anna Perry,
Justin Kennedy, Nancy Ball
Barbara Cornell, Paul Stewart

Readers

- 7:30 a.m. Harry Johnson, Debra Dudley
- 10:30 a.m. Sydney Brown, Barbara Cornell

Mass Intentions

- 7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
- 10:30 a.m. St. Paul Bible Study Group



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 located at 11441 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterwards at the STM Activity Center.

Readings for the Week

- Monday: **Memorial of St. Fabian; St. and Sebastian; Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Agnes**
1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51;
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*
- Thursday: **Memorial of St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope**
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;
Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: **Memorial of St. Francis de Sales**
1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: **The Conversion of St. Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends;**
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;
Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- Sunday: **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sunday of the Word of God;**
Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

A Vocation View: "Behold the Lamb of God!" John the Baptist points his followers to Jesus, our actions as disciples of Christ should do the same.
DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Mass
 9:00 a.m. Religious Education Classes
 10:30 a. Mass

Monday: Office Closed
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday: No Mass
 6:00 p.m. RCIA

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

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice

Friday: 8:00 a.m. Mass

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



Quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- *“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”*
- *“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”*
- *“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: Only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: Only love can do that.”*
- *“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”*
- *“Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude.”*

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, to be celebrated annually on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. For the Sunday Masses on January 26, we ask you to bring your personal or family Bible to Mass with you. We want to emphasize the importance of the Bible in Catholic life and encourage one another to read and study it as a regular part of our lives as disciples of Jesus. During the Mass we will have a commitment and blessing prayer as you hold your Bibles. After Mass we will provide you with a service to enthrone and honor the Bible in your homes.

The Junior Daughters’ Warm Accessories Drive to collect accessories such as socks, gloves, hats and scarves for the homeless ends next Sunday, January 26th, so please bring your items Sunday, the bin is in the foyer. They will deliver items to the shelter on Saturday, February 1st. Thank you for your support of our needy!

Respect Life Mass - Join us in thanking God for the gift of life and praying for its protection at all stages! Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., prior to the Louisiana Life March. All are welcome! Following Mass we will walk to the State Capitol for the beginning of the March at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Danielle Van Haute at 242-0164 or dvanhaute@diobr.org.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY
Drivers for Sunday, January 26, 2020
Robert Martin and Pamela Claiborne

Happy Birthday

Dianne Baham 1/19	Andrea Camberos 1/22
Melonie Stewary 1/19	Angelle Camberos 1/22
Albert Victorian, Jr. 1/19	Trevione Malveaux 1/23
Jerome Walker 1/19	Jessie Joseph Sr. 1/24
Barbara Haynes 1/20	Nahshon Route 1/24
Sharda Green 1/21	Ruby Woods 1/24
Carmen Patrick 1/21	Riley Thomas 1/25
Monique Spaulding 1/21	

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



	Website for Online Giving: www.osvonlinegiving.com/4266
	<u>January 12, 2020</u>
Offertory Collection	\$ 5,166.81
Online Giving	\$ 2,561.00
Children’s Offering	\$ 18.00
Building Fund	\$ 393.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 82.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00
Advent Offering	\$ 20.00
Latin America	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 8,270.81

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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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><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 Matthis.....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>
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<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>.....802-6128223-7851324-5808665-2630383-2537383-2537654-6705324-2939397-4309278-0071278-6732383-2537383-2537383-2537357-4108383-2537772-2090754-2609</p>
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<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>AVON <i>Beauty Boss</i></p>	<p>JERRENA BROWN Independent Sales Representative 225.221.7836 jerrenab@yahoo.com youravon.com/jerrenab</p>	<p>Chenevert Construction & Remodeling 344-0183</p>	<p>Space Available</p>
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