



Dear Friends,

After falling twice in the 1988 Olympic speed-skating races Dan Jansen sought out sports psychologist Dr. Jim Loehr, who helped him find a new balance between his sport and the rest of his life. He also helped Jansen learn to focus on the mental aspects of skating. Peter Mueller became his coach, putting him through workouts that Dan has since described as the “toughest I have ever known.” By the time the 1994 Olympics arrived, Jansen had more confidence than ever. He had set a five-hundred-meter world record just two months earlier. The Olympic title in that event seemed to belong to him.

Unfortunately, Jansen fell during the five-hundred-meter race. He was disappointed and shaken. But, Dr. Loehr immediately told him to start preparing for the one-thousand-meter race. He said, the five-hundred-meter race is gone. Put it behind you.” However, the thousand-meter race was Jansen’s weakest event. There was no other chance for him to receive a medal. However, Jansen won the one-thousand-meter race and did it in record time. Since Jansen had followed the wisdom of his coach, he had put his failure behind him and tried something new.

My friends, we can play it safe with life and remain secure in what we know. Like the fishermen, our lives will remain in the darkness until we are willing to follow and move in a new direction. Jesus called the disciples to something that would not only give purpose and new meaning to their lives, he called them to a vocation that would forever change the world. They followed, and from then on, their lives would never be the same!

Ice Fishing, anyone?

I am, in the Divine Word

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD



Altar Servers

7:30 a.m. Da’Marquis London, Jaiden Parker
10:30 a.m. Joseph Richard, Kellen Anthony,
Kaila Anthony

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Readers

7:30 a.m. Joannette Dunn, Ronnice’ Johnson
10:30 a.m. St. Paul’s Youth

Mass Intentions

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



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. Please contact St. Paul parish office at 383-2537 to register.

***ENTHRONE THE BIBLE
IN YOUR HOME***

Readings for the Week

Monday: **Memorial of St. Angela Merici**
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas**
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mk 4:21-25
Friday: **Memorial of St. John Bosco**
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; s 51:3-7, 10-11;
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday**
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: **The Presentation of the Lord; World Day
for Consecrated Life; National Day of
Prayer for the African-American Family**
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

May she rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Anthony family at the passing of Mrs. Edith Anthony, mother of Mr. Alvin Anthony. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



Amen.



Next Sunday, February 2nd has been set aside as the National Day of Prayer for African and African American Families. Invite the rest of the family! Invite friends! WORSHIP together at the Eucharistic Table and pray as a family on the National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family. There will be a special family blessing during Mass.

SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: **7:30 a.m. Mass** –Ladies Guild Turn Out
9:00 a.m. Religious Education Classes
10:30 a. Mass

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: 5:00 p.m. Ladies Guild Meeting

Friday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**

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

Statements of Contributions for 2019 are available in the foyer for parishioners that requested them. If you would like a statement but did not sign up, you may still request a statement by signing the request form in the foyer.



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.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY
Drivers for Sunday, February 2, 2020
 Lloyd Young and Janice Hamilton

Please mark your calendar! **Our Lenten Fish Fry** is scheduled for February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3, 2020. We will need volunteers for Thursdays to help with preparation and on Fridays to prepare the dinners, and to deliver. Whatever help you can give will be greatly appreciated.



**COMING SOON!
 LENTEN
 FISH FRY!**

Happy Birthday

Wanda Alsobrook 1/26	Ronnice' Johnson 1/29
Nariyah Davis 1/26	Jaxon Bailey 1/30
Sydney Anderson 1/28	Kellen Anthony 1/31
Iylla Hamphill 1/28	Carolyn Patterson 1/31
Alex Watson 1/28	Wanda Rodney 1/31
Glenda Brown 1/29	Ciera Dickson 2/01



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 19, 2020



Offertory Collection	\$ 3,441.91
Online Giving	\$ 825.00
Children's Offering	\$ 17.72
Building Fund	\$ 190.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 4,494.63

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

2 Corinthians 9:6




<p>In Loving Memory of:</p> <p>Opston, Dorcenia, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert & Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth & Tia Davis, Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren and Marcus Montigue</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of:</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>In Loving Memory of:</p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney</p>  <p>"Rest in Peace"</p>	<p>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</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>In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:</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>Chenevert Construction & Remodeling 344-0183</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Space Available</p>
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<p>In Loving Memory of:</p> <p>Famye Reed and the Reed, Stewart, Davis, and Grainger Families</p>  <p>"Rest in Peace"</p>	<p>AVON Beauty Boss</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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<p>In Loving Memory of:</p> <p>Lionel Bazile, Sr. James Bazile Sheila Bazile</p>  <p>"Rest in Peace"</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of:</p> <p>Aaron Bradley Joseph H.P. Martin</p>  <p>"Rest in Peace"</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of:</p> <p>Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian, Kirby, James "Pookie" Verdell, Corinne & Michael Joseph, Lawrence, Sr. & Shedrick Ashford, Ellis Myles, Sr., Rose & Albert Hebert, Eula White</p> 	<p>Space Available</p>
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