



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Do you know what I believe is the worst thing about January 1? Not that it marks the "official" end of the holiday season. Not that it means school starts the next day. Not even that it signals we all just got a year older.

The worst thing about January 1 is that we are immediately inundated with two of the most depressing messages imaginable.

First, we are barraged and berated online, on tv, on buses, with the fact that it is high time to lose weight.

Second, we begin to get reminded that it's time to do our taxes as if January weren't harsh enough on its own.

Is it that our consumer culture doesn't have anything else to hawk in these maxed out credit card winter days except sleek new diet plans and snazzy new tax prep programs?

Happy New Year!

Every new beginning deserves to be heralded as "good news," not "more work."

We don't celebrate an engagement announcement by be-moaning the price of wedding cakes.

We don't rejoice at the news of a new child by adding up the lost hours of sleep ahead.

We don't embrace a new career with the thought that it will take over every moment of our life.

We don't buy a new "house" with a hefty mortgage and iffy plumbing and a drafty attic. No, we buy a new "home" to love and live in.

In that respect we are all "magi. "We are all the "wise men and women" of the Nativity! We are all the wise men and women in today's world as we have looked up and have been enabled to see the signs of our times and move forward in faith with the Christ we have found and give witness to the transformative power that the love of Christ brings to all people!

As we move forward, day by day into this New Year, and as we have found in our yesterdays, let us continue to trust in our every tomorrow's that He will be with us with all of the grace and kindness we need at any given moment to fulfill God's will in each of our lives!

To God be the glory!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Richard Andrus, SVD

Altar Servers

7:30 a.m. Jaiden Parker, Da'Marquis London,
10:30 a.m. Andrea Camberos, Angelle Camberos,
Jose Camberos

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Readers

7:30 a.m. Cindy Chenevert, Lucille Brown
10:30 a.m. Justin Kennedy, Linda Carter

Mass Intentions

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
10:30 a.m. Milton & Rachel Joseph and Deceased
Members of the Joseph Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: **Memorial of St. André Bessette**
1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Raymond of Penyafort;**
1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10;
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17



St. Paul the Apostle Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the center. Our topic and Bible scriptures will reference "Burying the Hatchet 2020". Join us and make Bible Study attendance a long-term New Year's Resolution for 2020.

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
Turn Out

Monday: **No Mass**

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

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

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

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

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Mime Group Practice
11:00 a.m. Liturgical Dance Practice
12 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY
Drivers for Sunday, January 12, 2020
Shirley Dawson and Augustine Kador

Please keep Deacon Dunbar and his family in your prayers. His oldest sister, Kerma Lane of New Orleans died this past week. May God grant her peaceful rest. May the same God grant comfort and consolation to Deacon Dunbar and their entire family as they grieve her passing .



May she rest in peace...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Martin family at the passing of Ms. Mary Martin, aunt of Mr. Robert Martin. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



I am deeply grateful to all of the parishioners and organizations of St. Paul who, during the Christmas Season, were so generous with your special cards, gifts, prayers, thoughtfulness and invitations to share in your festive Christmas and Holiday season meals! They all added to the blessings and joy God provided in for me this Christmas. It is my prayer that we all are able to move forward into this new year with the same joy and determination to lift one another up and be ever more committed to the greater good of our entire parish family of St. Paul! God bless you for your goodness! - **Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD**

The first ever "Sunday of the Word of God" will be on Sunday, January 26, 2020! 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. I am asking parishioners to bring your family or personal **CATHOLIC** bibles with you to Mass that Sunday. 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 followers of Jesus. During Mass, we will have a commitment and blessing prayer as you hold your Bibles. After Mass, you will be provided with a service to enthrone and honor the bible in your home!



The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Council and Court 351 would like to thank everyone that supported St. Paul's Christmas Dance fundraiser. It was a great success!

2019 Contribution Statements - If you are interested in obtaining a statement of your contributions made to St. Paul during the year 2019, please request a statement by signing the log sheet in the foyer. You will be notified when the statements are available.

Happy Birthday

Augustine Kador 12/29	James Bazile 1/08
Kaelyn Anderson 1/05	Lovie Marshall 1/08
Cleta Guichard 1/05	Mary Martin 1/08
Paris Rodney 1/05	Michael Boyd, Jr. 1/09
Edna Dunn Scott 1/05	Alma Ferbos 1/09
Darion Harleaux 1/06	Laura Freeman 1/09
Dewayne London 1/06	Megan Graves 1/09
Fredrick Moore, Jr. 1/06	Jameer Oliver 1/09
Roycha Richard 1/07	Kirsten Raby 1/09
Jasiah Sanders 1/07	Halley Perry 1/10
Kim Starwood 1/07	Nyle Johnson 1/11
Roger Banks, Jr. 1/08	



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 Buttitta, Edna Dixon, Gene Decuir, Charles Bethley, Janet Bossier, and Jenna Scott





Website for Online Giving:
www.osvonlinegiving.com/4266

December 29, 2019

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,199.00
Online Giving	\$ 695.00
Children's Offering	\$ 1.60
Building Fund	\$ 5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 8.00
Catholic Life Center	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 95.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
New Years	\$ 30.00
All Saints	\$ 50.00
Latin America	\$ 3.00
Advent Offering	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 4,181.60

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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In Loving Memory of:

Geneva Battley Spooner
Della Battley Rodney




"Rest in Peace"


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



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