



# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

## Staying Connected During COVID-19

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.**  
— *Psalm 65:12*

**Online Giving:**  
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**July 12, 2020**



Dear friends,

Many years ago, in the church I served before I was ordained, there was a lonely old man, "old Thomas," he was called by. He had outlived all his relatives and friends but one and hardly anyone knew him. When Thomas died, this friend had the feeling that there would be no one to go to the funeral so he decided to go, so that there might be someone to follow the old man to his last resting-place.

Besides me and him, there was no one else, and it was a miserable wet day. When the funeral reached the cemetery, at the gate there was a soldier waiting. An officer, but on his raincoat there were no rank badges. He came to the grave side as I prayed the "Rite of Committal Prayers." Then when it was over, he stepped forward and before the open grave swept his hand to a salute that might have been given to a king. The friend walked away with this soldier, and as they walked, the wind blew the soldier's raincoat open to reveal the shoulder badges of a brigadier general.

The general said, "You will perhaps be wondering what I am doing here. Years ago Thomas was my Sunday School teacher; I was a wild kid and a painful trial to him. He never knew what he did for me, but I owe everything I am or will be to old Thomas, and today I had to come to salute him at the end." Thomas did not know what he was doing.

No pastor, nor teacher ever does. Many times, neither do parents fully know what they do for their sons and daughters. It matters not! Keep sowing the seed. We can leave the rest to God, including keeping the fire going. And that is GOOD news for all us tenant farmers.

I am, in the Divine Word,

**Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD**

### **LIVE TODAY**

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.

—Anonymous



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Martin Voltaire, April Voltaire, and Marissa Voltaire

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

**Psalm** — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

**Second Reading** — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

**Gospel** — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

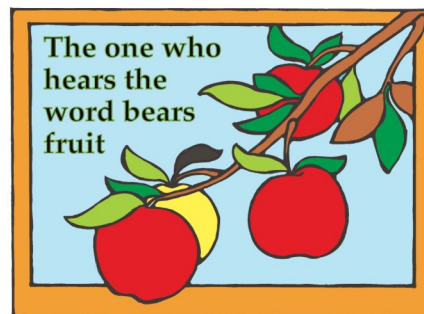
## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	<b>Memorial of St. Henry</b> Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1	Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Tuesday:	<b>Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha</b> Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24	Saturday:	<b>Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Wednesday:	<b>Memorial of St. Bonaventure</b> Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27	Sunday:	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]
Thursday:	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30		

## GOD'S WORDS

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us “good-night,” our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God’s words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God’s word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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## PRAYER FOR RACIAL HARMONY

God our Father, You call us to love one another as You have loved us. We pray for the conversion of hearts in our Diocese of Baton Rouge to bring about racial harmony rooted in Your Son Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, strip us of our pride, mistrust, and prejudices, so that we may be able to dialogue with one another to build communities where justice, peace and love flourish. We ask these blessings trusting in the infinite mercy of Jesus and the intercession of Mary our Mother. Amen.

## CELEBRATING JULY 13th - JULY 18th BIRTHDAYS

Ariel Skinner 07/13  
Liorah Twase 7/13  
DeJuan Thomas 7/14  
Alivia Landry 7/15  
Howard Rome 7/15



Frances Farlow 7/16  
Vera Dunbar 7/17  
Crystal Hall 7/17  
Lucille Brown 7/18  
Paulette Robertson 7/18

## PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19!



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ST. PAUL

A Time of Praise and Thanksgiving as Church Family, we can celebrate our 60th Anniversary with thanksgiving for God's steadfast love and kindness. Since 1960, St. Paul the Apostle has stood in the Eden Park Community, Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge, and the city of Baton Rouge as a beacon of hope, and a safe and secure place to praise God filled with warmth, love, and charitable Christian services and ministries.

Much of St. Paul's success is due to the solid spiritual and liturgical foundation laid by the teaching and guidance provided by members of Caritas, a lay apostolate, (Eunice Royal, Rita Lombardo, Lois Deslonde, and Barbara Bahlinger) who came to St. Paul in September 1960 to organize and oversee our religious instruction program. With such a strong foundation and the leadership and vision of some amazing priests from the Society of Divine Word Missionary, we replaced a small café and some shot-gun houses with our current Parish Center on March 9, 1969, and built our current beautiful church in 2011.

Through the hard work and dedication of the founding members of St. Paul and their descendants, St. Paul's membership continues to grow, from a handful of members, about 50 in 1960, to a membership over 700. Over the years, we have broadened our viewpoints regarding ministries and moved from all-male ushers and altar boys in the sixties to gender-inclusive ushers and altar servers. Moreover, St. Paul moved from the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) in 1969 to our current Youth Ministry, established lay Eucharistic Ministers in the eighties to serve during Mass, and added in the nineties a yearly Ministry Signup Sunday.

For 60 years, the congregational family has nurtured and cared for hundreds of the least, the last, and the lost who live in Eden Park and continues to provide Christian services through St. Paul Food Pantry/Bank and the Conference of St. Vincent DePaul Society.

As we look back, we must stay relevant, vibrant, healthy, and look to God for the present and the future.

### PRAYER CALL - SUNDAYS at 6:00

**P.M.**— Join us in praying the Rosary and asking the Blessed Mother to intercede for us during this COVID-19 Global Pandemic.



**July 5, 2020**

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,729.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,489.00
Building Fund	\$ 590.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 130.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 7,968.00

### BIBLE STUDY CONFERENCE CALL

**Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.** Join us by calling **978-990-5317**. Access Code **1966852#**











### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

*Audrey Christopher, Mary Smart, Carolyn Christophe, Dorothy Bazile, Myrtis Coleman, Robert Seals, Mona Seals, Sylvia Collier, Lena Batiste, Marie Myles, Mary Lena Price, Willis Reed, Jr., Annie Joseph, Rosa Johnson, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Jasman Benjamin, James Hayward, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Charles Davis, Jr., Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, Meredith Jones, Gregory Cornell, George Cornell, Mable King, Barbara Rodney, Mercedes Mackey, Curtell Thibodeaux, and Audrene LeBlanc*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND 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, Charles Bethley, Janet Bossier, Jenna Scott, Anthony Grand, and Allen Paschal.*

<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>
<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</b></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 &amp; Repast - Velita Benjamin.....654-6705  Child Protection Coordinator - Vera Dunbar.....324-2939  Eucharistic Ministers - Nancy Ball.....397-4309  Liturgy Committee - Gigi Mathis.....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</p>		
<p><i>In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:</i></p>  <p>Roosevelt Bowers Joseph "Buddy" Walker Oscar LeDuff, Jr. Elizabeth &amp; Frank P. Bowers Carrie &amp; Douglas Rodney, Sr. Clara &amp; Willis Walker Sarah Rodney Domino &amp; Wilbert Domino, Sr. Freddie Bowers Ora Bowers Ward Sybil Thomas Johnson Maureen Bowers Johnson</p> 				
<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><b>Space Available</b></p>		<p><b>Chenevert Construction &amp; Remodeling</b> 344-0183</p>	<p><b>Space Available</b></p>
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