



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Staying Connected During COVID-19

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Those who are just must be kind.

— *Wisdom 12:19*

July 19, 2020

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Dear sisters and brothers,

I have to admit that the gospel story this Sunday is a challenging text for me because I am a typical first child in many respects. You other first children may recognize yourselves in some of what I'm about to say ... and if you are not the first child, you will still recognize what I am about to share in your eldest sibling!

As a first child I want everything to be either right or wrong, no gray areas, and so, when things go wrong, I become a problem solver who wants to make it all right again. But that doesn't always work out, as I discovered the year when I was eight. Just before Christmas that year, I decided I needed to "fix" the family's Christmas tree decorations and, in the process of straightening the star on the top of the tree, pulled the whole thing over on top of me! Thank God my dad was there to pull me out and straighten up the tree again.

Our desire to immediately want to make things right doesn't go over too well in family relationships to our grown-up children, either. As parents, you can't fix things for them anymore; we can't kiss the scraped knee and make it all better. All we can do now is just listen and wait; be patient, pray and trust in the wisdom we tried to instill in them as we raised them as children of God and followers of Jesus Christ and active participants in the Church. We have to trust in the good seed sown by God's Spirit in their hearts. We have to trust in the fruit and the harvest that God — not we — will make in their lives! The amazing thing about God is that God does!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrews SVD

WORDS AND WEEDS

A man of words and not of deeds
is like a garden full of weeds.

—Anonymous nursery rhyme



MASS INTENTIONS

Parishioners of St. Paul the
Apostle

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Memorial of St. Apollinaris Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42	Friday:	Memorial of St. Sharbel Makhlūf Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Tuesday:	Memorial of St. Lawrence of Brindisi Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50	Saturday:	Memorial of St. James 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday:	Memorial of St. Mary Magdalene Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	Sunday:	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]
Thursday:	Memorial of St. Bridget Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17		

GOOD SEEDS

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus’ interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today’s believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today’s Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.



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FREE COVID-19 TESTING SITES

Cortana Mall
9701 Cortana Pl., Baton Rouge
Monday – Friday 7am – 7 pm
Through July 26th Free

Fairgrounds at BREC’s Airline Hwy Park
17200 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge
Monday – Sunday 7am – 7pm
Through July 26th Free

LSU – Alex Box Stadium Parking Lot
Gourrier Avenue
Monday – Sunday 7am – 7pm
Through July 26th Free

Miracle Place Church
2080 Main St., Baker
Monday – Sunday 7am – 7pm
Through July 26th

Southern University FG Clark Parking Lot
801 Harding Blvd., Baton Rouge
Monday – Sunday 7am – 7pm
Through July 26th

Wal-Mart Parking Lot near Cortana
9350 Cortana Place, Baton Rouge
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7am – 9am

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS!



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

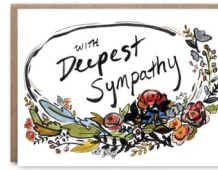
Religious Education volunteers will have an orientation meeting via Zoom for the new year on Saturday, July 25, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. All Religious Education volunteers are encouraged to join the meeting. Anyone interested in working with our volunteers should contact the church office to submit their email address for an invitation to the meeting. We are looking forward to meeting with all our volunteers next Saturday.

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.

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.



May she rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Mackey family at the passing of Ms. Mercedes Mackey.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

A Vocation View: The Lord is a God of mercy and graciousness, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Our response is one of gratitude for calling us to be his disciples.

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OFFERTORY

July 12, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,563.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,494.16
Building Fund	\$ 480.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 190.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 30.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 217.00
Total	\$ 7,974.16

CELEBRATING JULY 19 - JULY 25th BIRTHDAYS



Noah Banks 7/19
Calvin Dudley 7/19
Jamar Rucker 7/19
Jennifer Bynum 7/20
Marilynn Payne 7/20



Kemmyona Moore 7/21
Dora Moore 7/22
Lorena Williams 7/24
Brandon James 7/25
Joseph Patrick 7/25












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, 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 & 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>
<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>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 Mathis.....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>		
<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><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>Space Available</p>		<p>Chenevert Construction & Remodeling 344-0183</p>	<p>Space Available</p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Lionel Bazile, Sr. James Bazile Sheila Bazile</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Jessie Joseph Aaron Bradley Joseph H.P. Martin</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></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>		