



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Staying Connected During COVID-19

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July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
All things work for good for those who love God.
— *Romans 8:28a*



Dear sisters and brothers,

As a kid, one of my favorite book was Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island." I read "Treasure Island" a dozen times. Of course, I identified with Jim, the kid in the story. But thinking back, I really loved the adults in "Treasure Island" because I didn't know any adults like the ones who peopled Treasure Island, grownups who staked all, risked everything, for nothing more than some map scrawled on a piece of paper.

The adults I knew stayed home, kept their heads down, went to work in the morning and then they came back again in the evening. But in "Treasure Island," they risked, they stretched the truth and sometimes, even lied if needed, and they had great lives and exciting deaths.

I am haunted at what somebody said at my friends. "Remember one thing as you go into life: Even if you win the rat race, remember, you're still a rat."

He was telling the truth. There is this relentless, virtually irresistible tendency of life to transmute from adventure into tame predictability. One day you're an angry, young thing, ready to grab the world by the tail and twist, dying to set the woods on fire. And the next day you're some old foggy, slouched in an easy chair, complaining about how the kids are ruining the world. One day you're a kid, excited about the prospect of leaving home, abandoning your parents, and going to college where you can think as you like, and they can't do anything about it. And then the next day you're just a college student, going through the motions, trying to accumulate enough hours to graduate.

Jesus says a kingdom belongs to those with the guts to stake it all on the treasure.

Are you willing, my friends, daring enough to risk giving it all for the ultimate treasure, our salvation?

With faith the size of a mustard seed, daring to take the risk is worth everything! The treasure will last forever!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Richard Andrus, SVD

TODAY'S REDINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35	Friday:	Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43	Saturday:	Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori; Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Wednesday:	Memorial of St. Martha Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42	Sunday:	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21
Thursday:	Memorial of St. Peter Chrysologus Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53		

HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE 2020 CENSUS?



The goal of the **2020 CENSUS** is a complete and accurate count of everyone living in the United States. The questionnaire can be completed online at 2020census.gov, by phone at 844-330-2020 or by mail. It should be completed as soon as possible. Everyone in your household should be counted.

The results of the Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next ten years. That funding shapes many different aspects of every commu-

nity, no matter the size, no matter the location.

Census results affect planning and funding for health care, education—including programs such as Head Start, Pell grants, rural education, adult education, and grants for preschool special education. It also impacts, school lunches, plans for highways, and support for firefighters and families in need. **DO YOUR PART AND BE COUNTED!!!**



HAVE YOUR VOTE COUNT IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS



In order to have a greater future and leadership that represents our needs, we must vote for leaders who will bring positive change for all citizens. We have seen over the past years efforts to erode voting and civil rights, efforts to obstruct justice, prevent health care for those most in need, prevent increases in minimum wages, and safety-net programs designed to sustain folks through hard times have been dismantled. We cannot stand by and watch or complain.

Change comes through the men and women we elect to represent us. Each of us has a moral obligation to exercise our right to vote. Our next election is August 15, 2020.

If you are at least 18 years of age and have not registered to vote, please register in person as soon as possible or register through the **GeauxVote** online registration system to qualify to vote in the November election. **The deadline to register to vote in the November 3rd election is October 5, 2020. BE READY TO CAST YOUR VOTE!**

Due to overwhelming response, the COVID-19 Louisiana Emergency Rental Assistance Program application process has been temporarily suspended. To receive notification when the application process reopens, go online to larenthelp.com to submit contact information.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS!





May he rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Hutson and Collins family at the passing of Mr. Alfred "Drue" Hutson, Jr., brother-in-law of Mrs. Gigi Collins-Mathis.

May God grant him peaceful eternal rest. May the same God grant comfort and consolation to the family as they grieve the passing of their loved one.

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.



**BIBLE STUDY
CONFERENCE CALL**

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

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. Please join us by calling **701-802-5490**.

A Vocation View: Give your servant an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong. "True knowledge comes from the Lord, and is not to be used for our own gain, but for the building of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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OFFERTORY

July 19, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,384.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,845.00
Building Fund	\$ 28.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 10.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 4,317.00

CELEBRATING JULY 26th - August 1st BIRTHDAYS



Joy Antoine 7/26
Harry Johnson 7/26
Oliver Johnson 7/26
Marzette Payne 7/27
Maxwell Starwood 7/27
William Bradford 7/28
Leonard Mathis 7/28



Carroll Denman 7/29
Trinell Evans 7/29
Curtell Thibodeaux 7/29
Nancy Ball 7/30
Gail Arline 7/31
Shelita Rodney 8/01












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, Allen Paschal, and James Pace

<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>
<p style="text-align: center;">SIGMA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ENGINEERS & CONSTRUCTORS, INC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SAFETY/RISK, FACILITY SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL, CIVIL, STRUCTURAL, ARCHITECTURAL, MECHANICAL, PIPING, PROCESS, ELECTRICAL, INSTRUMENTATION, STAFFING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">225-810-3100 www.sigmaec.com</p>		<p>Space Available</p>		<p>Space Available</p>
<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>		