



# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

## Staying Connected During COVID-19

**Fourteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

“Come to me, all you who  
labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.”

— *Matthew 11:28*

**July 5, 2020**

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Dear Friends,

In the late 1930's Billie Holiday, one of America's foremost blues singers, made a singing tour through the south. As she passed through one Southern City she saw the bodies of several Black men hanging from the trees in broad day light. Stricken with the horror of the sight she became one of many Black songster who used her music to speak out against an injustice.

She wrote a song entitled “Strange Fruit.” In her song she noted that there was strange fruit hanging from the trees in the South, the bodies of black men, a fruit not designed to be there.

Shortly after anti-lynching laws were passed, the physical sight of strange fruit became rare, yet even today, they are still occurring. Racist elements of America would not desist. Although the law prevented further lynching's, they sought avenues that were both enigmatic and puzzling but would produce fruit just as strange, just as harmful and just as deadly as those Billie Holiday saw hanging from the trees.

As most Americans celebrate Independence Day on July 4<sup>th</sup>, we are reminded as Catholic Christians in America that we have the responsibility to remind our people that we live in a divided country where there are virtually two Americas where we struggle for justice and liberation, and to be mindful of the underhanded and snake-like nature of our enemy the devil.

Each ensuing generation must be warned that the same evil thrust that caused Black men and women to dangle at the ends of ropes 50 years ago, that same mentality still exists today. It threatens, in a more permanent and destructive way, to destroy our race internally, by destroying voter rights, civil rights, rights to quality education, jobs, housing, healthcare, access to quality food, just wages and protection from police violence just as effectively as if we all dangled from trees.

With the cross of Christ before us, we must remind ourselves and this nation, that freedom is a God-given right guaranteed to all of us in the Declaration of Independence saying, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among them are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.” As the nation celebrates Independence this weekend, we remember the Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness God created us for out of pure love for us. We are precious in God's eyes as we are and wonderful to behold in the sight of God. Because God created us as we are, Black lives matter and that does not come at the cost of our personhood, our dignity, our self respect, or our lives!

In the Divine Word, I am

*Fr. Richard R. Andrus Jr. SVD*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	<b>Memorial of St. Maria Goretti</b> Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26	Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38	Saturday:	<b>Memorial of St. Benedict</b> Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7	Sunday:	<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18- 23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]
Thursday:	<b>Memorial of St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions</b> Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15		

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

### PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of Land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you. O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea. Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.



Congratulations to Chelsea Buckley, Alondra Camberos, Jermon Dunn, Chelsey Haynes, Michael Knox, Jr., Halley Perry, Jasiah Sanders, Nautica Ward, and

Travis Williams on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday, June 28th.



A special thanks to our parents and Religious Education volunteers for preparing our candidates for Confirmation. Thanks to the choir, ushers, Eucharistic ministers and everyone who attended for making the mass extra special. Also to Mrs. Makisha Anderson for live streaming mass and taking pictures, and Mrs. Vera Dunbar for creating and printing programs and name tags.

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





## VOTE SATURDAY, July 11<sup>th</sup>

Baton Rouge is holding a primary election Saturday, **July 11, 2020** for City Court, Division C and the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, section 2, Division M. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote in the primary election, a general election is scheduled on **August 15, 2020**.

Baton Rouge is also holding general elections for the office of mayor-president, city council seats, constables, justices of the peace, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District judgeships, district attorney for the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, LA Court of Appeals First Circuit judgeships, Juvenile Court judgeships, and Family Court judgeships on **December 5, 2020**. The primary is scheduled for **November 3, 2020**.

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. It is our moral obligation to be responsible voters. "There's never been a more important time for our young people to look forward to exercising their right to vote and have their voices heard. We encourage young people to make sure that you also play a crucial role in our democracy," Remember your parents and grandparents fought and some died so you and your children could vote. If you are a registered voter, you have no reason, no excuse NOT to vote. Elections are of great importance for our community, for the State of Louisiana and for our nation. 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. Safety-net programs designed to sustain folks through hard times have been dismantled. Much of the progress of the last 50+ years is being threatened by politicians that give breaks to the wealthy while making the poor suffer and become poorer. 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 – and to vote. Show up Saturday at the polls if you have not already voted... and make a difference!

### **Additional Elections in 2020: Municipal General Election - August 15, 2020 Presidential General & Open Congressional Primary Election - November 3, 2020 General Election – December 5, 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 August, November, and December elections. **Your Vote Counts!**



### **BIBLE STUDY CONFERENCE CALL**

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

### June 28, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,351.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,262.16
Building Fund	\$ 215.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 186.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 6,044.16

### **CELEBRATING JULY 5<sup>th</sup> - JULY 11<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAYS**



Karsyn Bell 07/05  
 Willie Belle Richard 07/05  
 Arlington Smith, Sr. 07/05  
 Sadie Simms 07/06  
 Asia Williams-Delone 7/06  
 John Broussard 07/08  
 Asia Hillery 07/08  
 Leonard Rucker, Jr. 07/08



Chai Thomas 07/08  
 Audrey Davis 07/09  
 Paula Jackson 07/09  
 Geraldine St. Amant 07/09  
 Brent Hayward, Jr. 07/10  
 Melba Kennedy 07/10  
 Anthony Skinner 07/10  
 Terrell Carter 07/11












### **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>
<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">SIGMA</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENGINEERS &amp; CONSTRUCTORS, INC.</b></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;"><b>225-810-3100    www.sigmaec.com</b></p>		<p><b>Space Available</b></p>		<p><b>Space Available</b></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>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 &amp; Michael Joseph, Lawrence, Sr. &amp; Shedrick Ashford, Ellis Myles, Sr., Rose &amp; Albert Hebert, Eula White</p> 		<p><b>Space Available</b></p>