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# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Staying Connected During COVID-19

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.

— Deuteronomy 8:3b

June 14, 2020



The Israelites who journeyed through the dessert were fleeing slavery and certain death. But along the way, they encountered serpents and scorpions and experienced great hunger and thirst. God fed them with manna and quenched their thirst with water drawn from a rock. In these miraculous encounters, the people came to believe that God was truly with them on their journey, and with this assurance, grew to rely on and put their trust in God. Jesus began his

ministry with a pilgrimage to the desert, where he prayed and placed his trust in his heavenly Father. Strengthened at God's hand, Jesus stayed true to his mission even in the face of cruel death, giving himself, his very life and substance to us in bread and wine at the Last Supper and for his disciples for ages unending.

#### WHAT IS YOUR DESERT?

Chances are you are not physically wandering in a desert, although million of people throughout the world live without adequate clean water. All of us experience spiritual and emotional deserts, however. The food that Jesus gives in the Eucharist, his very Body and Blood, soul and

divinity, nourish us in our desert moments and strengthen us to live as Christ's people in the world. Partaking in Christ's Body and Blood, we are to live as Christ's people in the world, standing in solidarity with those who are in deserts of their own—physical, spiritual, and emotional. We are called to act as Christ's body, nourishing others through our presence, prayer, and sharing. What is your desert? How does the Eucharist strengthen you as you journey through this dark and sometimes frightening place in life? What desert of others are you called to address through your caring and sharing as a member of Christ's body, the Church?



#### TODAYS READINGS

First Reading — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a). **Psalm** — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Gospel — Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51-58).



## MASS INTENTIONS

De'Marquis London, Ja'Vonte Morris, and Alex Gremillion



The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is celebrated on Friday, June 19, 2020.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:

**Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time** Monday:

1 Kgs 21:1-16: Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7: Mt 5:38-42

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Tuesday:

Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24;

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15 Thursday:

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday:

Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16;

Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the

Blessed Virgin Mary; World Refugee Day:

Summer begins

2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34;

Lk 2:41-51

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Father's Day

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;

Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

#### FOOD FROM HEAVEN

God sustained the people of Israel for forty years in the desert with manna sent down from heaven, and Moses doesn't want them to forget it. God brought forth water from stone for them to drink, and Moses doesn't want them to forget this, either. And Moses tells them—twice—that the food that God sent was a food that neither they nor their ancestors before them had ever experienced before.

Jesus too speaks of food come down from heaven, food that the Jewish people had never experienced before. Recalling the manna in the desert, Jesus doesn't want them to forget it either, explaining that he is the food and drink of eternal life. And Paul reiterates to the Corinthians and to all of us that in the bread and in the cup, we share in the body and blood of Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

#### 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 May our Mother. Amen.

### PRAYER REQUEST

When we are faced with illnesses or difficult times in our lives, turning to prayer can give us comfort and help us remain hopeful that there are better days ahead. We invite you to contact us with your prayer request so that we can join with you in prayer. Please contact us on Facebook, call the parish office at (225) 383-2537, or complete the new prayer request form at Mass. Your prayer request will be offered at Sunday Mass during the Intercessory Prayers.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, here am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20

#### 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.



#### BIBLE STUDY CONFERENCE

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

Access Code 1966852#

## CELEBRATING June 14th - JUNE 20th BIRTHDAYS

Lionel Bazile, Jr. 6/14 Donavon Dorsey 6/14 Alessi Johnson 6/14 Jessica Patrick 6/14 Tianna Huggins 6/16



Bridgette Turner 6/16 Ethan Davis 6/18 Hayley Howard 6/18 Avoughn Roberts 6/18 Elliott Charland 06/20



### Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing
'Til earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past
has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has
brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on 'til victory is won

Stony the road we trod
Bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past
'Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years
God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where
we met Thee
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,
we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God
True to our native land
By: James Weldon Johnson



#### May he rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Davis family at the passing of Mr. Matthew Davis.

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



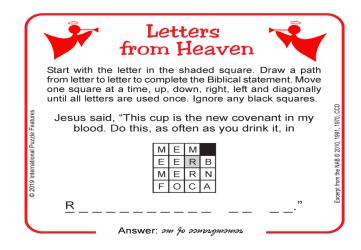
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#### June 7, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,899.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,964.00
Building Fund	\$ 655.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 290.00
Catholic Commentator	\$ 30.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 30.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$ 30.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 30.00
Retirement fund for Dio. Priest	\$ 30.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 40.00
Good Friday	\$ 30.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 11,088.00

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly, reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously, reap generously.

2 Corinthians 9:6



#### 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, Gussie Trahan, 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, and Curtell Thibodeaux

#### 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, and Anthony Grand

#### In Loving Memory of:

Opston, Dorcenia, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert & Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth & Tia Davis, Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren and Marcus Montigue



#### In Loving Memory of:

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Sarah Rodney Domino & Wilbert Domino, Sr. Freddie Bowers

Ora Bowers Ward Sybil Thomas Johnson Maureen Bowers Johnson

#### 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	
Center (Use of Center) - Mary Martin	
Center Rental & Repast - Velita Benjamin	
Child Protection Coordinator - Vera Dunbar	324-2939
Eucharistic Ministers - Nancy Ball	397-4309
Liturgy Committee - Gigi Mathis	
Nurse - Maxine Watts	
Parish Office - Secretary - Mary Martin	383-2537
Pastor - Fr. Richard Andrus	
Readers - Fr. Richard Andrus	383-2537
Religious Education Director - Martha Davis	357-4108
RCIA Coordinator - Fr. Richard Andrus	383-2537
Ushers - Edmonia Joseph	
Youth Ministry - Justin Kennedy	

#### In Loving Memory of:

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#### In Loving Memory of: Milton, Rachel, Lillie,

Lillian, Kirby, James
"Pookie" Verdell,
Corinne & Michael
Joseph, Lawrence, Sr. &
Shedrick Ashford,
Ellis Myles, Sr., Rose &
Albert Hebert, Eula
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