



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Staying Connected During COVID-19

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter
“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
— John 14:6

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MARY OUR MOTHER
What a joy to remember that Mary is our Mother! Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear?
—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux



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Dear Sisters and brothers,

This Sunday, Our Nation celebrates **Mother's Day.** And unfortunately, unless you are living with your mother, we will celebrate her day like so many days and events planned in the past 5 or 6 weeks – very differently. No Sunday Brunch after Mass. No family gathering with mom at anyone's home. This year we will celebrate, because we want to preserve the dignity and sanctity of our family member's lives and ours by staying at home! But, because we must celebrate and honor mom today, we will as many have done for a long time, we will do again, “We'll phone home!” Or better yet, we will “Facetime” with her! It's her day and we need to show her our love!

I know a Mom, who tried her best to be a good Mom and to be fair with all 6 of her children. Her children, like all children, didn't really appreciate this and were always telling her she did more for one or the other of them than she did for all of them. “You love her (him) more than you do me”, was an often-heard refrain from one or the other. Though the Mom felt bad about her children's reaction, she just continued to do the best she could to keep them all satisfied. She encouraged their individual talents, seeing them as God-given gifts that needed her encouragement, her support and her prayers. When they reached adulthood and were out on their own, each one doing his or her own thing, she often wondered if she could have done something else, something more to discourage sibling rivalry.

Imagine her surprise one **Mother's Day Family Dinner with a full house and table**, shortly after retiring, when each grown children told a story about a time when she made them feel so loved that they were able to take the necessary steps to succeed in some project that determined their future and succeed in their careers. They said that these memories have been a powerful force in their everyday lives and in how they try to parent their children. They ended their storytelling by singing “A **Mother's** Love is a Blessing!”

If they are with you still, take the time **today** to tell her **what a blessing her love has been as a mother to you!** If your mom, like mine is resting in the peace God alone can give, lift a prayer of thanksgiving **today** and **tell your mother what a blessing her love has been in your life!** And if you are with your mom, your aunt, your sister, your sister-in-law, you are with one who is a mother, give them a hug and tell them today **Happy Mother's Day – look them in the eye when you say it and then say ... I love you ... Let not your hearts be troubled!**



In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus, STD

Today's Readings

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: **Memorial of Ss. Nereus and Achilles; St. Pancras**
Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: **Our Lady of Fatima**
Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: **Memorial of St. Matthias**
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Friday: **St. Isidore the Farmer**
Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: **Armed Forces Day**
Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the work-place—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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Tips To Cope With Stress During COVID-19



1. **Pause - Breath.** Notice how you feel.
2. **Take Breaks** from COVID-19 content.
3. **Make Time** to sleep and exercise.
4. **Reach Out** and stay connected.
5. **Seek Help** if overwhelmed or unsafe.



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May he rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Christmas and Maxwell family at the passing of Mr. Ernest Christmas, father of Ms. Valda Christmas, and grandfather of Jamere and Rishell Maxwell. Please remember the family

in your prayers.

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

THANK YOU FRONTLINE WORKERS!



Wear a Mask. Save a life. Show love for your community by wearing a face covering in public.



A MOTHER'S LOVE



A mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away...
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking...
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,
And it grows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation...
A many splendored miracle man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

Helen Steiner Rice



After dinner on **Mother's Day** a **mother** was washing the dishes when her teenage daughter wandered into the kitchen. Horrified to see her **mother** at the sink, she exclaimed, "Oh, Mama, you shouldn't have to do dishes on **Mother's Day**." The **mother** was touched by this seeming thoughtfulness and was about to take off her apron and give it to her daughter when the daughter added, "They'll keep till tomorrow."

HUGS

A mom's hug lasts
long after she
lets go.
—Anonymous

CELEBRATING MAY 10th - 16th BIRTHDAYS



Heather Marcelle 5/10
Mary Lena Price 5/10
Terrell Carter 5/12
Rochell DeShea 5/13
Johnny Johnson, III 5/13
Lois Joseph 5/13



William Alsobrook, Jr.
5/15
Harrylee Clay 5/15
Angela Guilbeau 5/15
Sean Harris 5/15
Tillie Jackson n 5/16







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, George Bell, 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, Quincy Hamilton, Charles Davis, Jr., Jessie Joseph, Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, Meredith Jones, Gregory Cornell, George Cornell, Mable King, Barbara Rodney, and Mercedes Mackey

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, and Jenna Scott

<p>In Loving Memory of: Opston, Dorcena, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert & Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth & Tia Davis, Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren and Marcus Montigue</p>  <p>"Rest in Peace"</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of: George Coleman, Jr Geneva Coleman George Coleman, Sr. Carrie Coleman M.H. Weathersby Odelia Weathersby Donald Coleman</p>  <p>"Rest in Peace"</p>	<p>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 White</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of: Lionel Bazile, Sr. James Bazile Sheila Bazile</p>  <p>"Rest in Peace"</p>	<p>State Farm Insurance Leonard Benjamin 775-2494</p>
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In Loving Memory of:

Geneva Battley Spooner
Della Battley Rodney





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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.....	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 Matthis.....	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

In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:
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

In Loving Memory of:
Famye Reed
and the
Reed, Stewart, Davis,
and Grainger Families




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