



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Staying Connected During COVID-19

The Ascension of the Lord

He was lifted up,
and a cloud took him
from their sight.

Acts 1:9

May 24, 2020

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A Memorial Day Prayer Especially for our own beloved family members and parishioners of St. Paul who served our nation and who lost their lives in every struggle for justice, liberation and freedom:



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

Gracious God, On this Memorial Day,
we pray for those members of the United States Military
from our families and from St. Paul who courageously laid down their lives
for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us
the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and
their lives with Your strength and peace.
In union with people of goodwill of every nation,
embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice,
and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.
We ask this through your name. Amen.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).
Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).
Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit
(1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).
Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or
retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

Readings for the Week

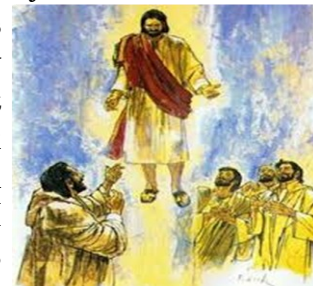
Monday:	Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; Memorial of St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; Memorial Day Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33	Friday:	St. Paul VI Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Tuesday:	Memorial of St. Philip Neri Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a	Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Wednesday:	St. Augustine of Canterbury; Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19	Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23
Thursday:	Julian Calendar Ascension Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26		

Mass Intentions

7:30 a.m. Mrs. Tillie Jackson
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

"PUSHED" OUT ON MISSION

There is a delightful character in the original *Dr. Dolittle Tales* called the "Pushmi-Pullyu." It is a beast with two identical halves, with a head at each end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one end is the "push me" and the other is the "pull you." Today's feast is a bit like that in the life of the church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit, which consequently sends or "pushes" the church out on its mission. This is the message that we hear from the angels today as they tell the friends of Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy. It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew's Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also tells them, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). And it is this message, confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts of joy, that "pulls" us along to our final destiny. The life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on mission, will one day know the same risen, ascended glory.



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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 IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

O God of compassion,
your people are anxious
in this time of pandemic.

Send your Holy Spirit among us
to dispel our fears.

We cry out to you in our confusion;
comfort us in our affliction.

Grant our leaders wisdom to guide us.
Strengthen and sustain those who are ill,
and be with those who care for them.

Help us to travel this road
in solidarity with our neighbors,
with our eyes fixed on the salvation
promised us through the death and
resurrection of your Son,
who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

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PRAYER FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

God of everlasting goodness,
you sent your Son among us to bring healing,
peace, and reconciliation to our weary world.

Be with all health care workers and
their assistants in this time of the
Coronavirus pandemic.

As they continue Jesus' ministry of care,
renew them in mind, body, and spirit.
Keep them safe from infection and illness,
and may Christ's healing presence
flow through them as they serve those
entrusted to their care.

We ask this in his name,
Christ the healer,
who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

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May they rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Laws and Johnson family at the passing of Mrs. Maudris Cadore Laws, niece of Mrs. Rosalie Johnson, to the Davis family at the passing of Mr. Clyde Davis, uncle of Mr. E'Vinski Davis, and to the Jones and Dickerson family at the passing of Mrs. Sonya Jones, cousin of Ms. Courtney Dickerson and Asis Dickerson-Hillery.

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

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER



With a sober heart we come before You this Memorial Day. We pause for a moment and call to mind all the men and women who have died in the service of our nation since 1776.

Dear God, please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shirk from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all. Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty, and grant them eternal rest with You.

We remember also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Dear God, send out Your angels to protect them all. Help them discharge their duties honorably and well. Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones. Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world.

We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.



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Offertory Collection	\$ 4,331.01
Online Giving	\$ 2,069.20
Building Fund	\$ 230.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 95.00
Catholic Commentator	\$ 75.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$ 43.00
Total	\$ 6,843.21

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly, reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously, reap generously. 2 Corinthians 9:6

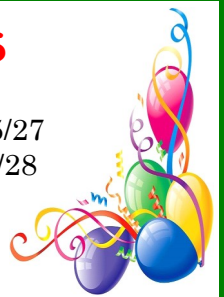
CELEBRATING MAY 25th - 30th BIRTHDAYS



Elaine Joshua 5/25
Johnathan Lane 5/25
Kobi Chenevert 5/26
Ladaya James 5/27
Deonte London 5/27



Kevin Stewart, Jr. 5/27
Desmond Thomas 5/28
DeAnna Peery 5/30
Hildred Perry 5/30
Bryson Tubbs 5/30





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., 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, and Jenna Scott

<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>
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<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 Matthis.....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>  
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<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>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Aaron Bradley Joseph H.P. Martin</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>
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<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> 
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