



# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

## Staying Connected During COVID-19

May 31, 2020



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Dear Friends,

A "dead balloon" -- has no life. It continues to lie wherever you put it. It doesn't move. It has no power.

Take a "dead balloon" and do what Jesus did -- blow in it. What happens? It's full of air; but it is still dead, going nowhere until that power is released.

Under the "spirit's/breath's/wind's" power, the balloon can move. It goes out. However, when the wind power within the balloon is released, you don't know where the balloon is going to go; but you know it's going somewhere.

Jesus did not give the disciples the Spirit's power so that they could stay behind locked doors in fear. Jesus didn't send the Spirit's power to sit back and let others do the work so that others could complain about those who do the work. God's spirit is given as a power to move people out into the world -- even if we don't always know exactly where we will end up.

What happens to the balloon after it has "spent" its power? It seems dead again. All out of power. It's flat. There's no more "spirit/breath" within it. On one hand we are not like that balloon. Jesus promises that the Spirit will be with us forever. We will never run out of the Spirit's power! The Spirit given to you in baptism remains forever. The Spirit's power is strengthened and sealed in you in the Sacrament of Confirmation. On the other hand, over and over again in Acts, we read that certain disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. Their filling didn't just happen once, but over and over again. So we also need to be refilled. Weekly we return to church as a refilling station. We gather to receive Jesus again in the hearing of the word and in the sharing of sacrament and through the fellowship of the saints!

Perhaps this Pentecost, we need God's Spirit even more to strengthen, empower and unite us again as we continue to shelter at home and keep our social distance in order to renew us again.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on us!

In the Divine Word, I am

*Fr. Rick Andrus SVD*



**Sunday Mass** - Mass is celebrated at St. Paul on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Parishioners that usually attend 7:30 Mass are encouraged to contact Fr. Rick Andrus when they are ready to return to 7:30 Mass. 7:30 Mass will resume as the need arises.

**Free Red Beans & Rice Lunches** will be distributed at St. Paul the Apostle on Friday, June 5th at 12:00 P.M. Drive-By / Walk-Thru No Dine-In and No Sit-Down Service Lunches available while supply last

## TODAYS 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).

## COME HOLY SPIRIT

Replace the tension within us with a holy relaxation!  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Replace the turbulence within us, with a holy calm.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Replace the anxiety within us with a quiet confidence.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Replace the fear within us with a strong faith.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Replace the bitterness within us with the sweetness of grace.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Replace the darkness within us with a gentle light.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Replace the blindness within us with the insight of your justice.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Replace the stubbornness within us with the touch of your love.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Straighten our crookedness.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Fill our emptiness.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Dull the edge of our pride.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Sharpen the edge of our humility.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Quench the flames of our lust.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Light the fires of our love.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

Let us see ourselves with your eyes.  
“Come Holy Spirit.”

So that we may see You as You have promised.  
Amen.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church;**  
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;  
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Marcellinus and St. Peter**  
2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16;  
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: **Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions**  
2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: **Memorial of St. Boniface; First Friday**  
2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: **St. Norbert; First Saturday**  
2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22;  
Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**  
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55;  
2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

## COPING WITH THE COVID CRISIS

### Turning Trauma Into Growth

The Diocese of Baton Rouge is offering an on-line workshop to provide some insights and recommendations for dealing with the current COVID crisis. Social Workers from Catholic Charities and the Office of Marriage and Family Life have teamed up with Catholic Life Television to help the faithful of the Diocese understand how they might use the opportunity of this pandemic to actually grow through this experience by focusing on what psychologists call Post-Traumatic Growth. The workshop will outline the factors that hinder such growth as well as the factors that facilitate this growth. This free workshop can be accessed on-line anytime through the following link: <https://youtu.be/R-qUMJZ2LVA>

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



## CELEBRATING MASS AT HOME

### Before Mass Begins:

Prepare a quiet place to pray and reverently watch Mass. Set the stage for prayer and reflection by lighting a candle, displaying a crucifix and opening your bible to the daily gospel.

Be on Time - Take a few minutes of silence for reflection and to transition to the sacredness of the Mass.

### During Mass:

Turn off cell phones and other devices.  
Do not talk to others during Mass.  
Participate by responding verbally to the dialogues.

### After Mass:

Offer a prayer of thanksgiving.  
Blow out your candle.  
Contact a relative or friend to stay in touch.



May he rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Bell family at the passing of Mr. George Bell.

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



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May 24, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 1,956.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,477.16
Building Fund	\$ 145.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 30.00
Catholic Commentator	\$ 30.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$ 209.00
Total	\$ 3,847.16

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

## 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 MAY 31st - JUNE 6th BIRTHDAYS

Cayla Dudley 5/31  
Jalissa Pollard 5/31  
Kenneth Ross 6/01  
Jared Anthony, Jr. 6/02  
Javonte Morris 6/02  
Kadeem Allen 6/03  
Jiselle Anthony 6/03  
Helen Johnson 6/03



Da'Marquis London 6/03  
Deirdra Ricard 6/03  
Tamika Raby 6/04  
Tyra Paul 6/04  
Ethan Sam 6/04  
Leona Knox 6/05  
Pamela Claiborne 6/06











## 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, 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 &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>
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<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><b>Space Available</b></p>		