



# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

## Staying Connected During COVID-19

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”

— *Matthew 25:35*

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**November 22, 2020**



Dear friends,

Every time I read Jesus' parable of the Last Judgment, I am struck by the adverb "when." 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or when did we see you thirsty, or when did we see you naked, or when did we see you sick?' Both those who see and those who fail to see the needs around them ask the same question, "When?" Those who helped didn't remember helping; those who passed by didn't remember passing by. So the common question of all on the last day is "When? Lord, when?"

Many, many years ago a man moved into a small town. His little house was near the railroad tracks. Every morning he noticed an elderly lady walking along the tracks picking up something and putting it into a bag. The man got curious. He went to a small grocery store nearby and asked the owner about this lady. “Oh, that’s the widow Jacobs. Every day she comes half way across town to pick up the coal that is spilled on the tracks when the early morning train runs through town.”

“But there hasn’t been a steam locomotive using coal on these tracks for years,” replied the new resident.

“That’s right,” said the store owner. “When the steam train stopped running, old Mr. Mathews who runs the hardware store was concerned that the Widow Jacobs would no longer have coal to heat and cook with. He knew she was too proud to take charity, so he decided to get up early every morning, take a bag of coal and drop it along the tracks. The Widow Jacobs still thinks the steam train runs by here every morning. I think Old Mr. Mathews has been doing that for about 5 years now.”

A few lumps of coal dropped along a railroad track each day. It’s not much to do, but it’s “when” – it’s some-thing for the good of another and isn’t that what God calls each of us to do?

I pray God continue to accomplish within us the good God has begun!

In the Divine Word, I am

***Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD***

### **NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH**

As we continue to celebrate National Black Catholic History Month, we encourage you to go online to the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) to enrich your own knowledge of our history as black Catholics.

**Racial Healing and Transformation** - St. Paul’s Youth Member and Knights of Peter Claver Junior Grand Lady **Halley Perry**, is featured in the special edition of the Commentator “Building Bridges” on page 7B. The Catholic Commentator November 20th edition can also be viewed online. Congratulations Halley for being a role model for your peers, and being active in your faith.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

**Gospel** — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro**

Rv 14:1-3,  
4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab,  
5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: **St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions**

Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13;  
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: **Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria**

Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9;  
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: **Thanksgiving Day**

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a;  
Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day  
(suggested):

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11;  
1Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday:

Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2;  
Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab;  
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday:

**First Sunday of Advent**

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;  
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
1Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

## 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.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mr. Elie Jackson, and  
Mr. William Roy Major



## May he rest in peace...

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Mr. Frank Thomas. He passed on Monday, November 16th. Funeral services are incomplete at this time.

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

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION** - Religious Education Classes will resume next Sunday, November 29th. Students may write letters to nurses at the hospitals to earn service hours. Each letter written earns one hour of service. Letters can be dropped off at the church office. After office hours the letters may be placed in the mailbox near the door of the office. Students should sign the letters with their first name only.

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS!**





Please support our 4-Month Fundraiser and pray for its success. Give online at [osonlinegiving.com/4266](https://osonlinegiving.com/4266), select: "St. Paul's 4-Month Fundraiser" or use the special fundraising envelopes located in the church and Parish Office. Let's support this fundraiser to the fullest!

### THANKSGIVING

One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations.

—Saint John of Ávila



St. Paul's Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 25th at 6:00 PM. You are invited to bring your Thanksgiving Dinner Bread & Wine and other items for a blessing. Mass will also be live on Facebook.



The 2021 Lector books for the next liturgical year are available for pick-up. Readers are asked to see Mrs. Edmonia Joseph at Mass or contact the parish office to pick up lector books. All lectors that are available to proclaim the word are asked to contact the parish office to be added to the schedule.

### OFFERTORY

#### November 15, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,824.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,610.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 30.00
All Saints Day	\$ 5.00
Campaign for Human Develop.	\$ 10.00
4-Month Fundraiser	\$ 1,650.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,179.00</b>

### Another Milestone in History

On Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, Victor Glover, the 44-year-old NASA astronaut came aboard the International Space Station from the SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule "Resilience", becoming the first African American ever to begin a full six-month stint on the orbiting lab. Congratulations to Mr. Glover on making history.

### CELEBRATING NOVEMBER 22nd - NOVEMBER 28th BIRTHDAYS



Doris Broussard 11/22  
 Mark Chenevert 11/22  
 Jose' Camberos 11/23  
 Paul L. Stewart, Sr. 11/23  
 Nicholas Handy 11/24  
 Zairey Patterson 11/24  
 Johnny Rogers 11/24



Yvette Wisham 11/24  
 Mae Ruby Johnson 11/25  
 Terryl Bowman 11/26  
 Jada Stanley 11/26  
 Gordon Davis, Jr. 11/27  
 Odelia Course 11/28  
 Shawanna Frank 11/28





### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND



*Audrey Christopher, Mary Smart, Carolyn Christophe, 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, Curtell Thibodeaux, Judge Luke LaVergne, Irene Warner, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, and Fr. Richard Andrus*


### PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS


*Ronnie Gauthier, Helen Celestine, Florence Jackson, 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, Allen Paschal, James Pace, and Yvonne Joseph*

<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>
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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>
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<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>
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<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>  
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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>Jessie Joseph 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 &amp; Michael Joseph, Lawrence, Sr. &amp; Shedrick Ashford, Ellis Myles, Sr., Rose &amp; Albert Hebert, Eula White</p> 
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