



# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

## Staying Connected During COVID-19

**First Sunday of Advent**  
Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know  
when the time will come.  
— Mark 13:33

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**November 29, 2020**

Dear friends,



I like John Cooper, the Ohio State University football coach back in the 90's for many reasons, but especially for this one. As he was being interviewed once about a player who was in trouble with the law, a reporter asked if Cooper was going to kick the player off the team. He said, "No, I am not going to kick him off, because if I kick him off, I can't help him. We are in the business of helping young people grow up, and you can't do that by turning them away when they make a mistake."

That is good news for those growing up, and that attitude is especially good news at Advent. We know in our hearts that we are changed for the better, not by persons who dump us in the midst of our mistakes, but by the ones who stand by us in our stupidity until the light of new sanity dawns upon us. Those who do this in our lives are gifts from God. The love of God is the kind that cares for us just as we are and not as we ought to be. In time, we become the way we are treated, not the way we deserve to be treated. Our Advent time of watching and waiting prepares us for God's finest gift, Jesus. So, "watch -- for your anxiety is God's opportunity!"

In the Divine Word, I am

*Fr. Rick Andrus SVD*



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**A Vocation View:** Advent is a time of watching and waiting. Be open to the surprising ways God comes to you. Be attentive to God's call in the ordinary.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

## MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Memorial of St. Andrew, Apostle**  
Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: **World AIDS Awareness Day**  
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,  
17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: **Memorial of St. Francis Xavier**  
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21,  
25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: **Memorial of St. John Damascene**  
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: **Second Sunday of Advent**  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14;  
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

## 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

For all members of the United States Services, men and women, living and deceased



### May she rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Stewart family at the passing of Ms. Mary Lee Stewart, sister of Mr. F.L. Stewart.

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

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS!



Please support our 4-Month Fundraiser and pray for its success. Give online at [osvonlinegiving.com/4266](https://osvonlinegiving.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!



**Advent** is a season of anticipation and preparation for the "coming" the return of Jesus. But mostly during Advent we do strange things. We put up a tree in our living room. We decorate the house as though it was one huge present. We blow our electric bill through the roof with indoor and outdoor lighting. We start buying stuff and wrapping stuff and baking stuff and preparing stuff. All to what end? So that when Jesus finally arrives our Christmas celebration will be special and memorable?

Advent is the church's annual adventure in watching, in waiting and praying and in being astounded by something new ... not in Macy's ... but in all places ... in a manger.

The Season of Advent is not "something new." But rather ... we are reminded that it is a time to "keep watch," to "watch!" for we do not know when Jesus will return! We do not know so pray, be alert, watch and wait – Jesus is about to show up again!



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 22, 2020**

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,459.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,295.00
Building Fund	\$ 155.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 175.00
All Saints Day	\$ 25.00
Campaign for Human Develop.	\$ 145.00
4-Month Fundraiser	\$ 2,140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,394.00</b>

### CELEBRATING NOVEMBER 29th - DECEMBER 5th BIRTHDAYS



Donna Dorsey 11/29  
Samantha Griffen 11/29  
Juon Collins 11/30  
Elliott Jones 11/30  
Sylvia Battley 12/01  
Brannon Dillon 12/01  
Christina Haynes 12/01  
Tyeisha Reed 12/01  
Karen Anthony 12/02



Zaileigh Patterson 12/02  
Angelle Ferguson 12/03  
Lakeida Spears 12/03  
Breanna Dillon 12/04  
Sheila Harrell 12/04  
Michael Knox, Sr. 12/04  
Nicholas Hawkins 12/05  
Raphew Reed 12/05  
Robert Scott 12/05





### 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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*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 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

*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



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Jessie Joseph  
Aaron Bradley Joseph  
H.P. Martin



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*In Loving Memory of:*

Milton, Rachel, Lillie,  
Lillian, Kirby, James  
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