



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Staying Connected During COVID-19

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Solemnity of All Saints
See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.
— 1 John 3:1

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November 1, 2020

Celebrating the Roots of Our Black Catholic Faith



Black Catholic History Month

The first celebration of Black Catholic History Month in the United States began in November of 1990 in various cities with the celebration of St. Martin de Porres' Feast day. The liturgy celebrated the 350th anniversary of St. Martin's transition from this life to eternal life. Some people forget that Christianity did not originate in Europe and even express surprise when they learn that Black Catholic History began in the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40) with the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch by Philip the Deacon.

Three popes—Saints Victor I, Melchiades, and Gelasius I—were born in Africa and led the early church through much turmoil. There are also many Black Catholic saints: St. Monica of Hippo, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Perpetua, St. Felicity, St. Moses The Black, St. Martin de Porres, St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Bessarion, St. Benedict the Moor, St. Antonio Vieira, and St. Anthony the Great of Thebes, to name a few.

Most recently, we celebrate that on October 25, 2020, Pope Francis named Washington's Archbishop Wilton Gregory to Cardinal, the first African American Cardinal in the U.S.



Nov. 3, 2020
6 AM - 8 PM

- You will only have 3 minutes in the voting booth to cast your ballot, so fill out your sample ballot and bring it with you!
- Poll workers are required to wear masks, but voters are not, so take precautions.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalm — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Tuesday: **Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time; St. Martin de Porres; Election Day** Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: **Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo** Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

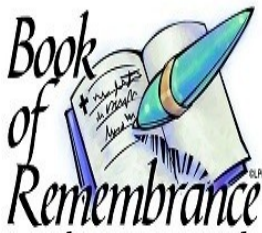
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7
Lk 15:1-10

Friday: **First Friday** Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday**

Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

 The names of our beloved deceased parishioners and the dearly departed family members of parishioners who passed between October 2019 to date have been entered in the Book of Remembrance and included in a memorial display near the altar. We encourage St. Paul's members and friends to write the names of other departed loved ones in the Book of Remembrance that is also near the altar.

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.

BIBLE STUDY CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M. Join us by calling 978-990-5317. Access Code 1966852#

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. Access Code 878800#



MASS INTENTIONS

Mr. Roosevelt Bowers

PLEASE WEAR A MASK AND CAST YOUR VOTE!



ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY,
Nov. 3, 2020
6 AM - 8 PM



We must **ACT** and get everyone in our church family and community to do the same to strengthen St. Paul for our children and youth. So, please give to St. Paul's 4-month fundraiser today! Thank you in advance for your support.

DAY OF REFLECTION

The Office of Black Catholics of the Diocese of Baton Rouge is sponsoring a **Day of Reflection** on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020** on **Zoom** at **1:00pm-4:00pm**.

You are invited to come and join us on the Feast Day of St. Martin De Porres as we to reflect on the Six African-American men and women who in their own way for Sainthood used the gifts God gave them to make this world a better place.

The afternoon will consist of a Prayer Service, Hymns, Gospel Reading, and Litany of the Saints. To register, please call the *OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLICS* at 225.562.3255 or email Deacon Alfred Adams aadams@diobr.org. Registration ends November 2, 2020. After you register you will receive the Zoom ID and Password to enter.



Please continue to pray for Fr. Rick Andrus as he continues his recovery from shoulder surgery.

Cristo Rey Fall Open House

November 7, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. - Noon.

4000 St. Gerard Ave.

Baton Rouge, LA 70805

For additional information, go online to www.cristoreybr.org



OFFERTORY

October 25, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 1,427.00
Online Giving	\$ 905.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 20.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 65.00
4-Month Fundraiser	\$ <u>1,670.00</u>
Total	\$ 4,087.00

CELEBRATING NOVEMBER 1st - NOVEMBER 6th BIRTHDAYS



Henry Byrd 11/01
Daphne Flentroy 11/02
Keith Lamotte, Sr. 11/02
Alice Malveaux 11/02
Shedrick Crockett 11/03



Joanette Dunn 11/03
Sage Lockett 11/03
David St. Romain 11/04
Margaret Munson 11/04
Tracey Benjamin 11/06





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, Barbara Rodney, Curtell Thibodeaux, Audrene LeBlanc, Judge Luke LaVergne, Irene Warner, 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 & 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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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



In Loving Memory of:

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


Jessie Joseph
Aaron Bradley Joseph
H.P. Martin



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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
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