



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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October 4, 2020

**Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



Dear friends,

This Sunday's Gospel story of the ungrateful servants in the vineyard is a favorite one of mine. Clearly, one of the most important points is that God has provided each of us nothing but the best for living life – not what we want, but what we need. When we take what God provides and use it to our best, we owe a portion of it back to God in return. However, as you might already realize, we can become incredibly greedy with what God has provided and will go to great lengths to hold on tightly to all that we have come to regard as ours and not God's.

In her novel *A Thousand Acres*, Jane Smiley shows readers a highly dysfunctional family which nevertheless attended church each Sunday. Yet this is how the novel's narrator sums up this religious practice: "We came to church to pay our respects, not to give thanks." When faith becomes a compartment of life instead of life's vibrant center, when you're just stopping off to put in your time or pay your respects, squeezing God in between everything else that you clearly value much more highly, then you reveal yourself as an ill-clad impostor. You haven't put on a festive wedding garment, you're still refusing to wear that funny party hat because you fail to realize that the kingdom of God is a high and holy and hilarious feast thrown by a king who has prepared the best of everything.

There are many people who need to lighten up, open up our tight fists, and put on our party hats and enjoy the feast - rather than miss what God freely gives for us to enjoy because we think what we have is all that we need and are blind to all that is to come!

When God is given what is due to God – God showers even greater blessings on us!

Be Blessed!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Richard Andrus SVD

- **FREE COVID-19 TESTING** in St. Paul Center on Thursday, October 8th from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Tests will be conducted by Ochsner Medical Center.
- Online Voter Registration will also be available at that time.



Be ready to cast your vote on November 3rd. The last day to register to **vote in-person** for the Nov. 3rd Election is Monday, **Oct. 5th**. The last day for **online registration** is **Oct. 13th**. Call the Registrar of Voters office at 225-389-3940 if you need additional information.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos**
Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c;
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Bruno;**
Bl. Marie Rose Durocher
Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15;
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: **Our Lady of the Rosary**
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: **Memorial of St. Denis and**
Companions; St. John Leonardi
Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6;
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary**
Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: **Twenty-eighth Sunday in**
Ordinary Time - Is 25:6-10a;
Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;
Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]



OFFERTORY

September 27, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,698.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,240.00
Building Fund	\$ 315.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 25.00
Religious Education	\$ 55.00
Total	\$ 4,333.00



May he rest in peace.....

Craig Sauviac, Architect and Building Designer for St. Paul Catholic Church passed away on Sept. 28th, May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

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

Deceased Members of
St. Paul's Ladies Sodality:

Emma Butler, Vivian Byrd, Viola Chube, Geneva Coleman, Mary Course, Virginia Cummings, Rowena Glasby, Martha Houston, Geneva Hurst, Phillis James, Rachel Joseph, Rosalie Kelly, Louvenia Lewis, Hyacinth Stevenson, Annie Varrette, Lucille Watts, Sylvia Cassine, Eloise Sherbin, Theresa Hawkins, Julia Johnson, Victoria Alexander, Ivy Cooper, Rosa Lee McGee, and Jean Roan

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT



PRAYING THE ROSARY

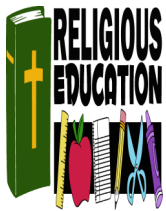


I have Power in My Hands! Catholics, like many Americans, typically think of apple cider, football, and pumpkins when October comes around, but it's the rosary that we should be thinking about! In 1883, Pope Leo XIII declared that during October every cathedral and parochial church should recite five decades of the rosary, along with the Litany of Loreto. Today, in 2020, we have the opportunity to carry on this tradition of the Church by praying a rosary every day during the month of October. Can you imagine the impact our prayers would have on our nation and even on our entire world if each Catholic chose to answer this call? Praying the Rosary, I have Power in my Hands! I pray that you do as well! —Fr. Rick



September 23 – November 1, 2020

This fall, churches throughout our city and region will unite for the Fall campaign of 40 Days for Life - an international, forty-day focused effort to pray and fast for an end to abortion starting on September 23 and ending on November 1. In addition to forty days of prayer and fasting, we will participate in peaceful prayer from 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. outside of Delta abortion facility, located at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. For more information about how you, your school, organization or church community can participate visit our website at: www.40DaysForLifeBR.com or contact Danielle Van Haute at (225) 242-0164 or dvanhaute@diobr.org



Religious Education classes will begin for all students Pre-K- 11th via Google Classroom beginning Sunday, October 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Martha Davis.



Learn why Amendment 5 on the ballot is not in your best interest. Together Louisiana is sponsoring a Zoom meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. to share information about this amendment. You can register for the meeting at this link: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYpc-irqzopG9X4NcQGOhA2mX-qMJ3URGA6](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYpc-irqzopG9X4NcQGOhA2mX-qMJ3URGA6)

MORE FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Fresh fruit and vegetables will again be distributed to senior citizens living in the Eden Park community and all senior citizens of St. Paul this coming Tuesday, October 6th from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot of St. Paul. The giveaway is sponsored by Brandon Robertson.

Anyone at least 18 years of age that are not registered to vote will have an opportunity to register to vote online. Someone will be available to assist with online registration.

CELEBRATING OCTOBER 4th - OCTOBER 10th BIRTHDAYS



Denise Bennett 10/04
La,kosha Chambers 10/04
Kelby Chenevert 10/04
Brenda Jackson 10/05
Lyndon Johnson 10/07
Candace Joseph 10/07
Monica Lockett 10/07



Janet Anthony 10/08
Tyler Hawkins 10/08
Briggett Jones 10/10
Kimberly Joseph 10/10
Morris LeBlanc 10/10
Carla Reed 10/10





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 and Judge Luke LaVergne


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 and James Pace

<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 Mathis.....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>
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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 & 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>Lionel Bazile, Sr. Dorothy Bazile James Bazile Sheila Bazile</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 & Michael Joseph, Lawrence, Sr. & Shedrick Ashford, Ellis Myles, Sr., Rose & Albert Hebert, Eula White</p> 
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