



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Staying Connected During COVID-19

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.— Sirach 28:2

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September 13, 2020



Dear Friends,

As we, the members of the Society of the Divine Word, celebrate 100 years since our Seminary opened in Greenville, MS for the training of African American men for ministry as priests and religious brothers, we realize that much of what we have accomplished was also strongly supported by and tirelessly worked and prayed for by literally thousands of Lay Black Catholics in the South and throughout the United States. They joined us in the determined prayer and an endless effort to open that Seminary literally against all odds. After many years and countless meetings and the prodding of two Popes, by God's Grace, it opened!

Our Founder, St. Arnold Janssen not only founded three religious missionary congregations to promote the missionary work of the Church but he also involved the Laity. An unfulfilled dream in the lifetime of our founder was to found an institute of secular to help for our missions – or simply, lay mission helpers.

145 years later, we are working to fulfill St. Arnold's dream in our various parishes throughout the world where we work. As Divine Word Missionaries, we realize that the role of the laity is an essential part for the Mission of God today. Here at St. Paul, so many members are gifted with many talents, abilities, and gifts; many are professionally trained, well-educated and are great innovators. The members of St. Paul are also filled with passion and commitment because of your relationship with Jesus, your study of the Word, your sacramental life, the ministries you are already involved in and most of all, your love for God! You have shared in the spirituality of our order through our worship, prayer services, retreats, youth ministry, through devotions, commitment to so many helpful organizations and certainly by the proclamation of the Gospel's message and celebration of the Eucharist every week. As Divine Word Missionaries, we believe that having Lay Associates of the Society of the Divine Word active at St. Paul we will become more effective in the mission work of our parish and for the greater good of those we are called to serve beyond the walls of our Church.

Maybe you feel a call to help form the Lay Associates of the Society of the Divine Word here at St. Paul as together we recall the dream of St. Arnold and to work diligently to realize the formation of Lay Associates here. St. Arnold surely promotes this project from his place in heaven. He leaves it up to us, however, his spiritual sons and daughters, to do something on earth about it.

If you are interested, please send me your email address along with your name and contact information. Before the end of September, I will hold a zoom meeting and begin to put our group together. I am looking forward to hearing from members of the parish who are interested in becoming Lay associates in ministry with us!

In the Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD

The Society of the Divine Word Marks Anniversary of its Founding! This past Tuesday, September 8th marked the 145th anniversary of the founding of the Society of the Divine Word in Steyl, a small town in Netherland, by St. Arnold Janssen, SVD. Our order of Missionary priests and brothers number nearly 7,000 men serving in over 70 different countries worldwide as missionaries and proclaiming the good news of the gospel. In our Southern Province we staff African American and Hispanic parishes in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, and Florida. May God continue to draw other men to join us in our missionary work of proclaiming the gospel as Divine Word Missionary Brothers and Priests!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: **Memorial of Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian**
1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22;
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: **Memorial of St. Robert Bellarmine**
1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17,
28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: **Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5781**
1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15;
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: **Memorial of St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary**
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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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. Darnell St. Romain and
Mr. Darrell St. Roamin

Please remember Judge Luke LaVergne in your prayers as he undergo surgery on Wednesday, September 15th at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital. May God guide those caring for him and bless him with a speedy recovery.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS!



PRAYER DURING HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of Land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you. O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea. Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.



If you have not registered your child for Religious Education classes please do so as soon as possible. Classes begin next Sunday, September 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Your child must be registered in advance with an email address for Zoom online classes or he/she will not be able to attend on the first day. We are asking all parents to be present online with all students in grades pre-k through first grade. The curriculum at these grades are activity based and the students will need assistance from their parents with the activities. We look forward to seeing all of our students on the first day of class.

SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

A Back to School Community Drive-Thru will be held at Cristo Rey High School located at 4000 St Gerard Ave. in Baton Rouge on Saturday, September 19th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Food! Giveaways! School Supplies!**

FRESH FRUIT FOR SENIORS

Free fresh fruit will be distributed to senior citizens that reside in the Eden Park community only and all senior citizens of St. Paul the Apostle. This event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday September 22nd from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. A Baton Rouge City Police Officer will be on premises for security purposes. This is a grab and go event due to social distancing mandated policies. At no time will a senior citizen be allowed to exit a vehicle!

OFFERTORY

September 6, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,829.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,575.00
Building Fund	\$ 400.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 223.00
Assumption	\$ 30.00
Religious Education	\$ 45.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 457.00
Hurricane Laura Disaster Relief	\$ 345.00
Total	\$ 8,904.00

CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER 13th - SEPTEMBER 18th BIRTHDAYS



Freddie Freeman 9/13
Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. 9/14
Lloyd LeBlanc 9/14
Londyn Mathis 9/14
Darrell St. Romain 9/14
Cannon Williams 9/14
Phyllis Bowman 9/15
Chloe' Harrell 9/15
Carla Jones-Johnson 9/15
John Sherman 9/15



Rosalie Simpson 9/15
Amaria Taylor 9/15
Lionel Sam 9/16
Zephlyn Savoy 9/16
Georgette Sterling 9/16
Anthony Dyson 9/17
Kimberly Paul-Huggins 9/17
Shelia Butler 9/18
Fredrena Johnson 9/18



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, 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, Jenna Scott, Anthony Grand, Allen Paschal and James Pace

COVID-19 PROTECTION/PREVENTION



As we have seen, many places now require face mask before entering. It is important that we know why we are wearing them and to make sure we are wearing them correctly. The face masks that the general public are wearing are to protect US from GIVING the virus to someone else. It is possible to have the virus and not be aware of it. That means that by wearing a face mask the possibility of getting the disease is lessened but still possible. There are people that

think they cannot get COVID-19 if they are wearing a face mask. That is not correct. While they may help a little, the mask will not keep you 100% safe.

- Wash your hands or at least use hand sanitizer before putting on the mask.
- Wear the face mask over both the nose and mouth. Wearing it just over the mouth does nothing.
- The mask should be snug on the face without gaps.
- Tie or place straps over the ears or head with minimal touching of the face.
- Do not share mask unless they have been washed and dried.
- Wash and dry fabric face mask often and keep in clean closable bag.



How about gloves? Gloves are not necessary and could possibly give a false sense of security. The virus is spread by droplets from an infected person. It must enter the respiratory system to cause illness—usually inhaled. While it is possible to touch a surface where an infected droplet has landed, you would

then need to touch your face for it to enter your body. If you have gloves on and touch an infected particle and your face the same thing would happen. If you do choose to wear gloves, make sure you change them after each activity. Wash your hands in between putting gloves on.



As we have heard to prevent getting the disease we need to wash our hands, physical distancing, wear a mask and stay home as much as possible. Is there anything we can do that will help us recover faster if we get the disease? Deep breathing exercises may help with the breathing issues that arise with COVID-19. Practice several times a day by taking a breath in through your nose for 4 seconds, holding for 4 seconds and then letting it out slowly.



Breathe in

Breathe out

The best thing you can do to keep from getting ANY illness is to wash your hands. Wash them when coming home from being out, wash them when they become soiled, after playing with pets, after putting groceries away—20 seconds with warm water and dry them with a clean towel.



(a) Wet hands under running water



(b) Apply soap and rub palms together to ensure complete coverage



(c) Spread the lather over the backs of the hands



(d) Make sure the soap gets in between the fingers



(e) Grip the fingers on each hand



(f) Pay particular attention to the thumbs



(g) Press fingertips into the palm of each hand



(h) Dry thoroughly with a clean towel

Staying safe during this time is mostly common sense. Take time to think about what you are doing and if nothing else wash your hands and stay home! We will get through this time together.

OVER 65 CHECK LIST FOR COVID-19

Staying healthy during a pandemic is stressful for everyone. It is even worse if you are in a high risk group. Unfortunately all those over 65 are considered high risk and should take many precautions during this unstable time.

Physical Precautions:



- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer if running water is not available.
- Wear a mask while out in public. This may help a little to keep you from getting the disease but it is mainly so you will not give the disease to anyone.
- Watch for signs and symptoms. Check your temperature if not feeling well. Stay on top of symptoms because they can get worse very quickly.
- Limit public exposure. Make a grocery list and go to the store as little as possible. Can others shop for you? Try to get medications filled at one time to limit trips to the pharmacy.
- Stay home. Just because places like restaurants, churches, beauty/barber shops are opening, you don't need to go.
- Maintain physical distancing of 6 feet from those you have not been living with. Even grandchildren. It is hard but this is not permanent.
- Get up and move. This is not exercise for exercise sake. It is getting up to keep your blood moving. One of side effects of COVID-19 is blood clots. Get up and move every couple hours.
- Practice deep breathing. Take in a deep breath through your nose counting to 4. Then hold your breath and count to 4. Release the breath slowly. Do this several times a day.

Mental Precautions:

- Go outside. When the weather is good, go outside and just sit or stand for a few minutes. Staying in the house all the time can lead to depression.
- Try puzzles and activities during this time go keep your mind sharp.
- Maintain contact with family and friends. Use the phone or face time on the phone to stay in contact. Make sure you have someone that calls you daily to check on you if you live alone.
- Make sure that living will and end of life papers are accessible and up to date. If the worse happens and you contract the virus or other health issues occur, make sure your family and friends know your wishes on how you want to be treated at the end of your life. Now is a good time to freshen them up.



Spiritual Precautions:


- Watch church services on television or streaming program. Ask others to help if needed.
- Take this time to spend more time talking with God and reading the scriptures through a Bible study or on your own. Make sure to thank Him for your blessings!

<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>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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Please pray for good health of our young parishioner Gabriel Camel. Gabriel has sickle cell and is usually sick in September during race time. Not this year! He is well and we pray he continues with good health for this year's Sickle Cell Race and beyond. Gabriel is the 2020 Sickle Cell Ambassador. Please support RYAN'S RUN for Sickle Cell Anemia. This very important event will impact the lives of many people!



RYAN CLARK

Honorary Chairperson
Super Bowl Champion
Sickle Cell Champion

RYAN'S RUN

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26



GABRIEL CAMEL

2020 Sickle Cell Ambassador

PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY

Walk or run the 5K or 1 mile from anywhere, anytime, on race day, and submit a screenshot of your time and distance on your device to be included in the results and eligible for awards.

VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

- Join us **Live on Facebook** at **@BRSickle** with hosts MAX 94.1's LaTangla Fay and WAFB's Scottie Hunter
- Drive by Downtown Baton Rouge Town Square to donate non-perishable food items and/or give blood in the honor of **National Sickle Cell Awareness Month**
- Make a monetary donation in honor of former CEO Lorri Burgess

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 225.346.8434

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