



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Staying Connected During COVID-19

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September 20, 2020

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous
in forgiving.

— *Isaiah 55:7b*



Dear sisters and brothers,

There is an old rabbinic parable about a farmer that had two sons. As soon as they were old enough to walk, he took them to the fields and he taught them everything that he knew about growing crops and raising animals. When he got too old to work, the two boys took over the chores of the farm and when the father died, they had found their working together so meaningful that they decided to keep their partnership. So each brother contributed what he could and during every harvest season, they would divide equally what they had corporately produced. Across the years the elder brother never married, stayed an old bachelor. The younger brother did marry and had eight wonderful children. Some years later when they were having a wonderful harvest, the old bachelor brother thought to himself one night, "My brother has ten mouths to feed. I only have one. He really needs more of his harvest than I do, but I know he is much too fair to renegotiate. I know what I'll do. In the dead of the night when he is already asleep, I'll take some of what I have put in my barn and I'll slip it over into his barn to help him feed his children.

At the very time he was thinking down that line, the younger brother was thinking to himself, "God has given me these wonderful children. My brother hasn't been so fortunate. He really needs more of this harvest for his old age than I do, but I know him. He's much too fair. He'll never renegotiate. I know what I'll do. In the dead of the night when he's asleep, I'll take some of what I've put in my barn and slip it over into his barn." And so one night when the moon was full, as you may have already anticipated, those two brothers came face to face, each on a mission of generosity. The old rabbi said that there wasn't a cloud in the sky, a gentle rain began to fall. You know what it was? God weeping for joy because two of his children had gotten the point. Two of his children had come to realize that generosity is the deepest characteristic of the holy and because we are made in God's image, our being generous is the secret to our joy as well. Life is not fair, thank God! It's not fair because it's rooted in God's grace!

Thank God indeed!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus, SOD



If you are at least 18 years of age and have not registered to vote, the last day to register to **vote in-person or by mail** for the Nov. 3rd Election is **Oct. 5th**. The last day for **online registration** is **Oct. 13th**. Mail-in voter registration applications and absentee ballot applications can be picked up at any branch of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library or downloaded from the website. Call the Registrar of Voters office at 225-389-3940 if you need additional information.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Memorial of St. Matthew Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13	Friday:		Ecc 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Tuesday:	Autumn begins Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21	Saturday:		Memorial of Ss. Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary Ecc 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Wednesday:	Memorial of St. Pius Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6	Sunday:		Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Migrants and Refugees; Priesthood Sunday Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32
Thursday:	Ecc 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9			

SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD LAY MINISTRY

Here at St. Paul, so many members are gifted with many talents and gifts. 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, and 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.

If you are interested, please send me your email address along with your name and contact information before the end of September. I am looking forward to hearing from members of the parish who are interested in becoming Lay associates in ministry with us! If you have any questions, please contact me at the parish office at (225) 383-2537. —Fr. Rick Andrus

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.

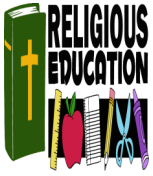
OFFERTORY

September 13, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,496.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,902.00
Building Fund	\$ 490.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 175.00
Religious Education	\$ 35.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 35.00
Hurricane Laura Relief	<u>\$ 567.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,700.00

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS!





We are having technical difficulties with breakout rooms for our zoom classes. Due to this problem, we will have classes on Sunday for **high school students only. (grades 9th, 10th, & 11th)** We are working to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. All high school students must be registered in advance with an email address in order to log on for classes. Pre-K through 8th grade will be notified when classes will start. We look forward to seeing all of our students together soon.

APPLICATION FOR FOOD AID FOR STUDENTS

Students' families who have not yet applied for aid that stemmed from missed lunches when classrooms closed in March because of the coronavirus pandemic, have another chance to do so. The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program is for the families of children who normally receive free or reduced-price lunches in public schools but did not do this year because classrooms closed in March about 9 weeks ahead of schedule. The original deadline to apply was June 15th and the families of 470,800 students did so. The one-time benefit of \$285 per child is meant to cover 50 school days. Applications open at 8 a.m. Tuesday and the new deadline is September 29th at 5 p.m. Families can apply through a portal on the State Department of Education website at louisianabelieves.com

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 storm less eternity awaits us. Amen

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. This event is scheduled to take place **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. At no time will a senior citizen be allowed to exit a vehicle!

CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER 20th - SEPTEMBER 26th BIRTHDAYS



Jerry Donald 9/20
Dorie Savoy 9/20
Byron Buggage, Jr. 9/21
Cheryl Barton 9/22
Darryl Boyd Sr. 9/22
Ohaisha Davis 9/22
Donisha Jones 9/22



Marie Myles 9/22
Mona Seals 9/22
Rosemary Brown 9/24
Jasmine Oliver 9/24
Lisa Price 9/25
Terry Alexander 9/26



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.

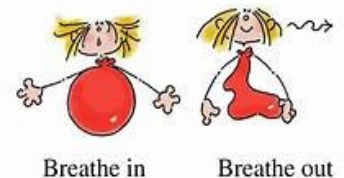
- Wash your hands or at least use hand sanitizer before putting on the mask.
- Wear the face mask over both the nose and mouth. Wearing it just over the mouth does nothing.
- The mask should be snug on the face without gaps.
- Tie or place straps over the ears or head with minimal touching of the face.
- 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.



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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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
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