



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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September 27, 2020

Twenty-sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. — *Philippians 2:5*



Dear friends,

The book, *Succeeding Sane*, tells about the movie, *Hoop Dreams*, a true story. For four years, a documentary film-team takes cameras and follows the lives of two talented young basketball players from one of the poorest neighborhoods in Chicago.

The young man with more natural talent gets a high school scholarship, a posh summer job, and a coach from hell. However, the constant badgering, pressure, and demeaning style of the coach slowly destroys any fun the kid ever felt in the game. Once the desire to play begins to crumble, he begins to sabotage his own success. He becomes more vulnerable to injuries, his grades drop, and he acts up socially with drugs and sex. His cry for help goes unheard.

Meanwhile, the kid with less talent gets less help and less pressure. He is left to struggle in worse schools combating pressure from gangs. He has to want to play or it isn't going to happen. Despite his father being jailed for drugs and his mother being on and off welfare, he works to stay in school, to stay on the team. Finally, he wins a college scholarship and goes on to play ball better than ever. By the end of the story, it is clear that he is a happier, healthier person more likely to be successful with or without basketball.

The Pharisees were like the demanding coach--badgering, pressuring, demeaning. They wanted perfection. Jesus knew that is not the way to bring hurting people into the kingdom of God. He did it with love and acceptance. He did it by living out God's amazing, startling, absurd grace!

Aren't you grateful for God's amazing, startling, absurd grace? I know I am!

In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrews 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.



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 — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalms — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Memorial of St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus**
Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7;
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: **Memorial of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

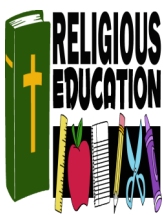
Wednesday: **Memorial of St. Jerome;**
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: **Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**
Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;
Lk 10:1-12

Friday: **The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday**
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5

Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday**
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday**
Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



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.

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.



May they rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Floyd & Brown families at the passing of Mrs. Geraldine Floyd, sister of Mrs. Lucille Brown. Also to the Stewart family at the passing of Mr. Frank Stewart, brother of Mr. Paul Stewart, and to the Decuir family at the passing of Mr. Gene Decuir, brother-in-law of Mr. Robert Martin.

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Buanita Voltaire, Paul Christophe, Alex Gremillion

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT



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



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

OFFERTORY

September 20, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,633.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,954.00
Building Fund	\$ 88.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 107.00
Religious Education	\$ 197.00
Total	\$ 4,979.00

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, September 29th from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot of St. Paul. This is a grab and go event. They are prepared for a larger turnout.

Anyone at least 18 years of age that are not registered to vote will have an opportunity to do so at this time. Voter registration applications will be available!

CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER 27th - October 3rd BIRTHDAYS



Leslie Bradford 9/27
Jazzmine Eugene 9/28
Anthony Coleman 9/29
Rauyshiera Cooks 9/29
Cheryl Crockett 9/30
Taylor Franklin 9/30



E. Chad Metz 10/01
Robin Rodney 10/01
Rylee Sanders 10/01
Hebert Twase 10/01
Contrell Salton 10/03





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>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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