

YEAR OF ST. PAUL



PAUL, THE CONVERT
From the Letters of Saint Paul

“You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But ... God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me though his grace, was please to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles ...” (Galatians 1:14-16). [See also: Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 4:6-7; Ephesians 4:17-18]

REFLECTION

St. Paul’s encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus initiated a radical transformation of his life. What he believed to be a justified mission – the persecution of believers in Jesus of Nazareth – crumbled under the gaze and words of the same Jesus: “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” Faced with truth, St. Paul allowed the Lord to lead him out of his blindness into new light.

PRAYER

Saint Paul, help us to have the courage to allow God’s light into those areas of our lives that need to be transformed.

SOURCE: Adapted from NOVENA IN HONOR OF SAINT PAUL by Linda Salvatore Boccia, FSP

FROM BISHOP JARRELL

The flooding in the Midwest has brought suffering and hardship to many people. Victims of hurricanes are very familiar with this type of loss. In a show of solidarity I ask all pastors to conduct a special collection for this cause before July 20. These funds will be used to restore church properties.

A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Gracious and faithful God, a new year always invites me to look back over the past year. It is in remembering that I discover anew how You have always been near even when I thought You had forgotten me. Through the disappointments and failures I experienced as well as the joys and accomplishments, I now realize that You were there beside me helping me move on toward the future which is now. This remembrance fills me with humility and gratitude for all You have been and given to me. Such mindfulness helps me to say ‘yes’ to the persons, events and changes that await me. Amen.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of July 6, 2008

Reading I Is. 55:10-11 God’s word accomplishes its intended purposes.
Psalm 65 “The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.”
Reading II Romans 8:18-23 All creation eagerly awaits the glory of God.
Gospel Matthew 13: 1-23 Blessed are those who hear the word of God

THEME

Discipleship—opening our hearts to Jesus’ word and acting upon it.

Friends, as the word of God is proclaimed in our midst today, we are called to ask ourselves a question: Do we believe that these words, proclaimed and written thousands of years ago, still have the power to save us, right here and now? The Lord wants us not only to hear these words; he wants us to understand them. Only then will our hearts be drawn into the power of conversion. Let us be especially attentive to God’s transforming word.

Question for Children:

Who helps you to grow deeper in your faith?

Question for Youth:

When the sower, in this week’s Gospel, sowed his seed, not all of it fell in “good soil.”

What can you do in the coming week to make sure that you are open to God in your life?

What is getting in the way of your being “good soil?”

Question for Adults:

Using the parable of Jesus in this reading, describe how faith has been planted in your life.

How long did it take for that seed to land “on good soil?”

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

“Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts can be converted, and I heal them.” Mt. 13:13

Jesus is quoting to the people a passage from Isaiah [6:10] in which God is lamenting the hardness of the hearts of the people, despite all the good He has done for them. Jesus had just healed the sick and the lame, restored sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf, raised the dead and taught them by word and example to love God and to love their neighbor as themselves. They marveled at the wonders he had done, but they wondered about that *love your neighbor* thing. They were thrilled when Jesus did something for people who were complete strangers to him, without seeking or accepting a reward from them. But they did not seem to grasp that he expected them to do for others, neighbors and enemies alike, what he had done for them; to use all that God had given to them for themselves and for *others*. The people in the time of Jesus were apparently no different than the people in the time of Isaiah. Are we any different today? We are supposed to be. And the Good News is, we can be.

NATIONWIDE MASS SCHEDULE

With summer upon us, nationwide Mass times and the locations become important. Call 1-800-627-7846 or the internet @ <http://www.Masstimes.org>

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 12 4:00 p.m. Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Noemie F. Greco (DA), Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Clayton & Eula (DA) Soileau, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. & Wally, Family of M/M Mentor Richard, Wanda Greenwood, M/M Clayton Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin
Sunday, July 13 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Kossuth Doucet, Ezra (DA) & Velma Martin & Denise Hull, Carol Pitre, Ellis & Arista (DA) Breaux
10:00 a.m. Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly & Micky Hollier, Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quinton Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Oscar & Agnes Roy, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Elizabeth Puckett, Rose Marie Bienvenu (DA), Joyce Bertrand, Lawrence Wiltz
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin
Monday, July 14 12:10 p.m. Hugues J. Comeaux, James Dubuisson
Tuesday, July 15 NO MASS
Wednesday, July 16 12:10 p.m. Christina M. Miller (B), Mamie Lowe, Sol Reed
Thursday, July 17 12:10 p.m. Dotsy Edwards, Manette Hargroder
Friday, July 18 12:10 p.m. Charles Adam Herbert
Saturday, July 19 4:00 p.m. Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Lee, Vivian & Kristie Artigue, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, Wanda Greenwood (B), M/M Clayton Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, James Palmer, Jessie Benoit
Sunday, July 20 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Carol Pitre, Ellis (DA) & Arista Breaux
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Quinton Joubert, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Mary Manouvrier Parker, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Elizabeth Puckett

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God

Total Offertory Collection\$7,595.07
Maintenance\$1,355.00
Peter’s Pence\$12.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION WEEKEND OF JULY 20

Victims of flooding in the Midwest.

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, July 14 8:00 a.m. Begin Summer Religion Program
Tuesday, July 15 8:00 a.m. Summer Religion Program
Wednesday, July 16 8:00 a.m. Summer Religion Program
Thursday, July 17 8:00 a.m. Summer Religion Program
5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

WELCOME INTO OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY BY THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Kadon John Allemond
Nayson Blaine Allemond
sons of
Blaise Blaine Allemond and Jessica Lynn Slay

Brennan Charles Borrello
son of

Peter Charles Borello and Danielle Sheree Hollier

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE LIVING

Bonnie Amy, Leola Arnaud, Ella Attole, Mary Bertha Attole, Angela Aymond, Dorothy Beough, Dusty Bellard, Shirley Bellard, Dougie Bergeron, Katherine Bertrand, Gloria Berzas, M/M Nathan Berzas, Stephen Berzas, Mary Aline Bihm, Lillie Briggs, Jared Broussard, Rick Carter, Lucy Chapman, Leslie Chatham, Estelle Chautin, Logan Comb, Norma Cortez, Lisa Curley, Angela Dautrueil, M/M Billy Dean, Hilda Debillion, Lillian Delafosse, Sharon Doucet, Val Duffy, Landon James Duplechin, Norward Duplechain, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Jesse Dupre, Michael Dupre, Tristan Estis, Georgia Fiegel, Drake Fontenot, Harold Fontenot, Joseph L. Fontenot, Shala Fontenot, Lauren Giminez, George Gremillion, Larry Greer, Ann Guidroz, Elaine L Guillory, Louis Guillory, The T. Guillory Family, Gabrielle Marie Hanson, Benny Hargroder, Brooke Hargroder, Sydney Harmon, David Huckaby, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneau, Frazier Jordan, Taylor Jordan, Agnes Kidder, Brenda Lafleur, Laura Lafleur, Deionne Lalonde, Melissa Lanclous, Dotty & Floyd Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Brenda Lee, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Tonya Londerno, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Therese Major, Mary Martin, Elsie Mayon, Byron Miller, Jeffery Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezat, Katherine Olivier, Craig Ortego, Marty Ortego, Cameron Ozenne, Callie Palmer, Linda Pefferkorn, Johnny Pellerin, Yvonne Pellerin, Gentry Peltier, Tracie Peltier, Keith Perry, Mary Perry, Irene Pitre, Kermit Pitre, Ruby Pitre, Joey Prather, Kathleen Prather, Gregory Richard, Melanie Richard, Lilly Richard, Ronald Richard, Joseph James Robin, Rose Ryder, Marie Saucier, Harold Savoy, Jane Smith, Elaine Soileau, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Rodney & Viola Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Jeanette Tatman, Adolph Taylor Sr., Flo Thibodeaux, Russell Thibodeaux, Lena Trahan, Ryan Trahan, Pierre Troclair, Thiboda Venable, Lou Vidrine, Gene Williams, Ivan Winn, Wayne Wyble

Please help update our list. If any name is omitted and should be on the list, please call if anyone is well enough to be taken off the list, please call. We appreciate your cooperation.
St. Landry Church Staff

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PRESENTATION

A safe environment presentation will be held for **All Religion Students in grades 1 through 8 AND THEIR PARENTS** on Wednesday, July 16 at Opelousas Catholic School.
All registered students will receive more information by mail. If you have questions call Lois at 942-6552.

RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH

The St. Landry Church parishioners offers prayers and sincere condolences to the family of:
MANETTE ORTEGO HARGRODER
O Lord, grant those who have died the joy of your presence and us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

JULY 25, 26 & 27
**ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL
LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA
STIRRING UP THE FLAME
(the fire of the Holy Spirit)**
BEGINS 6:30 p.m. FRIDAY OPENING MASS, EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, AND HEALING SERVICE.
SPEAKERS: (FRIDAY) FATHER “MANNY” FERNANDEZ
MICHAEL CUMBIE OF FOLEY, ALABAMA, DOTTIE DEGRANDISSUDOL AND FR. GREG CORMIER (SATURDAY)
FATHER TOM VOORHIES
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE RENEWAL OFFICE AT 265-3773

IS YOUR MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE?

Retrouvaille can help. Our next program is scheduled for July 25-27. Call 337-991-9627 or 1-800-470-2230 for more information. All inquiries are confidential.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

ChurchSol and Catherine Reed
Chapel Inspirational Religion Summer Program

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VII.....Gwen Fruge, Week of July 19, 2008
Group I.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of July 26, 2008