

Many who heard him were astonished



July 8, 2018 • Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is your faith weak or strong? Most of us have moments in which our answer could simply be "Yes!" Faith is not a once-and-for-all thing. Our faith ebbs and flows, along with changes in life circumstances, as we mature and grow in relationship with Christ and with one another. Pope Francis speaks to this in *The Joy of the Gospel*, when he encourages us to be open to an encounter with God's love daily. In these encounters, like the one that the people in the synagogue had with Jesus in today's Gospel, we may be astonished at God's love and are invited to accept it. Weakness in faith is not always the result of some failure on our part. We may simply be at a crossroads, at which we cannot clearly see or understand what comes next. It is at such a time that we step out in blind faith with the assurance that God's love awaits us in every moment.

WEAKNESS AND STRENGTH

The opposite of strong faith may not be weakness, but rather misplacing faith by relying on ourselves, our material possessions, or others. When we think we can do things on our own, we leave little room for God in our lives. When we develop a false sense of security that is rooted in material things, our trust in Jesus is quite shallow. Growing in faith calls us to rely on God's great goodness above all things. When we open our minds and hearts and allow ourselves to be astonished at the love and life found in Jesus Christ, we realize that we do not need to rely on ourselves. Saint Paul teaches us a very important lesson about this in his second letter to the Corinthians, in which we hear, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Today's Readings: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

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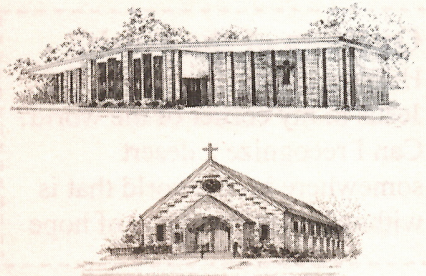
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Mass Schedule

Weekdays 6:20 a.m.

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 a.m. (GH) and 11:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30 p.m. and By appointments

Request for Baptism

Applications should be filled out after the

11:00 a.m. Mass or in Office

Baptism will be the 4th Sunday of the month

Weddings

Notify office at least six months (6) in advance

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St. Paul the Apostle Church/Good Hope Chapel

Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Paul/Good Hope Church are grateful and proud of who God made us to be---His children, African-American Catholics, followers of our Lord and Brother Jesus Christ.

We will walk together with faith in Our Lord's footsteps, joining hands with all our sisters and brothers, speaking and acting for peace and justice.

We will teach, witness, and give service to others, with a special concern for the poor as good stewards of God's generous gifts to us.

As we worship, so shall we live giving praise and thanks to God and seeking to build up his

St. Paul /Good Hope History

Our Church was founded in 1911 by a Black people wanting to worship in dignity and style. The Chapel of Good Hope was established in 1950 as an annex to St. Paul's. The Lord enabled the church to flourish under the ministry of the Holy Ghost Fathers and continues through the shepherding of the Divine Word Missionaries. Immaculate Heart

Family Registration

We are asking each person/family who attends mass here at St. Paul/Good Hope and would like here to be your home parish to please fill out a registration form. .

Offertory--June 30 July 1, 2018

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Year-To-Date

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WHAT WILL YOU SAY YES TO IN JULY?

- Praying more and worrying less
- Being fearless in what sets your soul on fire
- Not making change too complicated, just begin
- Learning something new
- Staying humble
- Taking a walk
- Visit someone in a nursing home
- Accepting that you can't fix some things
- Living life
- Recognizing the good you did today
- It's ok if you mess up once in a while

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 Mt 10:7-15
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday:** Is 6:1-8, Is 6:1-8, Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday:** Am 7:12-15, Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14, Eph 1:3-14 OR 1:3-10, Mk

Question of the Week?

How can I prepare the way for Jesus in my corner of the world?
Can I recognize a desert somewhere in my world that is without Jesus' message of hope



Saturday, July 7	4:00pm
Joseph Milson (A), Lawrence Mouton	
Sunday, July 8	7:00am
Joyce C. Faulk	
Sunday	9:00am
People of the parish.	
Sunday	11:00am
Lawrence and Edna Simon (A), Mary Filer and Alma B. Philips	
Monday,	6:20am
Celebrant's Intent	
Tuesday	6:20am
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Wednesday	6:20am
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Thursday	6:20am
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Friday	6:20am
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Saturday, June 30	4:00pm

St. Paul/Good Hope church desires and is hungering for the gift of who you are and the gifts you bring to welcome, honor and empower the self and the parish. We invite you to dance and to pray with this new yet

FAMILY OF THE WEEK

7:00--Ushers Choice

9:00--Bessie Roach
June 24-July 1

Percy Benoit
July 1-8

Mayola Landry
July 8-15

11:00---Usher's Choice



I get great assurance from this passage in tonight's/day's Second Reading from the letter that St Paul wrote to the community at Corinth. He talked about a *thorn in the flesh* which he interpreted as *an angel of Satan to beat me ... and to stop me from getting too proud*. He didn't say what it was - and I'm glad that he kept its identity wide-open. It gives me the possibility of identifying with it.

Whatever it was, he didn't like it, and wanted to get rid of it. He said that he *prayed to the Lord three times for it to leave him*. His expression *three times* isn't about how many times he prayed but about how intensely and feelingly he prayed. But, for all his efforts, it didn't work - and he was left feeling unhealed, inadequate and humiliated. He didn't get his way with God. But apparently it didn't stop him praying; and in his prayer came the insight - the voice of the Lord - saying: *My grace is enough for you; my power is at its best in weakness*.

My grace is enough for you. What does that mean? I love you.. That's enough. What more do you need? You don't have to be perfect. You don't have to be in control. You can be weak. You can be anything - and I shall still love you. That's enough. What more could you need? And, in case Paul thought that his *thorn in the flesh* made him less adequate to be an apostle, less able to do his thing for God, Jesus added: *my power is at its best in weakness; At its best ... in weakness*. And Jesus

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Thursday-Friday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Centennial News

Mother Teresa Visits Lafayette - One of the most memorable events of the 100 years of the Diocese of Lafayette was certainly the visit Acadiana received from a Saint. Mother Teresa, who founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950, came to Lafayette in July 1986 to establish a chapter of her order here in Lafayette. Mother Teresa was a longtime friend of Fr. Joseph Brennan, and during her visit she prayed at St. Genevieve Church and spoke to the people of Acadiana in a packed Cajundome on July 10, 1986. The Missionaries of Charity continue to witness to the Gospel in Acadiana with four religious sisters serving in Lafayette today.

National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministries - in this Centennial Year, the Diocese of Lafayette is happy to host a national Marriage and Family Conference - July 15-17 at the Cajundome Convention Center. Please pray for the holiness of marriage and family and the success of this conference.

August 15 - get your boat and join the procession - Fete Dieu de Vermilion - our Eucharistic Adoration will be on the Vermilion River this year beginning in Abbeville at St. Mary Magdalen with a Mass in French at 8am. The river procession will begin after with a Rosary and Benediction in Milton @11:35 @Waweas, then a Rosary and Benediction at River Ranch @1:40 @Rufinno's, then a foot procession @ 3:45pm from Beaver Park to Cathedral up University St. to the Cathedral - Vespers at 5pm and Mass at 5:30 with Bishop Deshotel. Having 121 Church Parishes in our Diocese we would like to

Please keep these people in Prayer:

Jonah Sam, Elton Isadore, Marjorie Carmouche, Verna Hebert, Loretta Glover, Margaret Coleman, Rita Sinegal, Alton Malveaux, Jr., Geralyn Lewis, Katelyn Benoit, Elsie Pickney, Bea Francis, Martha Carmouche, Gustavia Thibeaux, Thomas Jack, Jr. & III, Frank Chaisson, Jr., Patricia Williams Francis, M/M Austin Lawyer & Children,

All Homebound Parishioners

NEXT WEEK'S LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

July 7, July 8, 2018

- 4:00** Lynda Young
Amy Dalcour
Loretta Davis
Claudia Guidry
- 7:00** Emma Simon
Teryn Handy
Ethel Davis
Lou Wilda Arceneaux
Martha Celestine
- 9:00** Rose Helen Woods
Caroline Moore
Verdie Domingue
- 11:00** Takara Phillips
Trey Simpson
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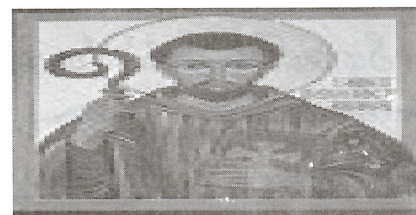
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Job Opening

Diocese of Lafayette has an opening for an Administrative Clerk. For details and application log on to Www.diolaf.org/employment

RCIA: Would you like to become Catholic?

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and if you would like to enroll in the RCIA program, please call the church



Come Lord Jesus Bible Study-every Wednesday at 6pm(Resumes in Sept)

July 11—Court 11—5:30pm

July 15—Jr. Daughters—10am

July 23—4th Degree Ladies of Grace—5:30pm

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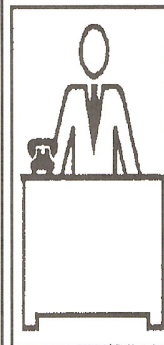
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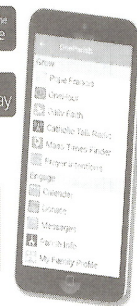
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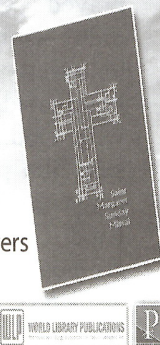
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