



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Staying Connected During COVID-19

January 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!

— *Isaiah 55:1*

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THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times.

Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him.

By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God.

He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life.



**Baptism
of the Lord**

For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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A warm welcome is extended to our new pastor, Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 55:1-11*.

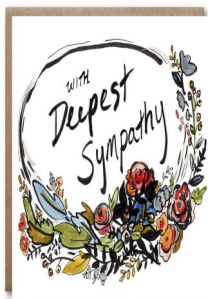
Psalms — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Isaiah 12:2-6*.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) or *1 John 5:1-9*.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	First Week in Ordinary Time begins Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20	Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28	Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Wednesday:	Memorial of St. Hilary Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39	Sunday:	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45		



May she rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Rayford and Fleming families at the passing of Mrs. Mary Rayford Flemming, sister-in-law of Mrs. Lucille Fleming Brown.

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

Confirmation Candidates



Taj Anthony
Tavin Anthony
Tyler Hawkins
Asia Hillery
Kelby Jones
Jacquez Knox
Hillary Leonard
Trajon Lewis
Zairey Patterson
Christopher Rodney
Contrell Salton

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

Parishioner of St. Paul
the Apostle

OFFERTORY

January 3, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,388.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,437.93
Building Fund	\$ 194.05
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 170.00
Christmas	\$ 160.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 30.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 30.00
Latin America	\$ 20.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 30.00
Catholic Life Center	\$ 35.00
New Years	\$ 335.00
4-Month Fundraiser	\$ 1060.00
Total	\$ 9,889.98

**THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY
MASSES UNTILL FURTHER NOTICE.**



Support St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

“Celebrating 60 Years of the Family of St. Paul Thriving Because of Our Giving Through Faith, Hope, and Love”

GOAL
\$60,000



As of Sunday, January 3, 2021, we are gratefully to report a total of \$25,523.00 collected for our special fundraiser due to COVID-19. Thank you kindly for your support, and we ask that if you have not contributed at least \$100 or more to this fundraiser, please support St. Paul by giving online at: osvolinegiving.com/4266, select "St. Paul's 4-Month Fundraiser," use the envelopes mailed to you or pick-up envelopes from the baptismal font or St. Paul's Parish Office. We also ask that you continue praying for the success of our special fundraiser.

Christmas Flower Donations

Dorothy Andrews, Nancy Ball, Lena Batiste, Isaac Betts, Sr., Sonja Bowers, Murray Chenevert, Gidget Coates, George Cornell, Odelia Course, Donald Dorsey, Gloria Dunn, Dianna Franklin, Joannette Dunn, Freddie Freeman Ethel Hinton, Virgil Johnson, Lois Joseph, Oreather Lee, Roosevelt Leonard, Joseph Mathis, Helen McCarter, Melonie Stewart, Marine Thibodeaux, Lorena Williams, Yvette Wisham

CELEBRATING JANUARY 10th - JANUARY 16th BIRTHDAYS




Halley Perry 01/10
Nyle Johnson 01/11
Elliott Baham 01/12
Merline Lundy 01/12
Ashley Sanford 01/12
Shelia Bertrand 01/13



Charles Davis, Jr. 01/13
Belinda F Pickett 01/14
Gloria Williams 01/14
Patricia Elbert 01/15
Falon Landry 01/15
Roger Banks, Sr. 01/16






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, 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, Curtell Thibodeaux, Irene Warner, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, and Yvonne Joseph


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, James Pace, Connie St. Romain, Kirk Haynes, and Carey Haynes




<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 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 Office Assistant - Christy Hall.....383-2537 Parish Office - Secretary - Mary Martin.....383-2537 Pastor - Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....383-2537 Readers - Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....383-2537 Religious Education Director - Martha Davis.....357-4108 RCIA Coordinator - Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....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>	<p>Space Available</p>	<p>Chenevert Construction & Remodeling 344-0183</p>	<p>Space Available</p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Lionel Bazile, Sr. Dorothy Bazile James Bazile Sheila Bazile</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<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>	<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> 	<p>Space Available</p>
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