

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalms — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Mark 16:1-7 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Friday in the Octave of Easter;
Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(*or* Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



REJOICE AND BE GLAD

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ's passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: "This is the day." It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

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EASTER PEOPLE

We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song!

—St. Augustine



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CELEBRATING APRIL 5 - APRIL 10 BIRTHDAYS

Lakeshia Reed 4/05	Dorothy Voltaire 4/08
Shirley Weston 4/05	Shawnderlyn Chatman 4/09
Lyric Gage 4/06	Bryson Jordan 4/09
Tasha Anthony 4/07	Gain Twase 4/09
Rose Carter 4/08	Donna Gage 4/10
Delphine Lastraped 4/08	Iona Trammel 4/10
Roderick Jeanpierre 4/08	Arlene Twase 4/10
L. Marine Thibodeaux 4/08	



MASS INTENTIONS

9:00 a.m. - Parishioners of St. Paul
the Apostle

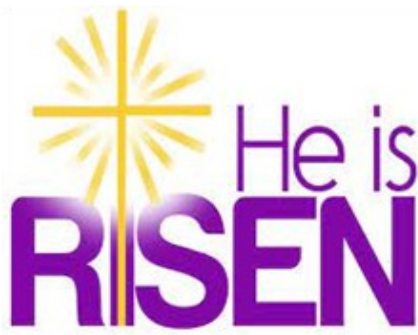
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BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE

Baptismal Class for Parents and Godparents
Thursday, May 6, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Mrs. Vera Dunbar - 225-324-2939
Baptism will be celebrated on Sunday,
May 16, 2021 During or After 10:30 Mass

(For exceptions, please contact Fr. Arockiam SVD)



FROM FR. AROCKIAM, SVD

1. Happy Easter to you all! May the Risen Lord bless you.
2. Tuesday April 6, 2021 - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:00 PM
3. Wednesday April 7, 2021 - Finance Council Meeting at 6:00 PM
4. Our Learning Center Buildings are not in use for more than a year. It is a concern. I invite any concerned parishioner with any ideas or suggestion for use of these buildings. If I don't hear from anyone in couple of months, I will proceed with whatever the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee Members have to offer/suggest.

DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN! A very special thank you to St. Paul's church-family for supporting the Debt

Reduction Campaign. Also, a heartfelt thanks to those members who have volunteered to help distribute packets to registered members. **Your support has helped us distribute over 300 packets.** Members who have not picked up or received a debt reduction packet by Easter Sunday, April 4, Father Arockiam and Mr. Lionel Bazile will begin delivering the packets to the homes of members or relatives. Please continue praying and considering a pledge above your regular tithes and offerings over the next 2-3 years to pay off the church's loan. The amount of your pledge is personal and between you and God. **Give what you can! Return your census form and/or pledge in the return envelope, and drop it in the collection basket, give it to Fr. Arockiam, bring it to the parish office, or mail it in. Contributions to the Debt Reduction Campaign may be made online at osvonlinegiving.com/4266, placed in any of the special debt reduction envelopes, and dropped in the collection basket or delivered to the Parish Office.**

Thank you for your prayers

OFFERTORY

March 28, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,795.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,345.00
Building Fund	\$ 155.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 40.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 62.00
Holy Land	\$ 10.00
Easter	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 6,417.00

Online Giving: osvonlinegiving.com/4266

DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN SUMMARY

Area of Focus	As of 3-28-2021
Our Goal	\$548,000.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$230,620.00
Total Donations Collected	\$27,751.00
Total # of Members Pledged	71
Total # of Registered Members	560









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, 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, 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, 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>JANI-KING</p> <p>Commercial Cleaning Service</p> <p>Monique Scott 225 273-5464</p>	<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p>State Farm Insurance</p> <p>Leonard Benjamin 775-2494</p>
<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney Rosa Lee Johnson</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>		<p>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</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 Collin 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>		
<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> 	<p><i>Space Available</i></p>			<p>Chenevert Construction & Remodeling 344-0183</p>
<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>HOOKIN UP MARINE AND TACKLE</p> <p>1968 Wooddale Ct. Baton Rouge, LA 70806 Ph. 225 999-5202 Email: hookinupmarineandtackle@gmail.com</p> <p>Kobi Chenevert Store Manager</p>		<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p>Chenevert Construction & Remodeling 344-0183</p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Lionel Bazile, Sr. James Bazile Sheila Bazile</p> 	<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p><i>Space Available</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, Terry Hebert, Eula White, J.D. Joseph, Aaron Bradley Joseph, Jessie Joseph Sr., H.P. Martin</p> <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p> 