

February 7, 2021

# FIFTH Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said,  
"Let us go on to the nearby villages  
that I may preach there also.  
For this purpose have I come!"

MARK 1:38

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The poignant description of human suffering in our reading from the book of Job echoes the cries we have heard throughout the world with the coming of the coronavirus. We grieve many losses: of life and health, of jobs and security, of freedom to be with those we love. We are reminded that many of the psalms are prayers lamenting that the world is often not what it ought to be. In these coronavirus times, we the Church are first called to prayerfully lament: to weep with those who are weeping and to ache for a better world. Our prayer can remind us that, as Paul described in Romans 8, all creation is groaning, and the Holy Spirit is groaning in wordless, shared suffering.

We also live in God's promise to transform our tears into joy. God is eager to bring healing to the world, and we are God's instruments in doing so. We bring God's gifts of creativity, resourcefulness, and perseverance to the task. Our prayerful lamentation reminds us of the urgency of God's work through us.

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## FREED TO SERVE

The first chapter of Mark's Gospel is very fast-paced, as Jesus begins his ministry on the move. The first scene in today's passage happens so quickly that it's easy to miss: Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, and she promptly begins to serve Jesus and the disciples. This woman is never named, and only noted by her relationship with Simon. But she is the first person in Mark, once healed by Jesus, to clearly respond as a disciple. Her healing frees her to serve Jesus and others, and sparks the healing of many others.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus' healings restore health, dignity, and a place in the community. They are also a summons to service. Mark's brief story highlights that God is always raising up persons and communities, healed of illness or sin or sadness, to join in God's healing work for others.

Today's Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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### LITURGY GUIDE

#### SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m.

(Temporary due to Covid-19)

#### RECONCILIATION

By Appointment

Live Stream Mass on Facebook @

[stpaultheapostlecatholicchurchbr](https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostlecatholicchurchbr).

10:30a.m. Mass



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church  
General Street, Baton Rouge, LA

**Baptism:** Call the Rectory to make arrangements. Infant Baptism is on the first Sunday of the month. Attendance of the pre-baptism workshop is required.

**Marriage:** Make arrangements six (6) months in advance of wedding date with the pastor.

**Communion to the Sick:** Please call the office to make arrangements to bring communion when someone is unable to attend Mass due to illness.

## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

### THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking**

Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: **Memorial of St. Scholastica**  
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: **Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick**  
Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday;  
Lunar New Year 4719  
Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13;  
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;  
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45



### MASS INTENTION

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St. Paul the Apostle

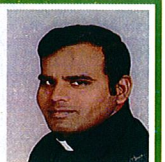
### 7:30 a.m. Mass

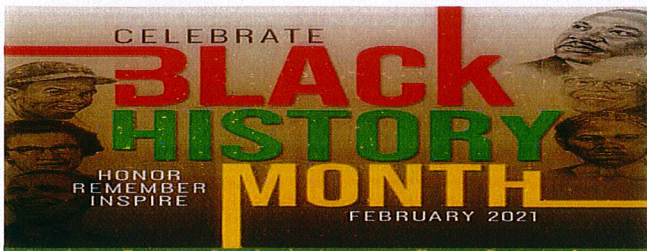
Effective this Sunday, February 7, 2021, Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul at 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. This is on a trial bases. We must continue to practice social distancing and wearing mask.

### INSTALLATION

Fr. Arockiam will be installed as pastor of St. Paul by Bishop Michael Duca on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the 10:30 Mass. Please join us!

For pastoral needs, contact  
**Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD**  
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### BLACK HISTORY FACTS

In 1923 Garrett Morgan patented an electric automatic traffic light, and later invented the Gas Mask. He was the first African American to own a car in Cleveland, OH.

Dr. Daniel Hale Williams was the first African American physician admitted to the American College of Surgeons. In 1893, he performed the first successful open heart surgery.



We would like to extend a special thanks to the members of our Fair Committee for their work with the 4-Month Fundraiser.

### OFFERTORY

**January 31, 2021**

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,909.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,915.00
Building Fund	\$ 285.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 170.00
Latin America	\$ 85.00
4-Month Fundraiser	\$ 1,464.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,828.00</b>

Online Giving: [osvonlinegiving.com/4266](https://osvonlinegiving.com/4266)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marvin Haynes 2/7	Pamela Collins 2/12
Joseph Richard 2/7	Annette Dunn 2/12
Ziyad Allen 2/08	Andre' Stewart 2/12
Laryon James 2/8	Tanya Cornell 2/13
Carolyn Jenkins 2/9	Jynell Hurst 2/13
Raphael Reed 2/11	

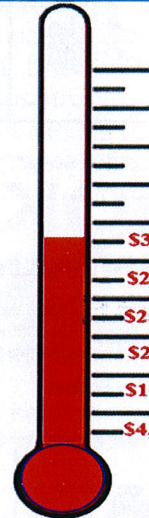


St. Paul's Parishioners and family members that are 70 yrs. and older and interested in getting the **COVID-19 vaccine** should contact the parish office at 383-2537 to sign-up. Someone from Our Lady of the Lake Hospital will then contact you to schedule an appointment.

### 4-MONTH FUNDRAISER

Thank you, St. Paul church-family, for your generous donations to our 4-Month Fundraiser. This fundraiser helped offset some of the financial losses forced by the cancellation of our annual fish fry, raffle, and church fair due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. On Sunday, January 31, the official final day for the 4-month fundraiser, the total collected was \$30,297. If you wish to still give to the 4-month fundraiser, please feel free to do so. As we move forward, please remember it is your prayers, faithfulness, and generosity that sustains St. Paul. Thank you for your commitment and support!

**GOAL**  
**\$60,000**



### 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, 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 &amp; Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth &amp; 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><b>JANI-KING</b></p> <p>Commercial Cleaning Service</p> <p><b>Monique Scott</b> 225 273-5464</p>	<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p><b>State Farm Insurance</b></p> <p><b>Leonard Benjamin</b> 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><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 &amp; 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 Watts .....278-6732 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 Joseph .....772-2090 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 &amp; Frank P. Bowers Carrie &amp; Douglas Rodney, Sr. Clara &amp; Willis Walker Sarah Rodney Domino &amp; Wilbert Domino, Sr. Freddie Bowers Ora Bowers Ward Sybil Thomas Johnson Maureen Bowers Johnson</p>  	<p><i>Space Available</i></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>"GET THE HOOK"</p> <p><b>HOOKIN UP</b></p> <p><b>MARINE AND TACKLE</b></p> <p>1968 Wooddale Ct. Baton Rouge, LA 70806 Ph. 225 999-5202 Email: hookinupmarineandtackle@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Kobi Chenevert</b>      <b>Store Manager</b></p>	<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p><b>Chenevert Construction &amp; Remodeling</b> 344-0183</p>
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