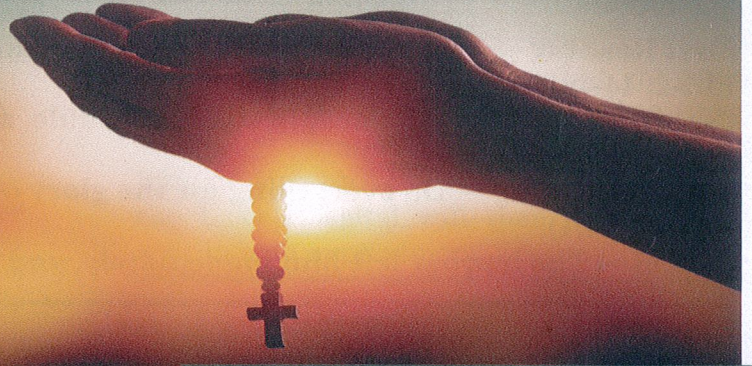


FEBRUARY
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Sixth Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the

GLORY OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 10:31

The Gospel today concludes the first chapter of Mark, which traces the rapid expansion of Jesus' ministry. Excitement about Jesus grows so much that he can't enter a town without being besieged. His healing of a leper results in a reversal: the leper, who had been isolated from the community, is now free to speak with everyone. Jesus, who before could speak freely, now must isolate himself from the crowds. By serving others, Jesus lost some control over his ministry. This is the first hint of what happens later in Mark. Jesus' displays of power—over illness, over evil spirits, over nature—eventually lead him to the "powerlessness" of the cross.

The experience of Jesus guides us in our own efforts to be of service. Surrendering control is often very difficult. To be a servant is to engage with others, where frequently we lose some control over our freedoms, time, and energies. Often there is a cross or two to bear. As Jesus let go of control in his life, he also placed his trust in his Father. He invites us to do the same.

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

In today's passage from First Corinthians, Paul concludes his extensive reflections on a variety of issues in Christian life, summarizing with "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Beyond the specific problems he addresses, Paul invites his listeners deeper, to consider the primary orientation of life in Christ. We live "for the glory of God" when we organize our lives around God's values and purposes. We find our identity within God's story as described in the scriptures. We are called to join God's work in care for others. Just like Paul, we wrestle with many difficult problems emerging from the messiness of daily living. As Lent approaches, we might claim some time to reflect upon how life's messiness connects with our identity and calling.

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

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YOUTH DIRECTOR: Justin Kennedy

PARISH NURSE: Maxine Watts

LITURGY GUIDE

SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m.

(Temporary due to Covid-19)

RECONCILIATION

By Appointment

Live Stream Mass on Facebook @

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

10:30a.m. Mass



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 2019, Pastor

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 — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community.

Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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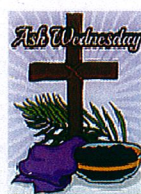
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Presidents' Day Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13	Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Tuesday:	Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21	Friday:	Abstinence Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
		Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



PRAYER LEADERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the church for anyone who is interested in leading us in the Stations of the Cross for one of the six Fridays during Lent. Station of the Cross will be at 6:00 p.m. beginning this Friday, February 19th.



We will celebrate Mass at St. Paul the Apostle on Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This is also a reminder that it is a day of fasting and abstinence.



MASS INTENTION

7:30 a.m. Mr. Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul

INSTALLATION

Please join us next Sunday, February 21st at 10:30 Mass. Fr. Arockiam will be installed as pastor of St. Paul by Bishop Michael Duca.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

There will be no Religious Education classes on February 14th and 21st. Classes will resume on February 28th. This is a change from our original calendar. Please note this change on your calendars.

For pastoral needs, contact
Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD
at Cell # (337) 522-0624
Email: arockiamsvd@gmail.com





Thank you for the many phone calls, cards, and prayers offered to me and my family on the death of my sister Janet M. Bossier. I truly appreciate the kindness and love, and the prayers especially gave me strength and kept me in perfect peace. I reflected on the many times that I read at funerals for my church family and for strangers but could not read at my sister's funeral due to Covid-19 as I had to attend via Facebook. That hurts so much, but your prayers strengthened me.

Love, Hugs, Prayers,
Barbara Cornell

P.S. My prayers continue for all of you, your loved ones, and the whole world.

4-MONTH FUNDRAISER: On Sunday, February 7, 2021, the total collected through this fundraiser increased to \$30,797. Thank you! Please continue to pray for the progress of St. Paul the Apostle.



St. Paul's Parishioners and family members that are 65 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.

ST. PAUL'S FOOD PANTRY will be distributing food boxes to the community for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program this Friday, February 19th from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. Boxes will be distributed while supplies last.

OFFERTORY

February 7, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,952.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,237.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,601.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 183.00
4-Month Fundraiser	\$ 500.00
Total	\$13,473.00

Online Giving: osonlinegiving.com/4266

CELEBRATING FEBRUARY 14th - FEBRUARY 20th BIRTHDAYS

Byron George 2/14
James Hayward 2/14
Michael Johnson 2/15
Martha Davis 2/16
Rudolpd Richard, III 2/17
Kelvin Glasper 2/18
Harriett Jordan 2/18
Edmonia Joseph 2/18
Dorothy Kemp 2/18



Velita Benjamin 2/19
Reginald Green 2/19
TaRhonda Bazille 2/19
Kevin Anthony 2/20
Tracie Jackson 2/20
Bobbie Reed 2/20
Lionel Robertson, Jr. 2/20
Delwin Rodney 2/20

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

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Income and Expenses for January 2021

INCOME

Church Collections	\$ 27,530.93
Building Fund	2,056.05
Special Donations (Mortgage)	2,000.00
Other (Rent,Flowers)	735.00
	<u>32,321.98</u>
	\$ 32,321.98

EXPENSES

Salaries (Priest & Staff)	\$ 10,307.50
Household(Household items, mattress, food, cleaners)	2,685.81
Utilities/Telephone (3 buildings, residence)	2,238.79
Office(Computer, Bulletin, Contribution Env, Suppl)	1,256.34
Contracted Services(CPA Audit,Security)	3,980.00
Parish Share (Amount due Diocese)	4,873.00
Property Insurance(Property,Vehicle,Worker's Comp)	1,834.00
Repairs, Maintenance, Vehicle	1,758.80
Principal on Loan	8,098.50
Interest on Loan	1,738.54
Furnishings/Equipment	4,163.37
Other(Bank,Bible Study,Liturgy,Books,Tbuildings)	1,197.97
	<u>44,132.62</u>
	\$ 44,132.62

NET PROFIT OR LOSS \$ (11,810.64)

*\$9,000.00 was transferred from the Fundraising Account to pay expenses
Church Loan Balance as of 2/4/21 \$542,110.92*

In Loving Memory of:
 Opston, Dorcena, Wilbert,
 Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert &
 Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth &
 Tia Davis,
 Catherine Williams,
 Yvonne Warren and
 Marcus Montigue



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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 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

In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:
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 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



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