



# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

## Staying Connected During COVID-19

**January 17, 2021**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Your body is a temple of the  
Holy Spirit within you.  
— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

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### Dr. King's Famous Quotes

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

“If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. but whatever you do, you have to keep moving.”

“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy to a friend.”

“So even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream.”

“No, violence is not the way. Hate is not the way. Bitterness is not the way. We must stand up with love in our hearts, with a lack of bitterness and yet a determination to protest courageously for justice and freedom in this land.”

“There is no such thing as separate but equal. Separation, segregation, inevitably makes for inequality.”

“If you are seeking the highest good, I think you can find it through love.”



**JOY**

The fullness of joy is to behold  
God In everything.

—St. Julian

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

**Gospel** — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

## SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening." God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</b> Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22	Friday:	<b>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b> Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19, <i>or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer</i>
Tuesday:	<b>Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)</b> Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28	Saturday:	<b>Memorial of St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope</b> Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; <b>Mk 3:20-21</b>
Wednesday:	<b>Memorial of St. Fabian; St. Sebastian</b> Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6	Sunday:	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
Thursday:	<b>Memorial of St. Agnes</b> Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17;		

## 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.

## OFFERTORY

### January 10, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,744.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,067.00
Building Fund	\$ 705.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 80.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00
Latin America	\$ 30.00
Catholic Life Center	\$ 10.00
4-Month Fundraiser	\$ 1,575.00
Total	\$ 7,221.00

**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 10, 2021, we gratefully report a total of \$27,098.00 collected for our special fundraiser. 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](https://osvolinegiving.com/4266), select “St. Paul's 4-Month Fundraiser,” use the envelopes mailed to you or pick-up envelopes from the baptismal font and St. Paul's Parish Office. We also ask that you continue praying for the success of our special fundraiser.



**Join in on A Racial Healing and Transformation Series on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:00 pm.** Dr. Shannen Dee Williams, an Assistant Professor of History at Villanova University will speak about “Black Catholic Historical Truth Telling: An Essential Practice for Reparative Justice. On **Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m.** Ms. Gloria Purvis, host of Morning Glory EWTN radio will focus on what can the church do about racism? Both series will be virtual via Zoom.

**Register at: [SULC.EDU/RACIALHEALING](https://SULC.EDU/RACIALHEALING)**



### MASS INTENTIONS

Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

### CELEBRATING JANUARY 17th - JANUARY 23rd BIRTHDAYS



Michael Knox, Jr. 01/17  
 Mary Murray 01/17  
 Dianne Baham 01/19  
 Melonie Stewart 01/19  
 Albert Victorian, Jr. 01/19  
 Jerome Walker 01/19  
 Barbara J. Haynes 01/20



Sharda Green 01/21  
 Carmen Patrick 01/21  
 Monique Spaulding 01/21  
 Andrea Camberos 01/22  
 Angelle Camberos 01/22  
 Trevione Malveaux 01/23





### 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 &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>Space Available</b></p>	<p><b>Space Available</b></p>	<p><b>State Farm Insurance</b></p> <p><b>Leonard Benjamin</b> 775-2494</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</b></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 Mathis.....278-0071  Nurse - Maxine Watts .....278-6732  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>  
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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>
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