



# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

## Staying Connected During COVID-19

**January 24, 2021**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.  
— *Mark 1:15*

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### A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works!

God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing.

A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus!

Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?



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This year there will be two masses celebrated on Ash Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday this year will be celebrated February 17th, the beginning of Lent. A day of fasting and abstinence.

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

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

**Psalm** — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

**Gospel** — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: **Memorial of Ss. Timothy and Titus**

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: **Memorial St. Angela Merici; Tu B'Shvat**

Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: **Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas**

Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40;

Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75;

Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week**

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;



Coletta Barrett Vice President of Mission at our Lady of the Lake will be attending 10:30 Mass this Sunday to tell us about a sign up list for ages over 70 to get covid-19 vaccine.

There will be a sign up sheet for parishioners to sign up after mass in the foyer. For any question please contact **Parish Nurse Maxine Watts** or Parish office .



### May they rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Benjamin and Guice family at the passing of Mr. Joseph Leonard Guice, brother of Mrs. Velita Benjamin. Also to the Landry family at the passing of Ms. Dally Ruth Landry Biagas, sister of Mrs. Rose Landry Malveau and Aunt of Mrs. Mary Martin.

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

## 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.

## Mandatory Ushers Meeting...

Fr. Arockiam, would like to meet with all Ushers on Thursday, January 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the center.

Please contact Mrs. Edmonia Joseph for any questions.

**Building and Fair Committee** will meet this Wednesday, January 27th.

**Building Committee** at 3 p.m. in the parish rectory. **Fair Committee** will meet at 6 p.m. in the church.

## OFFERTORY

**January 17, 2021**

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,215.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,175.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 120.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 50.00
4-Month Fundraiser	\$ 1,290.00
Total	\$ 7,050.00

## 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”



As of Sunday, January 17, 2021, we gratefully report a total of \$28,388.00 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 or St. Paul's Parish Office. We also ask that you continue praying for the success of our special fundraiser.



**Attention St. Paul Parishioners:** I would like to meet with parishioners on Thursday, February 4th at 6 p.m. in St. Paul Center to discuss some of your concerns about the church as we start a new beginning together. Some topics to be discussed will include; up keeping of the church, finances, debt (\$548,236), and personal concerns you may have. Also, to set goals for the next 5 years. If you are not able to make this meeting, please feel free to call for an appointment to meet with me or send an email. **We are all required to adhere to the social distancing mandate, and everyone must wear a mask!**

—Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD

### 2020 Contribution Statements

If you are interested in obtaining a statement of your contributions made to St. Paul during the year 2020, please request a statement by calling the office or sending an email. Only requested statements will be prepared. You will be notified when the statements are available.

### CELEBRATING JANUARY 24th - JANUARY 30th BIRTHDAYS



Nahson Route 01/24  
 Ruby Woods 01/24  
 Riley Thomas 01/25  
 Wanda Alsobrook 01/26  
 Nariyah Davis 01/26  
 Sydney Anderson 01/28



Ilylla Hamphill 01/28  
 Alex Watson 01/28  
 Glenda Brown 01/29  
 Ronnice' Johnson 01/29  
 Jaxon Bailey 01/30












### 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><b>In Loving Memory of:</b></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><b>In Loving Memory of:</b></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>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of:</b></p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney</p>  <p><b>"Rest in Peace"</b></p>		<p><b><u>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</u></b></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 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>		
<p><b>In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:</b></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><b>In Loving Memory of:</b></p> <p>Famye Reed and the Reed, Stewart, Davis , and Grainger Families</p> <p><b>"Rest in Peace"</b></p> 	<p><b>Space Available</b></p>	<p><b>Chenevert Construction &amp; Remodeling</b> 344-0183</p>	<p><b>Space Available</b></p>	
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