

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church



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Our Mission Statement

Bound by our faith and guided by the Holy Spirit, We, the children of God, within the Community of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, are called to celebrate the redeeming actions of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and to teach and bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.



SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

Sunday, July 18, 2021—16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

KEY VERSES FROM TODAY'S READING

First Reading: I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. (Jer 23:3)

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:13)

Gospel: When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a

shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. (Mk 6:34)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from

Readings Week July 18 – July 25, 2021

Today:	Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-
34	
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21—15:1; Ex 15:8-9, 10 ,12, 17 [1b]; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b];
	Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]; Jn
	20:1-2, 11-18
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]; Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday	: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16];
-	Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15 ©LPi

NO MASS TUESDAY: THERE WILL BE NO MASS THIS TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021, MASS WILL **RESUME ON WEDNESDAY AS SCHEDULED.**



NEXT BAPTISM SCHEDULE

Next Baptismal Class for Parents and Godparents: Thursday, Sept. 9 Contact: Deacon Benjamin/Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939

Baptism: Sunday, July 18, 2021 (During or After 10:30 Mass) For exception, please contact Fr. Arockiam -337-522-0624

OFFERTORY—JULY 11, 2021

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 5,310.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,781.22
Building Fund:	\$ 100.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 100.00
Debt Reduction:	<u>\$3,447.00</u>
Total Offertory	\$11,738.22

Thank you for your generosity and sacrifice toward our church. God bless you!

Envelopes Mailed: 556 Envelopes Returned:85 Online Givers:48 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M.-67; 10:30A.M.-123



Lucille Brown 7/18 Paulette Robertson 7/18 Noah Banks 7/19 Calvin Dudley 7/19 Jamar Rucker 7/19

Jennifer Bynum 7/20 Marilynn Payne 7/20 Dora Moore 7/22 Lorena Williams 7/24

THE STEWARD'S WORK IS NEVER DONE

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep - dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give? - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

FOR PASTORAL CARE/NEEDS

If you are scheduled for surgery or admitted to the hospital with a major illness, please inform Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD, Pastor 337-522-0624 or arockiamsvd@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

7:30 Mass: Mrs. Theresa Victorian Hawkins 10:30 Mass: Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

FOR CHURCH ENVELOPES TO TITHE

If you are a registered member of St. Paul and not receiving envelopes in the mail to give or send offerings to our church, please call the parish office. If you want to give online, no envelopes are needed, please use our church website (www.stpaulbr.org) to give.

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND CHURCH MEMBERS:



Roger Banks Sr., Jasman Benjamin, Lena Batiste, Rose Crockett Carter, Audrey Christopher, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Denovas Crockett, Charles Davis Jr., Dianna Franklin, James Hayward, Brenda Hickman, Meredith Jones, Annie Joseph, Yvonne Joseph, Marie

Myles, Willis Reed Jr., Willie Bell Richard, Mona Seals, Robert Seals, Harry Sills, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, Mary Smart, Curtell Thibodeaux, Irene Warner

OUR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Mona Bossier Bailey, Charles Bethley, Barbara Brennan, Ernie Butitta, Helen Celestine, Alberta Conner, Richard Dillon, Edna Dixon, Ronnie Gauthier, Anthony Grand, Marcus Guice, Betty Hammond, Carey Havnes, Kirk Havnes, Nichelle Hollins, Florence Jackson, Dorie Martin, James Pace, Allen Paschal, Martha Reinhart, Joel Rivera, Frank Ross, Jenna Scott, Dana Simoneaux, Connie St. Romain, Calvin Thomas III, Walker Williams

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF INDIA

Healer of all, giver of life, we bow our heads, lift up our hearts, and pour out prayers as tears for our sisters and brothers, our human family, in India enduring the Covid crisis. May your grace and peace surround all the people and may you offer hope in crossing this phase of the pandemic. In Jesus, we pray, Amen.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

TODAY'S MINISTERS - JULY 18

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Monique Spaulding, & Darlene St. Romain 10:30 A.M. Martha Davis & Mary Martin

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Elie Jackson & Alice Zacharie 10:30 A.M. Nancy Ball & Anna Perry

Altar Servers:7:30 A.M. Da'Marquis London, & Garrick Camel, Jr. 10:30 A.M. Jared Anthony, Jacquez Knox & Xavier Knox

NEXT SUNDAY MINISTERS – JULY 25

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Carla Lewis & Barbara Cornell 10:30 A.M. Kevin Stewart & Paul Stewart

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30A.M. Murray Chenevert & Joanette Dunn 10:30 A.M. Amanda Skinner & Tasha Anthony

ALTAR SERVERS: 7:30 A.M. Jaiden Parker & Saija Johnson 10:30 A.M. Andrea Camberos, Angelle Camberos & Jose Camberos



CALM THE STORMS TO A WHISPER

Lord, we give thanks to You, for You are good. Your faithful love endures forever. When the winds and the waves rise, and we cringe in terror, we cry out to You in our distress, knowing You can calm the storm to a whisper and still the waves. Please draw near, and be our safety. We praise You for Your great love and the wonderful things You have done for us. Amen. October 27, 2020 by Aizel Dolom



10:30 A.M. CHOIR MEETING: I would like to meet with all the members of the 10:30 Mass Choir Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. in the church. Please mark your calendar and make

every effort to attend. If you cannot make it, please inform me either by calling or texting me at 337-522-0624. If you are absent from this meeting and do not contact me, it will be my understanding that you are not continuing your service in the choir.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATION: All ministries and organizations requesting the use of the parish center or church during 2021 and future events are asked to contact the parish office before scheduling events that are preapproved by Fr. Arockiam. Please note all events must be approved by Fr. Arockiam. If you currently have meetings planned, please contact the office to

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



Altar Servers are needed for both 7:30 & 10:30 Masses. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please sign-up in the foyer of the church. Practice will resume this coming fall. Please feel free to contact Fr. Arockiam, Ms. Shirley Dawson or Ms. Christy Hall with any questions or concerns.

TEALTH DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 07-11-2021
Our Goal	\$548,000.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$441,636.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 92,528.09
Total Members Pledged	211
Total Registered Members	552





PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING July 21, 2021- 6:00 P.M.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING July 28, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.

VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD/RELIGIOUS LIFE

If you feel the call to religious life as a priest, deacon, brother or nun, please contact:

1-800-553-3321

Divine Word Missionaries and Sisters of the Holy Spirit

jjohnsondiobr.org or 225-387-0561

Rev. Joshua Johnson, Director of Vocations-Diocese of Baton Rouge

A VOCATION VIEW

"I will appoint shepherds for my people." The call to priestly and religious life is to be a shepherd after the heart of Christ, to give of yourself so that others may live.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY Social Friendship



We pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY

St. Paul the Apostle prays the Rosary on Sunday afternoon at 6:00 P.M. Please dial 701-802-5490, then enter the Access Code: 878800# and bless us with your presence.

TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL'S MASS

St. Paul's Van will provide rides to the 10:30 A.M. Sunday Mass. If you are in need of transportation to and from the 10:30 Mass, please call the parish office at 225-383-2537.



VAN DRIVERS NEEDED: If you would like to join The Van Transportation Ministry, please call the parish Office.



RECRUITING USHERS

Ushers are needed for both the 7:30 and 10:30 A.M., Sunday Masses. If you are interested in joining the Usher Usher Ministry, please contact Edmonia Joseph at (225-772-2090).



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Coleman family at the passing of Ms. Myrtis Coleman. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

UNIFORMS NEEDED FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry here at St. Paul, Clothing Section, provides much needed items for clients in our community. With back-to-school approaching, the Clothing Section is in need of ALL school uniforms. If you have gently used uniforms that your children or youth have outgrown or no longer need, please donate them to the Clothing Section of St. Paul's Pantry. Please contact Ms. Rosa Malveau at 225-357-4538 for donations. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

WELCOME FR. JOSHUA JOHNSON!

Fr. Joshua Johnson will be our celebrant for Mass next Sunday along with Fr. Arockiam. We encourage our youth to join us in welcoming Fr. Joshua as he delivers a special message on vocation. We look forward to seeing you at Mass!