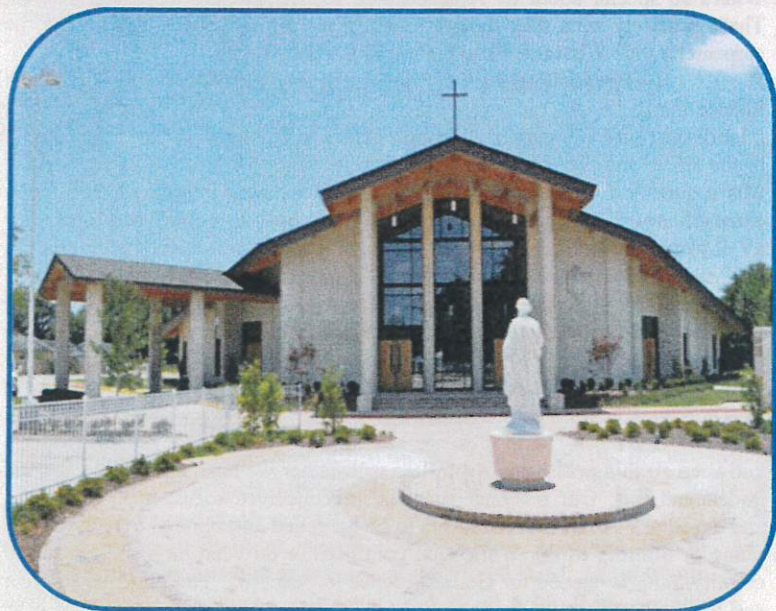


# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

*Established in July 1960 • Staffed by the Society of the Divine Word (SVD — Divine Word Missionaries)*

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## SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

## WEEKDAY MASS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY—9:30 A.M.

## CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

By Appointment

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.  
(Lunch Break - 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.)

## TO JOIN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Please pick up the Census Information/Update Form from the foyer of the church, complete it and return it to the parish office

## RCIA

If you want to become Catholic and ready to learn the Catholic Faith, please call Father Arockiam, SVD

## MARRIAGE

Please meet with the pastor at least six (6) months before the wedding date

## BAPTISM

Please see inside this bulletin for the specific details

## HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you are or a family member is a registered member of our church and not able to attend Mass in church and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the church office

## FUNERAL

Please call the pastor before making arrangements with the funeral home

## PASTOR

Rev. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD— 225-383-2537

## PERMANENT DEACON – RETIRED

Deacon Benjamin Dunbar Jr.— 225-324-5808

## PARISH SECRETARY

Mary Martin —225-383-2537

## PARISH OFFICE ASSISTANT

Christy Hall —225-383-2537

## PARISH BOOKKEEPER

Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

## DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Martha Davis —225-357-4108

## YOUTH DIRECTOR

Amanda Skinner —225-978-7347

## PARISH NURSE

Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

## FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

## PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

## 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.

## 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time



SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

**KEY VERSES FROM TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD! And whether they heed or resist, for they are a rebellious house, they shall know that a prophet has been among them. (Ez 2:4-5)

**Psalms:** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. (Ps 123)

**Second Reading:** I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. (2 Cor 12:9)

**Gospel:** Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." (Mk 6:4)

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*Readings* *Week*

**July 4 – July 11, 2021**

- Today:** Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a
- Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]; Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 22]; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 8-19, 20-21 [5a]; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]; Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday:** Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13 ©LPI



**NEXT BAPTISM SCHEDULE**

*Baptismal Class for Parents and Godparents:* Saturday, July 10  
 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—JUNE 27, 2021**

ONLINE GIVING LINK: [OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266](http://OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266)

<b>Collection:</b>	\$3,838.31
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$1,132.08
<b>Building Fund:</b>	\$ 383.00
<b>St. Vincent DePaul:</b>	\$ 97.00
<b>Peter's Pence:</b>	\$ 250.00
<b>Debt Reduction:</b>	<u>\$1,868.00</u>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$7,568.39</b>

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

**Envelopes Mailed:** 556 **Envelopes Returned:** 63 **Online Givers:** 35  
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)  
**Last Sunday Mass Attendance:** 7:30A.M.-73; 10:30A.M.-85



**BIRTHDAYS**  
**JULY 4—JULY 10**



- Carroll Long 7/04
- Katie Primas 7/04
- Karsyn Bell 7/05
- Willie Belle Richard 7/05
- Arlington Smith, Sr. 7/05
- Christopher Rodney 7/06
- Shelia Salton 7/06
- Sadie Simms 7/06
- Asia Williams-Delone 7/06
- John Broussard 7/08
- Asia Dickerson—Hillery 7/08

- Leonard Rucker, Jr. 7/08
- Clarence Thomas III 7/08
- Chai Thomas 7/08
- Audrey Davis 7/09
- Paula Celestine Jackson 7/09
- Karter Joseph 7/09
- Geraldine St. Amant 7/09
- Brent Hayward, Jr. 7/10
- Melba Kennedy 7/10
- Anthony Skinner 7/10

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through everyday things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset, and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run-of-the-mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child, and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors, and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope-filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

**FOR PASTORAL CARE/NEEDS**

Contact Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD, Pastor  
 337-522-0624 or [arockiamsvd@gmail.com](mailto:arockiamsvd@gmail.com)



**7:30 Mass:** In memory of the deceased members of St. Paul the Apostle

**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](http://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, Myrtis Coleman, Sylvia Collier, Cheryl Crockett, Denovas Crockett, Charles Davis Jr., Dianna Franklin, James Hayward, Brenda D. 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 Haynes, Kirk Haynes, 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



## MINISTERS SCHEDULE - JULY 11

### LECTORS/READERS

7:30 A.M. MASS: Lucille Brown & Paulette Robertson  
 10:30 A.M. MASS: Ladira James, Tasha Anthony

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7:30 A.M. MASS: Joannette Dunn & Monique Spaulding  
 10:30 A.M. MASS: Anna Perry & Christy Hall

### DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



May God bless and keep the children, parents, and catechists of our Religious Education Program. Please pray that we will be able to have classes on-site and



### 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 members of the 10:30 A.M. Mass Choir on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. in the church. Please mark your calendar and make every effort to be there. If you can't make it, please inform me either by calling or texting me at 337-522-0624. If you are absent from the meeting and do not contact me, it will be my understanding that you are not continuing your service in the choir.

**KEYS TO THE CHURCH BUILDINGS:** Besides me and the office staff, some of our church members also have keys to our church building. I need the names of everyone with keys to any of the buildings on St. Paul's property. Please write your name, cell number, and to which building you have keys on the log sheet in the church foyer. If it is necessary for you to have a key, please state that on the sheet. If you don't feel the need to have the keys, please return them to the office. If you need a key to any building for your ministry meetings, etc., please come by the office and borrow a key; use it and return it. In that way, we can keep track of who is opening and locking doors. Within the past 5 months, I have observed a few times that the church building was not properly locked/closed. I am just bringing it to your attention. In the future, in case of any eventualities to any buildings, I would request all those who have the keys to the buildings to take responsibility.

Thank you,  
 Father Arockiam Arockiam, SVD



### DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 06-27-2021
<b>Our Goal</b>	<b>\$548,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amt. Pledged</b>	<b>\$440,636.00</b>
<b>Total Donations Collected</b>	<b>\$ 85,562.84</b>
<b>Total Members Pledged</b>	<b>210</b>
<b>Total Registered Members</b>	<b>554</b>



### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

July 21, 2021- 6:00 P.M.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

To Be Announced

### 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

[johsondiobr.org](http://johsondiobr.org) or **225-387-0561**

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

### A VOCATION VIEW

God works through the prophets to make known His message of salvation. Has He called you to be a prophet in our day and age?

### 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 call 701-802-5490, Access Code 878800# and bless us with your presence...

### TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL'S MASS

St. Paul's Van provides 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.



Rides Available  
 To Our 10:30 Sunday Mass

**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 Ministry, please contact Edmonia Joseph at (225-772-2090).

### ENTERING CANAAN WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING FROM ABORTION

**Saturday, August 21, 2021: 9 am - 5 pm**

Are you or someone you know suffering the loss of a child through abortion? You are not alone. A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 9 am - 5 pm. For more information or to registration, please call 225-325-3459 or email [EnteringCanaan@diobr.org](mailto:EnteringCanaan@diobr.org). All inquiries are confidential. Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge - Office of Marriage & Family Life.

### UNIFORMS NEEDED FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry clothing section provides much needed items for clients in our community. With back to school approaching, they are in need of school uniforms of all types. If you have gently worn uniforms that your child or children have outgrown or no longer need, please donate them to the pantry. Please contact Ms. Rose Malveau at (225) 357-4538 if you have uniforms to donate. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

*In Remembrance*  
 Opston, Dordenia,  
 Wilbert, Phillip,  
 Opston Jr., Albert &  
 Jerome Guillory; CB,  
 Ruth, & Tia Davis;  
 Catherine Williams,  
 Yvonne Warren, &  
 Marcus Montigue


*In Remembrance*  
 George Coleman Jr.  
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**In Memory of...**  
 Geneva Battley Spooner  
 Della Battley Rodney  
 Rosa Lee Johnson  
 "Rest in Peace"

  
**Contact Us**  
 Quick Reference to St. Paul's Pastor, Personnel, Ministries, and Services

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 - Paulette F. Robertson.....	937-2293
Religious Education Director - Martha Davis.....	357-4108
RCIA Coordinator - Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....	383-2537
Ushers - Edmonia Joseph.....	772-2090
Youth Ministry - Amanda Skinner.....	978-7347

*Loving Memory*  
 Roosevelt Bowers 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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 Famye Reed and the  
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 Shelia Bazile  
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*In Remembrance*  
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 Earl Key Sr.  
 Emma Doyle  
 Currie (Rudi) Doyle  
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*Loving Memory*  
 Milton, Rachel, Lilie, Kirby, James "Pookie"  
 Verdell, Corinne & Joseph;  
 Lawrence Sr. & Shedrick Ashford;  
 Ellis Myles Sr., Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert;  
 Eula White, J.D. & Aaron Bradley Joseph,  
 Jessie Joseph Sr. & H.P. Martin  
 "Rest in Peace"