

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

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Christy Hall —225-383-2537

PARISH BOOKKEEPER

Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Martha Davis —225-357-4108

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FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

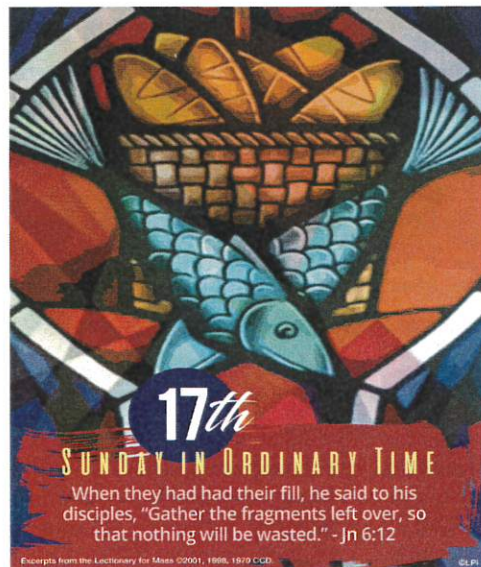
Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

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.



JULY 25, 2021

TODAY'S READING—THINK, REFLECT, & SHARE!

First Reading: The prophet Elisha was able to feed a crowd of a hundred people with only twenty barley loaves and some fresh grain. *Why do you think God empowered Elisha to perform this feeding miracle?*

Second Reading: Paul taught the Ephesians that as believers we are called to live by the moral imperatives of humility, gentleness, patience, love, and peace. *Which of these virtues do you think you do well?*

Gospel: The people mistakenly thought of Jesus as “the Prophet who is to come into world” after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. *What are some times when you have seen others misuse or misrepresent Jesus?* ©LPi

Readings of the Week

July 25, 2021—August 1, 2021

- Today:** 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11,15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
- Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]; Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]; Mt 14:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



NEXT BAPTISM SCHEDULE

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

Next Baptism: Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021 (During or After 10:30 Mass)
For exception, please contact Fr. Arockiam -337-522-0624



OFFERTORY—JULY 18, 2021

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$3,793.00
Online Giving:	\$2,165.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 5.00
Debt Reduction:	\$1,107.00
St. Augustine Seminary:	<u>\$1,255.00</u>
Total Offertory	\$8,325.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 556 Envelopes Returned:51 Online Givers:41
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance:7:30A.M.-62; 10:30A.M.-116



July 25—July 31 BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Brandon James 7/25 | Carlton Jackson 7/27 | Trinell Evans 7/29 |
| Joseph Patrick 7/25 | Marzette Payne 7/27 | Curtell Thibodeaux 7/29 |
| Joy Antoine 7/26 | Maxwell Starwood 7/27 | Nancy Ball 7/30 |
| Harry Johnson 7/26 | William Bradford 7/28 | Gail Arline 7/31 |
| Oliver Johnson 7/26 | Leonard Mathis 7/28 | Victoria Hayward 7/31 |
| Taylor Chambers 7/27 | Carroll Denman 7/29 | Andrew Thurman 7/31 |

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God’s agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy’s few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually, being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that’s amazing! ©LPi

FOR PASTORAL CARE/NEEDS

If you are scheduled for surgery, admitted to the hospital with a major illness, or for any pastoral needs please call.

Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD, Pastor
337-522-0624 or arockiamsvd@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:30 Mass:** Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
- 10:30 Mass:** Deceased family members of Milton & Rachel Joseph

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., 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



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.



Today, July 25, is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

TODAY'S MINISTERS – JULY 25

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30A.M. Murray Chenevert & Joannette 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - AUGUST 1

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Paulette Robertson & Barbara Cornell
 10:30 A.M. Linda Carter & Gigi Mathis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Alice Zachary & Vera Dunbar
 10:30 A.M. Nancy Ball & Anna Perry

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Kelby Chenevert & Quintin Chenevert
 10:30 A.M. Tavin Anthony & Taj Anthony



10:30 A.M. CHOIR MEETING: I would like to meet with all the members of the 10:30 Mass Choir this Thursday, July 29, 2021, 6:00 P.M. in the church. Please mark your calendar and make every effort to attend. If you cannot attend, 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. Please note all events must be approved by Fr. Arockiam. If you currently have meetings planned, please contact the office to reserve your date.

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR BABY WILLIAMS

We rejoice with Mr. & Mrs. Calvin and Natasha Williams at the baptism of their one-year old daughter, Kaysia Williams, on last Sunday, July 18, 2021, after the 10:30 Mass by Fr. Arockiam. We, St. Paul's parish community, share in their hope, joy, and responsibility.



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 in the fall. Please contact Fr. Arockiam, Ms. Shirley Dawson or Ms. Christy Hall with any questions or concerns.

A PRAYER TO AVERT STORMS/HURRICANES



Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.
 Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us
 and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
 forever and ever. Amen.



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 07-18-2021
Our Goal	\$548,000.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$441,636.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 93,635.09
Total Members Pledged	211
Total Registered Members	552



PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

August ??, 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

There is a unity in the faith, for we are made one in Christ Jesus. No matter our call, we are urged to foster a deep unity in the Church so that we might boldly proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

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.



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).

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE...



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Richard family at the passing of Mrs. Willie Belle Richard. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

UNIFORMS NEEDED FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL

The clothing section of St. Paul's St. Vincent de Paul Pantry wants to provide school uniforms of all types to the clients of our community. So, please check your closets and donate gently used uniforms of all kind to the clothing section. To donate uniforms, please contact Ms. Rosa Malveau at 225-357-4538. Donations are appreciated.



Rising Covid Cases

The number of Covid-19 cases are rising once again in the country and especially in our region. Let's continue to do our part in stopping the spread by getting vaccinated and encouraging others to do the same. The vaccines are a critical tool for protecting yourself and those around you, ultimately ending the pandemic and getting our lives back to normal. Everyone in Louisiana ages 12 and older is eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Income and Expenses for June 2021

INCOME

Regular Offertory Collections	\$ 31,159.04
Contributions to Building Fund	1,996.00
Contributions to Debt Reduction Campaign	22,998.34
Special Donations-Funeral Donations	500.00
Candles, Mass Intentions	55.50
Interest on Savings Accounts 04/01/21 thru 06/30/21	274.97
Other (Rent from Billops Street House, Easter Flowers)	460.00
	<u>\$ 57,443.85</u>

EXPENSES

Salaries (Priest & Staff)	\$ 10,276.05
Household	428.13
Utilities/Telephone (3 buildings, residence)	480.09
Office(Computer, Bulletin,Contrib. Env, Supplies)	1,100.56
Contracted Services(Security, Grass Maintenance)	1,704.00
Parish Share (Amount due Diocese)	4,868.00
Property Insurance(Property, Vehicle, Worker's Comp)	1,764.00
Repairs , Maintenance & Janitorial Supplies	567.15
Regular Principal on Church Loan	6,419.98
Additional Principal Paid on Church Loan	11,878.56
Interest on Church Loan	1,417.06
Copier Installment Purchase/Lease Postal Machine	562.67
Religious Education	117.59
Other(Bank,On-line giving fees,Liturgy,Tbldgs)	807.27
	<u>\$ 42,391.11</u>

NET PROFIT OR LOSS \$ 15,052.74

Total amount collected as of 06/30/2021 for the Debt Reduction Campaign was \$85,562.84

Amount we owe on Church Loan as of 06/30/2021 \$435,160.28

Church Income Without the Debt Reduction Campaign Funds	\$34,445.51
Church Expenses Without the Additional Principal on Loan Paid	<u>(30,512.55)</u>
Net Income for June 2021	\$3,932.96



In Praise of Older People: First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly!

2021 Theme: "I Am With You Always"

(The Pope has set aside today, July 25th, to celebrate grandparents and the elderly, whether you are grandparents or not.)

Grandparents and the elderly have the mission of evangelization, proclamation, prayer and of encouraging young people in their faith.

As ONE community of St. Paul the Apostle,
we discover the beauty of being part of the same family
and of being able to feel that we are all children,
even those of us who are advanced in years, beloved of the one Father.
So, we understand that, as the Pope says in Fratelli Tutti, "we are not saved alone."

This is what those five thousand gathered around Jesus experienced,
and it is clearer today to all of us who live at a time still affected by the pandemic.

Grandparents and the elderly are not saved by themselves alone
because they need strong legs on which to make their dreams walk.

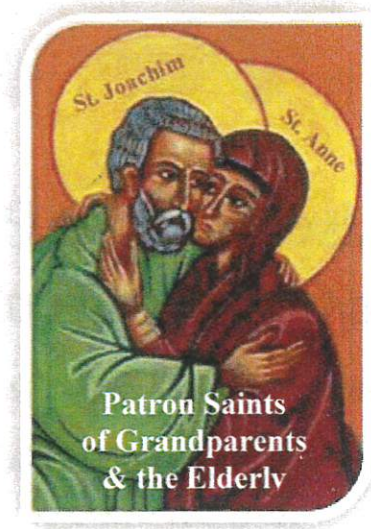
Young people are not saved by themselves alone
because they need someone to tell them that even from a dark night,
the sun of a new dawn can rise.

In the Gospel, we heard, a boy brings to Jesus "five barley loaves and two fish;"
today it is more common for grandparents and the elderly to possess material goods.
But what counts is not having a little or a lot but presenting it to the Lord, who multiplies
our bread and ensures that it satisfies the desire of every living person (Ps 144).
Grandparents and the elderly, then, have the specific task of transmitting the faith
to the younger generations and sharing their wisdom with them.

Grandparents and the elderly need to help the younger generations to avoid
losing touch with their roots and help with building their lives on solid foundations.

◆ PASS ON THE FAITH AND KEEP PRAYER AT THE HEART OF FAMILY LIFE ◆





PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life
and for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age. Amen.

In Remembrance

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



In Remembrance

George Coleman Jr.
Geneva Coleman
George Coleman Sr.
Carrie Coleman
M.H. Weathersby
Odelia Weathersby



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**Leonard Benjamin
225-775-2494**



**Geneva Battley Spooner
Della Battley Rodney
Rosa Lee Johnson**



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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 Watts278-6732
- 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 Joseph772-2090
- 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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In Remembrance

Famye Reed and the
Reed, Stewart, Davis,
and Grainger
Families



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Lionel Bazile Sr.
James Bazile
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In Remembrance

Doris Key,
Earl Key Sr.
Emma Doyle
Currie (Rudi) Doyle



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Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian, J.D. & Verdell,
Kirby, James "Pookie", Corinne, Michael;
Jessie Sr. & Aaron Bradley;
Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.;
Lawrence Sr. & Shedrick Ashford;
Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert; Eula White & H.P.
Martin; Jessica D. Hughes



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