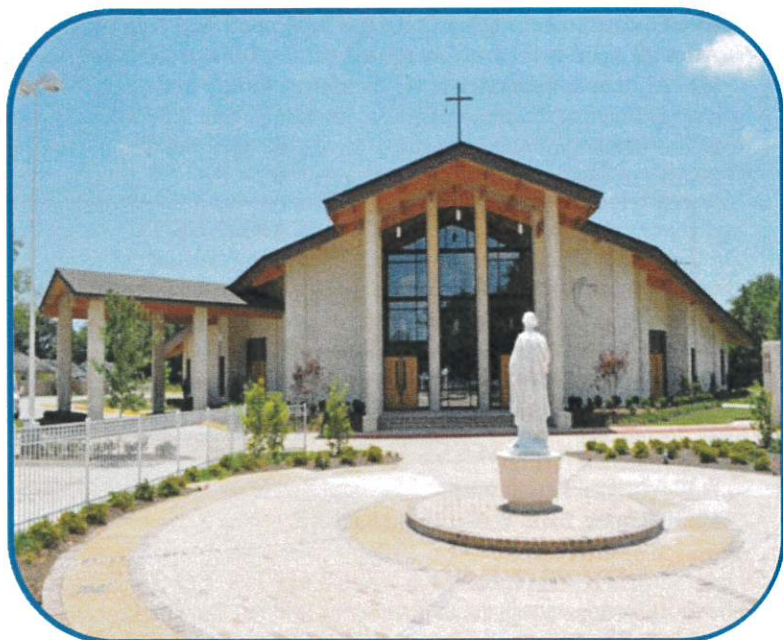


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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Mary Martin —225-383-2537

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Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

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Martha Davis —225-357-4108

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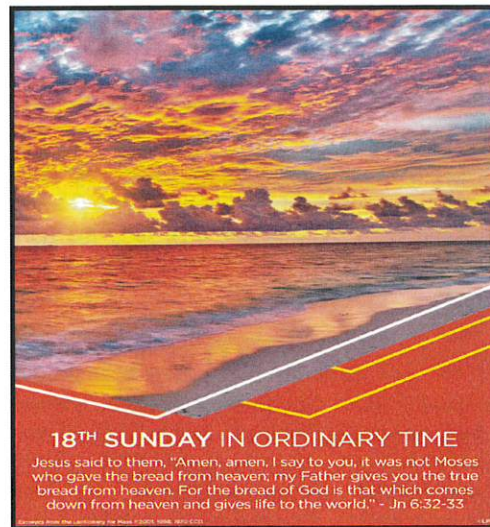
Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

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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.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

August 1, 2021

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

First Reading: Early in their Exodus journey, the Israelites expressed fear and frustration to Moses. God heard and responded to their “grumbling” by sending bread from heaven. When have you experienced God answering your plea for help?

Second Reading: Paul told the Ephesians that as believers in Christ you should “put away” the bad parts of “your former way of life.” How have you done this in your life as a believer in Christ?

Gospel: We hear today the introduction of Jesus’ extended “bread of life” discourse. In referring back to the ancient Israelites who ate “manna” (bread) in the desert, Jesus tells the crowds: “I am the bread of life.” How would you explain to someone how Jesus sustains you? ©LPi



August 1, 2021—August 8

- Today:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35
- Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]; Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]; Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]; Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
- Saturday:** Dn 6:4-13; Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51; Mk 17:14-20
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

NO MASS TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021



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 25, 2021

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$4,260.00
Online Giving:	\$1,378.26
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 70.00
Debt Reduction:	\$3,076.25
Total Offertory	\$8,784.51

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

Envelopes Mailed: 556 Envelopes Returned: 76 Online Givers: 38
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 79; 10:30A.M. - 122



Shelita Rodney 08/01	Sherri Benjamin 8/04	Reginald Morrison Jr. 8/05
Makisha Anderson 8/02	Debbie F. James 8/04	Deseray Thomas 8/05
Deadria Nelson 8/02	August Legeaux 8/04	Kade Lockett 8/06
Jared Ogonor, Jr. 8/02	Mary Ratcliff 8/04	Sharnette Miles 8/06
Vanessa Bayham 8/03	Dorothy Andrews 8/05	Lois Ruth 8/06
Carletta Long 8/03	Kyra Harleaux 8/05	Rosalie Malveau 8/07
Carlos Sam 8/03	Nevin Hawkins 8/05	

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don't quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish. ©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: Mrs. Willie Belle Richard

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, Jesse Leonard, Christina Haynes, Lawrence Narcisse

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.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - AUGUST 8

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Darlene St. Romain & Monique Spaulding
10:30 A.M. Amanda Skinner & Mary Gloston

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Alice Zacharie & Elie Jackson
10:30 A.M. Christy Hall & Pamela Claiborne

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Da'Marquis London, Gavin Camel & Gabriel Camel
10:30 A.M. Jacques Knox & Xavier Knox



Dear Parishioners,

As we give out the finance report to you for the Fiscal year 2020-21, I humbly acknowledge your love and sacrifice and contribution to our church. Even during this pandemic your donations and support has been commendable and your commitment towards the loan payment has been great. I continue to pray for God's blessings for you and your families more and more. As you have been responsible towards taking care of the needs of the church with your money, I am accountable for your money by spending it for good purpose. Please feel free to contact me or any of the finance committee members, if you have any questions or need clarifications.

We have about 549 registered families in the church records and I am trying to update and finalize this as soon as possible. Many of the 549 families are either inactive or moved away. I still need your help with updating this. From the church records, I know that out of 549 families, about 300 families are supporting the church financially and I thank them. I request the rest of the 249 families to give your fare share to your church. If you think that the Lord has blessed you, please be grateful to Him by sharing your blessing.

After working with our church community for 7 months and following the policies of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, I have formed the Pastoral Council as my consultative body. It consists of 3 members from the previous pastoral council, newly appointed 5 adults and 2 youth members. They will be installed on Sunday August 8, 2021 during 10.30 a.m. mass. I thank them for accepting my request to work with me as consultative body and willing to help the church community in organizing various activities. Let us pray for them and extend our support to make our church community a welcoming and faith-filled one. If any of you would like to serve on the council in future please let me know.

Thank you.

Fr. Arockiam SVD

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 for additional information.

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.

FORWARD IN FAITH DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 07-25-2021
Total Amt. Pledged	\$441,636.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 96,711.34
Total Members Pledged	211
Total Registered Members	549



PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

October 14, 2021- 6:00 PM

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 13, 2021 - 6:00 PM

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

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jjohnsondiobr.org or 225-387-0561

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

A VOCATION VIEW

“Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord.” With these words, St. Augustine recognizes that only in Christ can we find that deep fulfillment; and while we try to find this in the world, that will only lead to emptiness.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



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.



REGISTER FOR RELIGION CLASSES

Registration for Religious Education classes will take place after 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. masses on August 15th and 22nd. Please register children early to ensure an accurate count of materials needed. Religious Education classes will be in person this year.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

The Martin Luther King community center along with Mayor Pro Tem Lamont Cole is joining EBR school system for its back to school give away. The event is scheduled for this Saturday, August 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Raising Canes River Center.



RISING COVID CASES



The number of Covid-19 cases is 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.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on October 8-10, call 985-232-5963 or email: retrovibrcom-coor@gmail.com or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com As Pope John Paul II states, "As the family goes, so goes the world".

In Remembrance

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



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Geneva Coleman
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M.H. Weathersby
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**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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Lawrence Sr. & Shedrick Ashford;
Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert; Eula White & H.P.
Martin; Jessica D. Hughes



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