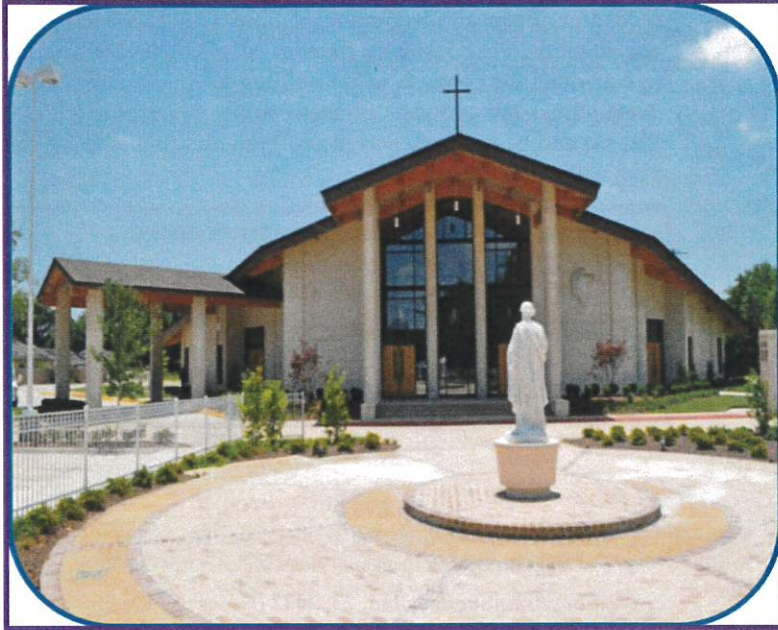


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY—8:00 A.M.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

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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Christy Hall —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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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.



November 28, 2021

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to fulfill the covenant made with King David, four hundred years earlier in 1000 B.C. As we enter into the season of Advent, how might you show your fidelity to God?

Second Reading: Paul's prayer for the believers in Thessalonica is to abound in love and strength for one another in preparation for the return of Christ. How do you think communities of faith can support each other during the Advent season?

Gospel: In Jesus teaching the disciples about the coming end times and judgment day, he warns them not to be too distracted by the stresses and anxieties of daily life. How do you keep focused on your spiritual life amongst the many daily challenges we face? ©LPi

Readings *Week*

November 28, 2021—December 5, 2021

- Today:** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/
Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Monday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf.
Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:30 Mass:** Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
- 10:30 Mass:** Mr. Ervis Malveau



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.

OFFERTORY—NOVEMBER 28, 2021

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

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| Collection: | \$ 4,158.00 |
| Online Giving: | \$ 2,111.67 |
| Building Fund | \$ 106.89 |
| St. Vincent DePaul: | \$ 168.00 |
| Camp. for Human Development | \$ 250.00 |
| Debt Reduction: | \$ 2,419.25 |
| Total Offertory | \$ 9,213.81 |

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

Envelopes Mailed: 287 Envelopes Returned: 53 Online Givers: 35
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 94; 10:30A.M. - 143



NOVEMBER 28—DECEMBER 4

BIRTHDAYS

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Odelia Course 11/28 | | Angelle Ferguson 12/03 |
| Ivory Brown, Sr. 11/29 | | Lakeida Spears 12/03 |
| Donna Dorsey 11/29 | Sylvia S. Battley 12/01 | Michael Taylor 12/03 |
| Samantha Griffen 11/29 | Christian Hayes 12/01 | Breanna A Dillon 12/04 |
| Tyler Christopher 11/30 | Tyeisha Reed 12/01 | Sheila Harrell 12/04 |
| Juon Collins 11/30 | Karen Anthony 12/02 | Michael Knox, Sr. 12/04 |
| Elliot Jones 11/30 | Zaileigh Patterson 12/02 | Aiden Legeaux 12/04 |
| Madelyn Williams 11/30 | Cameron Carter 12/03 | Mildred Trask 12/04 |

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focused. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come. ©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

Baptism

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

Baptismal Class for Parents & Godparents: Thurs., Jan. 13, 2022
Contact: Deacon Benjamin/Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939

Next Baptism: Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022 (During or After 10:30 Mass)
For exception, please contact Fr. Arockiam -337-522-0624



ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

Youth who would like to become an Altar Server and current Altar Servers are asked to please mark your calendar for Altar Servers Training. *Training will be held Saturday, December 4th, 11th, and 18th from 12:00 P.M.—1:00 P.M.* Please feel free to contact Fr. Arockiam, Ms. Shirley Dawson, or Ms. Christy Hall with any questions or concerns.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

All students participating in the **Christmas play** are encouraged to **attend practice as scheduled, this will be every Saturday and a few other days until the date of the play;** this includes all actors and backstage assistants. Please mark your calendar for the following practice dates: Saturday, Dec. 4th, 11th, & 18th at 9:00 a.m., Monday, Dec. 20th at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 22nd at 6:00 p.m (dress rehearsal), and Friday, Dec. 24th at 6:30 p.m. (roll call)



OUR SICK & 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, Christina Haynes, James Hayward, Brenda Hickman, Annie Joseph, Jesse Leonard, Marie Myles, Willis Reed Jr., Lionel Robertson, Mona Seals, Robert Seals, Harry Sills, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, Mary Smart, Curtell Thibodeaux, Irene Warner, and Ruther Hall

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, and Walker Williams

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - DECEMBER 5TH

READERS: 7:30 A.M. LaKosha Chambers & Joannette Dunn
10:30 A.M. Ladiria James & Gigi Collins

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Alice Zacharie & Vera Dunbar
10:30 A.M. Anna Perry & Darlene Richard

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Da'Marquis London & Garrick Camel, Jr.
10:30 A.M. Kellen & Kalia Anthony and Kaleigh Garner

Dear Parishioners,
During advent we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in our church this Wednesday December 1, 2021 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Six Priests will hear confessions. I request that you come to church around 5:30 P.M. for examination of conscience and spend some time in silence and then make your confessions, and after confession, again spend some time in silence, then we all can leave at 7:00 P.M. Please bring your bible, rosary or prayer cards and spend some time with the Lord. It is my desire for our church community to grow in close relationship with the Lord. I request you all come to confession and pray that all of us can make use of this opportunity and enjoy Christmas preparation.

I look forward to seeing you all!
Fr. Arockiam SVD



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.

ST. PAUL IS PARTICIPATING IN #GIVECATHOLIC

Please show your support in helping to raise money for our Youth Ministry on #GIVING TUESDAY, Nov. 30, 2021. Please log on to our website homepage or Facebook page to donate.



CELEBRATION OF 25 & 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



On December 26th at 10:30 a.m. Mass on the *Feast of the Holy Family*, we will be honoring couples celebrating their 25th or 50th years of marriage. If you would like to be recognized at this celebration, please contact the parish office by Monday, December 20th.

BISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL 2021-2022

A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great. -- Proverbs 18: 16

Stewardship is a gift from God that enables us to share with others what He has entrusted to us. When we give it not only benefits those on the receiving end, but it sows something even GREATER into us. It is a cycle that was designed to never be broken.

For over 35 years, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has provided a perfect means of channeling parishioner support to essential ministries that provide care to those in need and support for our mission of evangelization in the greater capital region. Please consider giving to this year's campaign. Give online at: www.diobr.org/stewardship

FORWARD IN FAITH DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

| Area of Focus | As of 11-21-2021 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Total Amt. Pledged | \$454,036.00 |
| Total Donations Collected | \$156,842.34 |
| Total # of Registered Members | 519 |
| Total # of Members Pledged | 218 |



PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 16, 2021 —12:00 P.M.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 15, 2021— 6:00 P.M.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2022—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

VOCATION VIEW

Be on the watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. God is calling you to serve.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

FUTURE MASSES & SERVICES



Dec. 1: Parish Advent Reconciliation Service—6:00 P.M.
at St. Paul (Ministries & organizations are encouraged to attend)

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve
★ Caroling at 7:00 P.M.
★ Pageant at 7:30 P.M.
★ Mass at 8:00 P.M.

Dec. 25: Christmas Day 9:30 A.M. Mass Only

Dec. 26: Regular Masses 7:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

Dec. 26: Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration 10:30 A.M.
(couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary, married in 1971 or 1996)

ACCELERATED EMT TRAINING



Training is being offered by the National Emergency Medical Service Academy and Acadian Ambulance Service to individuals interested in becoming an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). This accelerated program is a seven to eight week course. Twenty to thirty applicants will be selected for the program and will be paid while they attend school. After completion of the course, the individuals will be hired as full-time employees through Acadian Ambulance Service. The program is currently offered in Louisiana, Texas, and Tennessee. Visit the website at www.becomeamedic.com, then select Accelerated EMT Program for more information.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

- On which day of the week does Advent always begin?
A. Wednesday B. Friday C. Thursday D. Sunday
- Which of these events does Advent NOT anticipate?
A. The reception of Christ in the heart of the believer
B. The second coming of Christ
C. The resurrection of Jesus
D. The birth of Christ in Bethlehem

ANSWERS IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION & ANSWER

- Actions we know are seriously wrong that we freely choose to do anyway are called. A. venial sins ✓B. moral sins C. my choices
- The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ is the last or final Sunday of the _____.
A. fiscal year B. calendar year ✓C. liturgical year

A Guide To Confession

After you enter the confession area, begin with the Sign of the Cross saying,
“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

The priest may say aloud a prayer or a selection of scripture.

You say,

“Bless me Father, for I have sinned. It has been _____ (number of weeks/months/years) since my last confession. These are my sins...”

Confess your sins. Include the number of times you committed each sin or at least its general frequency (e.g., about 3 times per week). For mortal sins, the number or frequency is required.

When finished say,

“For these and all the sins of my past life, I am sorry.”

The priest gives you a penance and invites you to say an Act of Contrition:

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

The priest says the prayer of absolution. Listen especially for the words, “I absolve you from your sins.”

(If the priest says, “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,” you respond, (“His mercy endures forever.”))

The priest concludes, “...Go in peace.” You respond,

“Thanks be to God.”

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
Parish Advent Reconciliation/Confession
Wednesday, December 1, 2021
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| 28 First Sunday of Advent I will spend a few extra minutes in prayer today. | 29 I will do my work well today and with joy for God. | 30 I will be kind in a special way to someone I do not like much. | 1 I will obey my parents, my teachers, and others in charge | 2 I will work hard today and do my best. | 3 <u>St. Francis Xavier</u> I will try to show special love for someone who seems unhappy or lonely. | 4 I will keep calm and not lose my temper when I am pushed or treated rudely. |
| 5 Second Sunday of Advent I will secretly do a kind act for someone. | 6 <u>St. Nicholas</u> I will donate like-new toys clothes or books to needy families. | 7 <u>St. Ambrose</u> I will be a peacemaker today in school, work and at home. | 8 <u>Immaculate Conception of Mary</u> I will honor Mary in a very special way today by being cheerful. | 9 I will do some work for my friends or parents to help them rest after a day of work. | 10 I will eat more of what is good for me today and less of what is not. | 11 I will be satisfied with the things I have instead of asking my family for more. |
| 12 <u>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> Third Sunday of Advent I will ask Mary to help me make room for Jesus in my heart. | 13 <u>St. Lucy</u> I will find a quiet place and sit for a few minutes, just letting God love me. | 14 <u>St. John of the Cross</u> I will try to be more thoughtful of others. | 15 I will try to be patient today. | 16 I will make a special effort to be kind to those I find it hard to like. | 17 I will speak kindly to all I meet today. | 18 I will be helpful at home, work or at church these last days before Jesus' birthday. |
| 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent I will not complain today, even if I must do things I do not want to do. | 20 I will thank God for all he gives to me. | 21 <u>St. Peter Canisius</u> I will give a smile to all I meet today. | 22 I will be grateful and thank God today for all I have. | 23 I will do a kind act for a member of my family. | 24 I welcome Jesus with great love and offer him all the good acts I have performed and the prayers I have said during Advent. | 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! |

ADVENT
2021

May Christ our Savior bring light into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.

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**Opston, Dordenia,
Wilbert, Phillip,
Opston Jr., Albert &
Jerome Guillory;
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Yvonne Warren, &
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Sarah Rodney Domino & Wilbert Domino Sr.,
Freddie Bowers, Ora Bowers Ward,
Sybil Thomas Johnson, &
Maureen Bowers Johnson**

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 Collier 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 |

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