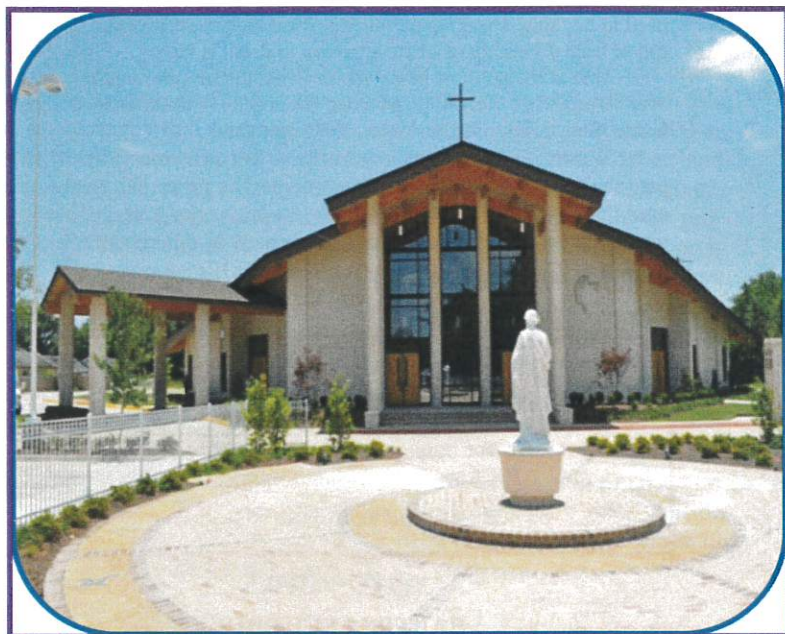


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY—8:00 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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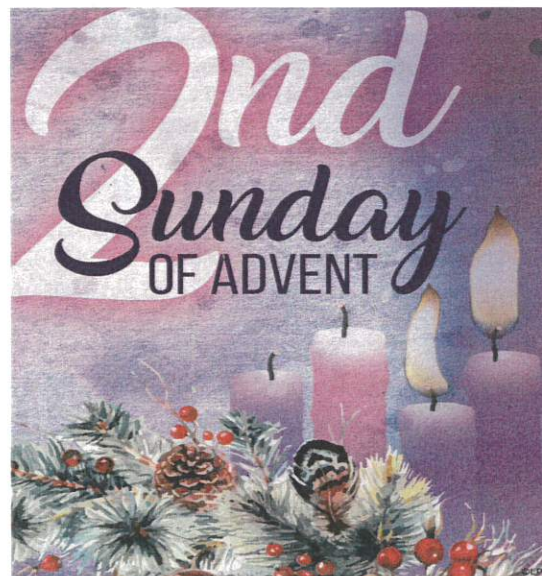
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Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

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.

December 5, 2021



Theme: Love

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: Baruch offers the captive Israelites in Babylon a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. *What aspects of your relationship with God are in need of restoration?*

Second Reading: Paul offers an opening prayer of joy for the believers in the city of Philippi. *As the season of Advent continues, what brings joy to your life?*

Gospel: With Luke placing the preaching and activities of John the Baptist in its historical and political context, he communicates the idea that God is acting in real, human history. *What do you see as the power of this assertion?* ©LPI

Readings Week

December 5, 2021—December 12, 2021

- Today:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/
Lk 3:1-6
- Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/
Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf.
Is. 40:10ab]/ Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/
Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

DECEMBER 8TH: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



On December 8, we honor Mary, our Mother. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic feast celebrating Mary's conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.

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

Collection:	\$ 2,842.00
Online Giving:	\$ 5,395.00
Building Fund	\$ 235.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 45.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 1,064.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,581.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 287 Envelopes Returned: 46 Online Givers: 20

(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 99; 10:30A.M. - 105



DECEMBER 5—DECEMBER 11

BIRTHDAYS

Nicholas Hawkins 12/5	Deatra Joseph 12/10
Raphew Reed, Sr. 12/5	Terrilyn Odum 12/10
Robert Scott 12/5	Sherri Williams 12/10
Wanda Ward 12/6	Gabrielle Dentre 12/11
Ali Albert 12/7	Maximus Muse 12/11
Jourdan Alsobrook 12/7	Jayla Patrick 12/11
Perry Chenevert 12/7	Martina Stribling 12/11
Carolyn Christophe 12/7	Gerald Anderson 12/10
Khari Diggs 12/7	
Janice Hamilton 12/7	
Jeremy Johnson, Jr. 12/7	
Richard Johnson, Jr. 12/8	
Donald Dorsey 12/9	
Anna Perry 12/9	

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God's Personal Assistants

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone's personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it's even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act.

Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — overseeing things in their boss' absence. They prepare the way. This person's job is to get everything ready for the person in charge so that when they show up — whoever they are — it's smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It's usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key.

God is the guest of honor in our lives, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again.

We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however, He shows up, whether it's in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job. ©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

MASS INTENTIONS

7:30 Mass: Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

10:30 Mass: Mrs. Hazel Brown, Mr. Leo Brown, and the Brent Family

CHURCH PEWS & BRICKS IN ST. PAUL'S PLAZA

If anyone wants to purchase a pew & have a plate affix to it in memory or honor of a family or loved one, please contact the parish office at 383-2537. Also, if you want to purchase a brick in St. Paul's Plaza, please get in touch with us at the parish office or Mrs. Debra Dudley.



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:

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 12TH

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Desiree Terrell & Monique Spaulding
10:30 A.M. St. Paul's Youth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Alice Zacharie & Elie Jackson
10:30 A.M. Nancy Ball & Velita Benjamin

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



Dear Parishioners,

My heart is filled with joy and I praise God and thank you. Last Wednesday the turnout for the confessions was excellent. We all are so happy that so many of us were able to make it. About 100 or more people came for the confessions. I thank Mr. Ernest Hebert and Rev. Larry James Sr., for getting the lights in the parking lot fixed, Johnny Rogers for patrolling, the members of the Ladies Guild for providing delicious dinner for the priests, the staff members, ushers, sacristans, 6 priests, all the church groups and organizations and the others for making every effort to come as faith community to do your confessions. It was a spirit filled experience. God bless you more and more. Few people really took time to appreciate the arrangements that were done for setting up the stations for the priests and the handouts. All credit goes to Mrs. Vera Dunbar for her selfless service, creativity and hours of hard work and generous donations to our church. We thank her for her great help. Also, there are some people who couldn't make it on Wednesday but want to go for confessions. Please know that I will be available on Sundays, Dec. 12 & 19, 2021 between the 2 masses in church to hear confessions.

Thank you
Fr. Arockiam SVD

CELEBRATION OF 25 OR 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

At the 10:30 A.M. Mass on December 26th, the Feast of the Holy Family, we will honor couples celebrating their 25th or 50th year of marriage. **{For those that got married in the year of 1996 and 1971}** Couples who want to be recognized during this special Mass, *please call the parish office by Monday, December 20th.*

BISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL 2021-2022

"For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future." Eph. 4:4

The Apostle Paul stressed to the Church of Ephesus the importance of the body of Christ uniting. Unity is the "state of being one." We, as a family and community of faith, are called to the unified mission Christ left to our care, which is to love God and love our neighbors. Something transformative happens in our hearts and spirits when we focus on the needs of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for others is what we are called to do. In this season of giving, please consider remembering those who could benefit from your generosity. Give online at: www.diobr.org/stewardship



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 11-28-2021
Total Amt. Pledged	\$454,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$157,906.34
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

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johndiobr.org or 225-387-0561

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

VOCATION VIEW

John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord.

Promote the gospel in our community.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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 11th, and 18th at 10:30 A.M.* Please feel free to contact Fr. Arockiam, Ms. Shirley Dawson, or Ms. Christy Hall with any questions or concerns.



FUTURE MASSES & SERVICES

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.
(celebrating couples on their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary, married in 1971 or 1996)

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 evening of the play;* this includes all actors and backstage assistants. Please mark your calendar for the following practice dates: Saturday, Dec. 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)



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.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN



LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION & ANSWER

- 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

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

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

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**Famye Reed
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