

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

PARISH SECRETARY

Mary Martin —225-383-2537

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Christy Hall —225-383-2537

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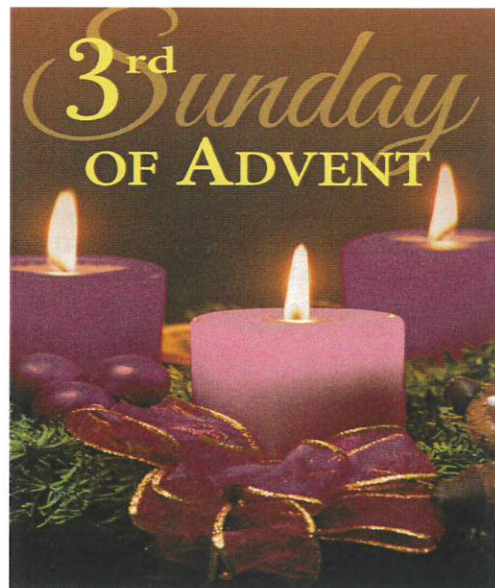
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Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

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 12, 2021



Theme: Joy

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: The words of the prophet Zephaniah focus on hope for a new beginning of the Lord's presence in their midst. *How has the season of Advent thus far brought you spiritual renewal?*

Second Reading: As his letter draws to a close, Paul encourages the Philippians to be a community that rejoices in the Lord. *How would you rate your own spiritual happiness?*

Gospel: John the Baptist exhorted the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live a moral and other-centered life within the parameters of their day-to-day work. *What would this look like for you in your current station in life?* ©LPI



December 12, 2021—December 19, 2021

- Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
- Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday:** Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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—DECEMBER 5, 2021

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 8,335.70
Online Giving:	\$ 2,615.00
Building Fund	\$ 225.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 178.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 10.00
Christmas:	\$ 20.00
New Years:	\$ 10.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 6,711.00
Total Offertory	\$ 18,104.70

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

Envelopes Mailed: 291 Envelopes Returned: 98 Online Givers: 33

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

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 99; 10:30A.M. - 145



DECEMBER 11—DECEMBER 18

Joseph Baylor 12/12	Albert Hebert, Jr. 12/16
Elliott Baham, Jr. 12/13	Joseph Mathis 12/16
Felicia Hebert 12/13	Merritt Andrews 12/17
Gordon Davis 12/16	Chance Stribling 12/17
Nicole George 12/16	Kamille Watson 12/17

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Well That Never Dries Up

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up.

This is good news for us because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy, compassion, and selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of God's commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©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 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: Mr. Paul Broussard



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 19TH

READERS: 7:30 A.M. La,Kosha Chambers & Lucille Brown

10:30 A.M. Debbie James & Tasha Anthony


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Audrene LeBlanc & Alice Zacharie

10:30 A.M. Martha Davis & Nancy Ball

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Kelby & Quintin Chenevert

10:30 A.M. Jaquez & Xavier Knox

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 married in 1971 or 1996, celebrating their 25th or 50th year of marriage. Couples who want to be recognized during this special Mass, *please call the parish office by Monday, December 20th.*

FREE COVID VACCINE AT ST. PAUL CENTER

Together Baton Rouge, in collaboration with the La. Dept. of Health and the National Guard, will be offering free vaccinations on Tuesday, Dec. 14 from 2:30 - 5:30 in St. Paul Center. Pfizer and Moderna, 1st and 2nd doses and boosters will be offered. \$100 gift cards are offered to all who get their 1st shot and \$50 gift cards will be offered for the first 20 who receive their 2nd shots. This is offered to everyone 12 years-old and older. Children require a parent or guardian to be present to sign release forms.

We are pleased to announce that last month 63 people were vaccinated in St. Paul Center.

Reminder: If you received your first shot at the previous event, the timing is right to get your second shot at this event!

All are welcome so please feel free to invite others. *Don't forget to bring your ID.*

BISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL 2021-2022

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

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

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.



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 12-5-2021
Total Amt. Pledged	\$454,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$164,617.34
Total # of Registered Members	523
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

"What ought we to do?" Let joy and gladness show forth in you. You are called to be the presence of Jesus.

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 18th from 10:30 A.M.—11:30 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. 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



- What do the candles on the Advent wreath symbolize?
 - Christ, the light of the world
 - The passage of time
 - Warming the chill of winter
- Why is the third candle of the advent wreath rose colored?
 - Rose is the traditional color of the number three
 - It is a color of flowers
 - It's a symbol of joy

Answers in our next week's parish bulletin

A COVID-19 VACCINATION SITE IS COMING TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

St. Paul's Catholic Church

3912 Gus Young Ave.

Vaccinations provided by:



TUESDAY, DEC. 14

2:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Free COVID-19 vaccines available. Ages 12+.

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\$100 VISA gift card to first dose recipients!

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

In Loving Memory
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 Geneva Coleman,
 George Coleman Sr.
 Carrie Coleman
 M.H. Weathersby
 Odelia Weathersby
 Donald Coleman**

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**Geneva Battley Spooner
 Della Battley Rodney
 Rosa Lee 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 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

In 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**

Remembering

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

In Loving Memory

**Gussie A. Trahan
 Edna Mae & Gussie B. Trahan
 Orelia Rodney & Anthony Rodney Sr.
 Annie Mae & Anthony Rodney Jr.
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 Dorothy Bazile
 James Bazile
 Shelia Bazile**

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

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