

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

PARISH OFFICE ASSISTANT

Christy Hall —225-383-2537

PARISH BOOKKEEPER

Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Martha Davis —225-357-4108

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Amanda Skinner —225-978-7347

PARISH NURSE

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FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

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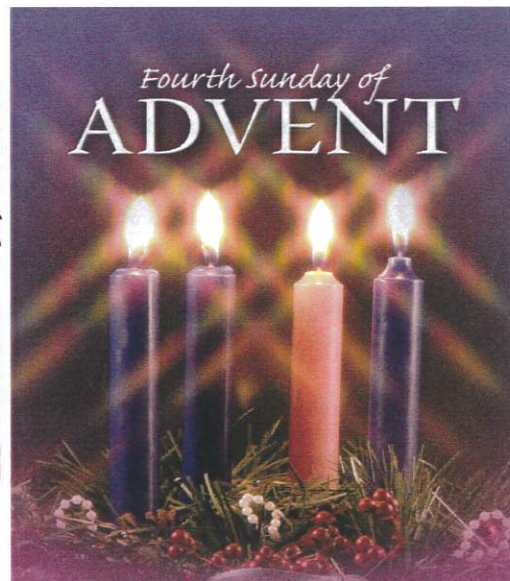
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

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.

December 19, 2021

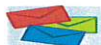


Theme: Peace

Readings  Week

December 19, 2021—December 26, 2021

- Today:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/
Lk 1:39-45
- Monday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/
Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
[1a;3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/
Lk 1:46-56
- Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14
[cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- Friday:** *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3,
4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
- Saturday:** *Christmas Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
[Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Christmas Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21
or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/
Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/
Lk 2:41-52



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 12, 2021

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 3,072.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,407.00
Building Fund	\$ 398.82
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 140.00
Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$ 250.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 68.00
Catholic Charities:	\$ 10.00
Christmas:	\$ 135.00
New Years:	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 280.00
Give Catholic:	\$ 15.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 2,943.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,728.82

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

Envelopes Mailed: 291 Envelopes Returned: 67 Online Givers: 00
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 86; 10:30A.M. - 136



DECEMBER 19—DECEMBER 25

BIRTHDAYS



Donald R. Walker 12/19	Windi Donald 12/22	Sheree Narcisse 12/23
Debra Dudley 12/20	Marilyn Green 12/22	Ivory Brown 12/24
Jaxson Earls 12/20	Gerard Kennedy 12/22	Michelle Haynes 12/24
Sonja Bowers 12/21	Dave Long 12/22	Fredrick Moore 12/24
Jaden Goss 12/21	Erika Williams 12/22	Joseph Plain 12/24
Nakia Hawkins 12/21	Mary Gloston 12/23	Mary Haynes 12/25
Chase Bowman 12/22		

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: Micah prophesied a Messiah would come through the line of David and bring peace and harmony. In what ways does the upcoming birth of Christ bring you comfort?

Second Reading: As the Advent season draws to a close, we are reminded as disciples of Christ, we must strive to do God's will above all else. How do you stay focused on this important task?

Gospel: In Luke, only a portion of Elizabeth and Mary's conversation is preserved. What else do you imagine the two talked about?

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be.

Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.— *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. Kevin Michael Ferbos

OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND CHURCH MEMBERS: Roger Banks, Sr., 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

CHRISTMAS EVE MINISTERS - DECEMBER 24TH

READERS: 8:00 P.M. Paul Stewart & Gigi M. Collins
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 8:00 P.M. Monique Spaulding & Alice Zacharie
 Altar Servers: 8:00 P.M. Kellen & Kalia Anthony and Kaleigh Garner

CHRISTMAS DAY MINISTERS - DECEMBER 25TH

READERS: 9:30 A.M. Joannette Dunn & Paulette Robertson
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 9:30 A.M. Nancy Ball & Paul Stewart
 Altar Servers: 9:30 A.M. Jaiden Parker & Saija Johnson

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - DECEMBER 26TH

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Desiree Terrell & Darlene St. Romain
 10:30 A.M. Paul Stewart & Linda Careter
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Murraray Chenevert & Elie Jackson
 10:30 A.M. Justin Kennedy & Sonya Bowers
 Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Da,Marqis London, Gavin & Gabriel Camel
 10:30 A.M. Jaquez Knox and Xavier Knox



Dear Parishioners,

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022. As we celebrate the birthday of Our Lord Jesus, let us always be reminded of the fact that whether good times or bad, our Lord is always present with us. He is Emmanuel, he is God with us. Let us joyfully celebrate this good news in this Christmas season. God has been so good to us. Let us continue to be good to each other.

I would also like to thank the members of the "Knights of St. Peter Claver" of our church for their voluntary service of pressure washing our church parking lot, the office and rectory of our church. We thank them and appreciate their service to our church.

Fr. Arockiam, SVD



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Temple and Bell family at the passing of Mr. Stanley Temple, III, son of Ms. Earline Bell. Also, to the Benjamin family at the passing of Ms. Jasman Benjamin, daughter of Ms. Felicia Benjamin, granddaughter of Mrs. Velita Benjamin, and niece of Ms. Tracy and Sherri Benjamin.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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.

BISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL 2021-2022

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

The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides means for parishioners in all parishes to support ministries that provide care to those in need and help sustain the diocesan mission of evangelization. So please consider giving to this year's Bishop Annual Appeal. You can give online at: www.diobr.org/stewardship



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 12-12-2021
Total Amt. Pledged	\$454,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 167,620.34
Total # of Registered Members	523
Total # of Members Pledged	218



PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 — 6:00 P.M.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 — 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

Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you.

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.

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)

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve 6:00 P.M. Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

The parish office will be closed December 24th through New Year's and will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022. If you have any immediate issues to address, please contact the office by noon on Thursday, December 23, 2021.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

All students participating in the Christmas play are encouraged to attend practices as scheduled; the following practices are Tuesday, Dec. 21st at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 22nd at 6:00 p.m. The play is Friday, Dec. 24th and all students participating in the play is expected to be in the church by 6:30 p.m., for roll call. This includes all actors, backstage assistants, and parent assistants. Please mark your calendar.

CHURCH PEWS & BRICKS IN ST. PAUL'S PLAZA

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



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN



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

In Loving Memory

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

In Loving Memory

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

In Loving Memory

of
Hazel Brent Brown,
Leo Brown, Sr.,
and the
Brent, Aldolph,
Brown, and Harrison
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**Geneva Battley Spooner
Della Battley Rodney
Rosa Lee Johnson**

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

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

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.
Barbara & James Wallace Rodney
Keith Rodney, Joseph D. Rodney
Dorothy Bazile & Georgia Smith

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**Kevin Michael
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&
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J.D. & Verdell, Kirby, James "Pookie,"
Corinne, Michael, Jessie Sr. & Aaron B. Joseph;
Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.; Lawrence Sr.,
Shedrick & Lawrance III Ashford;
Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert; Eula White &
H.P. Martin; Jessica D. Hughes

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of
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Dorothy Bazile
James Bazile
Shelia Bazile

In Loving Memory

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

In Loving Memory

of
Wilbert & Sarah Ann
Domino

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