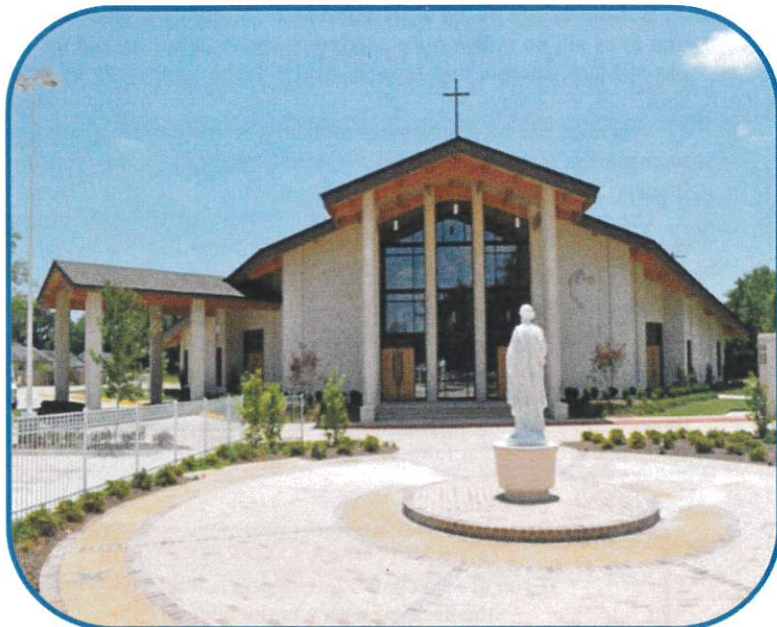


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SUNDAY MASSES

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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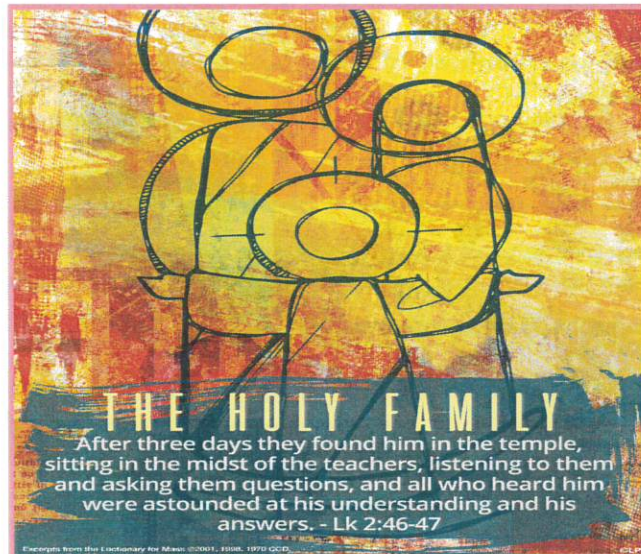
Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

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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.



December 26, 2021

Readings *of the* Week

December 26, 2021—January 2, 2022

- Today:** 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
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's Father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. *How would you describe the faith of your mother or Father?*

Second Reading: John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, "we may be called children of God." *So how do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?*

Gospel: Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with "great anxiety" as they searched for Jesus, who they thought was lost. *How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family?* ©LPi

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 19, 2021

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 5,076.19
Online Giving:	\$ 1,845.00
Building Fund	\$ 850.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 135.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 45.00
Christmas:	\$ 75.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 145.00
New Years:	\$ 25.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 4,478.25
Total Offertory	\$ 12,674.44

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

Envelopes Mailed: 291 Envelopes Returned: 59 Online Givers: 28

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

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 77; 10:30A.M. - 132



DECEMBER 26—JANUARY 1

BIRTHDAYS

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| Kim Dunn 12/27 | Varick Rodney 12/28 | Ethel Hinton 12/30 |
| Doris Hall 12/27 | Alicia Varmall 12/28 | Myra Johnson 12/30 |
| Trinice Simms 12/27 | Augustine Kador 12/29 | Michelle Wales 12/30 |
| Irma F. Landry 12/28 | Virgin Williams 12/29 | Jose Camberos, Sr 12/31 |

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves, and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

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: Mrs. Margaret Hawkins Kemp

OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND CHURCH MEMBERS: Roger Banks, 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 - JANUARY 2ND

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Evangeline Hughes & Shelia Butler
 10:30 A.M. Sydney Brown & Kevin Stewart

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Alice Zacharie & Vera Dunbar
 10:30 A.M. Gigi Mathis & Wanda Davis

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Da'Marquis London & Garrick Camel, Jr.
 10:30 A.M. Jaquez & Xavier Knox and Joseph Richard

ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING/LUNCHEON & INSTALLATION:



On Saturday January 22, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., we will have a meeting for the old and new altar servers in the church followed by the LUNCHEON at 11.30 a.m. in the Center. We invite the parents also for this meeting and meal. Please call the church office before Monday January 17, 2022 if you (Parents) plan to attend the luncheon. That will help us to prepare enough food. I request the parents to make every effort to bring the children for this meeting as it is important class of instruction on liturgy, mass, installation and the importance of being the Altar Server.

On Sunday January 23, 2022 we will have Altar Servers' turnout during the 10.30 a.m. Mass. During the mass they all will be installed as Altar Servers and will recommit themselves to serve during the mass. Waiting to celebrate this day, with our St. Paul's Altar Servers. Please come.

Thank you. Fr. Arockiam SVD



NEW YEAR'S VIGIL MASS

Join us in giving thanks to God for this year!

December 31, 2021—6:00 P.M.

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

FORWARD IN FAITH DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 12-19-2021
Total Amt. Pledged	\$454,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 172,098.59
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:

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

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times? Seek out God's grace.

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.

PRAYER FOR FAMILY

Guide our way, Lord, as we go on with our lives.

Also, be our shield as we go back home later.

May you always preserve the bond that we have as a family, and may we look forward to seeing each other at home.

Guard our home, God, that no harm will fall on it as we are away.

May it continue to be a sanctuary of blessing, comfort, and love for each one of us. Let it always be a restful place for our tired bodies at the end of the day.

Continue to protect us, Lord, as we rest at night.

Allow no intruders or calamities to disturb my home.

I trust in your mighty power to keep my family and me safe from any form of evil.

In Your Name, I ask all these things, Amen.

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.



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



- Joseph was a _____.
 A. Carpenter B. Teacher C. Electrician
- What is the first book in the Bible? _____
- Who appeared to tell Mary that she was with child? _____

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 Sybil Thomas 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 Collins Mathis.....	278-0071
Nurse - Maxine Watts.....	278-6732
Office Assistant - Christy Hall.....	383-2537
Parish Office - Secretary - Mary Martin.....	383-2537
Pastor - Fr. Aroekiam Aroekiam.....	383-2537
Readers - Paulette F. Robertson.....	937-2293
Religious Education Director - Martha Davis.....	357-4108
RCIA Coordinator - Fr. Aroekiam Aroekiam.....	383-2537
Ushers - Edmonia Joseph.....	772-2090
Youth Ministry - Amanda Skinner.....	978-7347

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