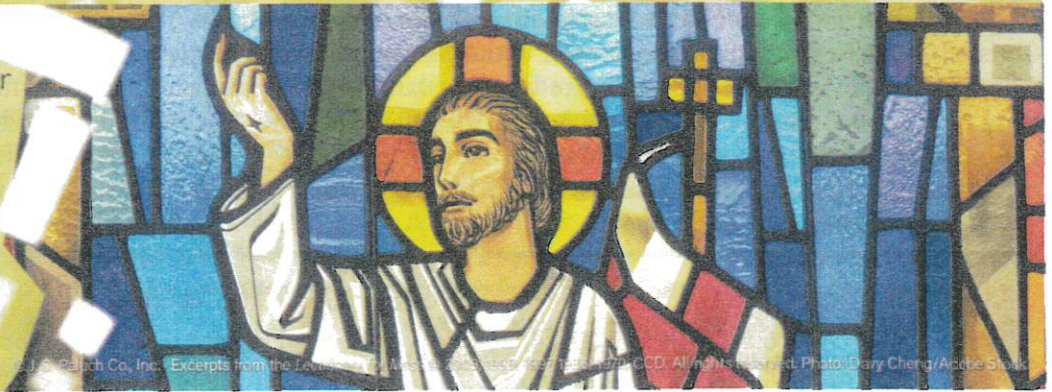


APRIL 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations.

LUKE 24:46-47



Have you ever waited for something for so long you began to think it might never happen? Your graduation day, or the day of your marriage, or the birth of a child, perhaps. The Israelites had waited for centuries for the coming of the Messiah. Yet when Jesus, the long-awaited Anointed One came, many failed to believe in him. He wasn't what they expected. The Messiah was supposed to be a strong, powerful commander of armies, not humble, compassionate, and suffering. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and explained all that he had said in his time with them, opening their minds to what had been written in the scriptures so that they could accept his suffering and death and rejoice in his resurrection.

GOD'S LOVE IN FLESH AND BONE

While the disciples had come to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, his crucifixion and death had left them fearful and confounded. The news of the empty

tomb and his appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus added to their confusion. It seems that at first, Jesus' presence with them did not alleviate their uncertainty. In fact, they were "startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost" (Luke 24:37). Jesus saw that they needed physical proof that it was he who stood among them. They needed to see the nail marks in his hands and feet, to see God's love in flesh and bone, in one who ate among them. Only when their fear and confusion had been quelled could they hear the story, the sacred story of how the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead. Only when they were filled with the peace of Christ would they be ready to witness, to share the sacred story with others. We, too, are invited to hear the sacred story and to perceive God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

Today's Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

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LITURGY GUIDE

SUNDAY MASS

(Temporary due to Covid-19)

10:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

By Appointment

Live Stream Mass on Facebook @

[stpaulthepostleatholicchurchbr](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulthepostleatholicchurchbr).

10:30a.m. Mass



Baptism: Call the Rectory to make arrangements. Infant Baptism is on the first Sunday of the month. Attendance of the pre-baptism workshop is required.
Marriage: Make arrangements six (6) months in advance of wedding date with the pastor.
Communion to the Sick: Please call the office to make arrangements to bring communion when someone is unable to attend Mass due to illness.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48)

FULFILLMENT

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin Missa, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: **Memorial of St. Anselm**
Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: **Earth Day**
Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: **Memorial of St. George; St. Adalbert**

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringe**
Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:609

Sunday: **Fourth Sunday of Easter;**
Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

A Vocation View: Peter who once denied even knowing Jesus, now boldly preaches in His Name. Do not let past weaknesses hold you back from being willing to share the power of His Message.

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MASS INTENTIONS

7:30 a.m. - Mrs. Sharon St. Romain

10:30 a.m. - Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle



NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

April 25, 2021 7:30 a.m. Monique Spaulding
Darlene St. Romain
10:30 a.m. Kevin Stewart
Mary Gloston

For pastoral needs, contact
Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD
at Cell # (337) 522-0624
Email: arockiamsvd@gmail.com



PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Please pray for the student of St. Paul who, along with students of St. Francis Xavier will be joined by Bishop Michael Duca to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 7 PM at St. Paul the Apostle. Please join them!

St. Paul Students: Taj Anthony, Tavin Anthony, Kelby Chenevert, Jacquez Knox, Hillary Leonard, TraJon Lewis, Zairey Patterson, Christopher Rodney, and Contrell Salton.

BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE

Baptismal Class for Parents and Godparents
Thursday, May 6, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Mrs. Vera Dunbar - 225-324-2939

Baptism will be celebrated on Sunday,
May 16, 2021 During or After 10:30 Mass

(For exceptions, please contact Fr. Arockiam SVD)



Online Giving

Online giving is available for anyone interested in making offerings online. If you consistently make your contributions online and would like to stop receiving envelopes, please contact the parish office to remove your name from the mailing list.

Online Giving: osvonlinegiving.com/4266 or log on to St. Paul's website at stpaulbr.org

OFFERTORY

April 11, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 2,784.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,832.00
Building Fund	\$ 542.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 240.00
Total	\$ 5,398.00

Online Giving: osvonlinegiving.com/4266

DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Let us keep moving forward in faith and effort...the total of the pledges received to date is beyond the half-way mark of our goal!!! Thank you!

Your decision to make a pledge is personal. **Give what you can!** Contributions toward pledges or donations to the Debt Reduction Campaign may be made online: osvonlinegiving.com/4266 **OR** members can place checks or cash in the special Debt Reduction Envelopes provided on the baptismal font or tables in the church. **The Parish Census Form in your packet MUST be returned. Please place your census form and/or pledge card in the return envelope, and drop it in the collection basket, give it to Fr. Arockiam, or drop it off at the parish office.**

Reminder: **The 4-Month Fundraiser Campaign has ended; please do not try to pay on the 4-month fundraiser at this time.** Let us focus now on the Debt Reduction Campaign and the return of our Census Form.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS!

DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN SUMMARY	
Area of Focus	As of 4-11-2021
Our Goal	\$548,000.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$280,476.00
Total Donations Collected	\$36,671.00
Total # of Members Pledged	106
Total # of Registered Members	554

CELEBRATING APRIL 18th - APRIL 24th BIRTHDAYS



Mable King 4/18
 Pentral Ross 4/19
 Sharon St. Romain 4/19
 Albertha Varmall 4/19
 Ethan Watson 4/19
 Debra McGhee 4/20
 Dana Sam 4/20
 Leona Scott 4/20



Kaleigh Garner 4/22
 Gloria Olivarez 4/22
 Kendrick D Paul 4/22
 Mia Trench 4/22
 Ladonna Battiste 4/23
 Vernal George 4/23
 Gigi C. Mathis 4/24
 Angela Tubbs 4/24



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND






Audrey Christopher, Mary Smart, Carolyn Christophe, Myrtis Coleman, Robert Seals, Mona Seals, Sylvia Collier, Lena Batiste, Marie Myles, Willis Reed, Jr., Annie Joseph, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Jasman Benjamin, James Hayward, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Charles Davis, Jr., Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, Meredith Jones, Curtell Thibodeaux, Irene Warner, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, and Yvonne Joseph


PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Ronnie Gauthier, Helen Celestine, Florence Jackson, Betty Hammond, Frank Ross, Mona Bossier Bailey, Walker Williams, Barbara Brennan, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Joel Rivera, Dorie Martin, Alberta Conner, Martha Reinhart, Dana Simoneaux, Nichelle Hollins, Jessica Hughes, Ernie Butitta, Edna Dixon, Charles Bethley, Jenna Scott, Anthony Grand, Allen Paschal, James Pace, Connie St. Romain, Kirk Haynes, and Carey Haynes



<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Opston, Dorcenia, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert & Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth & Tia Davis, Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren and Marcus Montigue</p> 	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>George Coleman, Jr Geneva Coleman George Coleman, Sr. Carrie Coleman M.H. Weathersby Odelia Weathersby Donald Coleman</p> 	<p>JANI-KING</p> <p>Commercial Cleaning Service</p> <p>Monique Scott 225 273-5464</p>	<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p>State Farm Insurance</p> <p>Leonard Benjamin 775-2494</p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney Rosa Lee Johnson</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><u>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</u></p> <p>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 Watts278-6732 Office Assistant - Christy Hall.....383-2537 Parish Office - Secretary - Mary Martin.....383-2537 Pastor - Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....383-2537 Readers - Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....383-2537 Religious Education Director - Martha Davis.....357-4108 RCIA Coordinator - Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....383-2537 Ushers - Edmonia Joseph772-2090 Youth Ministry - Justin Kennedy.....754-2609</p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:</i></p>  <p>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</p> 	<p><i>Space Available</i></p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Famye Reed and the Reed, Stewart, Davis , and Grainger Families</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p>"GET THE HOOK"</p> <p>HOOKIN UP</p> <p>MARINE AND TACKLE</p> <p>1968 Wooddale Ct. Baton Rouge, LA 70806 Ph. 225 999-5202 Email: hookinupmarineandtackle@gmail.com</p> <p>Kobi Chenevert Store Manager</p>	<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p>Chenevert Construction & Remodeling 344-0183</p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Lionel Bazile, Sr. James Bazile Sheila Bazile</p> 	<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian, Kirby, James "Pookie" Verdell, Corinne & Michael Joseph, Lawrence, Sr. & Shedrick Ashford, Ellis Myles, Sr., Rose & Albert , Terry Hebert, Eula White, J.D. Joseph, Aaron Bradley Joseph, Jessie Joseph Sr., H.P. Martin</p> <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p> 
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Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during this month a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Together, for the next nine days, let's pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse, and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

Novena

for Protection and Healing from Abuse

Intercessions

- Day 1:** May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation.
- Day 2:** May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing.
- Day 3:** May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.
- Day 4:** May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.
- Day 5:** May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.

Day 6: May all those who have committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God.

Day 7: May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported.

Day 8: May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse.

Day 9: May our Holy Father, Pope Francis, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.

Prayers

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Prayer for Healing

Prayer for Healing

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in
them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.

Soothe their restless hearts with
hope,
steady their shaken spirits with
faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

