

MAY 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

By this is
my Father glorified,
that you
bear much fruit
and become
my disciples.

JOHN 15:8

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Few activities are as disappointing as cultivating garden plants, watering them, and ensuring that they receive sunlight and nutrients, only to receive one or two vegetables or flowers to show for all the effort. Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to describe how closely we are called to remain with him—so close that we bear the fruit of his life and love in the way we live. When we do this, Jesus says, we give glory to God the Father, which Jesus did perfectly through his life, passion, death, and resurrection. Like plants that rely on the sun and nutrients from the soil, we rely on the Lord Jesus through whom we can do all for which we are called. Without the Lord, we can do nothing.

LEARN FROM THE FIRST ONES

The story of the early Church that we hear from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season is instructive and inspiring. We learn how the community grew in

their understanding of what it means to remain close to Jesus in the most challenging of situations. They lived in word and deed as Christ had taught and bore the fruit of their faith in their daily decisions, in small ways and in dramatic moments. Faced with Saul who had persecuted Christians and who presented himself as a disciple, Barnabas risked believing Saul's testimony. Through Barnabas, the community accepted Saul, with increasing numbers of people being led to belief in Christ as a result. We too are called to live in word and deed, taking to heart Christ's command to love one another, even when it is challenging to do so. We may find inspiration in the way the early believers drew consolation from the Holy Spirit, finding wisdom and strength to keep the commandments and do what pleases God.

Today's Readings: Acts 9:26–31; Ps 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32; 1 Jn 3:18–24; Jn 15:1–8

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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



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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 — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: **Memorial of Ss. Philip and James**
1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: **National Day of Prayer**
Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: **First Friday**
Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12;
Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: **Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day**
Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17
or Jn 17:11b-19



MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:30 a.m. - Parishioners of St. Paul
the Apostle
- 10:30 a.m. - Baby Jax Albert

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

May 9, 2021



- 7:30 a.m. Barbara Cornell
Paulette Robertson
- 10:30 a.m. Debbie James
Ladira James

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 7:30 a.m. Alice Zacharie
- 10:30 a.m. Nancy Ball, Christy Hall,
Gigi Mathis

A Vocation View: St. John Vianney spoke of the priesthood as the "love of the heart of Jesus." To be called to the priesthood and/or religious life is to love the people of God in a unique and Dynamic way.

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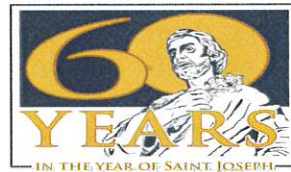


Congratulations to St. Paul's 2021 Confirmation Class:

Taj Anthony, Tavin Anthony, Asia Hillery, Kelby Jones Chenevert, Hillary Leonard, Trajon Lewis, Jaquez Knox, Zairey Patterson, Christopher Rodney and Contrell Salton.



Please pray for our students as they receive the Sacrament of First Communion today. Students: Gerald Anderson, Jaxon Bailey, Gabriel Camel, Anthony Carter, Lacie Mathis, Madelyn Williams, and Lyric Gage.



In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis' proclamation of the Year of St. Joseph and our diocese's 60th anniversary, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will be celebrating "60 Years in the Year of St. Joseph" from May 1, 2021 - March 19, 2022.

Throughout the year, there will be opportunities to learn more about the history of our local church and celebrate its patron through videos, news stories, liturgical celebrations and more.

If you're interested in learning more about "60 Years in the Year of St. Joseph," please visit diobr.org/60years and follow @DioceseBR on Facebook.

OFFERTORY

April 25, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,809.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,441.67
Building Fund	\$ 201.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 28.00
Total	\$ 6,479.67

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)

FROM FR. AROCKIAM, SVD

Dear Parishioners,
 As of today, all 554 families whose names are in the church records either have taken or were delivered or given the DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN PACKET, consisting of my letter, church census form and the pledge card. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE YET, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AND GET YOURS.** Please help me by reading my letter and responding to it. Since I came to realize that **out of 554 families nearly 235 families had been inactive and non supportive in the church.** I understand that many have moved out of the city, joined other churches, or left the church, and few have died. Now it is time for me to update the church census. **If you want to continue your membership at St. Paul's Church,** I humbly request you fill out the census form and return back to the church office in the return envelope. You can mail it, drop it by the office, drop in the church collection basket, or give to me in person. **If I don't receive your census paper I understand that you are not a member of St. Paul's church and I may go ahead and remove your name and cancel your envelopes.** If you realize that any of your family members, neighbors, or friends who may be elderly or out of town and belong to our church, I request you bring it to my attention and I will try to reach out to them. **My friends, I need all of your help in doing this.** Please watch out and look out for your family and friends who supposed to be members of our church and not here. After receiving the census forms and updating the church records, within a couple of months I would like to post the names of our church families in the church notice board. Thank you.

Also, I request you send the PLEDGE CARD along with the census paper. Let's all try our best to pay off our \$548,000 debt as early as possible. Thank you. God bless.
Fr. Arockiam, SVD

DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Please remember to return the Parish Census Form as soon as possible. **Your decision to make a pledge to help pay off the church loan is personal; give if or what you can!** Pledge payments or donations may be made online: osvonlinegiving.com/4266 or placed in the special Debt Reduction Envelopes and dropped in the collection basket, given to Fr. Arockiam, or dropped off at the parish office.

Reminder: : The previous 4-Month Fundraiser Campaign is over; please do not feel obligated to continue paying on the 4-month fundraiser.

LET'S ALL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR SUCCESS OF THE CAMPAIGN AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH!

DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN SUMMARY	
Area of Focus	As of 4-25-2021
Our Goal	\$548,000.00
Total Amt. Pledged	342,736.00
Total Donations Collected	53,991.00
Total # of Members Pledged	146
Total # of Registered Members	554

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

CELEBRATING May 2nd - MAY 8th BIRTHDAYS



Vincent Foulcard 5/02
 Meredith Jones 5/02
 Brandy Williams 5/02
 Aidan Sam 5/03
 Martha George 5/05
 Jaiden Parker 5/06



Luke LaVergne, Judge 5/07
 Patrick Clay 5/08
 Harry Griffen 5/08
 Allura Guilbeau 5/08
 Myrtis Rogers 5/08





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, Yvonne Joseph, Willie Bell Richard, and Roger Banks, Sr.

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>Space Available</p>	<p>Space Available</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 style="text-align: center;"><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><i>"GET THE HOOK"</i></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>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Doris Key, Earl Key, Sr. Emma Doyle Currie (Rudi) Doyle</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</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 style="text-align: center;"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p> 
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