

No one has  
greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life  
for one's friends.

JOHN 15:13



MAY 9, 2021

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Love calls and causes us to do great things, more than we might believe we are capable of. While some are called to give their lives as martyrs, most of us find ourselves called to lay down our lives in smaller ways in the midst of everyday life. Parents lose sleep in the early moments of their baby's life, and again as their teens mature and gain independence. Adult children change their plans to care for aging parents. We hear the call of love as we become attentive and respond to the needs of the poor, lonely, sick, and vulnerable. Love causes us to turn our lives around, to strive to become more Christ-like in our words and actions. Peter followed this call of love when he entered the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. He was likely as astounded at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as were the believers who accompanied him, yet love caused Peter to see beyond the accepted boundaries of religion and race, seeing instead evidence of the Lord's great love at work.

## THE JOY-FILLED WAY OF LOVE

Following the Lord calls us to sacrifice for the sake of others, giving our attention, time, and resources in order to share Christ's care and compassion. Jesus shows us that giving of self, pouring ourselves out in love for another, is a joy-filled way of life. Joy is more than a feeling and is deeper than happiness. Joy comes with the assurance that Christ is with us when our lives mirror the life and way of our Master. Joy is a sense of fulfillment in knowing and sharing Christ's love. When we reach out in love, Christ's joy fills our hearts. Strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, we find the grace to follow Jesus' command to love one another.

Today's Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;  
Ps 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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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 @

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

10:30a.m. Mass



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802-1727

**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 gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

**Psalm** — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — God is love (1 John 4:7-10) *or* 1 John 4:11-16.

**Gospel** — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17) *or* John 17:11b-19.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Memorial of St. Damien de Veuster; St. John De Avila  
Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras;  
Eid al Fitr  
Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;  
Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord  
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or  
Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for  
Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8;  
Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Memorial of St. Matthias  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

**Saturday:** St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day  
Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;  
Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord;  
World Communications Day;  
Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2,  
11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or,  
for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;  
Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk  
16:15-20

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

— John 15:1



### MASS INTENTIONS

7:30 a.m. - Mrs. Marie Victorian Hawkins,  
Mrs. Margaret Hawkins Kemp

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



### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

May 16, 2021

7:30 a.m. Monique Spaulding  
Darlene St. Romain

10:30 a.m. Carla Lewis  
Mary Martin

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7:30 a.m. Alice Zacharie

10:30 a.m. Nancy Ball

**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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### May they rest in peace...



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Hughes and Joseph family at the passing of Ms. Jessica Hughes, granddaughter of Mrs. Annie Joseph. Also, to the Johnson family at the passing of Mr. Thomas Lastrapes, husband of Mrs. Delphine Jackson Lastrapes, and stepfather of Ms. Lawand Johnson.

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

### FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY

At one time or another, we have all seen someone who was impoverished or ill, especially during this pandemic. More people are now showing up at the St. Vincent de Paul pharmacy for help with medication.

People have been skipping doses of critically needed medicine or breaking tablets in half to make their supplies last. The purpose of the *Fill a Prescription for the Needy* campaign is to meet this critical need in our healthcare system, and we need your help. Please see the canisters located in the foyer of the church to make a contribution. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### OFFERTORY

May 2, 2021

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

### BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE

**Baptismal Class for Parents and Godparents  
Thursday, July 8, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Contact: Mrs. Vera Dunbar - 225-324-2939**

**Baptism will be celebrated on Sunday,**

**May 16, 2021 & July 18, 2021**

**During or After 10:30 Mass**

(For exceptions, please contact Fr. Arockiam SVD)



**FROM FR. AROCKIAM, SVD**

I wish all MOTHERS a very happy Mothers' Day. Thank you for your self-giving love for your children.

Our Diocese of Baton Rouge is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021. Our diocesan celebration of "60 Years in the Year of St. Joseph" began on May 1, 2021, and it will conclude on the Feast of St. Joseph, **March 19, 2022**. Let us recite the special prayer that our Diocese provides at each Mass.

With "prayerful and cautious optimism," Bishop Michael Duca has lifted from June 6, 2021, the "Dispensation from Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass." The bishop said, "Since with this change, we can accommodate everyone who wishes to return to Mass, I have decided that, as long as we are able to continue to reduce the spread of Covid in our Diocese and state, I plan to formally lift the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass on June 6, 2021, the Feast of Corpus Christi. This will allow us (with the use of masks) to move to 100% capacity for people to return to Mass. However, Bishop Duca did assure Catholics that they should continue to consider themselves exempt from the obligation to attend Mass "if they are unvaccinated, have underlying conditions which make the virus more dangerous, or if they are simply fearful." He added, **masks will still be required to attend Mass.**

As of today, I have received the census paper from 257 families and 167 pledge cards for a total of \$368,816.00 towards our church loan payment. I appreciate and thank each of you for your cooperation and help to me in serving you. There are nearly more than another 290 families who have not responded to my request. It is kind of disappointing to me; I keep praying for them, hoping that they will listen to my request and help me. I am praying and waiting.

Also, I strongly urge you to use your church offertory envelopes for your tithing/church offering. If you are not using your envelope for 3 or 4 months continuously, I may stop sending you the envelopes. I request every adult to be a registered and supportive member of our church. Our church needs each one of our presence and support.

Thank you.  
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: [osonlinegiving.com/4266](https://osonlinegiving.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!**

<b>DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Area of Focus</b>	<b>As of 5-2-2021</b>
<b>Our Goal</b>	<b>\$548,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amt. Pledged</b>	<b>368,816.00</b>
<b>Total Donations Collected</b>	<b>59,853.50</b>
<b>Total # of Members Pledged</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>Total # of Registered Members</b>	<b>554</b>

**CELEBRATING May 9th - MAY 15th BIRTHDAYS**



Heather Marcelle 5/10  
Terrell Carter 5/12  
Saija Johnson 5/12  
Raphew Reed, Jr 5/12  
Rochell Franklin 5/13  
Johnny Johnson, III 5/13



Lois Joseph 5/13  
William Alsobrook, Jr 5/15  
Harrylee Clay 5/15  
Angela Guilbeau 5/15  
Sean Harris 5/15



**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, Dorcena, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert &amp; Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth &amp; 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><b>Space Available</b></p>	<p><b>Space Available</b></p>	<p><b>State Farm Insurance</b></p> <p><b>Leonard Benjamin</b> 775-2494</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 &amp; Frank P. Bowers Carrie &amp; Douglas Rodney, Sr. Clara &amp; Willis Walker Sarah Rodney Domino &amp; Wilbert Domino, Sr. Freddie Bowers Ora Bowers Ward Sybil Thomas Johnson Maureen Bowers Johnson</p>  	<p><b>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</b></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 &amp; 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 - Justin Kennedy.....754-2609</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><b>"GET THE HOOK"</b></p> <p><b>HOOKIN UP</b></p> <p><b>MARINE AND TACKLE</b></p> <p>1968 Wooddale Ct. Baton Rouge, LA 70806 Ph. 225 999-5202 Email: hookinupmarineandtackle@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Kobi Chenevert</b>      <b>Store Manager</b></p>	<p><b>Space Available</b></p>	<p><b>Chenevert Construction &amp; Remodeling</b> 344-0183</p>
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