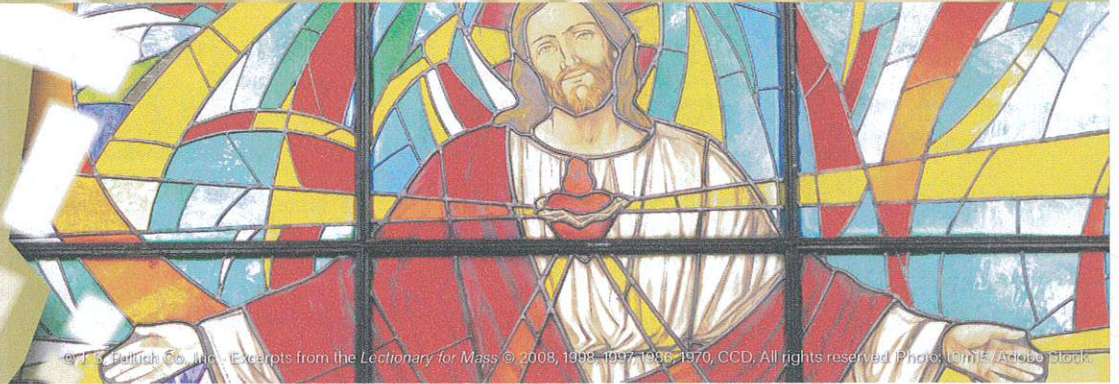


MAY 16, 2021

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God is love,  
and whoever  
remains in love  
remains in God  
and God in them.

1 JOHN 4:16



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As we near the end of the Easter season, the readings lead us to keep the big picture of Christ's Paschal Mystery—Jesus' life and ministry, passion, death, and resurrection—and the impact it is to have in our lives at the center of all that we are and do. We who have been drawn to Christ through baptism are called to take on the mind, heart, and life of our Lord. Jesus, who is God's love incarnate, shows us the extent of God's love and calls us to live this love in the world. We live in the world but do not belong to it. Ultimately, we belong to God. When we show love, especially when we sacrifice for the sake of another, we share in Christ's saving love, building a bridge between God and humanity in Christ's name.

## MADE SACRED IN TRUTH

Jesus prayed to God the Father about his disciples, "Consecrate them in the truth." To consecrate is to make holy. Jesus asks God to make us holy in the truth of

God's love which is poured upon us through the Holy Spirit. Think about this: we call the moment in which the bread and wine at Mass become the Body and Blood of Christ the consecration. The bread and wine are transformed and made sacred, holy. Remember, too, that as the gifts are brought forward for consecration, we join our lives, gifts, and resources in prayer, asking God to bless us, to consecrate us as well. In baptism, we are consecrated—we are set apart in Christ's love. Knowing this should make a difference in the way we live our lives. Our consecration should be the benchmark for our attitudes and actions, the choices and decisions we make each day. What does it mean to you to be consecrated, to be called to holiness? How does this affect the way you live?

Today's Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26;  
Ps 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20; 1 Jn 4:11–16; Jn 17:11b–19

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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 @

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

10:30a.m. Mass



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 2019, Walter

**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** — This Jesus will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts 1:1-11).

**Psalm** — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

**Second Reading** — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) *or Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

**Gospel** — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: **Memorial of St. John I**  
Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: **Memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena; Julian Calendar Ascension**  
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: **Memorial of St. Christopher Magellanes and Companions**  
Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: **Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia; Vigil of Pentecost**  
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: **Pentecost Sunday**  
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 1:6-25  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION



The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

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### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

May 23, 2021

- 7:30 a.m. Lucille Brown  
Joanette Dunn
- 10:30 a.m. Amanda Skinner  
Kevin Stewart

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 7:30 a.m. Alice Zacharie
- 10:30 a.m. Nancy Ball, Paul Stewart

**A Vocation View:** We are called to live in accord with the calling we have received, whether as priest, religious, married or single; encouraging one another by the example of our lives.

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and  
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**For pastoral needs, contact  
Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD  
at Cell # (337) 522-0624  
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### MASS INTENTIONS



**7:30 a.m.** - Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

**10:30 a.m.** - Adlene Landry, Ardell Malveau, Evelyn Broussard, Josie Darbonne, Louvenia Fontenot, Bernadine Gordon, Dally Biagas, Loretha Thomas, Joyce Gene, Irene Malveau, Curline Malveau, and Judy Thomas.

### OFFERTORY

May 9, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,737.95
Online Giving	\$ 3,277.00
Building Fund	\$ 345.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$ 52.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,411.95</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, July 18, 2021**

**During or After 10:30 Mass**

(For exceptions, please contact Fr. Arockiam SVD)



## FROM FR. AROCKIAM, SVD

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 266 families and 186 pledge cards for a total of \$389,736.00 towards our church loan payment. I appreciate and thank each of you for your cooperation and help to me in serving you. There are more than another 280 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

Area of Focus	As of 5-9-2021
<b>Our Goal</b>	<b>\$548,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amt. Pledged</b>	<b>389,736.00</b>
<b>Total Donations Collected</b>	<b>\$62,980.50</b>
<b>Total # of Members Pledged</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>Total # of Registered Members</b>	<b>554</b>



## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES!

You are invited to join us for a graduation ceremony here at St. Paul on June 13th during our 10:30 Mass. All high school and college graduates that would like to be recognized during the ceremony should sign up in the foyer of the church. Please contact Mr. Justin Kennedy at (225) 754-2609 to submit your biography of accomplishments. Biographies should be submitted by Friday, June 4th.

## 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!

## CELEBRATING May 16th - MAY 22nd BIRTHDAYS



Tillie Jackson 5/16  
 Quinn Rodney 5/16  
 Janie Sanfie 5/17  
 Jordan Clanton 5/18  
 Debra Landry 5/18  
 Courtlyn Patterson 5/18  
 Millicent Primas 5/18



David Thompson, III 5/20  
 Ruther Hall 5/21  
 Oreather Lee 5/21  
 Jaycee Mathis 5/21  
 Joseph Mathis 5/21  
 Jordan Earls 5/22



## 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, Carey Haynes, and Marcus Guice*

Income and Expenses for April 2021

**INCOME**

Regular Offertory Collections	\$ 32,425.03
Contributions to Building Fund	4,256.00
Contributions to Debt Reduction Campaign	36,606.50
Special Donations (Funeral)	300.00
Black & Indian Grant Funds	5,000.00
Bulletin Ads,Candles, 60th Anniver. Fundraiser	467.00
Other ( Rent from Billops Street House, Easter Flowers)	<u>620.00</u>
	\$ 79,674.53

**EXPENSES**

Salaries ( Priest & Staff)	\$ 9,754.65
Household(Priest household items, food/meals)	1,816.91
Utilities/Telephone (3 buildings, residence)	2,455.88
Office(Computer, Bulletin,Contrib. Env, Supplies,Calendars)	1,757.24
Contracted Services(Security, Grass Maintenance)	1,974.00
Parish Share ( Amount due Diocese)	4,873.00
Property Insurance(Property,Vehicle,Worker's Comp)	1,834.00
Repairs (Elect Chur., Rep Ctr & Rental, ,1/2 AC/Heat Rent.)	6,053.62
Regular Principal on Church Loan	6,162.14
Additional Principal Paid on Church Loan	53,000.00
Interest on Church Loan	1,674.90
Copier Installment Purchase	500.00
Other(Bank,On-line giving fees,Liturgy,Tbldgs, Rel. Ed)	<u>1,340.01</u>
	\$ 93,196.35



**NET PROFIT OR LOSS** \$ (13,521.82)


*Total amount collected as of 04/30/2021 for the Debt Reduction Campaign was \$54,019.00*



*Amount we owe on Church Loan as of 04/30/2021 \$476,805.84*


Church Income Without the Debt Reduction Campaign Funds	\$43,068.03
Church Expenses Without the Additional Principal on Loan Paid	<u>40,196.35</u>
Net Loss for April 2021	\$ 2,871.68






<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Opston, Dorcenia, 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:</i></p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney Rosa Lee Johnson</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><b><u>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</u></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 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>Space Available</b></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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<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><b>Space Available</b></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian, Kirby, James "Pookie" Verdell, Corinne &amp; Michael Joseph, Lawrence, Sr. &amp; Shedrick Ashford, Ellis Myles, Sr., Rose &amp; 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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