

# Pentecost SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

Jesus breathed on them and said to them,  
 "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
 and whose sins you retain are retained."

John 20:22-23

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As followers of Jesus, we are called to direct our minds and hearts to Christ's love, turning away from all that is not of God in order to be more Christ-like in our daily lives. The more we invite the Holy Spirit to draw us close to God's heart, the more readily we will avoid sin and choose life, faith, and love. In the letter to the Galatians, we hear a list of things that those who live in the Spirit are to avoid. Things like immorality, hatred, jealousy, and selfishness. At first glance, we might think to ourselves, "of course I want to avoid those things," and yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we likely recognize some of those patterns in our lives. Upon further reflection, however, we also see that these negative behaviors pose temporary pleasure while the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—lead to a life of deep and lasting fulfillment.

They spoke many languages and yet were drawn to hear the message of Christ from the disciples who had just experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They were astonished by what they heard—not only the message, but the way in which it was conveyed, in their own language, and by the messengers, people whom they would have considered ordinary and unremarkable, rather than the acknowledged religious leaders of their time. We, too, are called to share the love and mercy of Christ through word and action, even when we feel small and insignificant. We need only to look at the witness and experience of those first disciples and all the saints who have preceded us to know that we are capable of much when we place our lives in God's hands. Nothing can stand in the way of the incredible love of God when we are filled with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit!

Today's Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15: 26-27; 16:12-15

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## NOTHING WILL STAND IN THE WAY

The Jewish people who had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost came from every corner of the world.

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### LITURGY GUIDE

#### SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m.

(Temporary due to Covid-19)

#### RECONCILIATION

By Appointment

Live Stream Mass on Facebook @

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

10:30a.m. Mass



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church  
 General View - August, 2018

**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 Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

**Psalm** — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17)

**Gospel** — Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:16-20).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Eighth Week in Ordinary Time**  
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;  
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: **Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi**  
Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: **Memorial of St. Philip Neri**  
Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: **St. Augustine of Canterbury**  
Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: **Memorial St. Paul VI; Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: **The Most Holy Trinity;**  
Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18;  
Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

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



## NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

May 30th, 2021

7:30 a.m. Paulette Robertson  
Monique Spaulding

10:30 a.m. Paul Stewart  
Tasha Anthony

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7:30 a.m. Alice Zacharie

10:30 a.m. Nancy Ball and Paul Stewart

## LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

In today's responsorial psalm the Church sings out: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." All three readings describe how God has answered that prayer already.



In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and in the Gospel passage from John, we read of astonishing events that called cowering disciples to step out of hiding and proclaim news that would condemn them and change the world forever! In the second reading Paul's words reach out into the future to us: "we were all given to drink of one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

It is our task to truly pray today's psalm response. Let us together beg the Holy Spirit to renew the earth by renewing the Church, sending many more men and women to serve in its various ministries. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**A Vocation View:** Peter and the Apostle preach with a power and conviction that can only be attributed to the Spirit dwelling among them. Is God calling you to speak for Him in our day and age?

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## OFFERTORY

May 16, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,985.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,295.00
Building Fund	\$ 63.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 6,353.00

## BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE

Baptismal Preparation 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 272 families and 191 pledge cards for a total of \$404,936.00 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



May she rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Nelson and Jeanpierre family at the passing of Mrs. Dorothy Nelson, mother of Mrs. Terrilyn Nelson Jeanpierre.

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



## 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

As the need increases for prescription medication for the needy, St. Vincent de Paul reaches out to the community for support through their Fill a Prescription for the Needy Campaign. If you would like to help the less fortunate with prescription medication, please put your donations in the canister on the table in the foyer of the church. Donations are greatly appreciated!



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE	
Area of Focus	As of 5-16-2021
<b>Our Goal</b>	<b>\$548,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amt. Pledged</b>	<b>404,936.00</b>
<b>Total Donations Collected</b>	<b>\$66,984.50</b>
<b>Total # of Members Pledged</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>Total # of Registered Members</b>	<b>554</b>

## CELEBRATING MAY 23rd - MAY 29th BIRTHDAYS



Gloria Hayward 5/23  
Roosevelt Leonard 5/23  
Marcus Williams 5/23  
Elaine Joshua 5/25  
Johnathan Lane 5/25



Kobi Chenevert 5/26  
Ladaya James 5/27  
Deonte London 5/27  
Kevin Stewart, Jr 5/27  
Desmond Thomas 5/28





## 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*

<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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*In Loving Memory of:*

Geneva Battley Spooner  
Della Battley Rodney  
Rosa Lee Johnson



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**St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference**

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 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

*In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:*




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



*In Loving Memory of:*

Famye Reed  
and the  
Reed, Stewart, Davis , and  
Grainger Families



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Lionel Bazile, Sr.  
James Bazile  
Sheila Bazile



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*In Loving Memory of:*

Doris Key,  
Earl Key, Sr.  
Emma Doyle  
Currie (Rudi) Doyle



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*In Loving Memory of:*

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

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