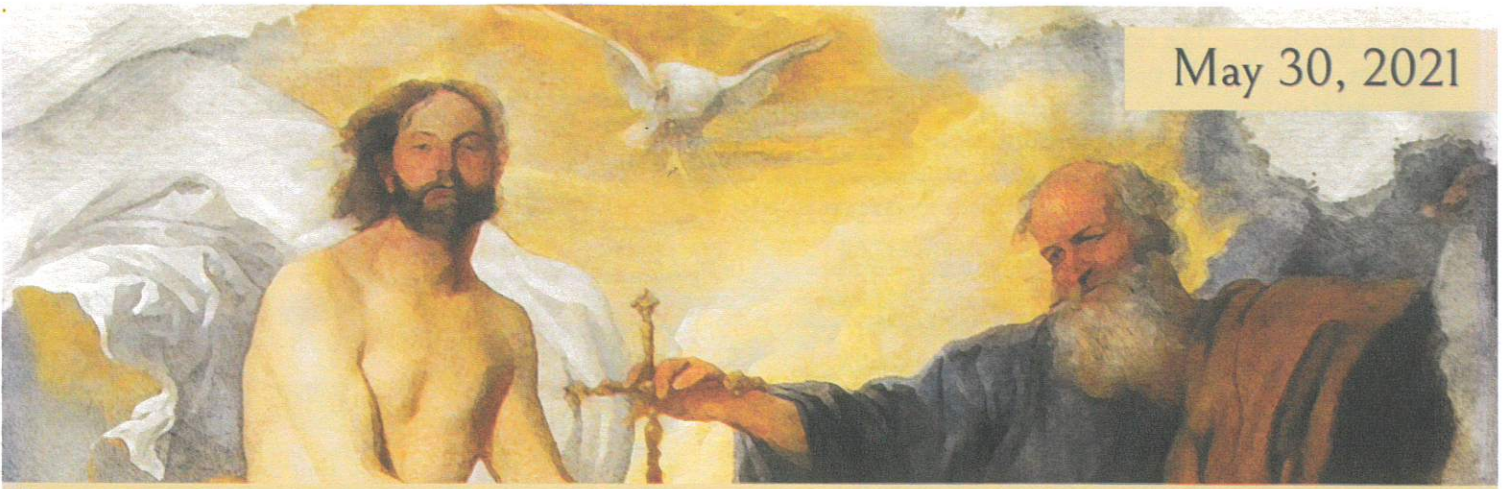


May 30, 2021



Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

# The Most Holy TRINITY

## SHALL WE DANCE?

The Most Holy Trinity is the central truth and, indeed, mystery of our lives as believers in God. Even so, few seem to be able to talk about it. (Or is it “them”?) Must we be satisfied to take this truth as an inscrutable object of faith that we can easily ignore? Not at all! We are immersed in Trinitarian reality in many ways.

Please consider these clues to God as more than just Person of the Father. Remember the words of God in scripture when the world and all its wonders were coming to be. The formulas for each stage in creation begin with “Let us . . .” (Genesis 1:26). This is not merely the “Royal We.” This is God as a plurality of Being. In Isaiah, the seraphim cry out “Holy, holy, holy . . .” (Isaiah 6:3). Ancient Middle Eastern superlatives come in threes, but why not consider it a sign of God’s three-ness? And these Old Testament foreshadowings are nothing compared to our well-known baptismal formula, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Notice that “name” is singular, and yet refers to three persons. Finally, as Christ tells the Apostles in today’s Gospel, they are to go out and teach in that same singular triple name.

The famous icon by the equally famous fourteenth-century iconographer Andrej Rublev is a depiction of the Trinity densely packed with symbolic content. The three “angels” sitting at a table are actually meant to be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They relate to each other in loving gesture, each one to the other, often described as “dance-like.” And yet this triangular circle seems incomplete. Indeed it is, because we must become one with this circle of life-giving love. As in a dance, we are drawn into the divine life in the Trinitarian embrace of abundant glory and harmony. Then we complete the movement by taking that love incarnated out to the world, revealing the mystery to our sisters and brothers through our own lives.

Today’s Readings: Dt 4:32–34, 39–40;  
Ps 33:4–5, 6, 9, 18–19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14–17; Mt 28:16–20

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### LITURGY GUIDE

#### PASTOR:

Father Arockiam Arockiam, S.V.D.

**PERMANENT DEACON:** (Retired)

Deacon Benjamin Dunbar, Jr. 225-324-5808

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Martha Davis 225-357-4108

**SECRETARY:** Mary Martin 225-383-2537

**OFFICE ASSISTANT:** Christy Hall

**BOOKKEEPER:** Debra Dudley

**YOUTH DIRECTOR:** Justin Kennedy

**PARISH NURSE:** Maxine Watts

#### 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



**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:** Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary;  
Memorial Day;

Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

**Tuesday:** Memorial of St. Justin

Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9;

Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday:** Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc,

8-9; Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday:** Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and  
Companions

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a;

Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34

**Friday:** First Friday

Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10;

Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday:** Memorial of St. Boniface; First Saturday

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8;

Mk 12:38-44

**Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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. - Mr. Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.

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

### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

June 6, 2021

#### LECTORS

7:30 a.m. Barbara Cornell

Joanette Dunn

10:30 a.m. Sydney Brown

Linda Carter

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7:30 a.m. Alice Zacharie, Elie Jackson

10:30 a.m. Gigi Mathis, Wanda Davis



The parish office will be closed Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

**A Vocation View:** We are sent to proclaim the Gospel to the very ends of the earth, so that we might draw others into union with the Triune God. Be courageous in showing your faith that others may know the reason for your joy.

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Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD  
at Cell # (337) 522-0624  
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### THE MYSTERY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY



Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Church sets aside this Sunday to focus our attention on the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, God who is one, but three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The first reading from Deuteronomy emphasizes both God's awesome greatness and amazing nearness. It might seem beyond belief, but the God of all creation speaks to us, protects us, and guides us. The second reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans describes how we are to relate to the three persons who are one God. We are led by the Spirit to meet God the Father as adopted children. Our adoption is such that we are even heirs with our brother, Christ, the second person of the Trinity, in whose sufferings we must also share. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks with his authority as God and sends us to teach and baptize in the name of the Trinity.

### OFFERTORY

May 23, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,022.45
Online Giving	\$ 1,556.67
Building Fund	\$ 160.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 27.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 293.15
Total	\$ 6,059.27

### 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)





St Paul will resume the **Van Service** beginning in June. The van will run for 10:30 mass only. If you are interested in having the van pick you up for mass, please contact the parish office at 225-383-2537. We

are also in need of **Van Drivers**. Please call the parish office to sign up as a driver. Your help is needed!



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**May she rest in peace...**

Theresa Ann Vallet Fabre, mother of Bishop Shelton J. Fabre, passed away Saturday, May 15, at the age of 92, after a brief illness.

The Baton Rouge native and retired teacher, lived most of her life in New Roads and is a long-time parishioner of St. Augustine Church parish in New Roads.

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

**INDIAN MISSION APPEAL**

Next Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, we welcome Fr. Amirtharaj, IMS for a mission appeal for the Indian Missionary Society - Delhi Province. Some of the missionary activities include: Building up of Christian communities, Youth Ministry, Prison Ministry, Women and girl child program, Education ministry for the children of low-income families, Hostels and boarding schools for children from rural areas, Inter-religious dialogue, Centers for special needs and others.

Your sacrificial contribution this year will be used to support 150 students from rural areas staying in their two hostels, and to help the families that are affected by the COVID-19. These are the needy children who cannot afford education staying at home. These children are helped to defray the expenses of tuition fees, food, clothing medical care and accommodation. Your donations are appreciated.



**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 this Friday, June 4th.

**The Knights of Peter Claver Council 351** will be doing clean up of St. Paul property. The project includes trimming tree branches, and removing overgrown vines and leaves. We are asking young men of the parish and all men that are capable of assisting with this project to please come out Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We are asking anyone with hedge clippers, chain saws and weed eaters to please bring them with you. If you have any questions, please contact Brother Riley Thomas at 252-6319 or any Knight of Council 351.

**East Baton Rouge Parish School System Child Nutrition Program is now hiring.** SPREAD THE WORD!! Please call 225-226-3762 if you have any questions or concerns. Apply today at <https://www.applitrack.com/ebrschools/onlineapp/default.aspx>.



<b>DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE</b>	
<b>Area of Focus</b>	<b>As of 5-23-2021</b>
<b>Our Goal</b>	<b>\$548,000.00</b>
<b>Total Amt. Pledged</b>	<b>\$407,936.00</b>
<b>Total Donations Collected</b>	<b>\$68,769.50</b>
<b>Total # of Members Pledged</b>	<b>195</b>
<b>Total # of Registered Members</b>	<b>554</b>

**CELEBRATING MAY 30th - JUNE 5th BIRTHDAYS**



DeAnna Perry 5/30  
Hildred Samuel 5/30  
Bryson Tubbs 5/30  
Cayla Dudley 5/31  
Jalissa Pollard 5/31

Jared Anthony, Jr 6/02  
Javonte Morris 6/02  
Kadeem Allen 6/03  
Jiselle Anthony 6/03  
Helen Johnson 6/03

Da'Marquis London 6/3  
Deirdra B. Ricard 6/03  
Tamika E. Raby 6/04  
Ethan Sam 6/04  
Leona Knox 6/05



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



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"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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