

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY—9:30 A.M.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
(Lunch Break - 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.)

TO JOIN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Please pick up the Census Information/Update Form from the foyer of the church, complete it and return it to the parish office

RCIA

If you want to become Catholic and ready to learn the Catholic Faith, please call Father Arockiam, SVD

MARRIAGE

Please meet with the pastor at least six (6) months before the wedding date

BAPTISM

Please see inside this bulletin for the specific details

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you are or a family member is a registered member of our church and not able to attend Mass in church and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the church office

FUNERAL

Please call the pastor before making arrangements with the funeral home

PASTOR

Rev. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD— 225-383-2537

PERMANENT DEACON – RETIRED

Deacon Benjamin Dunbar Jr.— 225-324-5808

PARISH SECRETARY

Mary Martin —225-383-2537

PARISH OFFICE ASSISTANT

Christy Hall —225-383-2537

PARISH BOOKKEEPER

Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

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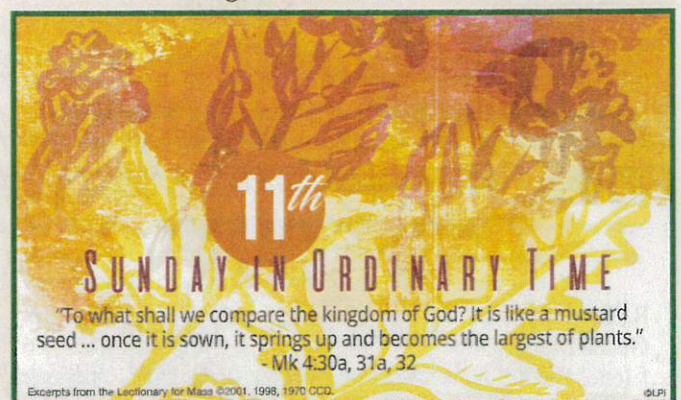
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

Our Mission Statement

Bound by our faith and guided by the Holy Spirit, We, the children of God, within the Community of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, are called to celebrate the redeeming actions of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and to teach and bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.



SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021

KEY VERSES FROM TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:6-7)

Gospel: "It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky dwell in its shade." (Mk 4:31-32)

Readings Week

June 13–20, 2021

Today: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a];
2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]; Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

Baptism

NEXT BAPTISM SCHEDULE

Baptismal Class for Parents and Godparents -Thursday, July 8

Contact: Deacon Benjamin/Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939

Baptism will be celebrated

Sunday, July 18, 2021 (During or After 10:30 Mass)

For exception, please contact Fr. Arockiam -337-522-0624

DISABLED CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

"Exceptional Lives website la.exceptionallives.org has information for parents seeking help for children and young adults with a wide range of disabilities. Go online or call 844-354-1212 for information on obtaining assistance.



OFFERTORY—JUNE 6, 2021

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 5,152.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,645.00
Building Fund:	\$ 395.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 137.00
India Mission Appeal	\$ 637.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 5,950.00
Total Offertory	\$14,916.00

Thank you for your generosity and sacrifice toward our church. God bless you!

Envelopes Mailed: 556

Envelopes Returned: 65

(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M.—69; 10:30A.M.—91

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 13—JUNE 20

Richard Hawkins 6/13	Makhi Hadden 6/16
Geana Marioneaux 6/13	Tianna Huggins 6/16
Lionel Bazile, Jr. 6/14	Bridgette Turner 6/16
Donavon Dorsey 6/14	Ethan Davis 6/18
Alessi Johnson 6/14	Hayley Howard 6/18
Jessica Patrick 6/14	Avoughn Roberts 6/18

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You

"Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found." Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St. Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. "That's what you're looking for," he tells us. In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

FROM FR. AROCKIAM, SVD

I would like to thank the Knights of Peter Claver Council 351 for their work in pruning and cleaning up overgrown vegetation on the parish property, especially the office grounds.

Also, thank you to Mrs. Vera Dunbar for coming up with the new design for our parish bulletin, and for her volunteer services.

Fr. Arockiam, SVD

FOR PASTORAL CARE/NEEDS

Contact Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD, Pastor
337-522-0624 or arockiamsvd@gmail.com



7:30 Mass: In Memory of deceased Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

10:30 Mass: Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

FOR CHURCH ENVELOPES TO TITHE

If you are a registered member of St. Paul and not receiving envelopes in the mail to give or send offerings to your church, please call the parish office. If you want to give online, no envelopes are needed, please go to our church website (www.stpaulbr.org) to give.



Our Sick and Homebound Church Members: Roger Banks Sr., Jasman Benjamin, Lena Batiste, Rose Crockett Carter, Audrey Christopher, Carolyn Christophe, Myrtis Coleman, Sylvia Collier, Cheryl Crockett, Denovas Crockett, Charles Davis Jr., Dianna Franklin, James Hayward, Brenda D. Hickman, Meredith Jones, Annie Joseph, Yvonne Joseph, Marie Myles, Willis Reed Jr., Willie Bell Richard, Mona Seals, Robert Seals, Harry Sills, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, Mary Smart, Curtell Thibodeaux, Irene Warner

Our Sick Family Members and Friends: Mona Bossier Bailey, Charles Bethley, Barbara Brennan, Ernie Butitta, Helen Celestine, Alberta Conner, Richard Dillon, Edna Dixon, Ronnie Gauthier, Anthony Grand, Marcus Guice, Betty Hammond, Carey Haynes, Kirk Haynes, Nichelle Hollins, Jessica Hughes, Florence Jackson, Dorie Martin, James Pace, Allen Paschal, Martha Reinhart, Joel Rivera, Frank Ross, Jenna Scott, Dana Simoneaux, Connie St. Romain, Calvin Thomas III, Walker Williams



MINISTERS SCHEDULE - JUNE 20

LECTORS/READERS

7:30 A.M. MASS: Paulette Robertson & Monique Spaulding
 10:30 A.M. MASS: Justin Kennedy & Barbara Cornell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7:30 A.M. MASS: Joannette Dunn & Alice Zacharie
 10:30 A.M. MASS: Nancy Ball & Martha Davis

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please pray that we will be able to have classes on-site, face-to-face in September.



CALM THE [HURRICANES] STORMS TO A WHISPER PRAYER

Lord, we give thanks to You, for You are good.
 Your faithful love endures forever.
 When the winds and the waves rise,
 and we cringe in terror,
 we cry out to You in our distress,
 knowing You can calm the storm to a whisper
 and still the waves. Please draw near,
 and be our safety.
 We praise You for Your great love
 and the wonderful things
 You have done for us. Amen.

October 27, 2020 by Aizel Dolom



JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed using ordinary rosary beads. Please see the bulletin insert for a guide to praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Also, you can listen to the Divine Mercy Chaplet and follow along as a guide at:

<https://dmamerica.catholicwebsite.com/divine-mercy-chaplet-0#listen>

RECRUITING USHERS

Ushers are needed for both 7:30 & 10:30 mass. Please contact Mrs. Edmonia Joseph at (225) 772-2090 if you are interested in joining the Ushers Ministry.

FORWARD in FAITH DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 06-06-2021
Our Goal	\$548,000.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$428,736.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 77,850.59
Total Members Pledged	203
Total Registered Members	554



PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2021– 6:00 P.M.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

June 15, 2021– 6:00 P.M.

VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD/RELIGIOUS LIFE

If you feel the call to religious life as a priest, deacon, brother or nun, please contact:

1-800-553-3321

Divine Word Missionaries and Sisters of the Holy Spirit

jjohnsondiobr.org or 225-387-0561

Rev. Joshua Johnson, Director of Vocations-Diocese of Baton Rouge

A VOCATION VIEW

“Lord, it is good to give thanks to You.” Our life is one of gratitude for the many gifts that God has given. What are the gifts God has given to you, uniquely; and how is He asking you to share those gifts with the Church and the World?

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL’S MASS

St. Paul’s Van will resume providing rides to the 10:30 A.M. Sunday Mass. If you are in need of transportation to and from the 10:30 Mass, please call the parish office at 225-383-2537.



Van drivers are also needed! Contact the office to sign up!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES



High School Graduates: Chelsea Buckley, Alondra Camberos, Jermon Dunn, Chelsey Haynes, Michael Knox, Jr., Halley Perry, Christopher Rodney, and Nautica Ward
College Graduate: Kevin Stewart

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM: The Diocese of Baton Rouge Child Nutrition Program is providing free boxed meals. Each child will receive 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches and a gallon of milk weekly. All children ages 18 and under are eligible. Catholic school enrollment is not a requirement for participation. Meals will be distributed through July 23rd from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Distribution sites: Monday: Sacred Heart Catholic Church & St. John the Evangelist Church; Tuesday: St. Alphonsus School & Holy Family Catholic Church; Wednesday: St. Jean Vianney School & Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church; Thursday: St. George Catholic Church & Immaculate Heart of Mary Church; Friday: Redemptorist St. Gerard School.

AN INTRODUCTION TO RACIAL SOBRIETY

The Office of Black Catholics is inviting you to a Virtual Workshop via Zoom on “An Introduction to Racial Sobriety”, June 19, 2021 at 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Registration has been extended to June 15, 2021. Please contact Deacon Alfred Adams; deaconal2@bellsouth.net or call 225-910-6080. The workshop introduces the audience to a unifying approach to begin the conversation on racism. **Racial Sobriety** is witnessing to ourselves and others that our thinking, feeling and acting reflects our commitment to seeing each person as my brother or sister in the same human family. **Racial Sobriety** is becoming the change you want to see. Hope to see you there.



Please read the bulletin insert to see why celebrate Juneteenth!

JUNETEENTH

Celebrate Freedom

JUNE 19

WHY WE CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH AND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Liberation Day, is a monumental moment for African Americans in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Union Army General Gordon Granger's reading of the Federal orders in the city in Galveston, Texas, proclaimed all slaves in Texas now were free. The news of the Emancipation freeing the slaves by President Lincoln took two years to reach Texans, and by that time, President Lincoln was dead, and the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery, had passed Congress. Even though the slaves were free, many plantation owners wanted them to stay until after the harvest, so they encouraged them to stay on as hired employees. This shows the injustice between the people in power and those who worked for them. *As proud union members, we are still fighting against oppression every day.*

Celebration of Juneteenth took many forms, including faith and community-based celebrations with food, athletic competitions, and readings from noted American writers such as Ralph Ellison and Maya Angelou. The Mascogos, descendants of Black Seminoles of Coahuila, Mexico, also celebrate Juneteenth. In San Diego, the Cooper Family has led the Juneteenth Celebration for the past 50 years.

Juneteenth takes on a greater significance this year with all of the high-profile killings and other incidents involving African Americans from all ages and economic backgrounds. The Black Lives Matters protests all over the United States and the world brings to the forefront the need for racial justice, reforms in police policy and procedures, and changes in legislation that particularly disadvantage people of color.

Historian Mitch Kachun considers that celebrations of the end of slavery have three goals: "to celebrate, to educate, and to agitate."

What shall we do next? First, educate ourselves about Juneteenth, the accomplishments of African Americans throughout history and today. Support African American entrepreneurs. Sit down and have a meaningful dialogue about the current climate of African Americans in the United States and the world we live in, and get out there and VOTE. If you are not registered, please do as soon as possible. Your vote counts!

In Remembrance

Opston, Dordenia,
Wilbert, Phillip,
Opston Jr., Albert &
Jerome Guillory; CB,
Ruth, & Tia Davis;
Catherine Williams,
Yvonne Warren, &
Marcus Montigue



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George Coleman Jr.
Geneva Coleman
George Coleman Sr.
Carrie Coleman
M.H. Weathersby
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Della Battley Rodney
Rosa Lee Johnson

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Contact Us

Quick Reference to St. Paul's Pastor, Personnel, Ministries, and Services

- 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

Loving Memory

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



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Lawrence Sr. & Shedrick Ashford;
Ellis Myles Sr., Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert;
Eula White, J.D. & Aaron Bradley Joseph,
Jessie Joseph Sr. & H.P. Martin



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