

# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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## **SUNDAY MASSES**

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

## **WEEKDAY MASS**

To Be Announced

## **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

## **DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Martha Davis —225-357-4108

## **YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Amanda Skinner —225-978-7347

## **PARISH NURSE**

Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

## **FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

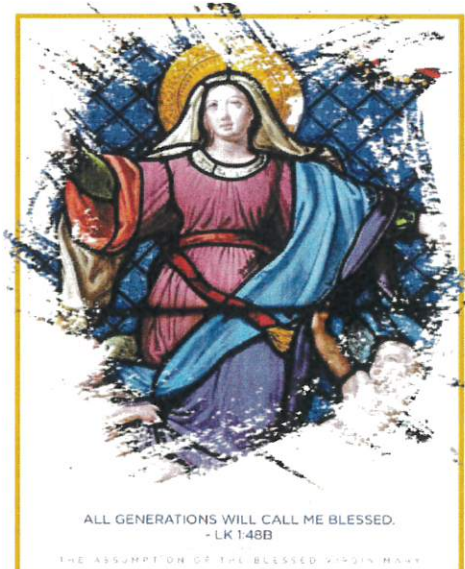
Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

## **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.



**August 15, 2021**



**TODAY'S READING**

**First Reading:** A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Rev 12:1)

**Psalms:** The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)

**Second Reading:** Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:20)

**Gospel:** "From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name." (Lk 1:48-49) ©LPi

*Readings* *Week*

**August 15, 2021—August 22, 2021**

- Today:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

*Baptism*

**NEXT BAPTISM SCHEDULE**

*Next Baptismal Class for Parents and Godparents:* Thursday, Sept. 9  
Contact: Deacon Benjamin/Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939

*Next Baptism:* Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 (During or After 10:30 Mass)  
For exception, please contact Fr. Arockiam -337-522-0624



**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 our church, please call the parish office. If you want to give online, no envelopes are needed, please use our church website ([www.stpaulbr.org](http://www.stpaulbr.org)) to give.



**OFFERTORY—AUGUST 8, 2021**

ONLINE GIVING LINK: [OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266](http://OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266)

<b>Collection:</b>	\$ 5,075.61
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$ 4,572.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 230.00
<b>St. Vincent DePaul:</b>	\$ 189.00
<b>Debt Reduction:</b>	\$ 3,532.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 13,598.61</b>

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

**Envelopes Mailed: 286 Envelopes Returned: 79 Online Givers: 79**  
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

**Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 52; 10:30A.M. - 131**



**AUGUST 15—AUGUST 21**

**BIRTHDAYS**

George Cornell 8/15	Nina Ball-Miles 8/18	Roshaun Boutte 8/20
Martha Spencer 8/15	Kyeshia Webb 8/18	Jayce James 8/21
Jasman Benjamin 8/16	Carla Lewis 8/18	Amare Jones 8/21
Jacques Brown 8/16	Carolyn Paul 8/18	Angela Jones 8/21
Bobby Crockett, Jr 8/16	Raymond Rodney Jr 8/19	Lillie Joseph 8/21
Rosie Lollis 8/17	Betty Stalbert 8/19	Taneisha Montegut 8/21
Ruby Patterson 8/17	Lena Batiste 8/20	Kingslee Vinson 8/21

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better, and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, they can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment, and her intercession and example inspire us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures. ©LPi

**FOR PASTORAL CARE/NEEDS**

**If you are scheduled for surgery, admitted to the hospital with a major illness, or for any pastoral needs, please call the Church Office at 225-383-2537**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- 7:30 Mass:** Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
- 10:30 Mass:** Mrs. Willie Belle Richard

**SPECIAL PRAY FOR GRACE FOR OUR PASTOR**

**Lord travel with Fr. Arockiam on his journey home to India. Protect his going, during his stay, and his coming. Let your Spirit guide him and give him thoughts to inspire him. Let your holy presence fill him with all good things. May God continue to bless his family with good health, especially his father on his 90th birthday.**

**OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND CHURCH MEMBERS:**

Roger Banks Sr., Jasman Benjamin, Lena Batiste, Rose Crockett Carter, Audrey Christopher, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Denovas Crockett, Charles Davis Jr., Dianna Franklin, James Hayward, Brenda Hickman, Meredith Jones, Annie Joseph, Yvonne Joseph, Marie Myles, Willis Reed Jr., Mona Seals, Robert Seals, Harry Sills, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, Mary Smart, Curtell Thibodeaux, Irene Warner, Jesse Leonard, Christina Haynes, Lawrence Narcisse



**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, 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

**PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF INDIA**



Healer of all, giver of life, we bow our heads, lift up our hearts, and pour out prayers as tears for our sisters and brothers, our human family, in India enduring the Covid crisis. May your grace and peace surround all the people and may you offer hope in crossing this phase of the pandemic. In Jesus, we pray, Amen.



## MINISTERS SCHEDULE

### NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - AUGUST 22

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Carla Lewis & Paulette Robertson

10:30 A.M. Sydney Brown & Paul Stewart

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Murray Chenevert & Elie Jackson

10:30 A.M. Larry James & Ladira James

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Kelby Chenevert & Quintin Chenevert

10:30 A.M. Andrea, Angelle & Jose Camberos

### From Fr. Arockiam SVD, Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday I installed the Parish Pastoral Council members, I invite you to join me in congratulating them, and praying for them. I am looking forward to working with them closely as my consultative body for the good of the Parish. **Pastoral Council Members:** Rudolph Richard Jr. – Chair Person, Desiree Terrell – Vice Chair, Marva Carrier – Secretary, Nyah Johnson – Asst. Secretary, Gregory Garner, Monique Scott-Spaulding, Riley Thomas, Mark Chenevert, Curt Rodney and Kevin Stewart.

### Debt Reduction Campaign: Congratulations dear parishioners!!!

Officially we began our campaign on April 25, 2021. Within the last 4 months we have collected \$109,551.34 in cash and have paid towards our loan. We have received pledges in the amount of \$447,036.00. What generosity! I am so humbled and keep thanking God for you and continue to pray. If we continue to do the same we can achieve our goal of paying off our debt by May 2023. Let us do our best as Church Family. Thank you.

### My Trip to India/My Dad's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday:

I am happy to inform you and to ask for your blessings and prayers as I go to India for my annual holidays to visit with my parents and family. I will be leaving on Monday August 16, 2021 and will be back on September 17, 2021. On Tuesday, September 7, 2021 my dad will turn 90 years old. I will celebrate a special thanksgiving mass with my family and villagers on that day. While I am in India, if you have an App called **Whatsapp** we can text and chat and call. That way you can contact me. I will be 10.30 hrs. ahead of Central Time. During my absence Fr. Clifton Labbe, SVD will celebrate the Sunday masses. For any sacramental needs, please contact the church office and either Fr. Tom Clark, S.J. or Fr. Ed Chiffreller, SSJ will be available for you. You will be informed of the date our weekday masses will resume. Please keep me in your special prayers.

Thank you.

Fr. Arockiam SVD



### REGISTER FOR RELIGION CLASSES

Registration for Religious Education classes will be held after 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses in the main entrance of the church on August 15th and 22nd. Please register children & youth early to ensure an accurate count of materials are ordered. Religious education classes will be held in person this year on Sunday mornings.



### DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 08-08-2021
Total Amt. Pledged	\$447,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$109,551.34
Total # of Registered Members	548
Total # of Members Pledged	212



### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - 6:00 PM

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 - 6:00 PM

### LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - 6:00 PM

### 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](http://jjohnsondiobr.org) or 225-387-0561

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

### A VOCATION VIEW

Because we have been called, formed and nourished by Christ, our actions must be in accord with the great gifts we have received. To strive for holiness every day of our lives is to live in accord with the promises made at Baptism.

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

#### The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



### JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY

St. Paul the Apostle prays the Rosary on Sunday afternoon at 6:00 P.M. Please dial 701-802-5490, then enter the Access Code: 878800# and bless us with your presence.



### ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Altar servers are needed for both 7:30 & 10:30 Masses. If you are interested, please sign-up in the foyer of the church. Practice will resume in the fall. Please contact Fr. Arockiam, Ms. Shirley Dawson or Ms. Christy Hall for additional information.

### CHURCH PEWS

When the new church was being built, parishioners had the opportunity to purchase a church pew including a gold plate to be placed on the pew with an inscription of their choice. We are pleased to inform you that the plates have been ordered and will be put on the pews by Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again to all of the parishioners who contributed to this project. This is a continuous project, so if anyone is interested in purchasing a pew, please contact the office or Debra Dudley at 225-324-8995. Also, if you are interested in purchasing a brick in St. Paul's Plaza, please contact the office or Debra Dudley as well.

### A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.**

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For confidential information about our local Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples (**October 8-10, 2021**), contact: Bill and Missie @ 985-232-5963 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)



*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  
Odelia Weathersby  
Donald Coleman



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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 - Amanda Skinner.....978-7347

*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



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Famye Reed and the  
Reed, Stewart, Davis,  
and Grainger  
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Edna Mae Trahan & Gussie B. Trahan  
Orelia Rodney & Anthony Rodney Sr.  
Annie Mae Rodney & Anthony Rodney Jr.  
Barbara Rodney & James Wallace Rodney  
Keith Rodney , Joseph D. Rodney  
Dorothy Bazile & Georgia Smith



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James Bazile  
Shelia Bazile



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Earl Key Sr.  
Emma Doyle  
Currie (Rudi) Doyle



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Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian, J.D. & Verdell,  
Kirby, James "Pookie", Corinne, Michael;  
Jessie Sr. & Aaron Bradley Joseph;  
Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.;  
Lawrence Sr., Shedrick & Lawarance III Ashford;  
Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert; Eula White & H.P.



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