

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

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Martha Davis —225-357-4108

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Amanda Skinner —225-978-7347

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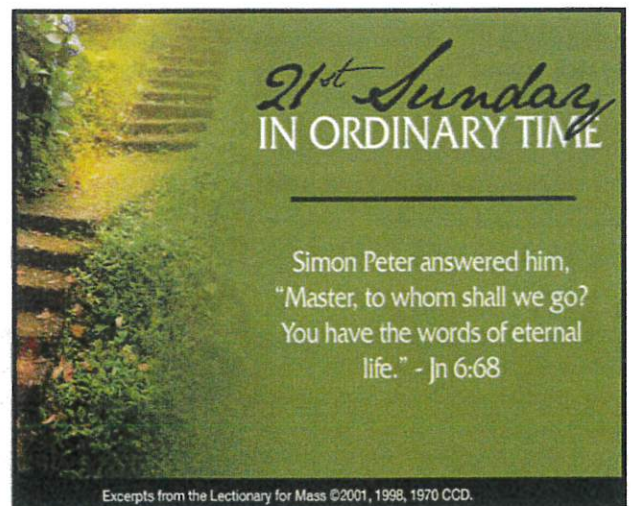
Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

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 22, 2021

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: Joshua, who helped settle the Israelites into the Promised Land, knew the struggle ahead lay in Israel's fidelity to God. How does anyone best show fidelity to God?

Second Reading: Toward the end of his letter, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual subordination and love. What do you see as secret to a successful marriage?

Gospel: Jesus' bread of life discourse ends with the report that "many of Jesus' disciples" no longer followed Jesus. How should we respond to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus?

Readings  *of the Week*

August 22, 2021—August 29, 2021

- 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
- Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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) to give.



OFFERTORY—AUGUST 15, 2021

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 2,719.50
Online Giving:	\$ 2,445.00
Building Fund	\$ 155.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 10.00
The Assumption	\$ 283.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 4,449.00
Total Offertory	\$ 10,061.50

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

Envelopes Mailed: 286 Envelopes Returned: 69 Online Givers: 31
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 65; 10:30A.M. - 164



AUGUST 22—AUGUST 28

BIRTHDAYS

Gerrick Camel, Jr. 8/22	Yvette F. Oliver 8/24	Beulah Credit 8/27
Cary Champagne 8/22	Kawayna Ridgley 8/24	Amber Hunt 8/27
Margaret N. Rogers 8/23	Shirley Bourgeois 8/25	Vincent Jeanpiere 8/27
Wanda Alexander 8/24	Kristen L. Joseph 8/25	Dr. Dereck Rovarivis 8/27
Christiana M. Bennett 8/24	Charlotte Dillon 8/26	Mason Sanders 8/28
Barbara Cornell 8/24	Jacquez Knox 8/26	
Eloise Foster 8/24	Ave Williams 8/26	

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is, in fact, Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult, and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth, and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining, even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship. ©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:** Lawrence "Lil Larry" Ashford, III



PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

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 the world enduring the Covid crisis. May your grace and peace surround all the people and may we offer hope that we may crossover this phase of the pandemic. In Jesus, we pray, Amen.



OUR SICK & 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 TO AVERT STORMS AND HURRICANES

Father, all the elements of nature obeys your command. Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN!!

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - AUGUST 29

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Barbara Cornell & Darlene St. Romain

10:30 A.M. Mary Gloston & Debbie James

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Alice Zacharie & Audrene LeBlanc

10:30 A.M. Christy Hall & Amanda Skinner

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Jaiden Parker & Saija Johnson

10:30 A.M. Jacquez Knox & Xavier Knox

From Fr. Arockiam SVD, Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to inform you that I arrived home safely. Thank you for your prayers, and I ask for your blessings and prayers while I am in India. My parents and family members and neighbors are all doing well. They send you all their love and greetings.

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, you can use an App called *Whatsapp*. That way you can contact me, we can text and chat and call. India is 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 Chiffrieller, 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



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Andrews family at the passing of Ms. Dorothy Andrews.

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



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.



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 soon. 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 at 225-383-2537. Also, if you are interested in purchasing a brick in St. Paul's Plaza, please contact the office or Debra Dudley at 225-324-8995.



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 08-15-2021
Total Amt. Pledged	\$448,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$114,000.34
Total # of Registered Members	549
Total # of Members Pledged	213



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

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jjohnsondiobr.org or 225-387-0561

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

A VOCATION VIEW

"As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." These words form the last words that Joshua leaves the people of Israel; let us also embrace these words that we, too, may live in freedom.

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.



This fall, churches throughout our city and region will unite for the Fall campaign of **40 Days for Life** - an international, forty-day focused effort to pray and fast for an end to abortion starting on September 22 and ending on October 31.

In addition to forty days of prayer and fasting, we will participate in peaceful prayer from 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. outside of Delta abortion facility, located at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. Please lift this effort up in your prayers and help us spread the word. For more information about how you, your school, organization or church community can participate visit our website at: www.40DaysForLifeBR.com or contact Mila Gernon at (225) 242-03232 or mgernon@diobr.org

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, 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

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Tribunal Assessor
Full Time, Benefits Eligible

General Summary: The purpose of this professional position is to assist the Judicial Vicar, the director of the Diocesan Tribunal, and other ministers of the Tribunal in their responsibilities, particularly regarding marriage cases, especially in the areas of case management and development of related texts. Regular office hours, weekdays, 8:30-4:30, at the Catholic Life Center are required.

For more information on the requirements of this position, please see the diocesan website at <https://diobr.org/employment-opportunities>

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.
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M.H. Weathersby
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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 Watts278-6732
- 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 Joseph772-2090
- Youth Ministry - Amanda Skinner.....978-7347



**Geneva Battley Spooner
Della Battley Rodney
Rosa Lee Johnson**



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



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Kirby, James "Pookie", Corinne, Michael;
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Annette & Ellis Myles Sr. ;
Lawrence Sr., Shedrick & Lawrance III
Ashford; Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert; Eula
White & H.P. Martin; Jessica D. Hughes**

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