

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

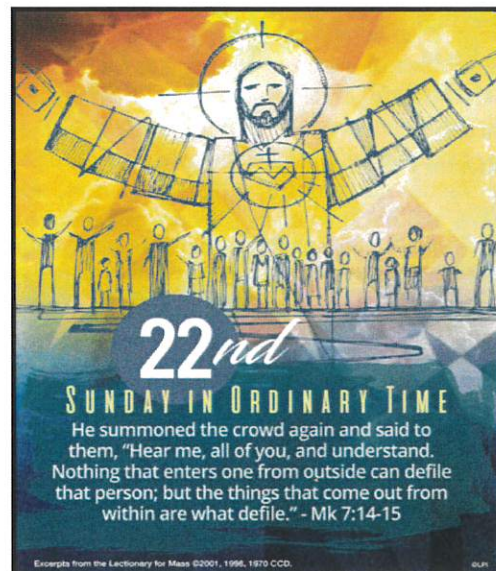
Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

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 29, 2021

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: As Moses prepared the Israelites to settle and live in the Promised Land he urged them to stay close to God's commandments and statutes in order to become a "great nation." *Why do you think so many nations stray from this idea?*

Second Reading: In the opening verses of his letter, James urges his readers to be "doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." *Why do you think this is wise advice?*

Gospel: In returning to the Gospel of Mark, we hear today how the religious leaders from Jerusalem questioned Jesus about keeping "the tradition of the elders." Jesus responded with the importance of being clean of heart. *Why is this such a challenging spiritual exercise?* ©LPI

Readings *Week*

August 29, 2021—September 5

- Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2,6-8/Ps 15:2-5,[1a]/Jas 1:17-18,21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/
Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/ Ps 146:7,8-9,9-10[1b]/Jas 2:1-5/
Mk 7:31-37



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 22, 2021

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 2,873.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,581.67
Building Fund	\$ 30.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 10.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 1,490.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,984.67

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

Envelopes Mailed: 286 Envelopes Returned: 62 Online Givers: 24
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 66; 10:30A.M. - 109

AUGUST 29—SEPTEMBER 4



BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Erin Anthony 8/29 | Jera'nae Donald 8/31 | James B. Joseph 9/02 |
| Robert Seals, Jr. 8/29 | Mark A. Hawkins 8/31 | Gwendolyn Queen 9/02 |
| Alisha Hebert 8/30 | Sydney Brown 9/01 | Lunden Scott 9/03 |
| Theodis Wright 8/30 | Violet Jeanpierre 9/01 | Meshell Franklin 9/04 |
| Gerald Anderson, Jr. 8/31 | Luther Lamotte 9/01 | Rudolph Richard, Jr.9/04 |

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly, it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are "doing" everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty, worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ. ©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 Bell Richard & Ms. Myrtis Coleman



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 - SEPTEMBER 5

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Lucille Brown & Evangeline Hughes
10:30 A.M. Mary Gloston & Amanda Skinner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Alice Zacharie & Vera Dunbar
10:30 A.M. Anna Perry & Darlene Richard

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Da'Marquis London, Gavin & Gabriel Camel
10:30 A.M. Joseph Richard & Kaleigh Garner

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.



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.



Our Religious Education Meet and Greet will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in St. Paul Center. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn more about our program this year. We look forward to seeing everyone at 9:30 a.m. on September 12.

If you have not registered your child or children for religion classes, please get a registration form from our website at www.stpaulbr.org or register at the parish office as soon as possible.



FOOD DRIVE

In an effort to continue supporting the needy of our community, St. Paul's Juniors Daughter Ct. 351 is sponsoring a Food Drive beginning next Sunday, September 5th. Items collected will be donated to St. Paul's Food Pantry and will be distributed to families in the Eden Park Community. Please assist the young ladies with this project by donating non-perishable food items. A barrel will be in the foyer of

the church for donations.

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." —Matthew 25:40

HONORING SENIORS OF KPCL JR. COURT 351

Congratulations to KPCLA Court #351 Junior Daughters Kaelyn Anderson, Chelsea Buckley, Alondra Camberos, Zaria Harleaux, and Halley Perry. As 2020 and 2021 graduates each received a graduation stipend, Alondra and Halley were the winners of the Sr. Kathleen Bahlinger, S.S.J. Scholarship and were awarded \$500 each. Thanks to each of the Junior Daughters for serving their church, community, and our Noble Order under the leadership of Lady Mary Martin and Lady Amanda Skinner. Thanks to Lady Belinda Carney and Lady Delores Price for managing the scholarship selection process. A special thanks to Lady Alene Lockett for her generous donation to sponsor the awards in remembrance of Sir Knight Raymond Lockett and in honor of her long time service to the organization.



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 08-22-2021
Total Amt. Pledged	\$448,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$115,490.34
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

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

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only." These reception of the Word of God demands a living response, for the Word is active and alive, spurring us on to action.

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

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. 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

CHURCH PEWS



We are pleased to inform you that the pew plates have been affixed to the pews. Thanks again to the parishioners that contributed to this project, Mrs. Debra Dudley for organizing and ordering the plates, and to Judge Luke LaVergne and Mr. Lionel Bazile for putting the plates on the pews. This is a continuous project, so if anyone is interested in purchasing a pew, please contact the parish office at 383-2537. Also, if you are interested in purchasing a brick in St. Paul's Plaza, please contact the parish office or Mrs. Debra Dudley.

In Loving Memory

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

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**George Coleman Jr.,
Geneva Coleman,
George Coleman Sr.
Carrie Coleman
M.H. Weathersby
Odelia Weathersby**

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INSURANCE

**Leonard Benjamin
225-775-2494**

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**Geneva Battley Spooner
Della Battley Rodney**

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 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

In Loving Memory

**Roosevelt Bowers, Joseph "Buddy" Walker,
Oscar LeDuff Jr.,
Elizabeth & Frank P. Bowers,
Carrie & Douglas Rodney Sr.,
Clara & Willis Walker,**

Remembering

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

In Loving Memory

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Edna Mae & Gussie B. Trahan
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Ellis Myles Sr.; Lawrence Sr., Shed-
rick & Lawrance III Ashford; Rose,**

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of
Lionel Bazile Sr.
James Bazile
Shelia Bazile**

**In Loving Memory
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Doris Key,
Earl Key Sr.,
Emma Doyle
Currie (Rudi) Doyle**

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