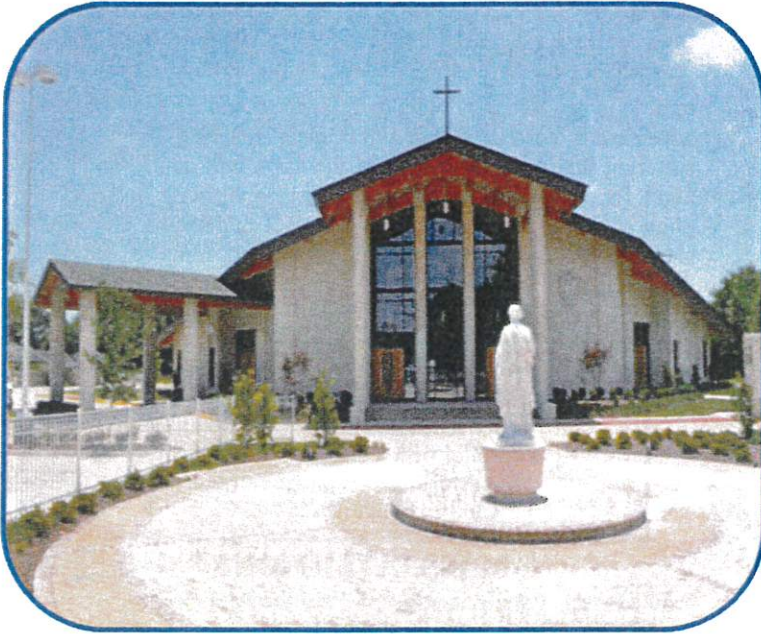


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## **SUNDAY MASSES**

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**

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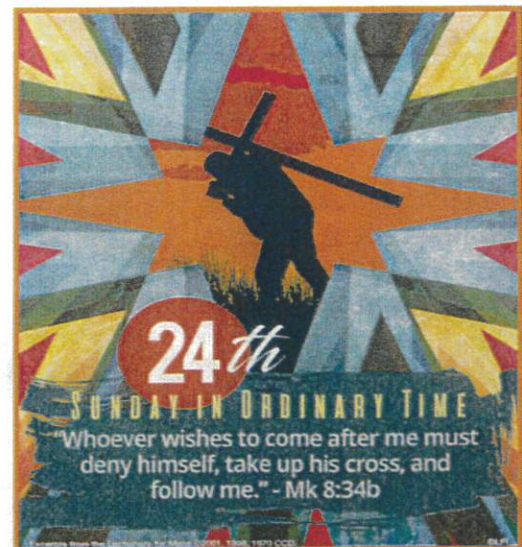
Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

## **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.



September 12, 2021

**TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND**

**First Reading:** Despite his suffering, the prophet Isaiah insisted “the Lord God is my help.” *In what way do you need the Lord’s help today?*  
**Second Reading:** James sees faith alone as insufficient for Christians. He even asserts: “I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.” *Could you do the same?*  
**Gospel:** We hear today Jesus’ definition of discipleship: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” *How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship?* ©LPi

*Readings*  *Week*

**September 12, 2021—September 19, 2021**

- Today:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/  
Mk 8:27-35  
**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/  
Lk 7:1-10  
**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/  
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27  
or Lk 2:33-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/  
Lk 8:1-3  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/  
Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

*Baptism*

**BAPTISM SCHEDULE**

*Baptismal Class for Parents & Godparents:* Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022  
 Contact: Deacon Benjamin/Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939  
*Next Baptism:* Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022 (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—SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

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

<b>Collection:</b>	\$ 7,799.00
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$ 2,325.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 285.00
<b>St. Vincent DePaul:</b>	\$ 121.00
<b>Assumption of the BVM</b>	\$ 55.00
<b>Debt Reduction:</b>	\$ 3,358.50
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 13,943.50</b>

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

**Envelopes Mailed: 288 Envelopes Returned: 62 Online Givers: 27**  
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)  
**Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 47; 10:30A.M. - 70**

**SEPTEMBER 12 - SEPTEMBER 18**



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|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dorothy Franklin 9/12    | Cannon Williams 9/14     | Lionel Sam 9/16         |
| Adlee James 9/12         | Darwin Bowers 9/15       | Zephlyn Savoy 9/16      |
| Constance Savoy 9/12     | Phyllis Bowman 9/15      | Georgette Sterling 9/16 |
| Amanda Skinner 9/12      | Mary Davis 9/15          | Anthony Dyson, Jr. 9/17 |
| Freddie Freeman 9/13     | Connor Green 9/15        | Kimberly Huggins 9/17   |
| Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. 9/14 | Chloe’ Harrell 9/15      | Shelia Butler 9/18      |
| Londyn Mathis 9/14       | Carla Jones-Johnson 9/15 | Fredrena Johnson 9/18   |
| Darrell St. Romain 9/14  | John Sherman 9/15        |                         |

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

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God’s kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God’s ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God’s ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the ‘why’ of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see. ©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

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE...**



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Jones family at the passing of Mrs. Meredith Jones. Also, to the Hawkins family at the passing of Mr. Stephan Purnell Hawkins, son of Mr. Richard Hawkins, and brother of Mrs. Christa Shere’ Davis.


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

**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, Annie 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

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - SEPTEMBER 19**

**READERS:** 7:30 A.M. Monique Spaulding & Lucille Brown  
 10:30 A.M. Gigi Collin-Mathis & Justin Kennedy

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** 7:30 A.M. Audrene Leblanc & Alice Zacharie.  
 10:30 A.M. Tasha Anthony & Amanda Skinner

**Altar Servers:** 7:30 A.M. Jaiden Parker & Saija Johnson  
 10:30 A.M. Jacquez Knox & Xavier Knox

**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.



**REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

**REGISTER NOW:** If you have NOT registered your child or children for St. Paul's Parish Religion Classes, please get a registration form from our website at [www.stpaulbr.org](http://www.stpaulbr.org) or register at the parish office as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you on **Sunday, September 19, our first religion class.**



**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE**

To continue supporting the needy in our community, St. Paul's Junior Daughters, Court 351, is sponsoring a **Food Drive** to support St. Paul's Food Pantry. The food will be distributed to families living in Eden Park. Please help the Junior Daughters with their project by donating non-perishable food items. Please drop your non-perishable items in the barrel in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your support!

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



**CHURCH PEWS & BRICKS IN ST. PAUL'S PLAZA**

We are pleased to announce and thank the families who purchased pews during our first pew fundraiser that the pew plates have been affixed to the pews they selected. Also, a very special thank you is extended to Mrs. Debra Dudley for organizing and ordering the plates, and Judge Luke LaVergne and Mr. Lionel Bazile for affixing the plates to the pews. If anyone wants to purchase a pew & have a plate affix to one of our church pew in memory or honor of a family or loved one, please contact the parish office at 383-2537. Furthermore, if you are interested in purchasing a brick in St. Paul's Plaza, please contact the parish office or Mrs. Debra Dudley.



**FORWARD IN FAITH DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Area of Focus	As of 09-05-2021
Total Amt. Pledged	\$448,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$119,467.84
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](http://jjohnsondiobr.org) or 225-387-0561

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

**A VOCATION VIEW**

"The Lord God is my help." When Christ calls one to follow as a priest or religious, He also gives the strength to overcome the obstacles that are sometimes in the way, but we must ask to receive this strength!

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

**An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle**

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

**GENTLE HANDS MEMORIAL SERVICE**



Gentle Hands is a ministry of St. Aloysius Parish that supports families, who have suffered the death of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant loss or other tragedies. The memorial service will be held Friday, October 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. All faiths are welcome. For more information, e-mail: [Gentle Hands @ 4gentlehands@gmail.com](mailto:GentleHands@gmail.com)

**A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

**In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?**

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. 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)

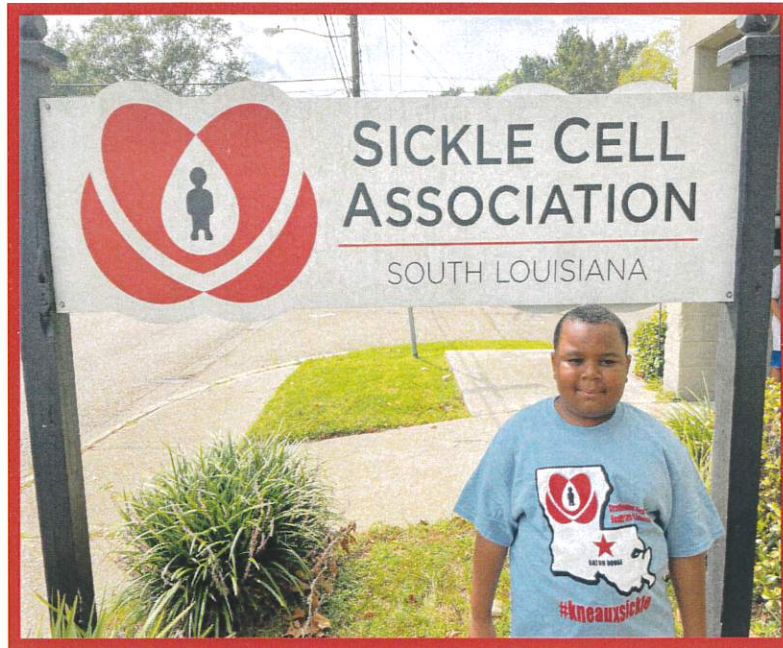


**PRAYER TO AVERT STORMS & HURRICANES**

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!!

# Ryan's Run/Walk Race for Sickle Cell Disease

Saturday, September 25, 2021



## 2021 Sickle Cell Ambassador

Congratulations to St. Paul's young parishioner Gabriel Kree Camel for being selected the 2021 Sickle Cell Ambassador. Gabriel has sickle cell, and his mother asks for prayers that he remains in good health for this year's Sickle Cell Race. Gabriel asks for our support of RYAN'S RUN for Sickle Cell Anemia. This very important event will impact the lives of many people! Join his team "Kree's Krew" for this exciting event by signing up on the link below or for additional information.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/RaceGroup-977568?raceId=35586>

### EVENT DETAILS

This year we will bring awareness to sickle cell disease and our Warriors on Saturday, Sept. 25. The race will begin at 8 a.m. and registration opens at 6:30 a.m.

Participants will pick up race packages on Friday, September 24 from 12 p.m. -6 p.m. Location will be determined later. Race packages not picked up on Friday will be available at the registration table on race day starting at 6:30 a.m.

There are several options for the race. Go to the website for additional information.

*In Loving Memory*

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

*In Loving Memory*

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Geneva Coleman,  
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Della Battley Rodney  
Rosa Lee Johnson**

**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

*In 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

*Remembering*

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

*In Loving Memory*

Gussie A. Trahan  
Edna Mae & Gussie B. Trahan  
Orelia Rodney & Anthony Rodney Sr.  
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Corinne, Michael, Jessie Sr. & Aaron B.  
Joseph; Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.; Lawrence Sr.,  
Shedrick & Lawarance III Ashford; Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert; Eula White & H.P. Martin; Jessica D. Hughes

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*In Remembrance*

of  
Lionel Bazile Sr.  
Dorothy Bazile  
James Bazile  
Shelia Bazile

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

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