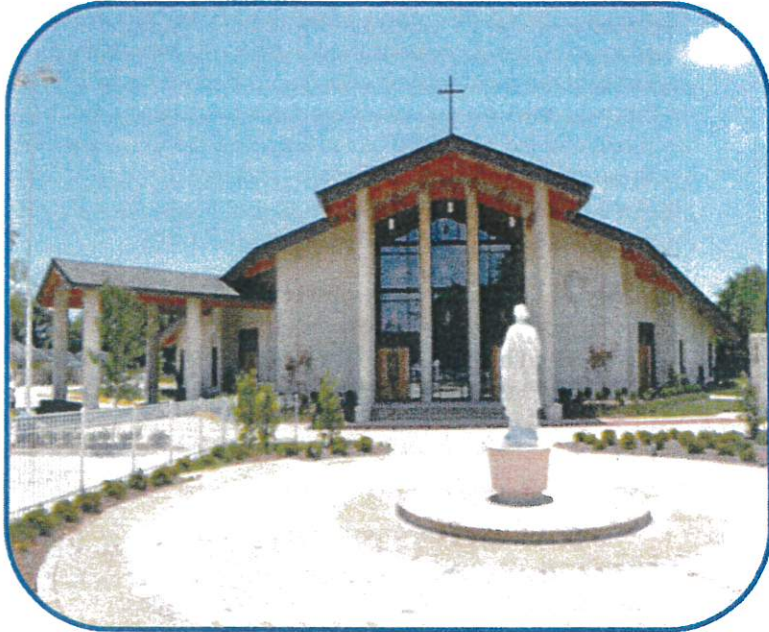


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## SUNDAY MASSES

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

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## FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

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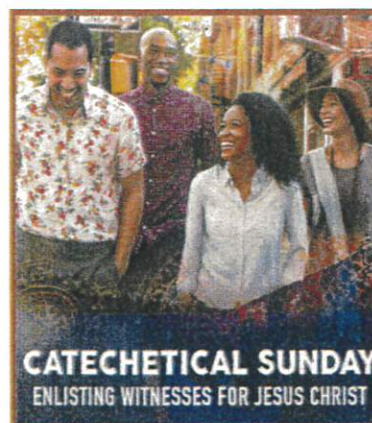
## PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

## Our Mission Statement

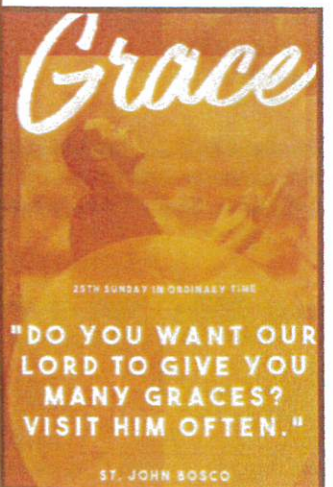
Bound by our faith and guided by the Holy Spirit, We, the children of God, within the Community of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, are called to celebrate the redeeming actions of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and to teach and bear witness to the good news of Jesus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

September 19, 2021



**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**  
ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS CHRIST

*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**



25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
"DO YOU WANT OUR LORD TO GIVE YOU MANY GRACES? VISIT HIM OFTEN."  
ST. JOHN BOSCO



**TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND**

**First Reading:** The Wisdom writer reveals the mentality of the wicked, characterized by revenge and treachery. *How best should people of faith respond to such behavior?*

**Second Reading:** James offers insight into the human condition as it relates to how often our ambitions and passions can lead us astray. *How do you keep yourself grounded in holy intentions?*

**Gospel:** We hear today how the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus questions and reluctant to share with him some of their tensions. *Why do you sometimes hold back from opening up to the Lord?* ©LPi

*Readings*  *Week*

**September 19, 2021—September 26, 2021**

- Today:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/  
Mk 9:30-37
- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/  
Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/  
Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/  
Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's. ©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



**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Which sacraments can only be received once?**

- a) Confirmation, Holy Orders, and Baptism
- b) Baptism and Matrimony
- c) Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders
- d) Matrimony, Reconciliation and the Eucharist

Answer in next week's bulletin.



**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 12, 2021**

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

Collection:	\$ 5,185.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,517.00
Building Fund	\$ 604.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 188.00
Catholic Univ. of America	\$ 250.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 3,978.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 12,722.00</b>

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

**Envelopes Mailed: 288 Envelopes Returned: 76 Online Givers: 32**

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

**Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 64; 10:30A.M. - 118**

**SEPTEMBER 19 - SEPTEMBER 25**



Roley Valentin 9/19	Darryl Boyd, Sr. 9/22	Rosemary Brown 9/24
Jerry Donald 9/20	Ohaisha Davis 9/22	Jasmine Oliver 9/24
Dorie L. Savoy 9/20	Donisha Jones 9/22	Mildred Lewis 9/25
Byron Buggage, Jr. 9/21	Marie Myles 9/22	Ashanti Price 9/25
Cheryl Barton 9/22	Mona Seals 9/22	Lisa Price 9/25

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- 7:30 Mass:** Mr. Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.  
**10:30 Mass:** Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle



**BAPTISM SCHEDULE**

*Baptismal Class for Parents & Godparents: Thurs., Nov. 4, 2021*  
Contact: Deacon Benjamin/Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939

*Next Baptism: Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021 (During or After 10:30 Mass)*  
*For exception, please contact Fr. Arockiam -337-522-0624*

**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, Christina Haynes, James Hayward, Brenda Hickman, Annie Joseph, Jesse Leonard, Marie Myles, Lawrence Narcisse, Willis Reed Jr., Lionel Robertson, 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, Florence Jackson, Dorie Martin, James Pace, Allen Paschal, Martha Reinhart, Joel Rivera, Frank Ross, Jenna Scott, Dana Simoneaux, Connie St. Romain,



## MINISTERS SCHEDULE

### NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - SEPTEMBER 26

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Barbara Cornell & Joannette Dunn  
10:30 A.M. Debbie James & Linda Carter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Elie Jackson & Murray Chenevert  
10:30 A.M. Justin Kennedy & Sonya Bowers

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Kelby & Quintin Chenevert  
10:30 A.M. Tavin & Taj Anthony



### 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.

### 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:4gentlehands@gmail.com)

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 in class. Classes are on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

### 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. 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 09-12-2021
Total Amt. Pledged	\$448,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$122,826.34
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](http://jjohnsondiobr.org) or 225-387-0561

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

#### A VOCATION VIEW

For those who are called, Jesus promises only one thing: the Cross. If one seeks power and prestige in this world, there will be no reward in the Kingdom of Heaven.

### 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.

### 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!!



### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Brown and Rogers families at the passing of Mrs. Hazel Brown. Also, to the Jarreau family at the passing of Mr. Emmitte Jarreau, uncle of Ms. Dorothy Voltaire, and to the Jackson and Dunbar families at the passing of Mr. Charles Jackson, cousin of Mrs. Vera Dunbar.

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

### 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)

### WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING FROM ABORTION

Are you or someone you know suffering the loss of a child through abortion? You are not alone. A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 9 am - 5 pm. For more information or to registration, please call 225-325-3459 or email [EnteringCanaan@diobr.org](mailto:EnteringCanaan@diobr.org). All inquiries are confidential. Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge - Office of Marriage & Family Life.



*In Loving Memory*

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

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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  
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ford; Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert; Eula  
White & H.P. Martin; Jessica D. Hughes

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Dorothy Bazile  
James Bazile  
Shelia Bazile

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