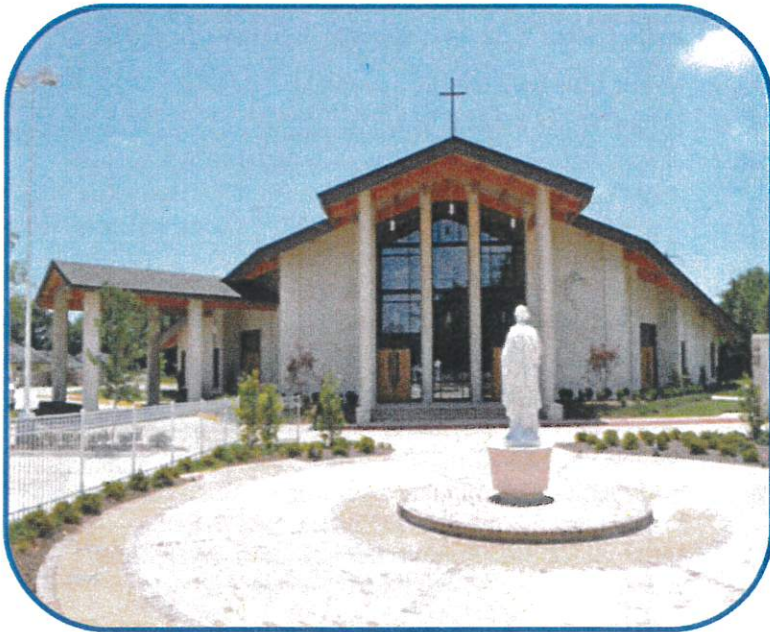


# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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## SUNDAY MASSES

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

## WEEKDAY MASS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY—9:30 A.M.

## 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

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Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

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Martha Davis —225-357-4108

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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.

October 3, 2021



**TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND**

**First Reading:** Today's creation account of man and woman is the foundation of our Judeo-Christian understanding of the covenant of marriage. When a male and a female marry, "the two of them become one body." *What do you see as some modern implications in this understanding of marriage?*

**Second Reading:** The author of Hebrews tells us that we are "brothers" with Jesus in our common experience of suffering and death. *In what way do you find comfort in this idea?*

**Gospel:** Both in public with the Pharisees and later in private with the disciples, Jesus takes a strong stand on the sacred and unbreakable bond of marriage. *How do you imagine the Pharisees and the disciples reacted to Jesus' position?* ©LPI

**Readings Week**

**October 3, 2021—October 10, 2021**

- Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/  
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
- Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
- Next Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/  
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

1. What are you reminding yourself of when you cross yourself with holy water when you enter the church?
  - a) The tears shed during the passion of Christ
  - b) God's promise after the flood
  - c) Your baptism
  - d) Jesus is the water of life
2. How long do most Catholics need to fast before going to receive the Eucharist?
  - a) 6 hours
  - b) 1 hour
  - c) 30 minutes
  - d) 12 hours

ANSWERS IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

**LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION & ANSWER**

1. According to the Roman Catholic Church, which of these is a venial sin? a) cheating of a test
2. What does "catholic" mean? c) universal

**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 26, 2021**

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

Collection:	\$ 4,707.15
Online Giving:	\$ 1,321.67
Building Fund	\$ 275.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 60.00
Religious Education:	\$ 418.53
Debt Reduction:	\$ 1,493.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,275.35</b>

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

Envelopes Mailed: 288 Envelopes Returned: 64 Online Givers: 29

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

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 60; 10:30A.M. - 140



**OCTOBER 3—OCTOBER 9**



- Contrell Salton 10/03
- Denise Bennett 10/04
- La'Kosha Cambers 10/04
- Kelby Chenevert 10/04
- Brenda Jackson 10/05
- Lyndon Johnson 10/07

- Candace Joseph 10/07
- Monica Lockett 10/07
- Janet Anthony 10/08
- Tyler Hawkins 10/08
- Lawrence Narcisse 10/08

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

*Therein lies the...rib*

"If I were God..." is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.*


I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©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 **Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD, Pastor**  
 337-522-0624 or [arockiamsvd@gmail.com](mailto:arockiamsvd@gmail.com)




**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



**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, Calvin Thomas III, Walker Williams

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - OCTOBER 10TH**

**READERS:** 7:30 A.M. Lucille Brown & Paulette Robertson  
10:30 A.M. Parish Children & Youth

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** 7:30 A.M. Elie Jackson & Monique Spaulding  
10:30 A.M. Christy Hall & Pamela Claiborne

**Altar Servers:** 7:30 A.M. Da,Marquis London & Garrick Camel, Jr.  
10:30 A.M. Jaquez and Xavier Knox

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**7:30 Mass: Deceased Members of St. Paul's Ladies Sodality:** Emma Butler, Vivian Byrd, Viola Chube, Geneva Coleman, Mary Course, Virginia Cummings, Rowena Glasby, Martha Houston, Geneva Hurst, Phillis James, Rachel Joseph, Rosalie Kelly, Louvenia Lewis, Hyacinth Stevenson, Annie Varrette, Lucille Watts, Sylvia Cassine, Eloise Sherbin, Theresa Hawkins, Julia Johnson, Victoria Alexander, Ivy Cooper, Rosa Lee McGee, Jean Roan, Rosalie Simpson, Willie Bell Richard, and Meredith Jones

**10:30 Mass: Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle**

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



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Ferbos family at the passing of Mr. Kevin Michael Ferbos, son of Mrs. Alma Ferbos. Also, to the St. Romain family at the passing of Mrs. Earline St. Romain Simien, sister of Mr. David St. Romain, and to the Seales family at the passing of Mrs. Carol Seales, sister-in-law of Ms. Nancy Ball.

May their souls 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.

**ATTENTION ST. PAUL YOUTH!**



We are excited to begin a new year! If you are in grades 9 through 12 and interested in joining the St. Paul Youth Ministry, please join us in the Chapel on Sunday, October 10, 2021 immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Parents are encouraged to attend. "Hope to see you there!"



**The Anointing of the Sick Mass** will be on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. To-Go Lunches will be handed out in the parish center following the mass.

**FORWARD TO FAITH DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Area of Focus	As of 09-26-2021
Total Amt. Pledged	\$450,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$131,846.84
Total # of Registered Members	551
Total # of Members Pledged	214

**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

**VOCATION VIEW**

Vocations to the priesthood and religious life spring from holy families, who strive to truly be united in Christ. Each vocation lived out in holiness strengths and enriches the other vocations in the Church

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER**

**Missionary Disciples**

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

**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!!

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**



concerns.

Altar Servers are needed for both 7:30 & 10:30 Masses. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please sign-up in the foyer of the church. Practice will resume this coming fall. Please feel free to contact Fr. Arockiam, Ms. Shirley Dawson or Ms. Christy Hall with any questions or

**ATTENTION READERS:** The 2022 Lector workbooks for the next liturgical year are available for pick-up after Mass. Please see Mrs. Paulette Robertson or Mrs. Martha Davis to receive your workbook.

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



please contact the parish office or Mrs. Debra Dudley.

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,

**PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD**



Please pray for those affected by COVID-19

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.

*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*

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

*In Loving Memory*  
of  
Hazel Brent Brown,  
Leo Brown, Sr.,  
and the  
Brent, Aldolph,  
Brown, and Harrison  
Families

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

*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,

 **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

*Remembering*

**Famyee 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.  
Annie Mae & Anthony Rodney Jr.  
Barbara & James Wallace Rodney  
Keith Rodney, Joseph D. Rodney  
Dorothy Bazile & Georgia Smith**

*In Loving Memory  
of*

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Wilfred Ferbos**

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Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian,  
J.D. & Verdell, Kirby, James "Pookie,"  
Corinne, Michael, Jessie Sr. & Aaron B.  
Joseph; 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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*In Remembrance*

*of*  
**Lionel Bazile Sr.  
Dorothy Bazile  
James Bazile  
Shelia Bazile**

*In Loving Memory*

*of*  
**Doris Key,  
Earl Key Sr.,  
Emma Doyle  
Currie (Rudi) Doyle**

*In Loving Memory*

*of*  
**Wilbert & Sarah Ann  
Domino**  
  
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