

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

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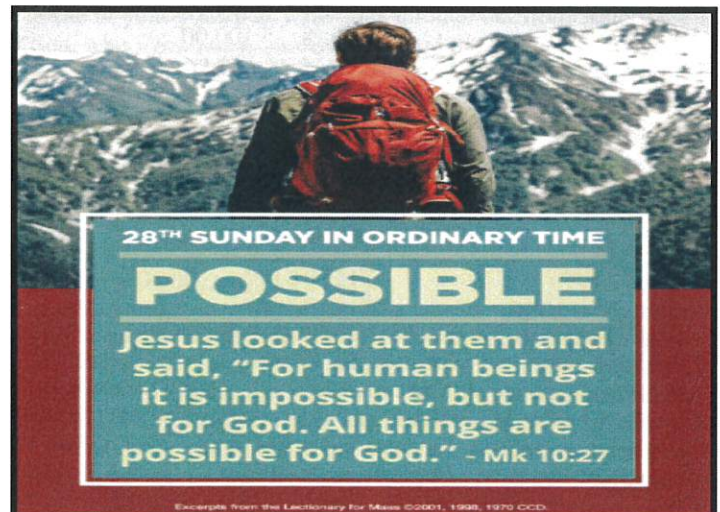
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Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

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 10, 2021



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: Today's reading presents wisdom and prudence as life's most precious gifts. *Why do you think these virtues were held in such high regard by ancient Israel?*

Second Reading: Hebrews connects the power of the word of God with divine judgement — one day we must all “render an account”-of our lives before the Lord. *How often do you think about your own judgement day?*

Gospel: Jesus teaches the rich man and the disciples that while wealth can often hinder one from entering the kingdom of God, self-sacrifice and discipleship can earn eternal life. *How well do you balance these realities in your life?*



October 10, 2021—October 17, 2021

- Today:** 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
- Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/ Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

MAY HE REST IN PEACE...



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Narcisse and Camberos families at the passing of Mr. Lawrence Narcisse.

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



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—OCTOBER 3, 2021

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 7,438.86
Online Giving:	\$ 2,395.00
Building Fund	\$ 330.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 369.00
Religious Education:	\$ 25.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 5,100.00
Total Offertory	\$ 15,657.86

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

Envelopes Mailed: 285 Envelopes Returned: 102 Online Givers: 30
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 89; 10:30A.M. - 154



OCTOBER 10—OCTOBER 16



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| Briggett Jones 10/10 | Stephanie K. Stewart 10/12 | Leta LaVergne 10/15 |
| Morris LeBlanc 10/10 | Sierra Taylor 10/12 | Benjamin T Bennett 10/16 |
| Carla Reed 10/10 | Tia Peck 10/13 | Michelle Christopher 10/16 |
| Lucille Bazile 10/11 | Alvin Anthony, Jr. 10/15 | Donna George 10/16 |
| Pamela Griffen 10/11 | Rosalyn Christopher 10/15 | Debra Guidry 10/16 |
| Barry Johnson 10/11 | Jermonica Earls 10/15 | Toddria Hall 10/16 |
| Trevor Byrd 10/12 | James L. Joseph 10/15 | Sian Hill 10/16 |
| Cecil T. Glasper 10/12 | | Carolyn Robert 10/16 |

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

If Heaven Were Like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven— things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: *Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.* May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources. — 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



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

MASS INTENTIONS

7:30 Mass: Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

10:30 Mass: Mrs. Willie Belle Richard



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, 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 17TH

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Monique Spaulding & Darlene St. Romain
10:30 A.M. Amanda Skinner & Paul Stewart

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Joannette Dunn & Alice Zacharie
10:30 A.M. Martha Davis & Nancy Ball

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Jaiden Parker & Saija Johnson
10:30 A.M. Andrea, Angelle and Jose Camberos



Dear Friends,
I invite all of you to join me in thanking the 21 members of St. Paul's Ladies Guild, for their generous donation of \$2,000.00 (2 Thousand Dollars) towards our debt reduction campaign. We thank them and appreciate their sacrifice and generosity.

Also I encourage you to look at the report in the bulletin on our debt reduction campaign. Whatever we collect, it is paid directly towards the debt. I thank each of you for your active participation and sacrifice. I thank God for you and continue to pray for you. As you care for the house of God, I pray that the Lord be with you and bless you more and more. Most of you are keeping up your pledge, making efforts to pay it. Thank you. I feel blessed and we are doing good. Thank you,
Fr. Arockiam, SVD



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.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Please Join us next Sunday, as a community, a church family by "wearing or carrying something pink," to RISE together to help uplift women in need by wearing or carrying something "pink" next Sunday, Oct. 17, to support and raise the awareness of the impact of breast cancer.



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.



MINISTRY SIGN-UP SUNDAY

All parishioners are encouraged to sign up for at least one of a host of possible parish ministries on Sunday, October 31, 2021 in order to serve God through the Church. A list of all ministries will be available for you to consider. If you already belong to a ministry/organization, it is not necessary to sign up for the same one again.



We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our St. Paul family for supporting us during our time of bereavement. Your calls, cards, and other expressions of sympathy meant a lot to us. We would also like to thank everyone that contributed to our Debt Reduction Campaign in memory of our loved one.

The Family of Hazel Brent Brown



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 10-3-2021
Total Amt. Pledged	\$450,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$136,946.84
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

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

"The word of God is living and effective." To know the Scriptures, is to know Christ. Maintain a pattern of reading the Scriptures daily to help hear the call you have been given by God.

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.



1. How many sacraments are there?

- a) 4 b) 9 c) 7 d) 10

2. There are various seasons during the church year. Which season begins the church year?

- a) Easter b) Christmas c) Advent d) Lent

ANSWERS IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION & ANSWER

1. What are you reminding yourself of when you cross yourself with holy water when you enter the church? c) *Your baptism*
2. How long do most Catholics need to fast before going to receive the Eucharist? b) *1 hour*

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



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. Please feel free to contact Fr. Arockiam, Ms. Shirley Dawson or Ms. Christy Hall with any questions or concerns.

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!!

CHURCH PEWS & BRICKS IN ST. PAUL'S PLAZA

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. Additionally, if you are interested in purchasing a brick in St. Paul's Plaza, please contact the parish office or Mrs. Debra Dudley.



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.

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fill us with your love,
O Lord, and we will
sing for joy!

-Ps 90, Lectionary

OCTOBER 10, 2021



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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

What's the difference between normal conflict and domestic violence? Conflict is part of every intimate relationship—that's why conflict resolution skills are important. Domestic violence, however, has no place in a healthy relationship, whether the couple is dating, cohabiting, engaged, or married.

What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence is any kind of behavior that a person uses, or threatens to use, to control an intimate partner. The two key elements are threat and control. Domestic violence can take various forms:

Physical – Violent actions such as hitting, beating, pushing, and kicking. In many cases physical abuse becomes more frequent and severe over time.

Sexual – Includes any sexual acts that are forced on one partner by the other

Psychological – Includes a wide range of behaviors such as intimidation, isolating the victim from friends and family, controlling where the victim goes, making the victim feel guilty or crazy, and making unreasonable demands

Emotional – Undermining an individual's self-esteem, constant criticism, insults, put-downs, and name-calling

Economic – Examples include limiting the victim's access to family income, preventing the victim from working or forcing the victim to work, destroying the victim's property, and making all the financial decisions

Both women and men can be victims of domestic abuse. According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline statistics, approximately 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men over the age of 18 have been the victim of physical domestic violence, and almost 50% of both sexes have experienced some form of domestic psychological aggression.



What the Catholic Church teaches about domestic violence

The U.S. Catholic Bishops have made clear that “violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form- physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal is sinful; often it is a crime as well.” (When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women)

Domestic violence and the permanence of marriage

Some abused women believe that Catholic Church teaching on the permanence of marriage requires them to stay in an abusive relationship. They may hesitate to seek a separation or divorce. They may fear that they cannot re-marry in the Catholic Church.

In When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women, the Catholic bishops emphasize that “no person is expected to stay in an abusive marriage.” Violence and abuse, not divorce, break up a marriage. The abuser has already broken the marriage covenant through his or her abusive behavior. Abused persons who have divorced may want to investigate the possibility of seeking an annulment.

What the Bible says

Abusive men may take a text from the Bible and distort it to support their right to batter. They often use Ephesians 5:22 (“Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord”) to justify their behavior. This passage (v. 21-33), however, refers to the mutual submission of husband and wife out of love for Christ. It means that husbands should love their wives as they love their own body, as Christ loves the Church.

The Catholic bishops condemn the use of the Bible to support abusive behavior in any form. Men and women are created in God’s image. They are to treat each other with dignity and respect.

Forgiveness

Men who batter also cite the Bible to insist that their victims forgive them (see, for example, Matthew 6:9-15). A victim then feels guilty if she cannot do so. Forgiveness, however, does not mean forgetting the abuse or pretending that it didn’t happen. Neither is possible.

Forgiveness is not permission to repeat the abuse. Rather, forgiveness means that the victim decides to let go of the experience, to move on with life and not to tolerate abuse of any kind again.

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**Opston, Dordenia,
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 **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
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 Oscar LeDuff Jr.,
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 Clara & Willis Walker,
 Sarah Rodney Domino & Wilbert Domino Sr.,
 Freddie Bowers, Ora Bowers Ward,**

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

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