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SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY—8:00 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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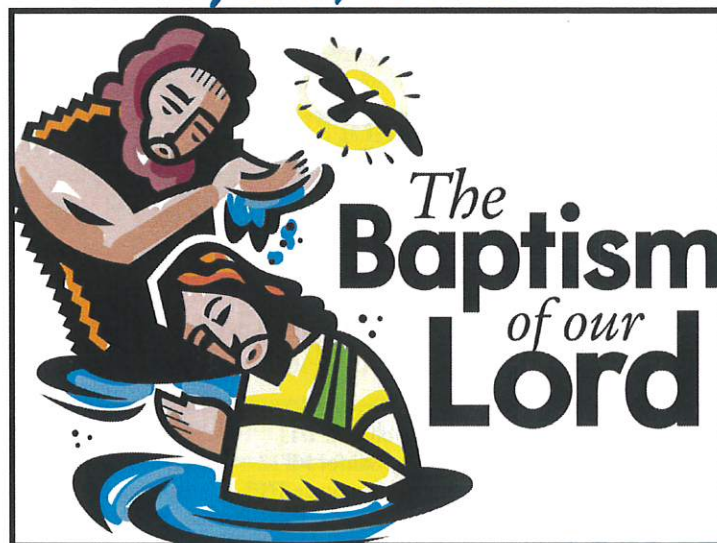
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Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

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.

January 9, 2022



Readings *Week*

January 9, 2022—January 16, 2022

Today: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-
25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5,7-8a,8b-9,10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3,7-8,9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. *How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?*

Second Reading: Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." *How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?*

Gospel: We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." *What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?* ©LPI



BAPTISM SCHEDULE

Baptismal Class for Parents & Godparents: **Thurs., 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) to give.



OFFERTORY—JANUARY 2, 2022

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 5,298.24
Online Giving:	\$ 2,365.00
Building Fund	\$ 105.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 173.00
New Years:	\$ 427.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 12,391.00
Total Offertory	\$ 20,759.24

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

Envelopes Mailed: 293 Envelopes Returned: 59 Online Givers: 29
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 59; 10:30A.M. - 90



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANUARY 9—JANUARY 15



Michael Boyd, Jr. 1/09	Halley Perry 1/10	Irene Warner 1/13
Alma Ferbos 1/09	Nyle Johnson 1/11	Belinda Pickett 1/14
Laura Freeman 1/09	Ashley Sanford 1/12	Gloria Williams 1/14
Megan Graves 1/09	Britney Buggage 1/13	Patricia Elbert 1/15
Jameer Oliver 1/09	Charles Davis, Jr. 1/13	
Kirsten Raby 1/09	Chance Walker 1/13	

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPI

FOR PASTORAL CARE AND NEEDS

If you are scheduled for surgery, admitted to the hospital with a major illness, or need any pastoral needs, please call:

Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD, Pastor
337-522-0624 or arockiamsvd@gmail.com



7:30 Mass: Fr. Danny Roussel & Alzheimer's Patients and their Caregivers

10:30 Mass: Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
Lord, Hear Our Prayer!



Join St. Paul's Tele-conference Bible Study on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM.. Call 516-387-8633, no Access Code is needed. The focus on Jan. 12th will be Part 2 of Bury The Hatchet - Am I A Bully?



OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND CHURCH MEMBERS:

Roger Banks, Sr., 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, and Ruther Hall

OUR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: 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, and Peter Broussard

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - JANUARY 16TH

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Darlene St. Romain & LaKosha Chambers
10:30 A.M. Tasha Anthony & Ladiria James

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

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Kelby & Quintin Chenevert
10:30 A.M. Andrea, Angelle & Jose' Camberos

WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN FOR US?

As we reflect on Christ's baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism. Pope Benedict XVI said: "[Baptism] is communion with the One who conquered death and holds in his hand the keys of life. Belonging to this circle, to God's family, means being in communion with Christ, who is life and gives eternal love beyond death. Thanks be to God, who has redeemed us from our sins and given us eternal life through Jesus Christ."



Dear Parishioners,

Peace of Christ be with you all! I would like to thank you for your generosity and give you **some information on your FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CHURCH.** During the year 2021, our Sunday offertory collection was \$336,168.96, excluding the Debt Reduction Campaign and other second collections. We have 523 registered families in the church. Out of 523 families, 332 families contributed \$336,168.96. The rest of the 191 families have not contributed anything towards the regular offertory during the whole year 2021. I humbly request that the 191 families participate in contributing towards the Sunday offering which helps to take care of the church's day to day operating needs and expenses. The Lord has blessed you; please share your blessings accordingly.

Out of the 332 families, approximately 48 families have contributed anywhere from \$2,000.00 to \$12,000.00; 97 families have contributed anywhere from \$500.00 to \$1,999.00; 187 families have contributed anywhere from \$2.00 to \$499.00. Please check and see which category you are in, and how much you have given as your regular offering. If you don't know and would like that information, please call the parish office. I encourage everyone to become aware of the needs of the church ministries and the building maintenance and do your share.

As I see the records, it is our young people who need to share the responsibility more. Please try to build up on the gift and the legacy your parents have given us. What we have is a gift from our parents and what we give is the gift to our children. Your statement of contribution to St. Paul the Apostle Church in the year 2021 is available in the office.

Apart from the regular Sunday offertory in 2021, as of January 2, 2022 we have collected \$191,869.59 from 218 families towards our debt reduction campaign, and all of the money is paid towards the debt. God bless you more and more. The More you give the More you receive.

Thank you,
Fr. A. Arockiam, SVD

FORWARD IN FAITH DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 01-02-2022
Total Amt. Pledged	\$454,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 191,869.59
Total # of Registered Members	523
Total # of Members Pledged	218



PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 —6:00 P.M.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, February 19, 2022 —6:00 P.M.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 11, 2022—6:00 P.M.

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

johndiobr.org or 225-387-0561

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

VOCATION VIEW

Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



CELEBRATIONS

Jan. 09: 10:30 A.M. Mass—Presentation of 2022 Confirmation Candidates

Jan. 22: Meeting & Luncheon with Altar Servers and their parents
(Parents attending the meeting & luncheon must call the Parish Office before Jan. 17th)

Jan. 23: 10:30 Mass—Installation of Altar Servers
(Both old & new Altar Servers are expected to attend)

OBSERVANCE OF MLK DAY



With the increasing rise of the COVID-19 variant, this year, we will have a special prayer service in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day before each Mass on Sunday, January 16, instead of planning and practicing for a child-youth-led program.

THIS MONTH'S 2ND COLLECTION—JAN. 16TH



You are invited to help strengthen families, fund Catholic education, and foster priestly and religious vocations by giving to the *Collection for the Church in Latin America.*

COVID-19 VACCINATION SITE AT ST. PAUL

Free vaccinations will be offered on Tuesday, January 18th from 2:30 - 5:30 PM in St. Paul Center. Pfizer and Moderna 1st and 2nd doses and boosters will be offered. \$100 gift cards are offered while supplies last to all who get their 1st shot. This is offered to everyone 12 years-old and older. Children require a parent or guardian to be present to sign release forms.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answers in Next Week's Bulletin



- The prayer that begins with the words "Our Father," to whom are we speaking?
a. our earthly father b. God c. our teacher d. our brother
- How many petitions are there in The Lord's Prayer?
a. nine b. seven c. twelve d. three
- In this sentence, "Give us this day our daily bread," for what are we asking?
a. basic things we need b. buttered bread c. whatever we ask for d. happy life

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
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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

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.....	392-4309
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

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.
Annie Mae & Anthony Rodney Jr.
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Emma Doyle
Currie (Rudi) Doyle
Ellis Doyle Sr.

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of
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