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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

OCIA

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 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

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Mary Martin —225-383-2537

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Christy Hall —225-383-2537

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Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

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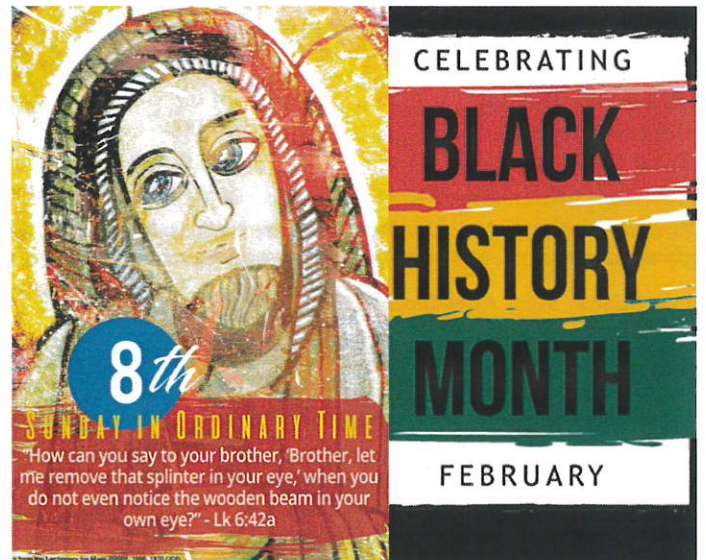
Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

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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.



February 27, 2022

Readings of the Week

February 27—March 6, 2022

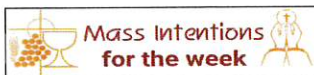
Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3,13-14,15-16 [cf. 2a]/
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2,5-6,9 & 10c/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13,14 and 17/2
Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15
[cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: Sirach teaches that much is revealed about someone in how they speak. *How conscious are you about weighing your words with others?*

Second Reading: Paul speaks of Jesus' resurrection taking away the "sting" and "victory" of death itself. *In what ways have you experienced this reality in the death of loved ones in your life?*

Gospel: Jesus challenges his disciples to exercise humility towards others and bear good fruit with their lives. *Can you cite examples of how you follow these commands of Jesus in your own life?* ©LPI



7:30 Mass: Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
10:30 Mass: Ms. Jasman Benjamin
Lord, Hear Our Prayers!



Baptism

Next Baptismal Class: Thursday, Mar. 10, 2022—6:30 P.M.
Contact: Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939 to register
Parents & Godparents MUST attend the class

Next Baptism: Sunday, March 20, 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—FEBRUARY 20, 2022

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 4,351.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 85.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 14.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 2,194.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,644.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 296 Envelopes Returned: 68 Online Givers: 21
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 65; 10:30A.M. - 123



FEBRUARY 27—MARCH 5

BIRTHDAYS



Jared Anthony, Sr. 2/27	Stephen Murphy 3/2	Willie Mae Stanley 3/4
Jermon Dunn 2/27	Latangia Brimmer 3/3	Travis William, Jr. 3/4
Lakia James 2/27	Hattie Carney 3/3	Blair Daggs 3/5
Larbre Mathis 2/28	Nadasha Davis 3/3	Ladira James 3/5
Elthea LeDuff 3/1	Isabella Johnson 3/3	Terry Martin 3/5
Murray Chenevert 3/2	Alex Hall 3/4	Brittney Sanders 3/5

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"From the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks." What we say reveals so much about who we are. It discloses what is really going on within us: our integrity, priorities, depth of conscience, level of compassion, and understanding of mercy. People whose speech is judgmental or overly critical usually reveal an interior life that is angry, unsettled, defensive, and shallow. Our speech communicates our sense of right and wrong, the strength of our relationship with God, and how we feel about our fellow human beings. We are also quick to point out the faults of others, concentrating on their shortcomings and wrongdoings before our own. Only God fully understands what is going on inside the human heart. Only God can see the depth of a human soul. Perhaps it would do us well to consider what may happen inside our brothers and sisters and temper our critical speech of what we see happening outside. Looking within will also help us identify our own sins and weakness so that we can be better positioned to offer the type of wisdom and compassionate guidance that can really be of help to our friends. ©LPI

FOR PASTORAL CARE AND NEEDS

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

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



SYNOD

A Synod Session for the African American Parishes (St. Paul, St. Francis Xavier, and Immaculate Conception) will be held on **March 17, 2022 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church Activity Center.** All are invited to take part in this listening and sharing session to share your expectations, thoughts and views on the Catholic Church. The Bishop and the three pastors will also participate.



Leader of the Stations of Cross Needed: Please sign up to lead us through the Stations on Friday during Lent. Our youth are encouraged to participate. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the church. Please join us!



Parish Office Closed: St. Paul's Parish Office will be closed Monday, Feb. 28, and Tuesday, March 1, to celebrate a Catholic and Louisiana tradition-Mardi Gras!

ADULT FORMATION CLASS, BIBLE STUDY, & ROSARY

Please join us in study, prayer, and reflection!

Adult Formation Class: Sundays, at 9:00 A.M., in the chapel.

Tele-Conference Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.

Dial 516-387-8633 (no access code needed)

Rosary: Sundays at 6:00 P.M. *Dial 701-802 5490, & enter the Access Code: 878800#*



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 oseph, Marie Myles, Willis Reed Jr., 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, Peter Broussard, and Cirsten Brown

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - MARCH 6TH

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Barbara Cornell & David Robertson
10:30 A.M. Kevin Stewart & Linda Carter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Alice Zachary & Vera Dunbar
10:30 A.M. Gigi Mathis & Wanda Davis

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Jaiden Parker & Saija Johnson
10:30 A.M. Andrea & Angelle Camberos, and
Gerald, Jr. & Sydney Anderson



Dear Parishioners,

I wish you all a Happy Mardi Gras and a grace filled Lent. I highly encourage you to make extra time during this Lent to come closer to God and to build up your relationship with God, through more time in personal prayers, sacramental celebrations, spiritual reading and through corporal acts of mercy. On Wednesday March 23rd from 6 to 7 p.m. there will be 7 priests available in our church for you to make your confessions. Please come and receive the blessings.

I would like to inform you that we will NOT have our annual Lenten Fish Fry. As I listened to most of the people involved in the church and the Lenten Fish Fry volunteers, I understand that the situation is still not conducive for a profitable fish fry. Still some of our volunteers are not ready to come out to work, the cost of the items are too high, not enough supply of the needed materials and still some of our regular customers are not yet ready. Based on these reasons we will wait for next Lent. Meanwhile let's hope and pray that by this fall the situation may get better and we can have the church fair. Let's gear towards that.

We all are aware that for the last two years we had the loss of the two major fundraisers, which would have resulted in profits for our church which is usually used to take care of the major expenses like insurance bills and the building maintenance. But at the same time, I appreciate you and thank God that the Debt Reduction Campaign is going well. Let's continue to do our best and be generous and the rest the Lord will take care of. Also during the pandemic we lost some of our parishioners who were so helpful with these kinds of fundraisers. Now I request that the younger generation step up to the plate to run these kinds of activities for the church. Without manpower we will not be able to do these. When the time comes, please be ready to help our church by sacrificing one or two of your vacation days for the church.

Thank you,
Arockiam Arockiam, SVD

St. Paul's **Lenten Schedule**
Ash Wednesday: Wed., Mar. 2—9:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
Parish Reconciliation: Wed., Mar. 23—6:00 P.M.
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: April 10—7:30 & 10:30 A.M.
Mass of the Lord's Supper: Thurs., April 14—6:30 P.M.
(Adoration Until 9:00 P.M.)

Stations of the Cross: Fridays, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8—6:00 P.M.
Stations of the Cross & The Lord's Passion: Fri., April 15—2:30 & 3:00
(2:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross & 3:00 P.M. Lord's Passion)

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter: Sat., April 16—8:00 P.M.
Easter Sunday Mass: Sun., April 17—9:00 A.M. **ONLY**



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 02-20-2022
Our Goal	\$548,234.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$454,336.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 207,664.59
Total # of Registered Members	444
Total # of Members Pledged	219



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

April 19, 2022 —6:00 P.M.

LECTORS & EUCCHARISTIC MEETING

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 —6:00 P.M.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 16, 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

jjohnson@diobr.org or **225-387-0561**

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

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus leads where we need to go. Do not close your eyes, your ears or your heart to Jesus plan for your life.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



...And We Acknowledge & Remember

New Roads native **Bishop Shelton J. Fabre** of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux was appointed archbishop of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky. Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, 75, from the Archdiocese of Louisville and appointed Bishop Fabre as his successor. Bishop Fabre is one of two African American archbishop in the United States. The other is Archbishop of Washington, D.C.



The **Late General Colin Powell** was the son of immigrants from Jamaica, who became the first African American Secretary of State and National Security Advisor. Powell was educated in the public schools of New York and participated in ROTC. He was a soldier for 35-years and rose to the rank of a four-star general. In one of his quotes, the late General Powell reminds us that "A dream does not become reality through magic; It takes sweat, determination, and hard work."



CHURCH PEWS & BRICKS IN ST. PAUL'S PLAZA

If you want to purchase a pew in our church or a brick paver in St. Paul's Plaza in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the parish office at 225-383-2537.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answers to Last Week's Trivia Questions



- According to Luke 4:2, how many days is Jesus in the desert being tempted by the devil? A. 1 B. 30 C. **40** D. 7
- In Luke 8:26-39, Jesus, when met by a demon-possessed man, sends the demons into a herd of sheep. A. True B. **False (herd of swine or pigs)**
- According to Luke 24:7, on which day, after Jesus dies on the cross, is He resurrected? A. first day B. seventh day C. fourth day D. **third day**

In Loving Memory

Opston, Dorcenia, 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 Myrtis Coleman

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

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225-775-2494**

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

Quick Reference to St. Paul's Pastor, Personnel, Ministries, and Services

Contact Information

7:30 Altar Servers-Shirley Dawson.....	225-892-6128
10:30 Altar Servers-Chrissy Hall.....	225-223-7851
Baptism Class-Deacon Benjamin/Vera Dunbar.....	225-324-2939
Bible Study-Barbara Haynes.....	225-665-2630
Bookkeeper-Debra Dudley.....	225-383-2637
Center (Use by Parish Ministries/Organizations)-Mary Martin.....	225-383-2537
Center Rental & Repast-Velita Benjamin.....	225-654-6705
Child Protection Coordinator-Vera Dunbar.....	225-324-2939
Eucharistic Ministers-Nancy Ball.....	225-397-4309
Liturgy Committee-Gigi Mathis.....	225-278-0071
Nurse-Maxine Watts.....	225-278-6732
O.C.I.A. Coordinator-Vera Dunbar.....	225-324-2939
Parish Office Assistant-Chrissy Hall.....	225-383-2537
Parish Office Secretary-Mary Martin.....	225-383-2537
Pastor-Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....	225-383-2537
Readers (adults)-Paulette Robertson.....	225-937-2293
Religious Education Director (DRE).....	225-772-2090
Youth Ministry-Amanda Skinner.....	225-978-7347
Youth Readers-Tasha Anthony.....	225-357-4108
Ushers-Edmonia Joseph.....	504-858-1902

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

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

In Loving Memory

of
Wilbert & Sarah Ann Domino

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