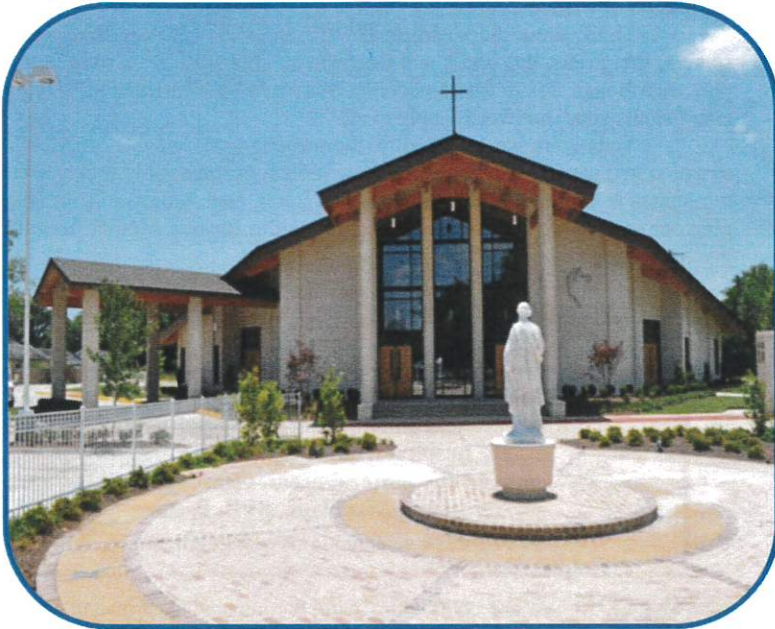


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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Deacon Benjamin Dunbar Jr.— 225-324-5808

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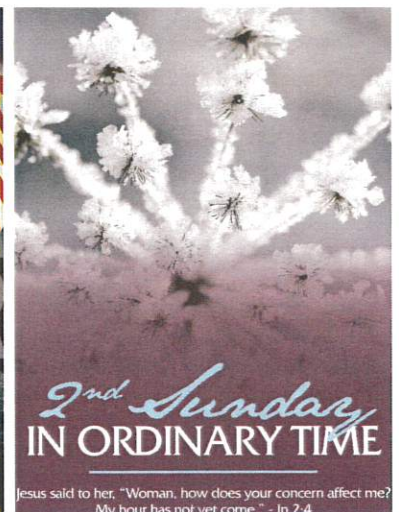
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Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

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 16, 2022



Readings  **Week**

January 16, 2022—January 23, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17, 21, 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b,2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bridge and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. *What do you see as some implications of this marriage imagery?*

Second Reading: Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. *So, how do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?*

Gospel: Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. *How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue?* ©LPi



BAPTISM SCHEDULE

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 9, 2022

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 4,198.64
Online Giving:	\$ 3,974.00
Building Fund	\$ 420.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 76.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 2,732.00
Total Offertory	\$ 11,400.64

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

Envelopes Mailed: 293 Envelopes Returned: 71 Online Givers: 36
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 86; 10:30A.M. - 149

JANUARY 16—JANUARY 22



Roger Banks, Sr. 1/16	Albert Victorian Jr. 1/19	Monique Spaulding 1/21
Michael Knox Jr. 1/17	Jerome Walker 1/19	Andrea Camberos 1/22
Mary Murray 1/17	Barbara Haynes 1/20	Angelle Camberos 1/22
Dianne Baham 1/19	Sharda Freeman 1/21	
Melonie Stewart 1/19	Carmen Patrick 1/21	

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? An obvious answer springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if he decides to be a healer today. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride, and the groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, bear witness to a miracle, or give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us. —

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©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



We are contracting with a company to strip and wax the floors in St. Paul Parish Center. In order to have this properly done, we would like to move everything out of the center. We are looking for a few of our men to lend a helping hand in removing items from the center and replacing them once the work is done.

We will be moving tables, chairs, desk, etc. from the center and classrooms on Friday, January 21st beginning at 9 A.M. Once the floors are dry, we will replace items in the center on either Friday or Saturday, Jan. 28th or 29th. The more hands we have to move items, the sooner we will finish. Please contact the office to let us know if you can help us with this much needed project.

The work will begin Monday, Jan. 24th. This will be a week long process which includes drying time. **NO ONE** is allowed in the center during this week. I am looking forward to hearing from the healthy men of our parish. Thank you in advance for your help and support. —Fr. Arockiam



7:30 Mass: Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
10:30 Mass: In Memory of Ms. Jasman Benjamin

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 23RD

READERS: 7:30 A.M. David Robertson & Lucille Brown
10:30 A.M. Amanda Skinner & Gigi Mathis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Murraray Chevenert & Elie Jackson
10:30 A.M. Anna Perry & Darlene Richard

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Da'Marquis London, Gavin & Gabriel Camel
10:30 A.M. Kellen & KaliaKnox and Kaleigh Garner



Dear Parishioners,

Peace to you all. Currently, St. Paul is blessed with 27 Altar Servers, many signed up during Ministry Sign-up Sunday. I am so happy to have them for this ministry. It is my love for them and responsibility to do everything possible to encourage them, keep them engaged and involved, and also informed. Therefore, I would like to meet with them this Saturday Jan. 22nd, at 10:30 a.m. in the church. I would like to share with them a few thoughts on the importance of being the altar server, the order of mass, and discuss a few changes in serving for mass, etc. After our session in the church, we will have lunch at 11:45 a.m. in the center. I invite the parents to participate in the meeting and meal. Please sign up if you can make it for the meeting and lunch, which would help us to prepare enough food. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. I ask every altar server to come for the meeting and for 10:30 Mass on Sunday Jan. 23rd. During the mass, all 27 Altar Servers will process and will recommit themselves as Altar servers and will be installed during the mass. I look forward to that spirit-filled ceremony in our church next Sunday. I appreciate and thank all of the parents, Ms. Shirley Dawson and Ms. Christy Hall for their cooperation and coordination.

Also, the third Sunday of the Ordinary time is celebrated as THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD, which is next Sunday. On behalf of our Bible Study group, we will enthrone the Bible in our Church. Guidelines will be given out to you to do the Enthronement of the Bible and to create a Bible Corner at your home. Please come and let us celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God.

A Bible Corner is a special place in a prominent and visible place dedicated to enthroning the Sacred Scriptures in a family home, community, or in the Church. It generally consists of a table or shelf decorated with a cloth, a candle, flowers, a crucifix, a rosary, and art. However, the Bible should have a prominent and central position. It should be a suitable place for the family to gather for daily prayer. The Aim of a Bible Corner is to have family members look at the enthroned open Bible throughout the day as a constant reminder of God's presence in His Word and family and as a constant invitation to "take and read" God's Word.

Thank you,
 Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD



St. Paul's parish office will be closed Monday, January 17th in observed of Dr. Martin Luther King Day. The parish office will reopen Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

FORWARD IN FAITH DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 01-09-2022
Total Amt. Pledged	\$454,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 194,601.59
Total # of Registered Members	523
Total # of Members Pledged	218



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

Ushers Meeting

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 —6:00 P.M.

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

LECTORS & EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING
 Tuesday, March 29, 2022 —6:00 P.M.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING
 Tuesday, September 13, 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:

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jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561

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

VOCATION VIEW

Through the power of the Spirit Jesus proclaimed his mission. How are you carrying on that mission today?

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. 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 & wear white shirts, blouses, or tops—Reserved seating for servers will be provided*)

CHURCH PEWS & BRICKS IN ST. PAUL'S PLAZA

If you want to purchase a pew and have a plate affix to it in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the parish office at 383-2537. Also, if you want to purchase a brick paver in St. Paul's Plaza, please get in touch with us at the parish office or Mrs. Debra Dudley.



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.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answers to Last Week's Trivia

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

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Yvonne Warren, &
Marcus Montigue

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Geneva Coleman,
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Carrie Coleman
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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

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Oscar LeDuff Jr.,
Elizabeth & Frank P. Bowers,
Carrie & Douglas Rodney Sr.,
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Sarah Rodney Domino & Wilbert Domino Sr.,
Freddie Bowers, Ora Bowers Ward,
Sybil Thomas Johnson, &
Maureen Bowers Johnson

Remembering

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