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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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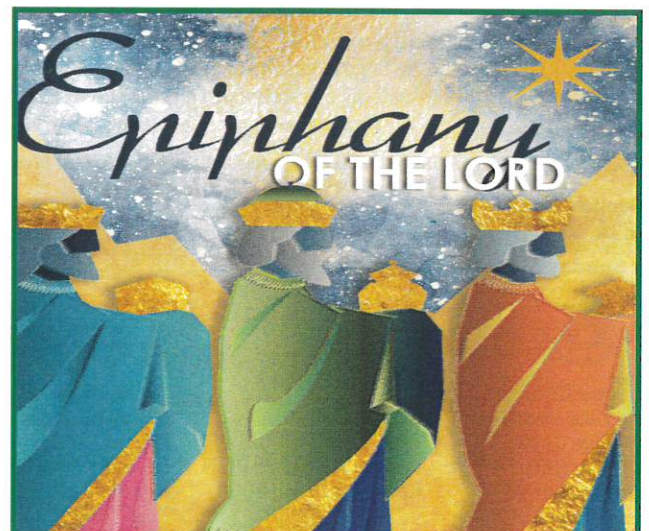
Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

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 2, 2022

Readings  of the Week

January 2, 2022—January 9, 2022

- Today:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/
Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday:** 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

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. *How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?*

Second Reading: It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews and Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners." What does this language signal to you?

Gospel: The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today? ©LPI

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—DECEMBER 26, 2021

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 2,057.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,296.67
Building Fund:	\$ 135.00
SVD Community:	\$ 958.39
Debt Reduction:	\$ 7,380.00
Total Offertory	\$ 11,827.06

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

Envelopes Mailed: 291 Envelopes Returned: 36 Online Givers: 25

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

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 37; 10:30A.M. - 84

JANUARY 2—JANUARY 8

BIRTHDAYS

- Nijel Butler 01/02
Jeremy Delafosse 01/02
Rio Marrero 01/02
John Tubbs 01/02
Sharon Miller 01/03
Mildred Savoy 01/03
Kathy Albert 01/04
Rosey Antoine 01/04

- Riley Franklin 01/04
Dominique Seals 01/04
Darlene St. Romain 01/04
Kaelyn Anderson 01/05
Edna D Scott 01/05
Cleta Guichard 01/05
Paris Rodney 01/05

- Darion Harleaux 01/06
Dewayne London 01/06
Roycha Richard 01/07
Jasiah Sanders 01/07
Kim Starwood 01/07
Roger Banks, Jr 01/08
Lovie Griffin 01/08
Mary Martin 01/08

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. But, of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you, the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

At the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others instead of being the hero of his own story.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

10:30 Mass: Mr. Kevin Michael Ferbos



OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND CHURCH MEMBERS: Roger Banks,

Lena Batiste, Rose Crockett Carter, Audrey Christopher, Carolyn Christopher, 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, and Walker Williams

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - JANUARY 9TH

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Monique Spaulding & Dana Sam
10:30 A.M. Parish Children & Youth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Monique Scott-Spaulding & Elie Jackson

10:30 A.M. Tasha Anthony & Amanda Skinner

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Jaiden Parker & Saija Johnson
10:30 A.M. Kellen & Kaila Anthony, and Kaleigh Garner



ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING/LUNCHEON & INSTALLATION:

On Saturday January 22, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., we will have a meeting for the old and new altar servers in the church followed by the LUNCHEON at 11.30 a.m. in the Center. We invite the parents also for this meeting and meal. Please call the church office before Monday January 17, 2022 if you (Parents) plan to attend the luncheon. That will help us to prepare enough food. I request the parents to make every effort to bring the children for this meeting as it is important class of instruction on liturgy, mass, installation and the importance of being the Altar Server.

On Sunday January 23, 2022 we will have Altar Servers' turnout during the 10.30 a.m. Mass. During the mass they all will be installed as Altar Servers and will recommit themselves to serve during the mass. Waiting to celebrate this day, with our St. Paul's Altar Servers. Please come.

Thank you. Fr. Arockiam SVD



FUTURE MASSES & SERVICES

- Jan. 9:** Regular Masses 7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
10:30 A.M. Presentation of Confirmation Candidates
- Jan. 16:** Regular Masses 7:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
- Jan. 23:** Regular Masses 7:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
- Jan. 30:** Regular Masses 7:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

BISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL 2021-2022

"A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great." — Proverbs 18: 16

The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides means for parishioners in all parishes to support ministries that provide care to those in need and help sustain the diocesan mission of evangelization. So, please consider giving to this year's Bishop Annual Appeal. You can give online at: www.diobr.org/stewardship



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 12-26-2021
Total Amt. Pledged	\$ 454,036.00
Total Donations Collected	\$179,478.59
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, January 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

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

VOCATION VIEW

The light of Christ shines upon you. Share that light with others.
Consider the gift of a Church vocation.

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.

HELP US ENTER THE NEW YEAR

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power. May we walk gently. May we only speak after we have listened well. Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honor rather than destroy.

Lord of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.

In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.

- Vinita Hampton Wright; Offered by Douglas Ruschman

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's Week's Trivia Questions

- Joseph was a _____
A. Carpenter B. Teacher C. Electrician
- What is the first book in the Bible? Genesis
- Who appeared to tell Mary that she was with child? the Angel Gabriel

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**

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

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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

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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**

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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 Corinne, Michael, Jessie Sr. & Aaron B.
 Joseph; Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.; Law-
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 Earl Key Sr.,
 Emma Doyle
 Currie (Rudi) Doyle
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of
**Wilbert & Sarah Ann
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