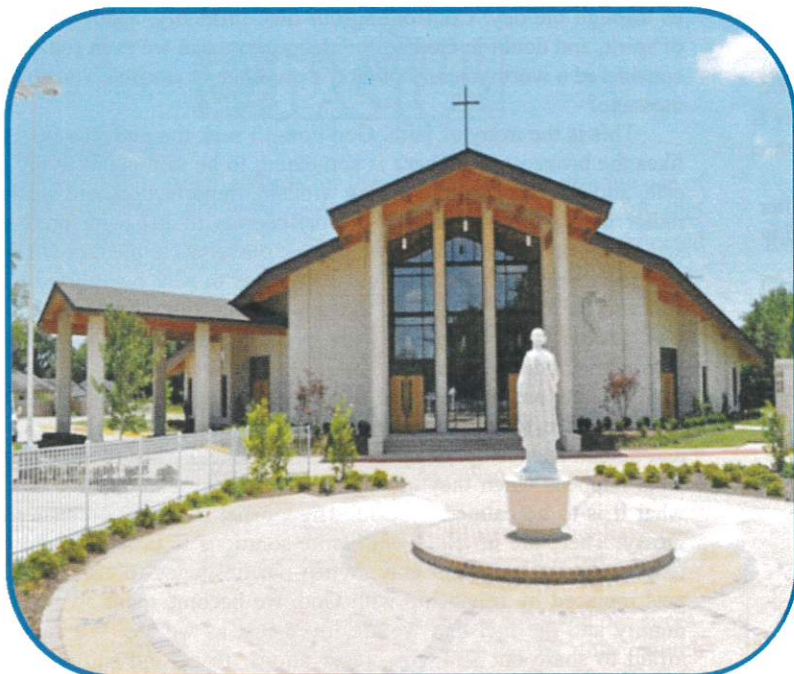


# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

## PARISH SECRETARY

Mary Martin —225-383-2537

## PARISH OFFICE ASSISTANT

Christy Hall —225-383-2537

## PARISH BOOKKEEPER

Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

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Martha Davis —225-357-4108

## YOUTH DIRECTOR

Amanda Skinner —225-978-7347

## PARISH NURSE

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Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

## PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

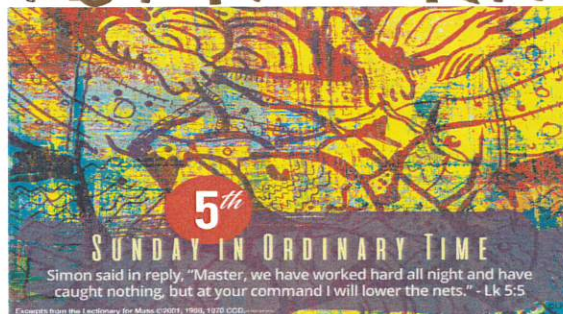
Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

## 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.



## AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH



February 6, 2022

*Readings* *of the Week*

**February 6—February 13, 2022**

- Sun.:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
- Mon.:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
- Tues.:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
- Wed.:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
- Thurs.:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
- Fri.:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
- Sat.:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sun.:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

**TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND**

**First Reading:** Isaiah eagerly volunteered himself to serve the Lord after seeing God's holy presence. *How open are you to responding to God's call in your life?*

**Second Reading:** Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel ("good news") tradition he received and taught about Jesus' resurrection appearances. *What do you tell others about your faith in Christ?*

**Gospel:** In Luke's account of the call of the first disciples, he focuses almost exclusively on Peter and his interactions with Jesus. *What lessons are we to learn from Luke emphasizing Peter's humility and obedience to Jesus' call?*  
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**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](http://www.stpaulbr.org)) to give.

**OFFERTORY—JANUARY 30, 2022**

ONLINE GIVING LINK: [OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266](http://OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266)

<b>Collection:</b>	\$ 3,512.75
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$ 1,178.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 200.00
<b>St. Vincent DePaul:</b>	\$ 38.00
<b>Debt Reduction:</b>	\$ 1,875.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,803.75</b>

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

**Envelopes Mailed: 293 Envelopes Returned: 55 Online Givers: 25**  
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

**Last Sunday Mass Attendance:** 7:30A.M. - 68; 10:30A.M. - 153

**FEBRUARY 6—FEBRUARY 12, 2022**



- Kimberly Davis 2/6
- Daniel Ezekwudo 2/6
- Albert Grevious 2/6
- Isaiah Sam 2/6
- Marvin Haynes 2/7

- Joseph Richard 2/7
- Lunden Scott, Jr. 2/7
- Ziyad Allen 2/8
- Laryon James 2/8
- Carolyn Jenkins 2/9

- Raphael Reed 2/11
- Pamela Collins 2/12
- Annette Dunn 2/12
- Andre' Stewart 2/12

**ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God's Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It's easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn't require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God's providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God's presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn't seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretension, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own "god" and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness. ©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:** Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

**10:30 Mass:** Ms. Jasman Benjamin

*Lord, Hear Our Prayers!*



**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 - FEBRUARY 13TH

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Shelia Butler & LaKosha Chambers  
10:30 A.M. St. Paul's Children & Youth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Joannette Dunn & MoniqueSpaulding  
10:30 A.M. Sonya Bowers & Christy Hall

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Kelby Chenevert & Quintin Chenevert  
10:30 A.M. Tavin Anthony, Jiselle Anthony,  
Joia Anthony and Aidan Sam



Dear Parishioners,

After updating our records for the past ten months with the use of the census forms, we have determined that there are currently 445 registered families in our church parish. The names of our registered families will be placed in the foyer of the church in the coming weeks. You will have an opportunity to ensure that your name is on the list along with other households of your family. If you find that your name or family members' names are not listed, please contact the parish office.

If you realize that you did not complete a census form, this is an opportunity to submit a form to update your record. Forms are on the table in the foyer of the church. You may also contact the parish office at 383-2537.

I would also like to say thank you to the families that have contributed to our debt reduction campaign. We have collected a total of \$200,956.59.

Let us do our part in upholding the values of Jesus and our ancestors and continue to be responsible stewards of this church community.

Thank you,  
Fr. Arockiam, SVD



There will be a **Youth Ministry meeting** in the chapel next Sunday, February 13, 2022 immediately following the 10:30 am Mass. We will be discussing upcoming activities/events and Service Projects. All youth ministry members are asked to attend.

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"When something is free.  
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### FORWARD IN FAITH DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 01-30-2022
Our Goal	\$548,000.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$454,336.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 200,956.59
Total # of Registered Families	445
Total # of Families Pledged	219



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

**LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MEETING**  
Tuesday, March 29, 2022 —6:00 P.M.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 —6:00 P.M.

**USHER MEETING**  
Wednesday, February 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](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or 225-387-0561

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

### VOCATION VIEW

Holiness is a gift of God. Open yourself to the gift. When God calls, be ready to respond: "Here I am, send me!"

### 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.



### WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Today we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life for those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience. We thank them, especially our Pastor, Father Arockiam, for their service and care, and may they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



The celebration of Black History Month began as "Negro History Week," which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

### 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#

### 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 225-383-2537, please ask for Debra Dudley.



### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

*Answers to Trivia Questions in Next Week's Bulletin*



- What was the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for humanity?
  - torture
  - performing miracles
  - preaching
  - death
- God provides. What did he give the Israelites as food when they were wandering in the desert?
  - mannna
  - five fish
  - loaves
  - fruits

*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

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Hazel Brent Brown,  
Leo Brown, Sr.,  
and the  
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Rosa Lee Johnson**

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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.....	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

*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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Wilfred Ferbos**

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Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.; Lawrence Sr.,  
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Dorothy Bazile  
James Bazile  
Shelia Bazile**

*In Loving Memory*

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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