

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

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YOUTH DIRECTOR

Amanda Skinner —225-978-7347

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Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

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.

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MERCIFUL

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

- Lk 6:36

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 2022

Rooted in Faith and Love

February 20, 2022

Readings *of the Week*

February 20—February 27, 2022

- Today:** 1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23/Ps103:1-2, 3-4, 8,10,12-13[8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
- Monday:** Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9,10,15/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a,4,5,6/Mt 16:13-19
- Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3,6-7,8-10,11/Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6/Ps49:14-15ab,15cd-16,17-18,19-20/Mk 9:41-50
- Friday:** Jas5:9-12/Ps103:1-2,3-4,8-9,11-12/Mk10:1-12
- Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2,3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
- Next Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3,13-14,15-16[cf. 2a]/ 1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: King David exercised great restraint and forgiveness in not taking the life of Saul. *What do you think is needed to live one's life with this kind of spiritual disposition?*

Second Reading: Paul speaks of believers in the present age bearing the image of the "earthly one" (Adam) and in the future bearing the image of the "heavenly one" (Christ). *What do you think bearing the image of Christ looks like?*

Gospel: Jesus taught his disciples some very challenging moral imperatives, such as love of enemy, non-retaliation, and unconditional forgiveness. *In what ways are you able to live out these ethical standards in your life?* ©LPI



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 13, 2022

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 4,006.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,937.00
Building Fund	\$ 280.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 117.00
Church in Eastern Europe:	\$ 535.62
Debt Reduction:	\$ 1,427.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,302.62

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. - 76; 10:30A.M. - 157

FEBRUARY 20—FEBRUARY 26



Kevin Anthony 2/20	Trishten Ashford 2/22	Stephanie Allen 2/23
Tracie Jackson 2/20	Alex Green 2/22	Mary L. Smart 2/23
Bobbie Reed 2/20	Amber Hall 2/22	Raven Williams 2/24
Delwin Rodney 2/20	Christy Hall 2/22	Shirley Dawson 2/25
Precious Franklin 2/21	Deonna London 2/22	Carter Peters 2/25
Loveis Jackson 2/21	Clarence Thomas 2/22	John Gradnigo 2/26

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Thanking God for Missing Spears

Imagine how Saul must have felt when he awoke from his sleep and saw his spear missing from its resting place. Now imagine how he felt when he realized that the person who had it was the same person seeking his life — and there he sat, safe and sound. Now there's a day you don't forget your morning prayers.

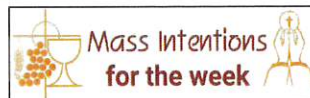
I think if we look, we can all find a "missing spear moment" in our lives when it hits us right in the gut that God has kept us safe from an impending disaster. Sure, this can be a physical disaster, but more commonly, I think it is a spiritual disaster. So often, salvation comes through the gift of a person, or people, through whom God reveals His mercy.

When I was in high school, I had a circle of friends who were really into their faith. We were all in youth ministry together, and the bond we shared taught me a lesson that changed me as a person: we become those with whom we associate. All these years later, I can look back now and see that these people are evidence of God's hand in my life. Take a look at your life. In whose love has God shown you comfort? By whose hand has God brought you closer to Him or kept you away from harm? Through whose friendship has God shaped you into the person you are? Let's strive to remember to thank God for these people — and to thank them, too. — 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 have any pastoral needs, please call:

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



7:30 Mass: Mr. Brett Moton
10:30 Mass: Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
Lord, Hear Our Prayer!



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#

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

There will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, February 27th in observance of the Mardi Gras holiday. Classes will resume Sunday, March 6th.



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, 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, and Peter Broussard

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - FEBRUARY 27TH

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Evangeline Hughes & Dana Sam
 10:30 A.M. Sydney Brown & Amanda Skinner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Alice Zacharie & Joannette Dunn
 10:30 A.M. Ladaire James & Larry James

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Da'Marquis London, Garrick camel, Jr.
 10:30 A.M. Joseph Richard, Kaleigh Garner
 Xavier Knox & Jackson Williams



Dear Parishioners,

It has been brought to my attention that the church doors are not always properly locked as it should be. After two months of observations, I have determined that upon leaving the church, individuals with key access are not double checking to make sure the church is locked properly. With this knowledge, I am asking everyone with keys and the last person to leave the church to please pull on the door handle when departing to make sure the locking mechanism is connecting and the door is locked. If this fails, I will have no choice other than to change the locks on the church and limit access. Quite often ladies of the parish are entering the church alone, so please do your part in helping to keep them and everyone else safe along with St. Paul's property.

I would also like to inform you that 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. The Bishop and the three pastors will attend. I request that you take part in this listening and sharing session to share your expectations, thoughts and views on the Catholic Church. All are invited for this listening & sharing session.

A special thanks to the Knights of Peter Claver for pressure washing our parking lot. They did a great job!

Thank you,
 Fr. Arockiam, SVD

THREE EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome and can earn Enrichment Credit hours if you are interested in attending any of the following events:

Event 1: Woman and Man He Resurrected Them – Tue. Feb. 22nd from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at Cypress Springs Mercedarian Prayer Center, 17560 George O'Neal Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, Cost \$10, Enrichment Credits: 2 Hours. For information contact Dina Dow at ddow@diobr.org or 387-0567.

Event 2: Men of the Immaculata: Men's Conference – Sat. March 5th from 7:30 am-3:30 pm at St. George Catholic Church, 7808 Saint George Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, Cost \$75, Enrichment Credit: 7 Hours. Register online at menoftheimmaculata.com.

Event 3: Make Room Women's Lenten Retreat – Sat. March 26th from 12:30 pm-8:30 pm for Day option; Ends following the 11am Mass on Sunday, March 27 for overnight option. The location is Maison Stephanie, 1862 Bushville Hwy, Arnaudville, LA 70512, cost \$100 day option, \$250 overnight option, Enrichment Credits: 3 Hours. Register at laurahuval.com. Individual events must be attended in their entirety to earn credit. No partial credit will be awarded.

FORWARD IN FAITH DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 02-13-2022
Our Goal	\$548,000.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$454,336.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 205,470.59
Total # of Registered Members	444
Total # of Members Pledged	219



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
 April 19, 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.

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 helps our faith be fruitful when we follow where he leads.
 Where is Jesus leading you today?

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.



Please bring your palms from last year & previous years to have them burned and used for Ash Wednesday. Palms must be brought by next Sunday, February 27th.

Join us at St. Paul for one of the two Masses on Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



Amanda Gorman is the young Black poet who performed at President Joe Biden's inaugural. Gorman, 22, recited "*The Hill We Climb*" at the inaugural, a poem inspired by the US Capitol attack touching on how democracy "can never be permanently defeated." She is the youngest Black poet ever to recite at a presidential inauguration (writer and Black poet Maya Angelou read "*On the Pulse of Morning*" at the first inauguration of President Bill Clinton in 1993). Amanda Gorman is a 2020 graduate of Harvard University and was invited to participate in the inauguration after First Lady Jill Biden witnessed one of Gorman's readings. Gorman said in the final line of "*The Hill We Climb*," that "the light that is always there, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it." Amanda Gorman is a personification of that light.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRAYER SERVICE

With our youth's help and Ms. Tasha Anthony's guidance, we will participate in a Black History Prayer Service **BEFORE** both Masses on Sun., Feb. 27th.

PRAYER LEADERS ARE NEEDED



Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 6:00 p.m. We are looking for Prayer Leaders to lead us through the Stations. Please sign-up in the foyer of the church. Our youth are also encouraged to participate.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answers will be in next week's bulletin.



1. 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

2. 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

3. 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

Income and Expenses for 2nd Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/2022
October 2021 thru December 2021

INCOME

Regular Offertory Collections	\$ 90,808.68
Contributions to Building Fund	8,723.88
Contributions to Debt Reduction Campaign	47,631.75
Special Donations Funerals	1,625.00
Diocesan Collections Retained	54.00
Candles, Mass Intentions, Bulletin Ads, Ctr Rental	1,344.00
Religious Education Fees	180.00
Youth Ministry (I Give Catholic Campaign)	1,025.00
Other (Rent Billops Street, Easter & Christ. Flowers)	2,131.00
	<u>\$ 153,523.31</u>

EXPENSES

Salaries (Priest & Staff)	\$ 34,825.24
Household	1,390.66
Utilities/Telephones (3 buildings, residence)	8,679.38
Office (Computer,Bulletin, Contrib.Env,Supplies)	3,949.18
Contracted Services(Security, Grass Maintenance)	6,042.00
Evangelization, Youth Ministry,Bible Study,Altar Servers	855.42
Religious Education	767.07
Liturgy	1,883.00
Parish Share (Amount due Diocese)	13,725.24
Property Insurance (Property,Vehicle,Worker's Comp)	6,204.00
Repairs (AC Church/Melrose)Maint & Janit. Supplies,Vehicle	4,079.89
Principal Paid on Church Loan	55,711.54
Interest on Church Loan	3,388.46
Equipment Purchases & Leases	4,723.73
Other(Bank,On-line fees,Tbldgs,Togeth. BR Dues)	3,020.03
	<u>\$ 149,244.84</u>

NET PROFIT OR LOSS \$ 4,278.47

Total amount collected from April 25, 2021 (the start of the campaign) thru 12/31/2021 for the Debt Reduction Campaign was \$179,478.59.

Total amount paid as of 12/31/2021 for the Debt Reduction Campaign was \$179,478.59

Amount we owe on Church Loan as of 12/31/2021 \$324,256.25

In Loving Memory
**Opston, Dorcenia,
 Wilbert, Phillip,
 Opston Jr., Albert &
 Jerome Guillory;
 CB, Ruth, & Tia Davis;
 Catherine Williams,
 Yvonne Warren, &
 Marcus Montigue**

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**George Coleman Jr.,
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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.....	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.,
 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
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 Davis, and Grainger
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 Edna Mae & Gussie B. Trahan
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 Joseph; Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.;
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 Earl Key Sr.,
 Emma Doyle
 Currie (Rudi) Doyle
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