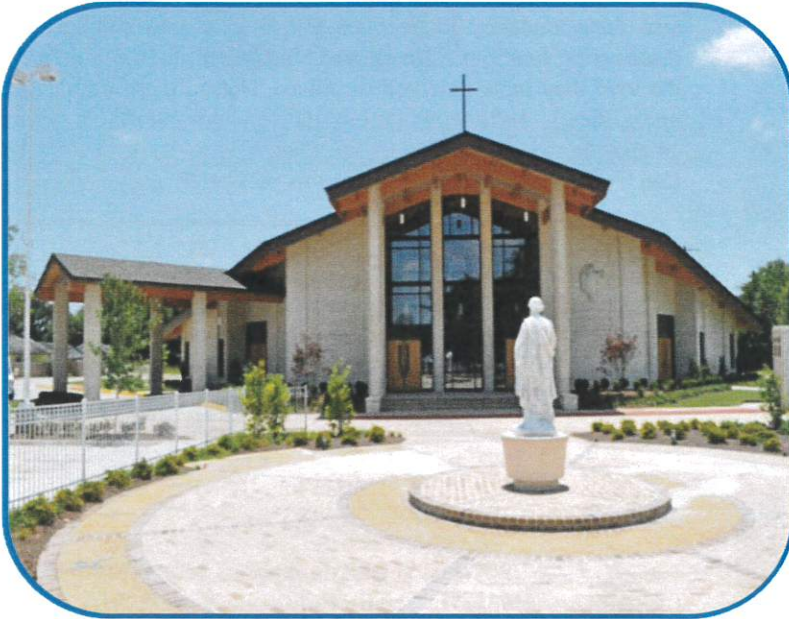


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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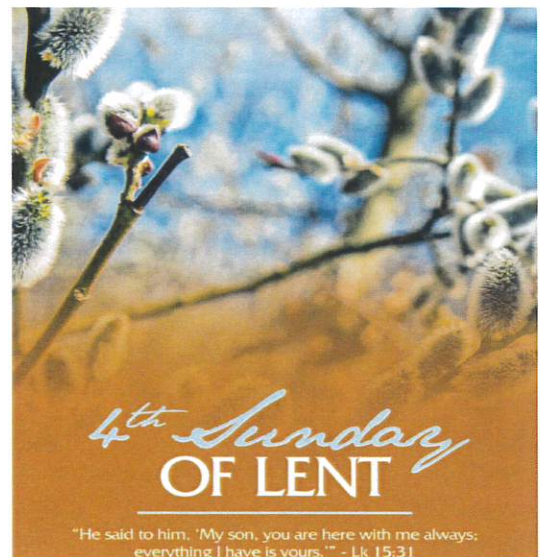
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Our Mission Statement

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.



March 27, 2022

Readings **of the Week**

March 27, 2022—April 3, 2022

- Today:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/
2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/
Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/
Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/
Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: After the Israelites settled into the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), no longer was there any need for the “manna” from heaven. As the season of Lent continues, what have you been able to let go of?

Second Reading: Paul emphasized to the Corinthians the importance of reconciliation with God. Why do you think reconciliation is so key to our relationship with God?

Gospel: In Jesus’ parable of the lost (prodigal) son, which character do you most resonate with, and why? ©LPI

Baptism

Next Baptismal Class: Thursday, May 12, 2022—6:30 P.M.
Contact: Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939 to register
Parents & Godparents MUST attend the class

Next Baptism: Sunday, May 22, 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—MARCH 20, 2022

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 2,941.22
Online Giving:	\$ 1,665.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 55.00
Black & Indian Mission:	\$ 40.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 65.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 1,119.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,885.22

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

Envelopes Mailed: 298 Envelopes Returned: 81 Online Givers: 29
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 86; 10:30A.M. - 169



BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 27—APRIL 2




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|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Tarhonda Chube 3/27 | Lexington Benjamin 3/31 | Gabriel Camel 4/02 |
| Jeanette Bishop 3/28 | Joseph T. Mathis 3/31 | Audrene LeBlanc 4/02 |
| Camilla Paul 3/28 | Udella B Henderson 4/01 | April Givens 4/03 |
| Denise Hawkins 3/29 | Tori Wilson 4/01 | |

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever given thought to the fact that you are an “ambassador for Christ?” An ambassador is an accredited diplomat and official representative. We are asked to be ambassadors for Christ and his message of reconciliation. Within each one of us is a prodigal son who realizes the need to return home, an elder brother who struggles with entitlement and self-pity, and a forgiving father who simply wants to celebrate love. Realizing that all of these things are operative in our hearts, we can bring credibility to God’s ministry of reconciliation. Genuine witnesses are those who recognize not only their need for wholeness, mercy, and forgiveness but also their tendency to be over self-focused and stubborn. Then, discovering freedom from all that binds them, they can then extend the love they have received to others. These ambassadors embody unity, mercy, and reconciliation and can look on others with deep compassion because they know what it is to walk in their shoes. Can God count on you to deliver this message? ©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: Mr. Roosevelt Bowers, Mr. Joseph Walker, and Mr. Oscar LeDuff
Lord, Hear Our Prayer!



LENTEN ALMSGIVING: Almsgiving has the power to transform the world. It is central to how we practice Lent. **Almsgiving flows from prayer and fasting.** Almsgiving through Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl has supported programs that prevent hunger and poverty worldwide. **So, please join our faith community in a Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl.** When you donate to CRS Rice Bowl, you share your life and abundance with our global families in need.



May he rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Rodney family at the passing of Fr. Joseph Conway Rodney, first cousin of Mrs. Elthea LeDuff, and relative of other parish members.
May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



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, 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, Cirsten Brown, Stephanie Stewart, and Melba Daniels

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTERS - APRIL 3RD

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Evangeline Hughes & Ronnice Johnson
10:30 A.M. Confirmation Candidates

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

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Da'Marquis London & Garrick Camel, Jr.
10:30 A.M. Andrea & Jose Camberos, Gerald, Jr. & Sydney Anderson, and Mason Sanders



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the good turnout for last Wednesday's penance service. It was well attended. I appreciate your good response and active participation.

As you are aware, this Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 28, 29 & 30 is our Lenten Revival. Fr. Jaison Mangalath, SVD is the revivalist. He asks that we read the book of Exodus and come prepared to enjoy his sharing on the Word of God. Please make every effort to come all three days and please invite your family, neighbors, and friends to come and join us. Bring someone with you!

Thank you,.

Fr. Arockiam Arockiam SVD

St. Paul's **St. Paul Parish Revival:** Mon.-Wed., Mar. 28 thru 30-6 PM

Palm Sunday: Apr. 10—7:30 & 10:30 A.M.

Holy Thursday: Thurs., April 14 - 6:30 P.M. (Adoration until 9:00)

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday, April 1 & 8 - 6:00 P.M.

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross & The Lord's Passion:

Fri., April 15 (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



ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK

Practice for Holy Thursday: Wednesday, April 13—5:00 P.M.

Practice for Good Friday: Friday, April 15—10:00 A.M.

Practice Holy Saturday: Saturday, April 16—10:30 A.M.

Attention Parents of St. Paul's Altar Servers

Please check your email for your child/children's schedule or contact Ms. Christy Hall at 225-223-7851 or Ms. Shirley Dawson at 225-802-6128

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTON

A Lenten Morning of Reflection session with Danielle Harrison will be held at Immaculate Conception this Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 Noon. You are invited to attend in person or virtually via zoom from home. Please register by sending an email to Clarktf2002@yahoo.com and include your name, parish, and whether you will attend in person or via Zoom.

DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 03-20-2022
Our Goal	\$548,234.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$451,896.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 217,964.59
Total # of Registered Families	450
Total # of Members Pledged	216



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

April 19, 2022 —6:00 P.M.

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MEETING

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 —5:00 P.M. *Note change in time

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 22, 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

God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

(Bioethics is the study of the ethical issues of emerging from advances in biology)

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



CareSouth & St. Paul's Partnership for the mask giveaway last Friday, March 18th was a vast success. A special thank you is extended to CareSouth, Ms. Nancy Ball, Mrs. Martha Davis, Mrs. Vera Dunbar, Ms. Edmonia Joseph, Ms. Audrene LeBlanc, Ms. Albertha Varmall, and Ms. Lorena Williams for giving out CareSouth's masks and St. Paul's bags.



CHILD ABUSE MONTH

WEAR BLUE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and we ALL have a stake in preparing children to grow up to be healthy thriving members of our community. We recognize, this month, the necessity of communities working together to promote the social and emotional well-being of all children and their families

JOIN US, WEAR BLUE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST!

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 at 225-383-2537.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answers to Last Week's Trivia

- What is the first day of Lent called?
A. Sunday **B. Ash Wednesday** C. Good Friday D. Thursday
- On what days are Catholics required to fast during Lent?
A. Ash Wednesday & Good Friday B. Sundays C. Mondays
- How many times does Jesus fall in the Stations of the Cross?
A. one B. two **C. three** D. four
- Who helped Jesus carry his Cross?
A. Simon of Cyrene B. Joseph of Nazareth C. Paul of Tarsus D. Peter

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.,
Geneva Coleman,
George Coleman Sr.
Carrie Coleman
M.H. Weathersby
Odelia Weathersby
Donald Coleman
Myrtis Coleman

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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—Christy Hall.....	225-223-7851
Baptism Class—Deacon Benjamin/Vera Dunbar.....	225-324-2939
Bible Study—Barbara Haynes.....	225-665-2630
Bookkeeper—Debra Dudley.....	225-383-2537
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—Christy Hall.....	225-383-2537
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Pastor—Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....	225-383-2537
Readers (adults)—Paulette Robertson.....	225-937-2293
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Youth Readers—Tasha Anthony.....	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**

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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

*In Loving Memory
of*

**Kevin Michael
Ferbos
&
Wilfred Ferbos**

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