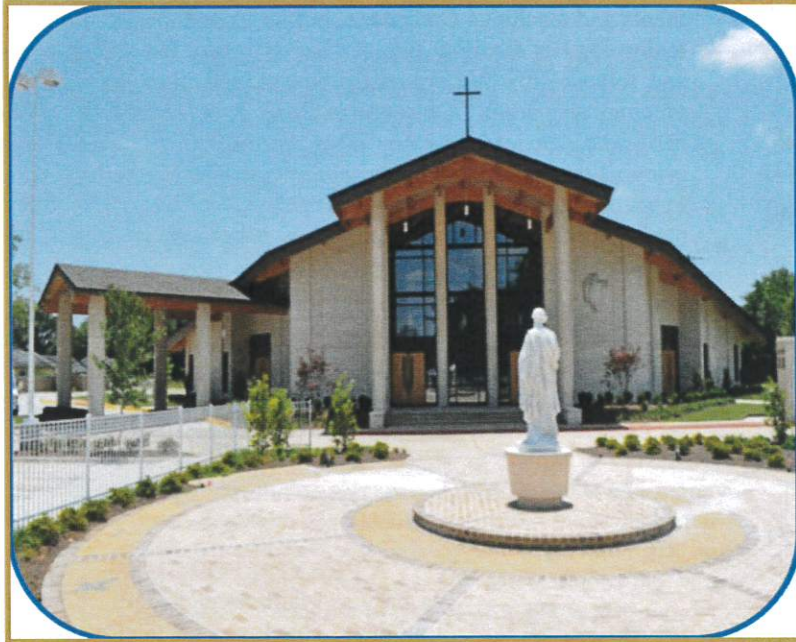


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SUNDAY MASSES
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASS
To be Announced
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

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Christy Hall —225-383-2537

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Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

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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.



Sunday, May 8, 2022—4th Sunday of Easter

Readings  of the Week

May 8, 2022—May 15 2022

- Today:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/
Jn 13:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Jn 15:9-17
- Next Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Mass Intentions  FOR THE WEEK



7:30 Mass: Mr. Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.
10:30 Mass: Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
Lord, Hear Our Prayer!

Baptism

Next Baptismal Class: **Thursday, July 14, 2022—6:30 P.M.**
Contact: Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939 to register
Parents & Godparents MUST attend the class

Next Baptism: **Sunday, July 24, 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—MAY 1, 2022

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 5,960.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,345.00
Building Fund	\$ 295.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 344.00
Debt Reduction Campaign:	\$ 5,060.00
Total Offertory	\$ 15,004.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 308 Envelopes Returned: 85 Online Givers: 31
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 65; 10:30A.M. - 221



MAY 8 — MAY 14

BIRTHDAYS



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|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Patrick Clay 5/8 | Devin Pedescleaux 5/9 | Johnny Johnson, III 5/13 |
| Allura Guilbeau 5/8 | Aliyah Miller 5/11 | Lois Joseph 5/13 |
| Myrtis Rogers 5/8 | Terrell Carter, Jr. 5/12 | Jordan Clifford 5/14 |
| Giselle Battley 5/9 | Raphew Reed, Jr. 5/12 | Saija Parker 5/14 |
| Chinedu Nnadi 5/9 | Rochell Franklin 5/13 | Antonette Reed 5/14 |

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled, and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe. ©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:

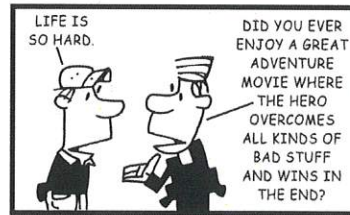
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A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS



We pray in gratitude and praise for the gift of mothers. Thank you for the role they play in the family unit. Thank you for their teachings, their wisdom, their patience, and understanding. Thank you for the physical, emotional, and spiritual gifts they possess.

We pray that you help mothers all across the world to be a blessing upon their children. Whether delivering affirmation or discipline, we pray that you help every word and action to be done in love. And we pray that children throughout the world would take time to honor their mothers, and that you would show them how to uniquely do so. 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, Peter Broussard, Cirsten Brown, Ernie Butitta, Helen Celestine, Alberta Conner, Melba Daniels, 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, Stephanie Stewart, Connie St. Romain, Calvin Thomas, III, and Walker Williams

MINISTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—MAY 15

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Desiree Terrell & Joannette Dunn
 10:30 A.M. Michael Taylor & Dorphelia Patterson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M. Murraray Chenevert & Elie Jackson
 10:30 A.M. Lisa Byrd & Velita Benjamin

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Jaiden Parker & Saijia Johnson
 10:30 A.M. Joseph Richard, Kaleigh Garner, Aidan Sam,
 & Jackson Williams



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
 Wednesday, June 29, 2022 —6:00 P.M.
 FINANCE COUNCIL, MEETING
 Wednesday, August 17, 2022—6:00 P.M.



CHURCH FAMILY DAY & RAFFLE

Join us for some relaxation with food, sodas, and water provided by St. Paul on our Church Family Day and Raffle! Families may also bring their grill, favorite food, snacks, tents, and chairs. St. Paul's Church Family Day & Raffle is Sunday, October 2, immediately after the one Mass at 10:00 A.M. Come early and stake out your space on the church grounds. (Let's park around the outside of the parking lot to allow for setup.) The raffle drawings will be at 2:30 P.M. St. Paul's members are invited to sell or buy at least one raffle book to help with our first annual fundraiser since 2019. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 per ticket, one book totals \$100.00, and the prizes are—1st Prize—Apple Ipad Mini; 2nd Prize—\$300.00; 3rd Prize—\$200.00; & the 4th Prize—\$100.00. Raffle books will be available in the church foyer beginning, June 10, through July 12. Raffle stubs and money are due Sunday, September 25; members are welcome to make partial payments toward a raffle book or two; please use the raffle envelopes provided or write a note on your check indicating "For Raffle Tickets." Please remember to return the raffle ticket stubs.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Mental illness strikes people regardless of age, race, creed, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation. It is a medical condition that disrupts a person's thinking, feeling, moods, ability to relate to others and daily functioning. *Need to talk? Struggling in your relationships? Financial stress weighing you down? Call for Help!* Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center: 225-924-3900, Outside of Baton Rouge - Crisis Intervention Center: 1-800-437-0303. Lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



HELP FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY

St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy, a volunteer-driven program, is improving the quality of life for many of the needy by filling prescriptions. It serves as a pharmacy of last resort for the elderly, poor and homeless who would otherwise go without their medicines. **A canister is on the table in the church's foyer to place monetary donations in a medicine bottle. Thank you for being so supportive!**



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 05-1-2022
Our Goal	\$548,234.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$454,396.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 256,146.84
Total # of Registered Families	452
Total # of Families Pledged	217

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

Who will shepherd God's People? Pray that good leaders, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, will serve our Church.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Compassionate heart of Jesus, graciously listen to our prayers. Give us generous hearts to respond to your call in our lives. Life up these men and women willing to follow after your heart as priests and religious. Help parents and teachers to share the faith and to encourage young people to explore religious vocations. Guide all people, Lord, in your ways of compassion, truth and peace, that we may find happiness in fulfilling our vocations. Amen.

"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit"
 -Pope Francis-

ADULT FORMATION CLASS, BIBLE STUDY, & ROSARY

Please join us in study, prayer, and reflection!

Adult Formation Class: Will start again in September 2022

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.



BIBLICAL BRAINTEASER – JUST FOR FUN



Answers to Last Week's Brainteaser

There are names of 16 books of the Bible mentioned in the paragraph below. How many you can find:

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts... and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Rest assured, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph.

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Quick Reference to St. Paul's Pastor, Personnel, Ministries, and Services
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 7:30 Altar Servers—Shirley Dawson.....225-802-6128
 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
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 Center (Use by Parish Ministries/Organizations)—Mary Martin.....225-383-2537
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