

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

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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YOUTH DIRECTOR

Amanda Skinner —225-978-7347

PARISH NURSE

Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

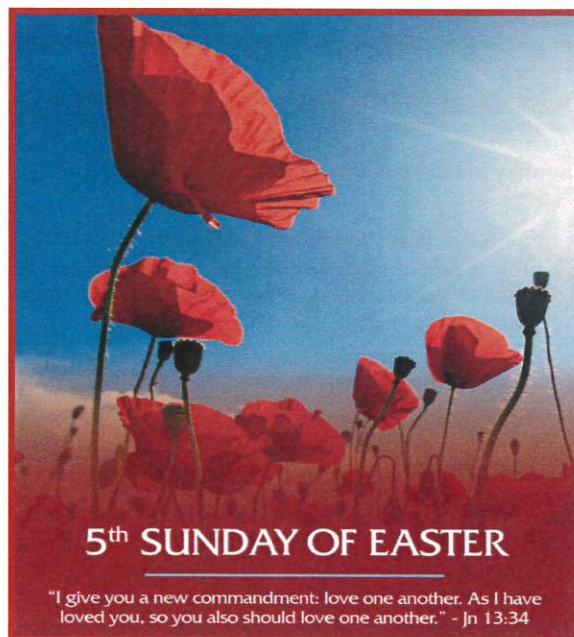
Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

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 15, 2022

Readings of the Week

May 15, 2022—May 22, 2022

- Today: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



7:30 Mass: Mrs. Marie Victorian Hawkins

10:30 Mass: Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

Lord, Hear Our Prayer!



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



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and fervent life of prayer, we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. After we have reached the other side, we realize that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. *Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually **LOVING** each other, miracles happen.* There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened, and we move on to try again. ©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:

St. Paul the Apostle Parish Office
225-383-2537 or stpaulbr@aol.com

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 8, 2022

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 4,187.06
Online Giving:	\$ 917.00
Building Fund	\$ 240.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 55.00
Debt Reduction Campaign:	\$ 1,427.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,826.06

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

Envelopes Mailed: 308 Envelopes Returned: 79 Online Givers: 28
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - **85**; 10:30A.M. - **211**

CHURCH PEWS & BRICKS IN ST. PAUL'S PLAZA

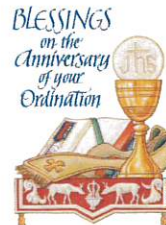
If you want to purchase a pew in our church or a brick paver in St. Paul's Plaza in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the parish office at 225-383-2537.



MAY 15 — MAY 21



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| William Alsbrook, Jr. 5/15 | Janie Sanfie 5/17 | Gregory Dawson 5/21 |
| Harrylee Clay 5/15 | Jordan Clanton 5/18 | Ruther Hall 5/21 |
| Angela Guilbeau 5/15 | Debra Landry 5/18 | Oreather Lee 5/21 |
| Sean Harris 5/15 | Courtlyn Patterson 5/18 | Jaycee Mathis 5/21 |
| Tillie Jackson 5/16 | Millicent Primas 5/18 | Joseph Mathis 5/21 |
| Quinn Rodney 5/16 | David Thompson, III | |



REJOICING WITH FATHER AROCKIAM
Congratulations, Fr. Arockiam, on your 20th Year Anniversary Ordination as Priest!

May your life as a priest and our pastor continue to be filled with God's joy and grace. With thanksgiving, may God bless you on your ordination anniversary.

MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO
MOTHER MARY



Whenever we grow closer to Jesus' mother, our mother, we grown closer to Jesus — because Mary always brings us to Jesus. The month of May is actually dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, so it's a perfect time to ask for her intercession! As St. Francis de Sales wrote: "Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." *Please review and consider using this week's bulletin flyer/insert to help celebrate the Blessed Virgin during the month of May.*



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, Cristen 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 22

READERS: 7:30 A.M. Barbara Cornell & LaKosha Chambers
10:30 A.M. Amanda Skinner & Gigi Mathis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 7:30 A.M. Alice Zacharie & David Robertson
10:30 A.M. Darlene Richard & Anna Perry

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M. Andrea Camberos, Angelle Camberos and Jose Camberos
10:30 A.M. Jiselle & Joia Anthony, Elliott Thomas, and Xavier Knox



ST. PAUL'S FAMILY DAY & RAFFLE

Save the Date! 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 foods, snacks, tents, and chairs. **St. Paul's 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 inside the fence grounds.) The raffle drawings will be at 2:30 P.M. 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. **The raffle prizes are 1st Prize—Mini-Laptop; 2nd Prize—\$300.00; 3rd Prize—\$200.00; & the 4th Prize—\$100.00.** Raffle books will be ready to give out 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.

EASTER FLOWERS ONLINE DONORS

Tasha Anthony, Kathy Eames, Mary Gloston, Lionel Sam, and Shirley Weston.



2022 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES RECOGNITION



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church will be honoring all 2022 High School and College Graduates during the **10:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 12, 2022.** If you would like to be recognized and participate in the Mass, please complete the Recognition Form in the foyer and return by email to stpaulbr@aol.com or turn in a paper copy to the Parish Office on or before Friday, June 3, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Amanda Skinner at (225) 978-7347.

"Mary means Star of the sea, for as mariners are guided to port by the ocean star, so Christians attain to glory through Mary's maternal intercession."
St. Thomas Aquinas

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE FOR MARINERS AND PEOPLE OF THE SEA

National Maritime Day is commemorated on May 22 as an opportunity to recognize the hardworking men and women of the U.S. Merchant Marine, seafarers, fishers, port personnel, and all who work or travel on the high seas for the vital services they provide in support of our nation's economic well-being and national security.

FORWARD IN FAITH DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 05-8-2022
Our Goal	\$548,234.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$454,396.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 257,573.84
Total # of Registered Families	453
Total # of Families Pledged	217

Thank You for Your Continued Commitment & Support!



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

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, August 17, 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

VOCATION VIEW

God has chosen to dwell with us. Share your gifts with others to reveal his presence.

jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561

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

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.

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 978-990-5317, & enter the access code 1966852#

Rosary: Sundays at 6:00 P.M. Dial 701-802 5490, & enter the Access Code: 878800#



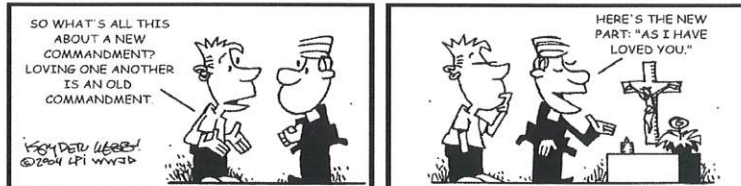
MEN'S CASUAL CLOTHES NEEDED

The clothing section of St. Paul's St. Vincent de Paul Panty is in need of men's casual clothes. Please donate work or casual slacks, jeans, tennis, shoes, socks, t-shirts, pull-over shirts, belts, etc. Please contact Mrs. Rose Malveau at 357-4538 to schedule your donation.

HELP FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY

St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy, a volunteer-driven program, 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 supportive!**

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



BIBLE RIDDLES – JUST FOR FUN
ANSWERS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

- I am the ninth Commandment.
A. Remember the Sabbath B. Honor your father & your mother C. Shall not bear false witness
- I baptized Jesus.
A. Peter B. Joseph C. John the Baptist
- I am a chapter in the Book of Psalm, and I end all my verses the same way.
A. Psalm 142 B. Psalm 136 C. Psalm 150
- I am the last book of the Bible.
A. Genesis B. John C. Revelation
- I am the only woman in the Bible whose age is mentioned.
A. Sarah B. Ruth C. Esther



Prayer To Our Lady, Undoer Of Knots

For the situations in our life that seem a terrible tangle of knots, or that are tying up our souls, try this prayer:

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for me!

O Virgin Mary,
Mother who never refuses to come to the help of
your children in need, Mother whose hands never stop working
for the welfare of your children,
moved as they are by the loving mercy and kindness
that exists in your Immaculate Heart,
cast your compassionate and merciful eyes on me
and see the snarl of knots in my life.

Oh, Mother! You know the difficulties, sorrow, and pain that
I've had because of them.

O loving Mother, I place the ribbon of my life and
this/these knot(s) into your loving hands, hands which can undo
even the most difficult knot.

Most holy Mother, come to my aid and intercede
for me before God with your prayers. I cast this/these knot(s)
into your hands [*Now mention your need - the knot(s) in your life*]
and beg you to undo it/them, in the name of
your son, Jesus Christ, and for the glory of God, once and for all.

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for me!



Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary Undoer of Knots

Holy Mary, full of God's presence during the days of your life, you accepted with full humility the Father's will, and the devil was never capable of tying you up with his confusion.

Once with your Son you interceded for our difficulties, and full of kindness and patience, you gave us example of how to untie the knots in our life. By remaining forever Our Mother, you put in order and make more clear the ties that link us to the Lord.

Holy Mother, Mother of God and our Mother, to you who untie with a motherly heart the knots of our life, we pray to you to receive in your hands (*the name of the person*), and to free him/her of the knots and confusion with which our enemy attacks.

Through your grace, your intercession and your example deliver us from all evil, Our Lady, and untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God, so that we, free from sin and error, may find Him in all things, may have our hearts placed in Him, and may serve Him always in our brothers and sisters. Amen.

NOTE: *The story of Our Lady Undoer of Knots reveals the roots go back to the early Church in the second century and the meditations of St. Irenaeus on Our Lady's virtues: "The knot of disobedience of the first woman, Eve, was undone by the obedience of Mary; the knot the virgin Eve had created was undone by the Virgin Mary through her faith."*

For instructions for praying the Novena to Mary, Undoer of Knots – see the following link:

<https://stpatrickyork.org/documents/2016/5/Novena%20to%20Mary-Undoer-of-Knots.pdf>

The Knots of Eve's disobedience was
untied by the obedience of Mary;
what the virgin Eve bound by her unbelief
the virgin Mary loosened by her faith.
~ St Irenaeus, 1203 AD



Our Lady,
Under of Knots, pray for us!

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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Rosa Lee Johnson**

Quick Reference to St. Paul's Pastor, Personnel, Ministries, and Services

Contact Information

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
Bookkeeper—Debra Dudley.....	225-383-2537
Center (Use by Parish Ministries/Organizations)—Mary Martin.....	225-383-2537
Center Rental & Rest—Velita Benjamin.....	225-654-6705
Child Protection Coordinator—Vera Dunbar.....	225-324-2939
Eucharistic Ministers—Nancy Ball.....	225-397-4309
Liturg 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
Parish Office Secretary—Mary Martin.....	225-383-2537
Pastor—Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....	225-383-2537
Readers (adults)—Paulette Robertson.....	225-937-2293
Religious Education Director (DRE) - Martha Davis.....	225-357-4108
Ushers—Edmonia Joseph.....	225-772-2090
Youth Ministry—Amanda Skinner.....	225-978-7347
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**

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**

*In Loving Memory
of*

**Kevin Michael
Ferbos
&
Wilfred Ferbos**

*In Loving Memory
of
Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.*

**With Much Love,
Audrene, Kobi,
Dwight Jr., Lloyd,
Morris &
the Grandkids**

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

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of
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