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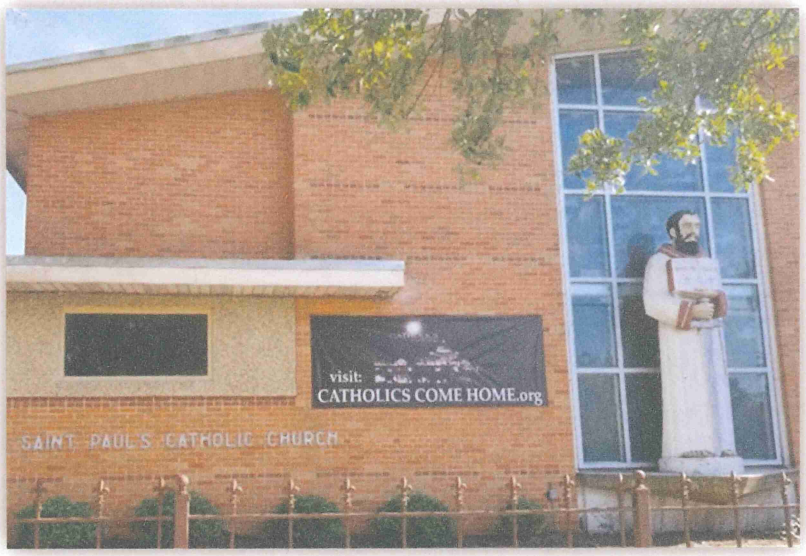

Mass Schedules

Sunday Vigil	4:00pm
Sunday	8:00am and 10:00am
Youth Sunday	3rd Sunday at 10:00am
Tuesday Novena Mass	6:00pm
Wednesday – Friday	7:30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
1st Friday 8:00am to 12:00pm

Confessions
Saturday at 3:00pm or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday – Friday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Lunch Break	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Parish Phone	(504) 242.8820
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Website www.stpaultheapostlechurch-nola.org

Mission Statement

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church is predominantly, an African American Community, one parish family that draws on the strength and riches of its diversity, growing, worshiping together and carrying the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.

Marriage
Please contact the pastor before arrangements are made. Allow six (6) months for preparations.

Infant Baptism
See the inside bulletin for the next scheduled baptism.

Funeral
Notify the pastor first on the intended funeral arrangements before contacting the funeral home.

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Divine Word Missionaries and Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit at **1.800.553.3321**

Parish Staff

Pastor	**Fr. Charles Ndumbi, SVD**
Secretary	Donna J. Gibson
D.R.E.	Jacqueline E. Mayo, M.Th.
Maintenance	Wilfred O. Smith

Pastoral Council

Chair	Frederick Bell
Vice-Chair	Joe Ball
Secretary	Cabrina Phillips
Assistant Secretary	Chelsey Napoleon

EMHC Leadership Team
Frederick Bell, Mira Cosey, Carolyn Washington
(Sick / Home bound/ Funerals)
Rose Esteen, Lois Mouton, Carolyn Washington

Ushers Coordinator
Irma Duckworth

Lector's Coordinators
Terrence Augillard, Dione Breckenridge, Lynette Causey

Sacristans
Frederick Bell, Theresa Walker

Altar Servers Coordinator
Cabrina Phillips

Youth Minister
Brenda Jeanjacques

Children-Children
Miracle Fulton, Trudi Haney-Dyer, Angel Lawrence

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 2, 2021

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: May 2, 2021 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8

Monday: *Ss. Philip and James* ~ 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11

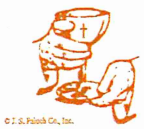
First Friday: Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: May 9, 2021 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

Mass Intentions



Saturday – 4:00pm *Deceased:* *Yvonne Johnson* (Jennifer Johnson & Family); *Agnes Mornay* (Eslin Mornay);*Valda Smith* (Cynthia Lee); *Lillian Gilyot* (Harvey and Quintella Jackson); *Oliver Williams* (Wife & Children); *Emile Evans* (Rosemary Evans); *Lionel Williams* (Gloria Williams & Family); *Warren Payne* (Rose Payne); all St. Paul the Apostle Parishioners, and all who have passed away due to the coronavirus **Special Intention:** *The Bittner Family/Mental Health, Jobs* (Agnes Bittner)

Sunday – 8:00am *Deceased:* *Jaime P. Narcisse* (Celine Narcisse); *Lillian Gilyot* (Harvey & Quintella Jackson); *Shirley Alexander* (Alana Alexander); all St. Paul the Apostle Parishioners, and all who have passed away due to the coronavirus

Sunday – 10:00am *Deceased:* *Albert J. Bell Jr.* (Dolores B. Bell); *Yvonne Johnson* (Jennifer Johnson & Family); *Oliver Williams* (Wife & Children); *Lillian Gilyot* (Harvey & Quintella Jackson); *Lionel Williams* (Gloria Williams & Family); *Deborah Bart* (Family & Friends); *Shirley Alexander* (Alana Alexander); *Lawrence Ewell Sr. and Herman Myles Sr.* (Carolyn Ewell & Family); all St. Paul the Apostle Parishioners, and all who have passed away due to the coronavirus

"Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord." James 5:14

Pray for the Sick: Christina Arceneaux, Warren Armstrong, Marie Augillard, Frederick Barrow, Frederick Bell, Easton Brown, Delrio Brunious, Matthew Causey, Tiffany Duckworth-Matthews, Cornell Esteen, Pia George-Reed, Graclyn Guerin, Alexandra Harrison, Alexander Joseph; Theresa Knight; Albert Lewis Jr., Sylvia Marshall, Gerri McKey, Juanita Myles, Roulette Robinson, Lorraine Thornton, Adisyn Wilson, all those suffering from the coronavirus

April 25, 2021 Stewardship and Attendance

Weekly Offering

Saturday – 4:00pm	$2,145.00	51
Sunday – 8:00am	$1,201.00	44
Sunday – 10:00am	$1,757.20	89
Totals	**$5,103.20**	**184**
Capital Campaign	$277.00	

Your Contributions and Generous Support

If you prefer to make contributions once a month, there is no need to turn in envelopes for each weekend with your check/cash; simply use one envelope. Also, if you are contributing to a second collection, anything else, we prayerfully ask that you make a separate check or use cash for those purposes. It ensures that your funds are credited to the proper place and aids the Money Counters in getting an accurate total for each collection. ***Thank you for your support!***

"O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations, He has shown His deliverance, Alleluia." cf. Psalm 33(32): 5-6

Ministers Schedule for May 8-9, 2021

Lectors

4:00pm – Gavin Richard
8:00am – Dione Breckenridge
10:00am – Yolanda Dillion

Altar Servers

4:00pm – Kaylee Cross, Caitlin Phillips
8:00am – Ronald Alexander, Shyloh Madison, Skyler Madison
10:00am –To Be Notified

Ushers

4:00pm – Philip Barrow, Barrett Breaux, Ricky Granger, Sean Paul
8:00am – Bertrand Brickham, Martin Collette, Irma Duckworth, Raphael Perrault
10:00am – Steve Brown, Troy Esteen, Lerone Harris, Sherman McCall, Zé Muse

First Reading – Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to Him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Second Reading – 1 John 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from Him whatever we ask, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. And His commandment is this: we should believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as He commanded us. Those who keep His commandments remain in Him, and He in them, and the way we know that He remains in us is from the Spirit He gave us.

Gospel – John 15:1-8

Jesus said to His disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does He prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in Me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without Me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in Me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become My disciples."

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REVISED LETTER

April 27, 2021

To all Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, we recall that the third Commandment is to keep holy the Lord's Day. The Jewish community took this very seriously. Not only did they see it as an expectation from God that they worship together on the Sabbath, but to also avoid work and spend quality time with God and with others. It is important that we understand this concept because it is the root of what we now know today as the "obligation for Catholics to participate in Mass every Sunday."

This "obligation" to celebrate Mass on Sunday need not be seen simply as "you must go"; instead, it is God saying, "Come to me and worship as a community. Come hear my Word in the Scriptures, receive the Risen Christ in the Eucharist and reserve time for me and those whom you love." The obligation is an invitation from God to grow in love with him and to better know ourselves as Catholics, and he awaits our response.

I remain grateful for the creativity and ministry of our clergy who have continued to make Mass and the sacraments available to their parishioners throughout the pandemic. I am humbled by the desire of so many who have already returned to Mass each Sunday. For you and for your faith, I give thanks to God. As we look to the future, on June 6, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, better known as Corpus Christi, the obligation will be restored in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. On this day, we will celebrate God's loving invitation to set aside Sundays to receive his gift of the Eucharist with one another and to spend quality time with those we love. This is how we respond to Christ's invitation to "come to the table."

After consultation with medical experts and our priests, there is agreement that with proper precautions, this is an appropriate time to take these actions. If you remain concerned, I encourage you to contact your parish for the specifics of their COVID precautions.

It is understood that there are those for whom returning to Sunday Mass is impossible. Those who are homebound or who live in nursing homes or hospitals as well as those who are sick or vulnerable, or who are fearful because of underlying health conditions are excused from attending Mass in-person on Sundays. However, those who cannot attend are invited and encouraged to participate via television or online with live streaming and to make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

For those of us who have now begun to more frequently shop, socialize, go to the gym, and participate in other activities outside of our homes and have not yet returned to Mass, I encourage us in a special way to consider the Lord's invitation to "come *back* to the table."

I know that for many, the pandemic has been a time of spiritual renewal, a deeper appreciation for the Mass and a desire to receive Christ in the Eucharist. Through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we encounter the Risen Christ who waits to meet us there. This is why as a family we gather at the table to be nourished with God's Word and by the gift of the Eucharist.

Please join me in celebrating the Eucharist on June 6th.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

+ Gregory

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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Bible Quiz

Thank you for your participation in April's Bible Quiz. The participants: Donna Gibson, Jennifer Johnson, Thomas Lombard, and Carolyn Washington did a great job and answered the bonus question correctly. Congratulations!! *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* John 1:1

May Bible Quiz

John Chapters 1, 2 and 3 from the New American Bible.
Please list next to your answer the chapter and verse where you found your answers.

1. The first chapter of John tells us that when Jesus came into the world he came to _____
2. John referred to Jesus as _____.
3. In John's Gospel account, who was invited by Philip to come and see Jesus, after he asked, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" _____
4. What miracle of Jesus is mentioned only by John in his Gospel account? _____
5. John mentions the money-changers and traders being cast out of the temple by Jesus. In what city did this happen? _____ During what feast? _____
6. When Jesus said to them, "destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up," Who was He speaking about? _____ and who was He speaking to? _____
7. What did Jesus say a man must do to see the kingdom of God? _____
8. Nicodemus went to talk to Jesus at night about the miracles He was performing. He was impressed and knew that God must be with Jesus. Jesus talked to him about the necessity for being born again. How did Nicodemus answer? _____
9. We all know John 3:16. To whom was Jesus speaking when He said this verse? _____
10. According to John 3:18 and John 3:36, what is the outcome of believing or not believing in Jesus? _____

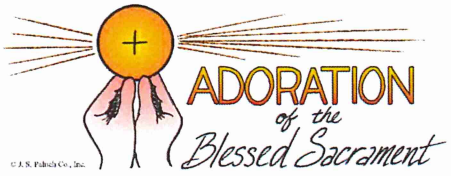
Bonus question: What does the term Doctor of the Church mean?

Bible Quiz begins on May 1, answers are due no later than May 24. Please send you answers to the Church email: **stpaultheapostle@arch-no.org** or **jmayo@arch-no.org** or bring to parish office.

Answers to April Quiz

[1] They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but they did not find Jesus' body. Lk 24:2 **[2]** "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Lk 24:5 **[3]** They did not believe the women. Lk 24:11 **[4]** He got up and ran to the tomb. Lk 24:12 **[5]** Jesus. Lk 24:15 **[6]** Messiah. Lk 24:26 **[7]** He asked for food, then ate in their presence the fish and honeycomb they gave Him. Lk 24:41-43 **[8]** Repentance and remission of sins. Lk 24:46-48 **[9]** Until they were endued with power from on high. Lk 24:49 **[10]** Blessing the disciples. Lk 24:50-51

Bonus Question: In the Old Testament, the books of Esther and Song of Solomon do not mention God.



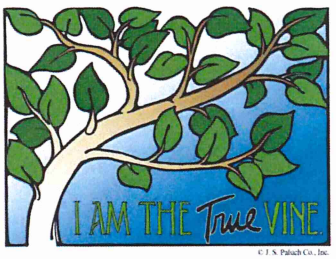
May 7th
From 8am to 12pm.
All are invited to spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer.

Pray for the Dead - Please remember in prayer Ms. Rose Payne and family as the mourn the loss of her brother, **Mr. Warren Payne**. Funeral services for Mr. Payne: Saturday, May 1 at Old Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Visitation 9-10am, Service at 11. Interment at St. Louis Cemetery #3.

Ms. Rosalyn Soublet Porter and her family also ask for your prayers as they grieve for two family members. **Ms. Alicia Quinn** of Tylertown, MS, (the mother of three of Ms. Rosalyn's grandchildren), passed away on Friday, April 23 and her brother **Mr. Lawrence Soublet, Jr.** who died on Sunday, April 25 in East Point, GA. May their souls rest in perfect and eternal peace. Amen.

Living Branches

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and He in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of one vine and and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, and sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And His commandment is this: we should believe…and love one another" (1 John 3:23).



Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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Information for the Bulletin

Announcements must be in the parish office by Wednesday at 12pm in order for them to be placed in the weekend bulletin.

Pope Francis' May Prayer Intention

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

All are encouraged to prepare for Pentecost by praying the **Novena to the Holy Spirit** which begins on May 14. Copies will be available on each patio next week.

Sunday, May 9th is...

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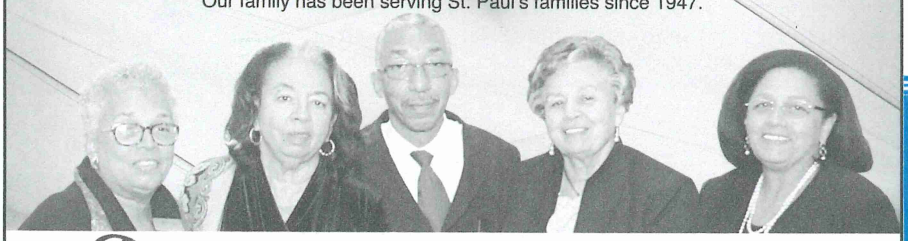

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