

# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

6828 Chef Menteur Highway – New Orleans, Louisiana 70126

The First Established Catholic Church in New Orleans East Since 1947

## Mass Schedules

Sunday Vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am  
Youth Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 10:00am  
Tuesday Novena Mass 6:00pm  
Wednesday – Friday 8:00am  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Parish Fax (504) 242.8808  
Email [stpaultheapostle@arch-no.org](mailto:stpaultheapostle@arch-no.org)

**Website** [www.stpaultheapostlechurch-nola.org](http://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, worshipping 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

Contact Fr. Charles Ndumbi, SVD.

## Funeral

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

## The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – January 5, 2025

### Parish Staff

**Pastor** Fr. Charles Ndumbi, SVD  
**Deacon** Duane E. Cruse, Sr.  
**Secretary** Donna J. Gibson  
**Parish Catechetical Leader** Charlotte W. Scott

### Pastoral Council

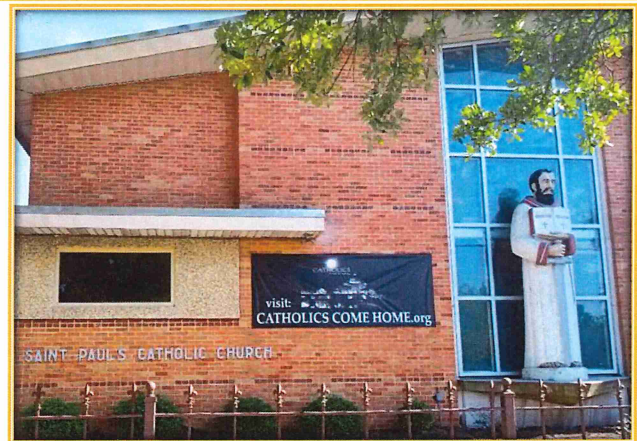
**Chair** Frederick Bell  
**Vice-Chair** Joe Ball  
**Secretary** Cabrina Phillips  
**Assistant Secretary** Chelsey Napoleon

### EMHC Leadership Team

Frederick Bell, Carolyn Washington

### (Sick / Home bound/ Funerals)

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 Ministers

Juliana Smith, Denise Oguinn

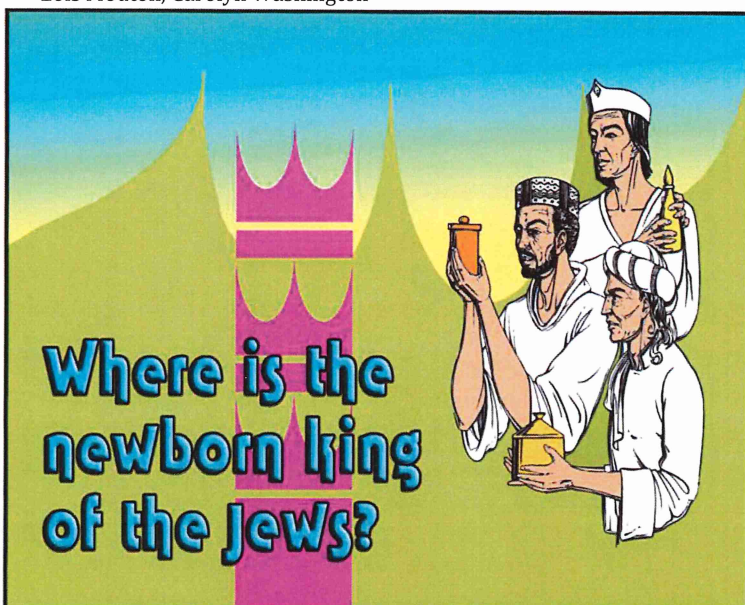
### Children-Children

Miracle Fulton, Trudi Haney-Dyer, Angel Lawrence

If you feel the call to religious life as a priest, brother, or nun, please contact: Divine Word Missionaries and Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit at **1.800.553.3321**

Scan the QR Code for Online Giving or Text Giving to: 504 814-8999

Thank you for your continued support of St. Paul the Apostle.



Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in His grasp, and power and dominion.  
cf. Malachi 3:1-1, 1 Chronicles 29:12

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**The Epiphany of the Lord: January 5, 2025**

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** St. André Bessette ~ 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** St. Raymond of Peñafort ~ 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday** – 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

**The Baptism of the Lord: January 12, 2025**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Saturday-4pm Deceased:** Claire Winder; Agnes Joseph; Joyce & Kenneth Graves (Kristi Hubbard & Family); Melvin & Lillian Gilyot (Quintella & Harvey Jackson); Oliver Williams (Wife & Children); Lionel J. Williams (Gloria Williams & Family); Emile Evans (Rosemary Evans); Warren & Michael Armstrong (Sylvia Armstrong); Alva LeSassier (The LeSassier Family); Brenda Jeanjacques (Friends); and all who have died this past week.

**Sunday-8am Special Intention:** Mass for the Parishioners of St. Paul

**Sunday-10am Deceased:** Claire Winder; Agnes Joseph; Oliver Williams (Wife & Children); Lionel J. Williams (Gloria Williams & Family); Melvin & Lillian Gilyot (Quintella & Harvey Jackson); Joyce & Kenneth Graves (Kristi Hubbard & Family); Alvin Collins (Julia Collins); David Bittner (Agnes Bittner); Brenda Jeanjacques (Friends); Lonnie Oatis, Jr. (The Oatis Family); and all who have died this past week

**Tuesday 6pm Deceased:** Theresa Knight (The Family)

Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your will and know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

**Pray for the Sick:** Alicia Alexander-Walton, Marie Augillard, Fr. Alfred Ayem SVD, Frederick Bell, Delrio Brunious, Maria Burkett, Mira Cosey, Tiffany Duckworth-Matthews, Wenona Dupart, Cornell Esteen, Rosemary Evans, Pia George-Reed, Alexandra Harrison, Alexander Joseph, Milton Miller, Erica Mitchell, Juanita Myles, Celine Narcisse, Joyce Rawlins, Roulette Robinson, Janice Scott, Lula Simms, Claudia Taylor, Adisyn Wilson, and all those suffering from chronic or terminal illnesses.

**Ministers Schedule for January 11-12, 2025**

**Lectors**

**Saturday** – 4pm: Gavin Richard

**Sunday** – 8am: Carol Gonzales-Smith

**Sunday** – 10am: Shea Turner

**Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion**

**Saturday** – 4pm: Patricia Harris

**Sunday** – 8am: Leslie Alexander

**Sunday** – 10am: Rose Esteen, Theresa Walker

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday** – 4pm: Lionel Williams

**Sunday** – 8am: Ronald Alexander, Sylvia Crump

**Sunday** – 10am: Ashaad Bowers, Hailey Smith, Sean Smith, Ayden Walker

**Ushers**

**Saturday** – 4pm: Philip Barrow, Barrett Breaux, Ricky Granger

**Sunday** – 8am: Bertrand Brickham, Steve Brown, Irma Duckworth, Raphael Perrault

**Sunday** – 10am: Troy Esteen, Lerone Harris, Sherman McCall

**DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**First Communion – 9am to 10:30am**

Saturday, January 4 Class

Saturday, January 11 No Class

**CCD – 8:45am to 9:50am**

Sunday, January 5 Class

Sunday, January 12 Class

**Confirmation Phase I & II – 5pm to 6:30pm**

Tuesday, January 7 Class

Tuesday, January 14 Class

**January Bible Quiz.** Answers can be found in Hebrews Chapters 8-10 in the New American Bible. List chapter/verse(s) where answers were found.

- Where is the high priest of the believers? Who is the minister of the sanctuary and the true tabernacle?
- How was Moses able to build a tabernacle exactly the way God wanted him to build it?
- Why was the old covenant null and void?
- What did God promise to forget under the new covenant?
- How often did the high priest go into the Holy of Holies?
- What does the blood of Jesus do for us?
- Without what is there no remission of sins?
- Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the \_\_\_\_\_.
- What does the writer of Hebrews refer to as a fearful thing?
- What covenant did God promise to make with His people?
- What did the writer of Hebrews caution the believers not to throw away?
- How shall the 'just' live?

Answers are due no later than Monday, January 27. Send to [jmayo@arch-no.org](mailto:jmayo@arch-no.org), [stpaultheapostle@arch-no.org](mailto:stpaultheapostle@arch-no.org), or bring to the parish office.

**January Prayer Intention – For the Right To An Education.**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



**Stewardship and Attendance  
December 28-29, 2024**

Saturday 4pm	\$1,950.00	48
Sunday 8am	\$ 678.00	39
Sunday 10am	\$1,217.20	103
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,845.20</b>	<b>190</b>

Online Giving: \$3,850.00

Life Center: \$ 0.00

**Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: January 26, 2025 - Catholic Schools**

**Deadline for bulletin submissions is each Wednesday**



# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church – January 5, 2025

## The Epiphany of the Lord



**St. Vincent de Paul Ministry** members will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 4:30pm in Building B.

### December Bible Quiz

Thank you to Cabrina Harrison, Jennifer Johnson, Debra Oatis, Charlotte Scott, and Janice Scott for participating in the December Bible Quiz, all did a wonderful job. *“Jesus our Lord, furnish you with all that is good, that you may do His will.”* Hebrews 13:21

**Answers from Hebrews 4-7:** [1] Faith. 4:2 [2] Two-edged sword. 4:12 [3] Mercy, Grace. 4:16 [4] ...for all who obey Him. 5:9 [5] Melchizedek. 5:10 [6] But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties are trained by practice to discern good and evil. 5:14 [7] ...and advance to maturity, without laying the foundation all over again: repentance from dead works and faith in God. 6:1 [8] ...I will indeed bless you and multiply you. 6:13-14 [9] ...He intervened with an oath, so that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie. 6:17-18 [10] The descendants of Levi. 7:5 [11] ...but with an oath, through the one who said to Him: “The Lord has sworn, and he will not repent; you are a priest forever.” 7: 20-21 [12] Therefore, He is always able to save those who approach God through Him, since He lives forever to make intercession for them. 7:25.

### Finding God

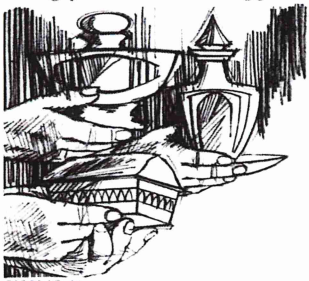
The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew’s Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi’s home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi – our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi – we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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*They presented him with gifts*



Pray for the innocent people who lost their lives, those who were injured and/or traumatized, and their families whose lives were forever changed on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> on Bourbon Street – May God console them in their grief.

*“God is our refuge and our strength,  
an ever-present help in distress.”*

Psalm 46:2

An Interfaith Prayer Service will take place on Monday, January 6 at 6pm at St. Louis Cathedral in the wake of this senseless act of violence. All are welcome.

### St. Paul the Apostle School Reunion

St. Paul the Apostle Elementary School will celebrate its 78-year legacy. A school ‘Reunion Luncheon’ will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at St. Mary’s Academy, 6905 Chef Menteur Highway. Join former classmates, friends, and teachers, for this special event. Seating is limited. Reserve your seat by Saturday, March 1, 2025. For registration, contact Mrs. Barbara Nelson-Arthur at (678) 372-1752.

### Men’s Conference 2025 – “I Trust in You”

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Men’s Conference will take place on Saturday, **March 15, 2025**, at St. Dominic Church. Please scan this QR code to register.



### 2025 Black Catholic Men’s Conference Seeks Volunteers

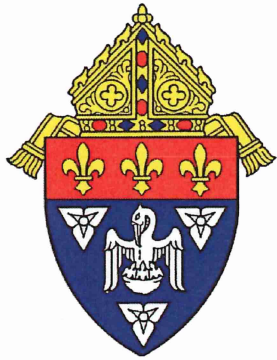
New Orleans is the host city for the 2025 Black Catholic Men’s Conference on September 4-7, 2025. The Office of Black Catholic Ministries needs volunteers to organize this event. If you are willing to share your gifts and talents with them, please call (504) 861-6207 or send an email to [bcatholics@arch-no.org](mailto:bcatholics@arch-no.org).

### Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this it has been written through the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may go and do Him homage.” After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the Child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



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Please join us in prayer for our community.

In the wake of the senseless act of violence on New Year's Day,  
all are invited to join us for an

**Interfaith Prayer Service**

Monday – January 6, 2025

6pm

St. Louis Cathedral

We will come together as a people of faith to pray for those who lost their lives, the survivors, and their families as well as for peace and unity in our community. Let us all join in prayer for our community today and every day as we work to build a culture that respects life and dignity of all people.

