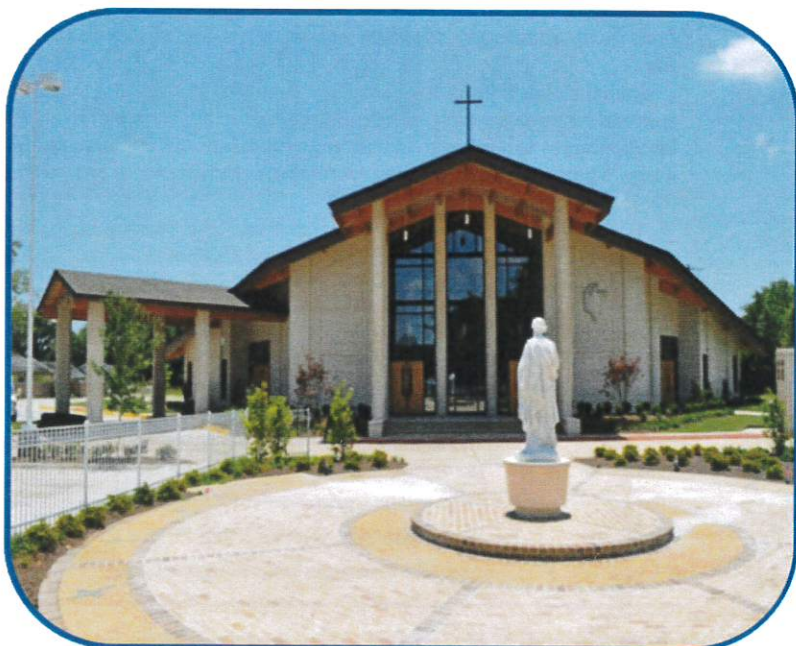


# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

## 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

## DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Martha Davis —225-357-4108

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Amanda Skinner —225-978-7347

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## FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

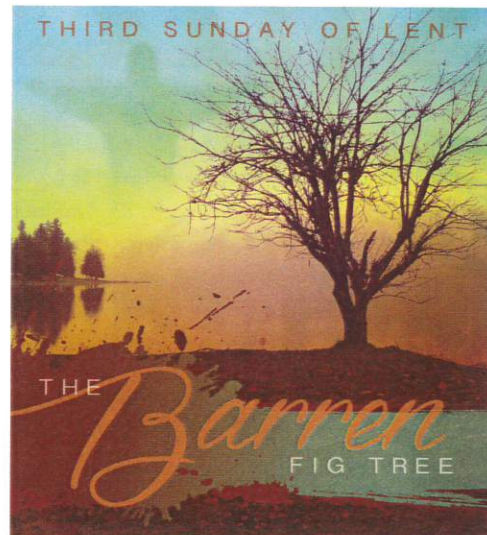
Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

## 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.



March 20, 2022

**Readings** *of the Week*

March 20, 2022—March 27, 2022

- Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a,13-15/Ps 103:1-2,3-4,6-7,8,11[8a]/  
1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12/Lk 13:1-9
- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab,6 and 7bc, 8-9/  
Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Is 7:10-14;8:10/Ps 40:7-8a,8b-9,10,11/Heb 10:4-10/  
Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday:** 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

**TODAY'S READING—REFLECT & RESPOND**

**First Reading:** In his initial encounter with the Lord, Moses learns the name of God, "I AM." What insight does this give us into the nature of the divine?

**Second Reading:** Paul believed that the past mistakes of the ancient Israelites in the desert served as an example of the dangers of too much self-confidence. So, how can one best avoid arrogance in faith?

**Gospel:** In the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus taught the crowds the need to repent in order to bear good fruit. For what do you need to repent in this season of Lent? ©LPI



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](http://www.stpaulbr.org)) to give.

**OFFERTORY—MARCH 13, 2022**

ONLINE GIVING LINK: [OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266](http://OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266)

<b>Collection:</b>	\$ 4,798.00
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$ 1,792.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 20.00
<b>St. Vincent DePaul:</b>	\$ 10.00
<b>Easter Flowers:</b>	\$ 40.00
<b>Debt Reduction:</b>	\$ 1,284.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	\$ 7,944.00

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

**Envelopes Mailed: 298 Envelopes Returned: 81 Online Givers:31**  
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

**Last Sunday Mass Attendance:** 7:30A.M. - 58; 10:30A.M. - 145



**MARCH 20—MARCH 26**



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|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Marva Carrier 3/20       | Islyn Brown 3/21    | Dietrich Thomas       |
| Terrilyn Jeanpierre 3/20 | Betty Jackson 3/21  | Natasha Williams 3/24 |
| M'Kaleb Range 3/20       | Konitra Kemp 3/22   | John Christophe 3/25  |
| Micah Reed 3/20          | Elnora Jackson 3/23 | Brenda Hickman 3/25   |
| Jackson Williams 3/20    | John Rodney 3/23    | Demond Garner 3/26    |

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Fueling the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.


I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Perhaps you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions, but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual but also have an earthly motive. For example, we give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. Instead, it is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

**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:*  
**Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD, Pastor**  
337-522-0624 or [arockiamsvd@gmail.com](mailto:arockiamsvd@gmail.com)




**7:30 Mass: Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle**  
**10:30 Mass: Mr. Joseph M. Broussard, Mrs. Evelyn Broussard, and Mr. Paul Broussard**  
*Lord, Hear Our Prayer!*



**May they rest in peace...**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Williams family at the passing of **Mrs. Joyce Williams**. Also, to the Leonard family at the passing of **Mrs. Geraldine Jack**, sister of Mr. Roosevelt Leonard, to the Dorsey family at the passing of **Mrs. Dortha Hollins**, sister of Mr. Donald Dorsey, and to the Hughes family at the passing of **Mr. Carey Haynes**, brother of Ms. Evangeline Hughes.

May their souls 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 - MARCH 27TH

**READERS: 7:30 A.M.** LaKosha Chambers & Desiree Terrell  
**10:30 A.M.** Paul Stewart & Mary Martin

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M.** Elie Jackson & Murray Chenevert  
**10:30 A.M.** Robinette Harleaux & Anna Perry

**Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M.** Da' Marquis London, Gavin & Gabriel Camel  
**10:30 A.M.** Joseph Richard, Xavier Knox, Adian Sam and Elliott Thomas



**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.

**St. Paul's**  
**LENTEN Schedule**  
**Parish Reconciliation/Confession:** Wed., Mar. 23 - 6:00 PM  
**St. Paul Parish Revival:** Mon.-Wed., Mar. 28, 29, 30-6:00 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, Mar. 18, 25, 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**

### HOLY WEEK ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE SCHEDULE

**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:** 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.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



Join us on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 to 7 p.m. for confession. There will be 7 priests available in our church for you to make your confessions. Please come and receive the blessings.

### DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 03-13-2022
<b>Our Goal</b>	<b>\$548,234.00</b>
<b>Total Amt. Pledged</b>	<b>\$451,896.00</b>
<b>Total Donations Collected</b>	<b>\$216,845.59</b>
<b>Total # of Registered Families</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>Total # of Families Pledged</b>	<b>216</b>



**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**  
 Tuesday, April 19, 2022 —6:00 P.M.

**LECTORS & EUCCHARISTIC 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

Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. What is your passion, your burning bush? Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be.

### 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.

### 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)*

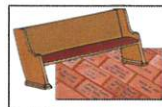
**Rosary:** Sundays at 6:00 P.M. *Dial 701-802 5490, & enter the Access Code: 878800#*

### MARCH IS WOMEN HISTORY MONTH



The Office of The National Black Catholic Congress encourages the commemoration of Women History this Month. So, let us remember and reflect on Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the most empowering and inspiring woman in history. Xavier University in New Orleans is celebrating Women's History Month by presenting "Imagining Grace," a performance-based exhibit until April 8th in the Administration Building Art Gallery (1 Drexel Drive).

### 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 will be in next week's bulletin

- 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

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Father Arockiam Arockiam, SVD - Pastor

*please  
join us*

# *Lenten Revival*



## **Revivalist**

*Reverend Jaison Mangalath, SVD, Pastor  
St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church  
Fort Worth, Texas  
(Former Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle)*

6:00 P.M. Each Evening  
at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church  
*Monday, March 28, 2022*  
*Tuesday, March 29, 2022*  
*Wednesday, March 30, 2022*

(Remember: If you need help, ask the priest, and he will help you.)



## A GUIDE TO CONFESSION



After you enter the confession area,  
Make the Sign of the Cross.

and say:

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

The priest may say aloud a prayer or a selection of scripture.

*You say:*

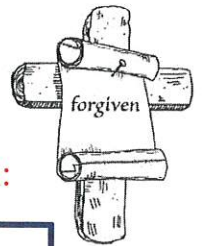
“Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. Since my last confession, it has been \_\_\_\_ (number of weeks/months/years). These are my sins...”

Confess your sins. Please include the number of times you committed each sin or at least its general frequency (e.g., about 3 times per week.) The number or frequency is required for *mortal sins* (those sins you know are wrong but still deliberately committed anyway, e.g., murder, rape, incest, perjury, adultery, etc.).

*When you are finished, say:*

“For these and all the sins of my past life, I am sorry.”

The priest will give you a penance and invite you to say or pray the Act of Contrition:



### ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do what is good, I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things, I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

The priest will say the prayer of absolution. Listen especially for the words, “*I absolve you from your sins.*”

(If the priest says: “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,”)

*You respond:* “His Mercy endures forever.”

The priest concludes: “... Go in peace.”

*You respond:* “Thanks be to God.”

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church  
Parish Lenten Reconciliation/Confession  
Wednesday, March 23, 2022  
6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Parish Revival at St. Paul the Apostle  
Monday-Wednesday, March 28, 29, & 30 – 6:00 P.M.

*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

*In Loving Memory*

of  
Hazel Brent Brown,  
Leo Brown, Sr.,  
and the  
Brent, Aldolph,  
Brown, and Harrison  
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**Geneva Battley Spooner  
Della Battley Rodney  
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 & 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
- 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).....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  
Dorothy Bazile & Georgia Smith

*In Loving Memory  
of*

**Kevin Michael  
Ferbos  
&  
Wilfred Ferbos**

*In Loving Memory  
of*

**Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.**

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

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J.D. & Verdell, Kirby, James "Pookie,"  
Corinne, Michael, Jessie Sr. & Aaron B. Joseph;  
Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.; Lawrence Sr.,  
Shedrick & Lawrance III Ashford;  
Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert; Eula White &  
H.P. Martin; Jessica D. Hughes

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Lionel Bazile Sr.  
Dorothy Bazile  
James Bazile  
Shelia Bazile

*In Loving Memory*

of  
Doris Key,  
Earl Key Sr.,  
Emma Doyle  
Currie (Rudi) Doyle  
Ellis Doyle Sr.

*In Loving Memory*

of  
Wilbert & Sarah Ann  
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