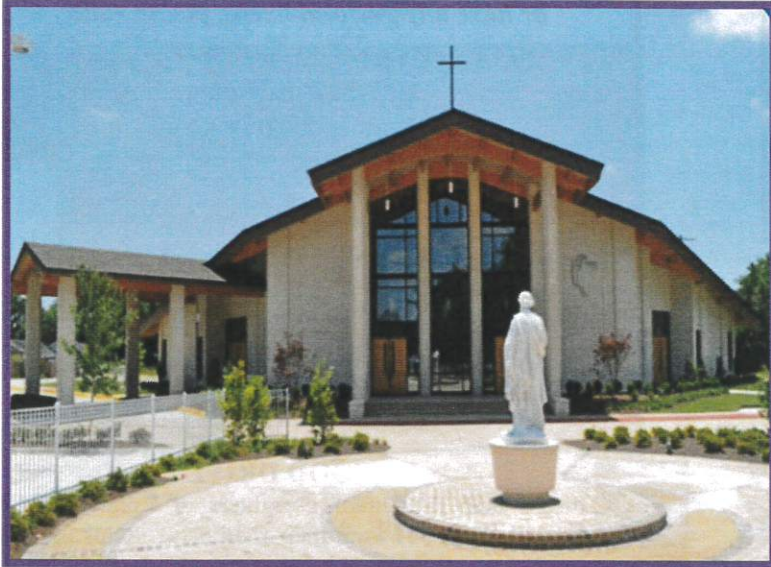


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SUNDAY MASSES
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

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

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Amanda Skinner —225-978-7347

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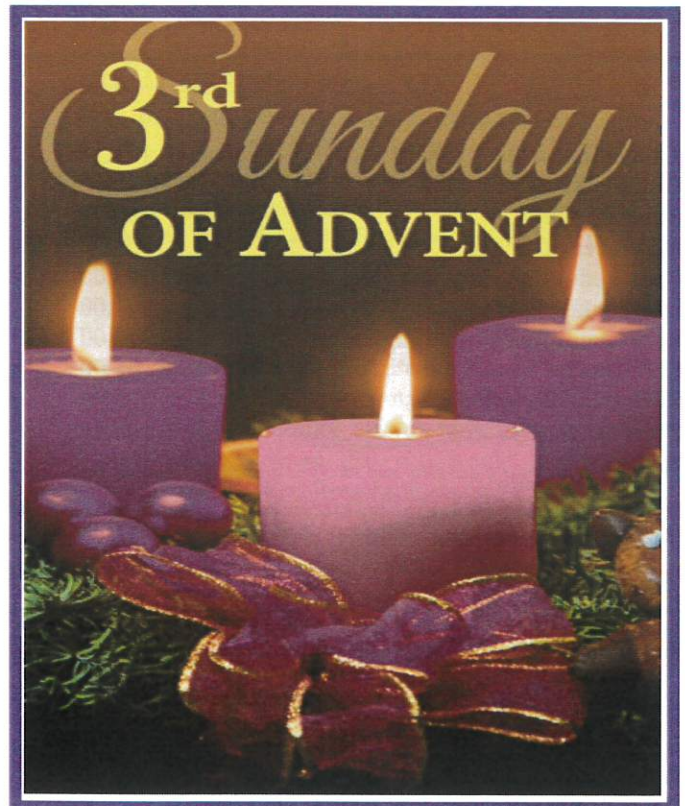
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

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Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



December 11, 2022

Readings of the Week

December 11, 2022—December 18, 2022



Today: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv11:19a,12:1-6a,10ab/Jdt 3:18-19/
 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23/
 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8,18,21c-25/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2,4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/
 Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-7c, 10b/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

7:30 Mass: Mr. Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.
10:30 Mass: St. Paul's Church Community

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




Talk with us. There is hope. Dial **9-8-8** for emotional support, crisis intervention, suicide prevention, & referral to behavioral agencies, if needed.



RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. Paul's Communal Reconciliation Service is **Wednesday, December 14, 2022, from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.** Please plan to attend! Ministries and organizations heads of St. Paul are encouraged to attend along with their members.



2023 FISH FRY PLANNING MEETING

The next fish fry meeting is **Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** in St. Paul Center. Please come to the next meeting! Please see the chart in the main entrance of the church to see how you can help. and use the sheets on the table to sign-up and show the Thursdays or Fridays you can help.



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—DECEMBER 4, 2022

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 7,191.16
Online Giving:	\$ 4,040.00
Building Fund	\$ 180.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 353.00
Debt Reduction Campaign:	\$ 4,753.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 21.00
Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$ 10.00
Christmas:	\$ 45.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 305.00
Total Offertory	\$ 16,898.16

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

Envelopes Mailed: 309 Envelopes Returned: 81 Online Givers: 53
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. -100; 10:30A.M. - 138

Birthdays DECEMBER 11—DECEMBER 17

Gabrielle Dentre 12/11	Felicia Hebert 12/13	Merritt Andrews 12/17
Jayla Patrick 12/11	Gordon Davis 12/16	Chance Stribling 12/17
Martina Stribling 12/11	Nicole George 12/16	Kamille Watson 12/17
Baylor Joseph 12/12	Albert Hebert Jr. 12/16	
Elliott Baham Jr. 12/13	Joseph Mathis 12/16	

Baptism

Next Baptism Class: Thurs., Feb. 9, 2023—6:30 P.M.

Contact: Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939 to register
 Parents & Godparents **MUST** attend the class

Next Baptism: Sunday, February 19, 2022

(During or After 10:30 Mass)

For exception, please contact Fr. Arockiam-337-522-0624



FOOD DRIVE

Please help the Junior Daughters of Knights of Peter Claver, Court 351 with their food drive. Items needed in small bags or boxes are flour, sugar, sugar substitutes, cornbread mix, cereal, grits, baking soda, etc.; the smaller bags helps more families. All items will given to St. Paul's Food Pantry. The Food Drive **barrel for donations is in the foyer**. The Court will accept monetary donations; the money will be used to buy needed items. To give cash, checks, or for questions, please see Lady Mary Martin or Lady Amanda Skinner. Please make checks payable to: *KPCLA Ct. 351*. Thank you!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEEDED

Parents, please talk to your children or youth about joining St. Paul's Children/Youth Choir. To join, contact Ms. Belinda Carney at 223-8783.

OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND CHURCH MEMBERS

SICK & SHUT IN
 Roger Banks Sr., Linda Carter, Rose Crockett Carter, Audrey Christopher, Carolyn Christophe, Gregory Cornell, Cheryl Crockett, Denovas Crockett, Charles Davis Jr., Gloria Dunn, Dianna Franklin, Kaleigh Garner, Ruther Hall, Odeal Harris, Christina Haynes, James Hayward, Brenda Hickman, Tillie Jackson, Annie Joseph, Elthea LeDuff, Marie Myles, John Nnadi, Delores Price, Mona Seals, Robert Seals, Harry Sills, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, Mary Smart, Curtell Thibodeaux, Mildred Trask, Irene Warner

OUR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Voices in Our Prayers
 Charles Bethley, Barbara Brennan, Cirsten Brown, Ernie Butitta, Helen Celestine, Alberta Conner, Melba Daniels, Richard Dillon, Ronnie Gauthier, Anthony Grand, John Guice, Marcus Guice, Ophelia Guice, Betty Hammond, Lionel Hayes, Nichelle Hollins, Florence Jackson, Dorie Martin, James Pace, Allen Paschal, Martha Reinhart, Joel Rivera, Frank Ross, Jenna Scott, Dana Simoneaux, Earleen Stevenson, Stephanie Stewart, Connie St. Romain, Calvin Thomas III, Donald Williams, Walker Williams

MINISTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—DECEMBER 18

READERS: 7:30 A.M.: Ronnice Johnson, Monique Spaulding
10:30 A.M.: Terrell Carter, Carla Lewis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M.: Murray Chenevert,
 Elie Jackson
10:30 A.M.: Christy Hall, Pamela Claiborne

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M.: Jaiden Parker, Saijia Johnson
10:30 A.M.: Gerald Anderson Jr., Sydney Anderson,
 Elliott Thomas, Mason Sanders,
 Xavier Knox



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 15, 2022—11:30 A.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

A VOCATION VIEW:

'Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.' Be resolute in following the Lord, whether convenient or difficult.

jjohnson@diobr.org or **225-387-0561**

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

Enjoy Good Company, & Dance the Night Away!

Christmas Dance

Free Setups & Chips Provided

Bring your favorite Appetizers, Beverages, etc.

Friday, December 16, 2022 ~ 9 PM to 1 AM

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
 Parish Center - 3920 Gus Young Ave. Baton Rouge, LA

Tickets - \$20 per Person

Please support St. Paul's Fundraiser!
 Tickets are sold after each Sunday Mass or
 Call Riley Thomas at 225-252-6319

ADOPT A CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS



A few families of St. Paul need assistance with providing gifts for their children for Christmas. If you are interested in adopting a child or two and helping to brighten their Christmas, please contact the parish office at 383-2537 or Mrs. Maxine Watts at 278-6732.

CELEBRATING MARRIED COUPLES



On Sunday, January 1, 2023, we will recognize married couples of St. Paul who celebrated their 25th, 50th, 60th, 65th, and above anniversaries in 2022 at the 10:30 Mass; these couples were married in 1997, 1972, 1962, 1957, or earlier. To be included in the celebration, please contact the parish office at 383-2537.

ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Vigil Mass

Caroling 7:00 P.M.

Pageant/Play 7:30 P.M.

Mass immediately following the Pageant/Play

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day

9:30 A.M. Mass ONLY

Saturday, December 31: Thanksgiving Prayer Services

5:00 P.M. (No Mass)

FORWARD IN FAITH DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 12-4-2022
Our Goal	\$548,234.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$456,396.00
Total Donations Collected	\$339,737.59
Total # of Registered Families	452
Total # of Families Pledged	218

Thank You for Your Continued Commitment & Support!

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—DECEMBER

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

The National Black Catholic Congress is July 20-23, 2023, in National Harbor, Maryland.

Lodging: Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center. Single & Double Rooms available-\$247.94 per night, per room

Adult Registration: (19 Years +): Now until Feb. 28, \$395.00; beginning March 1- July 15, \$450.00

Approximate Cost: double occupancy & early registration, excluding flight & meals - \$1,220.00

Youth Registration: (13-18Years): Now until Feb. 28, \$350.00; beginning March 1-July 15, \$395.00

Approximate Cost: double occupancy & early registration, excluding flight & meals \$1,175.00

Anyone interested in attending as a delegate of St. Paul's, please contact the parish office at 225-383-2537 by December 15, 2022.

ON A LIGHTER SIDE

Question: Which servant of God was the most Flagrant Lawbreaker in the Bible?

Answer: Moses. He broke all 10 Commandments at ONCE.

DONATE GENTLY USED TOYS



The clothing section of St. Paul's Food Panty is accepting gently used toys for impoverished children of the Eden Park community. If you have toys your children may have outgrown that you would like to donate, please contact Mrs. Rosa Malveau at 225-333-7401.

ADULT FORMATION, BIBLE STUDY, & ROSARY

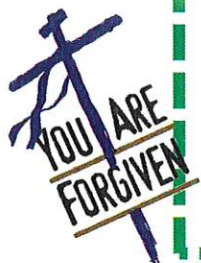
Adult Formation Class: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning in the Parish Center

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#*

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Reverend Arockiam Arockiam, SVD – Pastor



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
Parish Advent Reconciliation/Confession Service

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

(Remember: Once with the priest, if you need help, just ask the priest; he will help you.)

- After you enter the confession area: Make the Sign of the Cross...

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

- Then say: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been ___ since my last confession.

- Confess your sins: “These are my sins _____.”

Examples of sins: *lying, stealing, cheating, talking about others, missing Sunday Mass, failing to pray daily, resenting or longing for someone's possessions, qualities, or luck, eating too much, adultery, pornography, wishing evil upon another person, putting material things and careers before God, dishonoring or disobeying parents or guardians, harboring hatred, greedy, selfishness, etc.*

- When you are finished confessing your sins, say: “For these and all the sins of my past life, I am sorry.”

The priest will give you a penance and say the prayer of absolution.

Listen for the words, “I absolve you from your sins.”

After leaving the confession station, you may remain in the church to pray or quietly leave the church building.



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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 225-775-2494**

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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)—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

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**Roosevelt Bowers, Joseph "Buddy" Walker,
 Oscar LeDuff Jr.,
 Elizabeth & Frank P. Bowers,
 Carrie & Douglas Rodney Sr.,
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 Sarah Rodney Domino & Wilbert Domino Sr.,
 Freddie Bowers, Ora Bowers Ward,
 Sybil Thomas Johnson, & Maureen Bowers Johnson**

Remembering

**Famye Reed
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