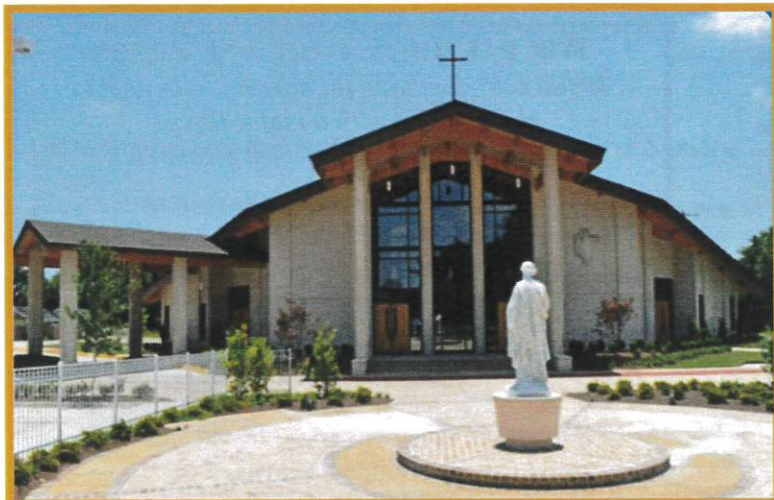


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SUNDAY MASSES
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

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

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Christy Hall —225-383-2537

PARISH BOOKKEEPER

Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

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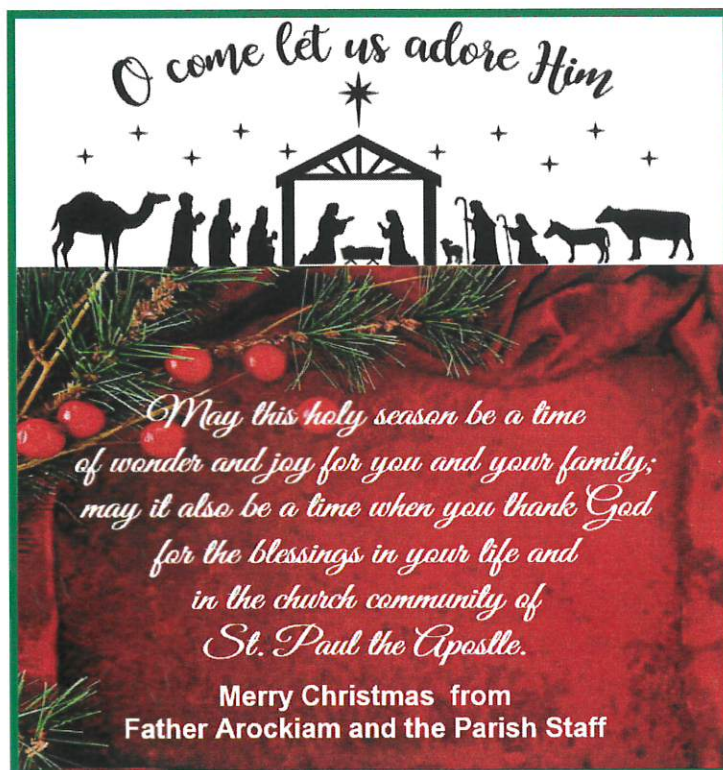
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December 24-25, 2022

Readings  of the Week

December 25, 2022—January 1, 2023

Today: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29(2a)/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc/ Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-5,7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3,5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Ps128:1-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2,11-13/Jn 1:1-18


Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps67:2-3,5,6,8(2a)/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21



8:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Mass: For all the families of St. Paul and for all the deceased members of our family, especially Mr. Lucas Guice, Mrs. Doretha Guice, Mrs. Regina Greenhouse, Ms. Bernadette Guice, Mr. Joseph Guice, Mr. Derrick Guice, and Ms. Jasmine Benjamin.

9:30 A.M. Christmas Day Mass: Mrs. Margaret Hawkins Kemp

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.



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 use the sign-up sheets on the table in the main entrance of the church to see how you can help. Please sign-up!



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 18, 2022

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 3,259.02
Online Giving:	\$ 2,385.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 10.00
Debt Reduction Campaign:	\$ 906.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 2.00
Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$ 5.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 74.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 20.00
SVD Community:	\$ 2.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,663.02

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

Envelopes Mailed: 309 Envelopes Returned: 58 Online Givers: 29
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 80; 10:30A.M. - 185

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, 2023
(During or After 10:30 Mass)

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



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.



May they rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Thomas family at the passing of Mrs. Eula Hertzock Henderson, mother of Mrs. Dietrich Thomas. Also, to the Joseph family at the passing of Ms. Nichelle Joseph Hollins, daughter of Mrs. Annie Joseph and the late Mr. Jessie Joseph.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND CHURCH MEMBERS



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, Angela Jones, 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, and Irene Warner

OUR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



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, Lawrence Jones, 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, and Walker Williams

HAPPY **BirthDay** DECEMBER 25—DECEMBER 31 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** TO YOU!

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| Mary Haynes 12/25 | Trinice Simms 12/27 | Ethel Hinton 12/30 |
| Earline Bell 12/26 | Irma Landry 12/28 | Myra Johnson 12/30 |
| Isiah Jones 12/26 | Varick Rodney 12/28 | Michelle Wales 12/30 |
| Treasure White 12/26 | Alice Varmall 12/28 | Jose Camberos Sr. 12/31 |
| Kim Dunn 12/27 | Augustine Kador 12/29 | |
| Doris Hall 12/27 | Virgin Williams 12/29 | |

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

READERS: 7:30 A.M.: Paulette Robertson, Ronnice Johnson
10:30 A.M.: Martha Davis, Dorphelia Patterson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M.: Alice Zacharie, Vera Dunbar
10:30 A.M.: Velita Benjamin, Renee Camberos
Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M.: Quintin Chenevert
10:30 A.M.: Elliott Thomas, Aidan Sam,
 Gerald Anderson Jr., Sydney Anderson



FISH FRY PLANNING MEETING

Monday, January 9, 2023 6:00 P.M.

LITURGY MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 6:00 P.M.

ST. PAUL'S HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day
 9:30 A.M. Mass ONLY

Saturday, December 31: Thanksgiving Prayer Service
 5:00 P.M. (It's Not A Mass)



St. Paul's Parish Office will be closed
Monday, December 26—January 2, 2023.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

As we are ending the year 2022, it is very fitting that we end it with a prayer service giving thanks for the blessings in our life with **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, December 31, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.** Please join us!

CHRISTMAS DANCE RESULTS

Ticket Sales	\$3,400.00
Security	\$ 240.00
Profit	\$3,160.00



A heartfelt thank you to everyone that worked, contributed and purchased tickets to make the Christmas Dance fundraiser a success. It was well attended and everyone appeared to have had a great time. Merry Christmas to all of you and Happy New Year! - Fr. Arockiam

BIBLE ENTHRONEMENT SUNDAY

Throughout our Catholic tradition, the *Holy Bible* has been the honored symbol of God's living word present among us. *Does your family have an area/table to enthrone the Bible or think about where you have set up your area or table to enthrone the Bible—is it visible to the entire family? is it in an area where the family can pray together?* **Bible Enthronement Sunday is January 22, 2023.** Father Arockiam will encourage families to enthrone a Bible or revisit their current location where the Bible is enthroned.



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 12-18-2022
Our Goal	\$548,234.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$456,396.00
Total Donations Collected	\$342,122.59
Total # of Registered Families	454
Total # of Families Pledged	218

Thank You for Your Continued Commitment & Support!

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**

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A VOCATION VIEW:

God's plan for the salvation of the Israelites comes to fruition with the birth of Christ. God continues to call men to the priesthood to bring about the completion of this salvation.

jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561

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

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.

2023 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.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Once again, St. Paul will provide Epiphany House Blessing kits (chalk with directions on how to bless your home). The Epiphany House Blessing kits will be available for pick up beginning Dec. 31 – Jan. 8, 2023, from the baptismal font before or after the New Year's Eve Prayer Service and Sunday Masses.

CHURCH PEWS & PAVERS IN ST. PAUL'S PLAZA

Purchase a pew in our church or a brick paver in St. Paul's Plaza. If interested, call the Parish Office at 225-383-2537.

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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Wilbert, Phillip,
Opston Jr., Albert &
Jerome Guillory;
CB, Ruth, & Tia Davis;
Catherine Williams,
Yvonne Warren, &
Marcus Montigue

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Geneva Coleman,
George Coleman Sr.
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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-Maymie 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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Oscar LeDuff Jr.,
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Clara & Willis Walker,
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Sybil Thomas Johnson, & Maureen Bowers Johnson

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Famye Reed
and the
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