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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
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Parish Office Assistant—Christy Hall.....	225-383-2537
Parish Office Secretary—Mary Martin.....	225-383-2537
Pastor—Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....	225-383-2537
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Youth Readers—Tasha Anthony.....	504-858-1902

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Famye Reed and the Reed, Stewart, Davis, and Grainger Families

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Annie Mae & Anthony Rodney Jr.
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Keith Rodney, Joseph D. Rodney
Dorothy Bazile & Georgia Smith

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Kevin Michael Ferbos & Wilfred Ferbos

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With Much Love,
 Audrene, Kobi,
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 Saniya, Malia, & Lennox

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Rev. Albert Williams, Sr. & Jr., Mildred & John Williams; Lucy, Robert, Gertrude, J. Robert, Mary & Martha Theodore; Lillian & Forrest Oliver; Tobb, Ida, Johnny Sr. & Jr., Willie, Charles, & Lillian Brown

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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 16, 2023

"Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as Dark as night, God's Mercy is stronger."
 —St. Faustina

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS—8:00 A.M.

TUESDAY—FRIDAY

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

Daily Mass Readings

APRIL 16, 2023—APRIL 23, 2023

Today: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4,13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14,22-33/Ps16:1-2,5,7-11/1 Pt :17-21/Lk 24:13-35



7:30 Mass: Mrs. Sharon St. Romain

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 contact:

Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD, Pastor
337-522-0624 or



Next Baptism Class: Thurs., June 8, 2023—6:30 P.M.

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

Next Baptism: Sunday, June 25, 2023

(During or After 10:30 Mass)

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



Emotional support, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, & referral to agencies for help are available.



St. Paul's Youth Choir will have rehearsal Saturday, April 22nd and April 29, 2023 at 12:00 Noon. All members and anyone interested in joining the choir are asked to attend. Please contact Ms. Belinda Carney at 223-8783 if you have any questions.

OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND CHURCH MEMBERS



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

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, Florence Jackson, James Pace, Allen Paschal, Martha Reinhart, Joel Rivera, Frank Ross, Winnie Sands, Jenna Scott, Dana Simoneaux, Earleen Stevenson, Stephanie Stewart, Connie St. Romain, Calvin Thomas III, Donald Williams, and Walker Williams

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

7:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Da'Marquis London, Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel

READERS: Monique Spaulding, Stephanie Allen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: David Robertson, Audrene LeBlanc

10:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Xavier Knox, Gerald Anderson Jr., Sydney Anderson, Elliott Thomas, Mason Sanders

READERS: Sydney Brown, Mary Martin



Dear Parishioners,

As we planned in April 2021, by the end of this month we will be proud to say that our church is paid off. I appreciate your generosity and great sacrifice. As we go forward, we are faced with another major task. Thank you for your prayers and your suggestions through your phone calls and texts. I appreciate that. With the help of your prayers, suggestions and with the help of days of meetings and hours of discussions with our Finance Council members, I am able to make the decision. In our past week meetings, we weighed the various options and possibilities. There is no one decision that can satisfy all of us but this decision is a practical one and is unanimously agreed by all of our F.C. members and our Deacon Benjamin Dunbar Jr. To demolish our old office building it will cost about \$100,000.00. To remove the asbestos in the building which was built in the 1960s would cost from \$70,000 or more and to demolish the building after the abatement of the asbestos, would cost about \$30,000.00.

Therefore, we have decided to do a total renovation of the office building which might cost more than \$100,000.00 (we can't give an exact amount as we are going to touch an old building) and use it as an administrative office. As we come up with this decision, as your Pastor I humbly request you to cooperate with me in promoting and supporting this decision with your prayers and increased offerings and donations to the Building fund, which will help us to have a decent office building. We have already started receiving donations to the building fund and greatly appreciate your support.

Thank You,

Fr. Arockiam, SVD



The Youth Ministry would like to thank all who participated in our 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The youth enjoyed themselves and left with prizes and goodie bags galore. A special thanks goes out the Mrs. Paulette Robertson, Ms. Rose Malveau, and Mr. James Joseph for their donations. We look forward to doing this again next year!

DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 04-9-2023
Our Goal	\$548,234.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$456,396.00
Total Donations Collected	\$387,587.53
Total # of Registered Families	459
Total # of Families Pledged	218

Thank You for Your Continued Commitment & Support!



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 14, 2023—6:00 P.M.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 - 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

A VOCATION VIEW:

'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' Jesus commissions us to be his witnesses to the end of the world, do not be afraid to proclaim him in thought, word and deed.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—APRIL 2023

FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON VIOLENCE

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Parishes throughout the country are encouraged to join together in prayer and adoration seeking God's mercy for ourselves and for our nation.

Pope Francis built upon this consistent teaching and made mercy a key theme of his Pontificate.

Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the Church; it constitutes her very existence, through which the profound truths of the Gospel are made manifest and tangible. Everything is revealed in mercy; everything is resolved in the merciful love of the Father. —Pope Francis, *Misericordia et misera*, November 20, 2016

SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. PAUL'S ALTAR SERVER LUNCHEON & INSTALLATION



Saturday, April 22, 2023: At 11:30, we will have a luncheon for new and active Altar Servers in the Parish Center.

Sunday, April 23, 2023: All Altar Servers will turn out at the 10:30 A.M. Mass to be installed and recommit to service during the Masses.

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#*



CHURCH OFFICE RELOCATED TO CENTER

Due to unexpected, necessary building repairs, St. Paul's Church Office has moved to the Parish Center (3920 Gus Young Ave.). **The mailing address and phone number remain the same. Please continue to use the same large mailbox to drop off envelopes.**

ONLINE GIVING—OSVHUB.COM/STPAULBR/GIVING/FUNDS

Fr. Arockiam encourages us to start using the following online link to give: **osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds** because the link on St. Paul's website is sometimes unavailable.



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 **osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds** to give.

OFFERTORY—APRIL 9, 2023

NEW ONLINE GIVING LINK: osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds

Collection:	\$ 3,089.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,668.00
Building Fund:	\$ 2,483.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 63.00
Debt Reduction Campaign:	\$ 4,475.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 10.00
Good Friday:	\$ 314.00
CRS Rice Bowl:	\$ 446.78
Diocesan Priests:	\$ 568.00
Catholic Home Mission:	\$ 30.00
Total Offertory	\$ 16,146.78

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

Envelopes Mailed: 313 Envelopes Returned: 95 Online Givers: 39
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: Easter Vigil— 103; Easter Sunday—160



APRIL 16 — APRIL 22



Lennox LeBlanc 4/16	Sharon St. Romain 4/19	Almeasey Foster 4/22
Anthony Carter 4/17	Albertha Varmall 4/19	Kaleigh Garner 4/22
Madgalene Clark 4/17	Ethan Watson 4/19	Ethan Huggins 4/22
Ogbonna Ofor 4/17	Dana Sam 4/20	Gloria Olivarez 4/22
Bree Parme 4/17	Debra McGhee 4/20	Kendrick Paul 4/22
Mable King 4/18	Leona Scott 4/20	Mia Trench 4/22