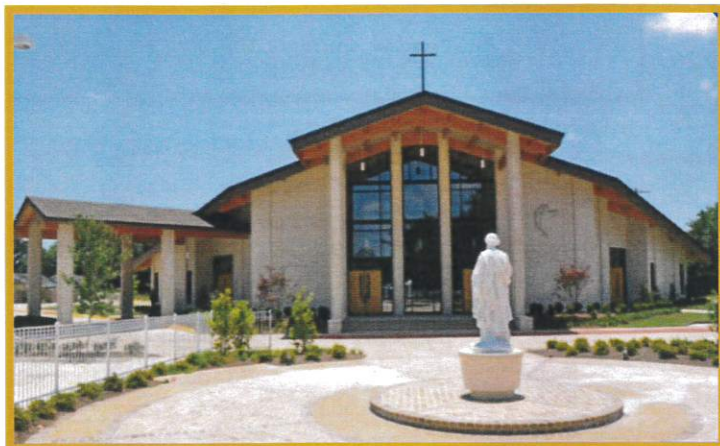


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SUNDAY MASSES
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS—8:00 A.M.
TUESDAY—FRIDAY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
First Friday of Each Month

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
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OCIA
If you want to become Catholic and ready to learn the
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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,
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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

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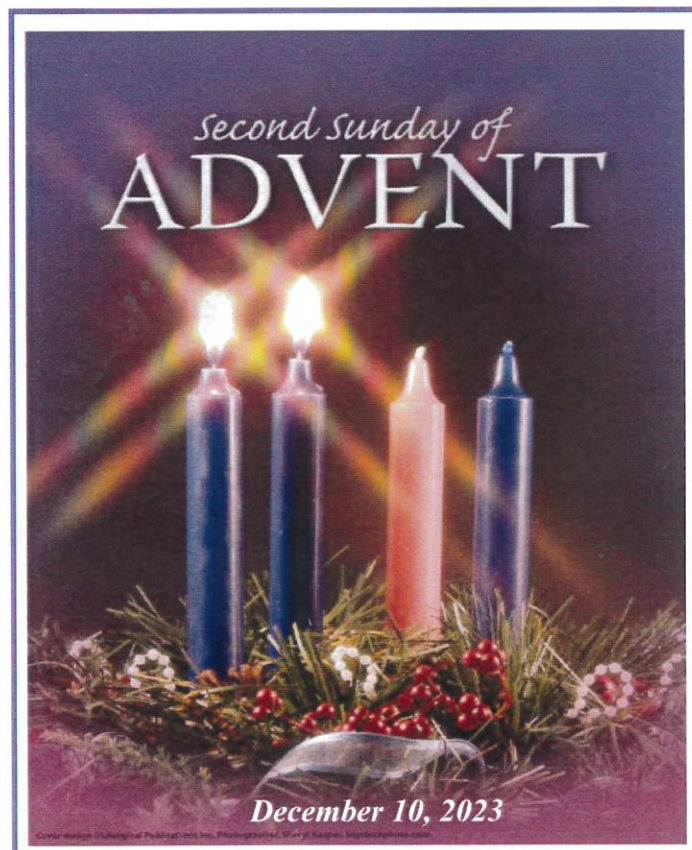
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Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

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Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



Sunday Mass Readings

DECEMBER 10, 2023 & DECEMBER 17

Today: Is 40:1-5,9-11/Ps 85:9-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2,10-11/Lk 1:46-50,53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

ADVENT St. Paul's Communal Reconciliation Service is on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.** Please plan to attend! Heads of St. Paul's ministries and organizations are encouraged to attend with their members.



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



Next Baptism Class: Thurs., March 7, 2023 —7:00 P.M.

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

Baptism: March 17, 2023

(During or After 10:30 Mass)

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

ADULT FORMATION, BIBLE STUDY, & ROSARY

Adult Formation Class: Sundays 9:00 A.M., in the Chapel/Cry Room

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, then enter 878800#



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FOR CHURCH ENVELOPES TO TITHE

Offering Envelopes If you are a registered member of St. Paul and **not** receiving envelopes in the mail to give or send offerings to St. Paul, please call the parish office. If you want to give online, no envelopes are needed, use osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds to give.

OFFERTORY—DECEMBER 3, 2023

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

Collection:	\$ 6,337.52
Online Giving:	\$ 5,645.00
Building Fund:	\$ 500.00
Camp. For Human Devel.	\$ 10.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 339.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 155.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 15.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 10.00
Christmas Offertory:	\$ 25.00
Total Offertory	\$ 13,036.52

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

Envelopes Mailed: 260 Envelopes Returned: 87 Online Givers: 35
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 98; 10:30A.M. - 162



DECEMBER 10—DECEMBER 16



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|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Gerald Anderson 12/10 | Jayla Patrick 12/11 | Gordon Davis 12/16 |
| Deatra Joseph 12/10 | Martina Stribling 12/11 | Nicole George 12/16 |
| Terrilyn Odom 12/10 | Baylor Joseph 12/12 | Albert Hebert Jr. 12/16 |
| Sherri Williams 12/10 | Elliott Baham Jr. 12/13 | Joseph Mathis 12/16 |
| Gabrielle Dentre 12/11 | Felecia Hebert 12/13 | |



7:30 Mass: St. Paul's Church Community
10:30 Mass: Paul Broussard, Evelyn Broussard and Joseph Broussard

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 arockiamsvd@gmail.com



LENTEN FISH FRY PLANNING MEETING



St. Paul's will have its 2nd Fish Fry planning meeting on **Tues., Dec. 19, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.**, in the parish center. Your input matters, please help us plan.

REMEMBER: ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Any youth who would like to become an Altar Server **AND** *all current Altar Servers* are asked to attend a **mandatory training session on Sat., December 16, at 10:30 A.M., followed by a luncheon** in the parish center.

Fr. Arockiam is also asking **ALL** Altar Servers to attend the 10:30 Mass on Sun., Dec. 17, 2023, for the installation of new Altar Servers and the recommitment and blessing of current Altar Servers. Feel free to contact Fr. Arockiam or Ms. Christy Hall with any questions or concerns.

ST. PAUL'S GOODWILL & GRATEFULNESS TREE



A special thank you to all parishioners and organizations that adopted a child or children from St. Paul's Goodwill and Gratefulness Tree. Gifts can be dropped off in the foyer of the church after each Mass by Sunday, December 17, 2023, or bring them to Maxine Watts or St. Paul's Parish Office by Tuesday, **December 19, 2023.** Please bring the Christmas gifts by the due date so the parents of the children can pick up the gifts before Christmas.

CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Roger Banks Sr., Rose Crockett Carter, Audrey Christopher, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Odelia Course, Denovas Crockett, Charles Davis Jr., Shirley Dawson, Dianna Franklin, Gloria Dunn, Ruther Hall, Christina Haynes, James Hayward, Brenda Hickman, Carolyn Jenkins, Annie Joseph, Elthea LeDuff, Marie Myles, Harry Sills, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Martha Spencer, Paul Stewart, Mildred Trask, and Irene Warner

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, Jenna Scott, Dana Simoneaux, Connie St. Romain, Stephanie Stewart, Calvin Thomas III, and Walker Williams

**If any names need to be removed from the lists, please call the Parish Office.*



MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

7:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Andrea Camberos, Angelle Camberos, Jose Camberos

READERS: LaKosha Chambers, Monique Scott-Spaulling

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Audrene LeBlanc, Renee Camberos

10:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Jiselle Anthony, Kaila Anthony, Kaleigh Garner

READERS: Terrell Carter, Mary Martin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Anna Perry, Wanda Davis

ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES

Christmas/ New Year's Mass Schedule
Sunday, Christmas Eve: 9:30 AM & 8:00 PM Masses
 Caroling begins at 7:30 PM

Monday, Christmas Day: 9:00 AM Mass **ONLY**

Sunday, New Year's Eve: 7:30 & 10:30 AM Masses

PRACTICE FOR THE CHRISTMAS PLAY



ALL youth participating in this year's Christmas play, including backstage assistants and actors, are encouraged to attend the scheduled practice **at 6:00 P.M. on Mon., Dec. 11.** Any questions or concerns, contact Tasha Anthony.

ATTENTION YOUTH CHOIR MEMBERS!

St. Paul's Youth Choir is scheduled to sing on Sunday, December 31, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please meet with Ms. Belinda Carney today, December 10th immediately following Mass to receive and discuss the songs the choir will be singing. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Carney at 225-223-8783.

CHURCH PICTORIAL/PHONE DIRECTORY



If your family is interested and willing to participate in photo sessions for a new church pictorial directory with contact info, please complete one of the forms on the table in either entrance of the church. Please drop your form in the collection basket, parish mailbox, or bring it to the parish office by Sunday, Jan. 7, 2023.

MARDI GRAS DANCE



Join St. Paul Knights of Peter Claver, Council 351 for dancing, good fellowship, and fun on Friday, February 9, 2024, from 8 PM to 12 AM at a Mardi Gras Dance in St. Paul's Parish Center. See any of the members of Council 351, for tickets; tickets are \$20 per person.

ACTS RETREAT ATTENDEES

A special thanks to Troy Mathis, John Price and Ethan Sam for participating in the Men's ACTS retreat last week at the Catholic Life Center sponsored by Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE QUIZ PARTICIPANTS

In addition to the announced participants of the last Bible Quiz (11/19/23), we would like to thank Mrs. Desiree Spann and Ms. Sylvia Trahan also for their participation.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge is looking to fill the position of HRIS Specialist. The Human Resource Information System (HRIS) Specialist supports the diocesan-wide HRIS providing service and support to all diocesan core team members and site-specific system administrators, and support and backup to HRIS Administrator. Duties include ensuring data integrity, data analysis and reporting, troubleshooting and monitoring. Collaborates with all members of the Human Resources and Benefits team. Provides a high level of customer service to end users and promotes positive employee relations.

For more information on the requirements of this position, please see the diocesan website at <https://www.diobr.org/employment-opportunities>

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 20, 2023—12:00 NOON

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2023 —6:00 P.M.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—DECEMBER

For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD/RELIGIOUS LIFE

If you feel the call to religious life as a priest, deacon, brother or nun, please contact:

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John the Baptist stands as a sign of contradiction, calling his contemporaries back to a relationship with the Living God. Perhaps you are being called to follow in John's footsteps today.

jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561

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



Mr. Leo Brown and his sister, Ms. Myrtis Rogers, and his niece, Ms. Kawayna Ridgley lit the first Advent Candle Sun., Dec. 3, at the 7:30 Mass. Thank you!



Mr. & Mrs. Leonard and Velita Benjamin and their daughters, Ms. Tracy Benjamin, and Ms. Sheri Benjamin and her fiancé, Mr. Marco Johnson, lit the first Advent Candle on Sun., Dec. 3, at the 10:30 Mass. Thank you!

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**Opston, Dorcenia,
Wilbert, Phillip,
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Jerome Guillory;
CB, Ruth, & Tia Davis;
Catherine Williams,
Yvonne Warren, &
Marcus Montigue**

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Quick Reference to St. Paul's Pastor, Personnel, Ministries, and Services

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Altar Servers—Christy Hall/Darlene Richard/Tasha Anthony.....	225-383-2537
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
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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
Readers (adults)—Paulette Robertson.....	225-937-2293
Religious Education Director (DRE) - Martha Davis.....	225-357-4108
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