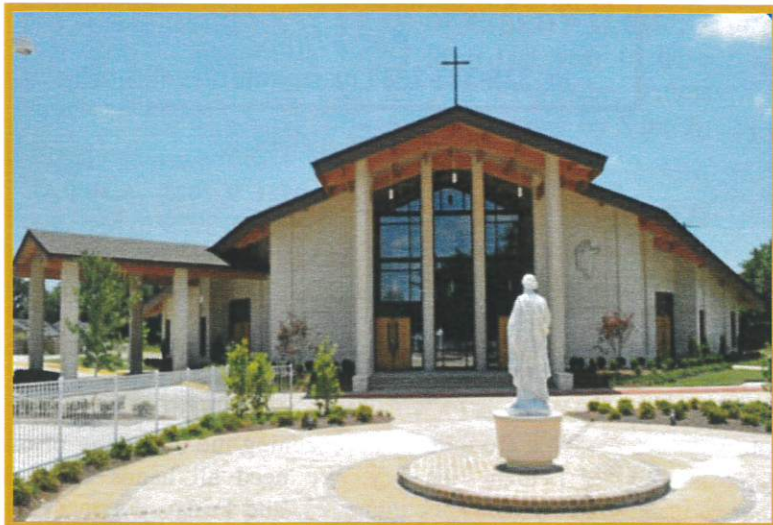


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**SUNDAY MASSES**  
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
TUESDAY—FRIDAY— Will Resume Feb. 23, 2023

**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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Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

February 12, 2023

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A graphic for Black History Month. It features a circular design with stylized figures and a sun, overlaid with a large '6th'. The background is yellow and green with a sunburst effect. The text 'BLACK HISTORY MONTH' is written in a circular path around the top left. The text '6th' is in a large, white, stylized font. Below the graphic, the text 'SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME' is written in a green, blocky font. At the bottom, the text 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.' is written in a white, serif font, followed by '- Mt 5:33b' in a white, sans-serif font.

**6<sup>th</sup>**

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow."  
- Mt 5:33b



Readings Week



**February 12, 2023—February 19, 2023**

**Today:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34b/  
1Cor2:6-10/Mt5:17-37/1Cor 5:20-22a,27-28,  
33-34a,37

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk  
8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10/  
Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18,19-21, 29 and  
22-23/Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

**Next Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13 (8a)/  
1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

**7:30 Mass:** Mr. Brett Moton  
**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 the:*  
**Parish Office**  
**at 225-383-2537 or stpaulbr@aol.com**

*Baptism*

**Next Baptism Class: Thurs., Mar. 9, 2023—6:30 P.M.**  
Contact: Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939 to register  
Parents & Godparents MUST attend the class  
**Next Baptism: Sunday, March 19, 2023**  
(During or After 10:30 Mass)  
For exception, please contact Fr. Arockiam-337-522-0624



*Emotional support, suicide prevention, crisis inter-  
vention, & referral to agencies for help are avail-  
able.*

**RESERVING THE CENTER OR CHURCH**



Ministries and organizations that are planning meet-  
ings and events that will require the use of the parish  
center or church during 2023 are asked to contact  
the parish office with dates and approval to reserve  
the dates which will avoid scheduling conflicts.

*All events must be approved by Fr. Arockiam.*



**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—FEBRUARY 5, 2023**

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

<b>Collection:</b>	\$ 6,268.00
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$ 10,148.00
<b>Building Fund:</b>	\$ 325.00
<b>St. Vincent DePaul:</b>	\$ 221.00
<b>Black &amp; Indian Mission</b>	\$ 283.00
<b>Debt Reduction Campaign:</b>	\$ 3,310.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 20,555.00</b>

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

**Envelopes Mailed: 309 Envelopes Returned: 76 Online Givers: 34**  
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

**Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 78; 10:30A.M. - 183**



**FEBRUARY 12—FEBRUARY 18**



Pamela Collins 2/12	James Hayward 2/14	Rudolph Richard III 2/17
Annette Dunn 2/12	River Marrero 2/14	Kelvin Glasper 2/18
Andre' Stewart 2/12	Riley Richard 2/15	Harriett Jordan 2/18
Tanya Cornell 2/13	Martha Davis 2/16	Edmonia Joseph 2/18
Jynell Hurst 2/13	Antonette Reed 2/16	Cruz Walker 2/18
Byron George 2/14	Brad Davis 2/17	

**OUR LENTEN FISH FRY FUNDRAISER**



We are quickly approaching the beginning of our  
Lenten Fish Fry. We need all hands on deck  
Thursday, February 23, and Friday, February 24.  
Please check the dates and times you signed up to  
help. If you need a reminder of when you signed  
up to help, call 225-324-2939 for assistance.

**TRI-PARISH REVIVAL**

Our Lenten Tri-Parish Revival (St. Paul, St. Francis,  
and Immaculate Conception) is March 6, 7, and 8.  
The revivalist is Father John Judie. Praise and  
Worship begin at 6:00 P.M. and the Revival starts at  
6:30.



- ◆ **March 6:** St. Paul the Apostle (3912 Gus Young Avenue)
- ◆ **March 7:** St. Francis Xavier (1150 South 12th Street)
- ◆ **March 8:** Immaculate Conception (1565 Curtis Street)

*Fr. Judie is from the Archdiocese of Louisville in Louisville, KY.*

**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., 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, John Nnadi,  
Delores Price, Mona Seals, Robert Seals, Harry Sills, Louis  
Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, Mary Smart, 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, FEBRUARY 19, 2023**

READERS: 7:30 A.M.: Joanette Dunn, Monique Spaulding  
 10:30 A.M.: Dana Sam, Mary Martin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M.: Audrene LeBlanc,  
 Alice Zacharie  
 10:30 A.M.: Christy Hall,  
 Pamela Claiborne

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, March 1, 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

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

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—FEBRUARY 2023**

*For parishes*

*We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.*

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

There will be no Religious Education classes on February 19th. Classes will resume on February 26th at 9:00 A.M.



**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**



World Marriage Day, the second Sunday of February, and National Marriage Week USA (February 7 – 14) are observed annually in dioceses and parishes throughout our country as an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme, "Marriage...one flesh, given and received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood.

**RETREAT FOR BOYS IN GRADES 5TH - 8TH**

*Abiding in the Heart of Christ—February 24 - 26, 2023*

Camp Abbey - 77002 KC Camp Road Covington, LA

**Arrive:** Friday, 5:30-6:30 PM/**Depart:** Sunday, 11:30 AM

*Fathers are invited to join the retreat but must complete the required diocesan child protection certification.*

**Cost:** \$115 (If you cannot pay the total amount, please pay what you can.)

**Register:** Email: [lukezumo@gmail.com](mailto:lukezumo@gmail.com)

**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#*



**BRING YOUR LAST YEAR BLESSED PALMS**

Please bring your palms from last year to have them burned and used for Ash Wednesday. Palms should be placed in the bin in the foyer by Sunday, February 19th.

**SUPPORT HEART DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**



Adopting a healthy lifestyle, which includes not smoking, maintaining a healthy weight, controlling blood sugar and cholesterol, treating high blood pressure, getting at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity a week, and getting regular checkups are some of the ways to prevent heart disease. **Wear red on Sunday, February 19th in support of Heart Disease Awareness Month.**

**PRAYER LEADERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



A sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the church for anyone who is interested in leading us in the Stations of the Cross for one of the six Fridays during Lent. Station of the Cross will be at 6:00 p.m. beginning Friday, February 24, 2023.

**CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**I, Too**

I am the darker brother.  
 I, too, sing America.  
 They send me to eat in the kitchen  
 When company comes,  
 But I laugh,  
 And eat well, and grow strong.  
 Tomorrow, I'll be at the table  
 When company comes.  
 Nobody'll dare say to me,  
 "Eat in the kitchen," then.  
 Besides, they'll see how beautiful I am  
 and be ashamed—  
 I, too, am America.

-by Langston Hughes



**DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Area of Focus	As of 02-05-2023
Our Goal	\$548,234.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$456,396.00
Total Donations Collected	\$362,067.59
Total # of Registered Families	453
Total # of Families Pledged	218

*Thank You for Your Continued Commitment & Support!*



*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  
Families**

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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 & Repair—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

*In Loving Memory*

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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, & Mayreen Bowers Johnson**

*Remembering*

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

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**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**

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of*

**Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.**  
*With Much Love,  
Audrene, Kobi,  
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Dorothy Bazile  
James Bazile  
Shelia Bazile**

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

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*of*  
**Wilbert & Sarah Ann  
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