

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

PARISH NURSE

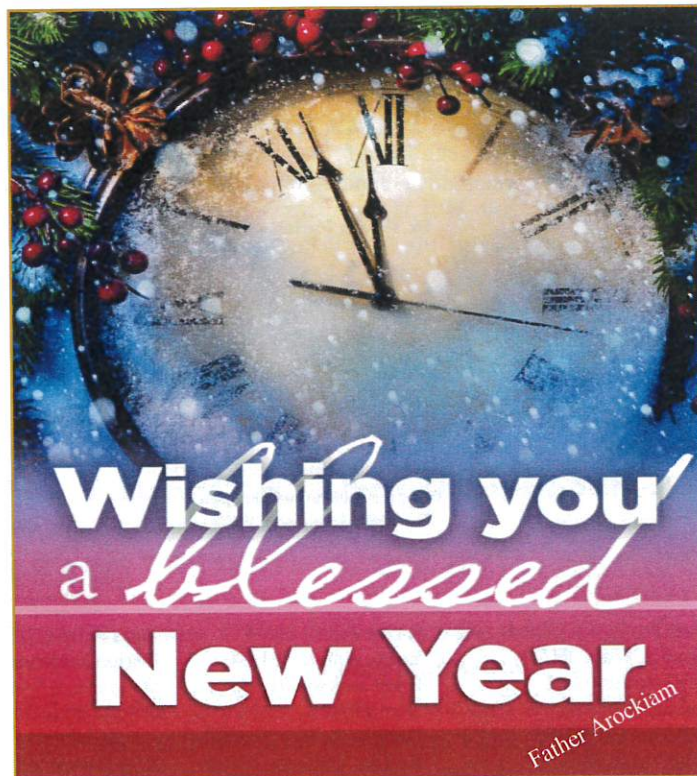
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



January 1, 2023

Readings of the Week

January 1, 2023—January 8, 2023

Today: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8(2a)/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3-4/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1,3-6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2-5/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12



7:30 Mass: St. Paul's Church Community
10:30 Mass: Ms. Crystal Davis

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



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

2023 FISH FRY PLANNING MEETING



Please come to the next fish fry meeting on **Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in St. Paul Center.** Also, please review the sign-up sheets in the main entrance of the church to see how you can help. Sign-up to support our church!



CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEEDED

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



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.

2023 TRI-PARISH REVIVALIST



Fr. John Judie will be the Celebrant for both masses on January 8, 2023. He will be our 2023 Tri-Parish Lenten Revivalist. Fr. Judie will be visiting from Louisville, KY, to get a feel of the parish and get to know our parishioners. Let's welcome Fr. Judie as our Celebrant for Mass.

St. Paul's Parish Office



December 26 through January 2, 2023.

The parish office will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2023



JANUARY 1 — JANUARY 7



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| Dea. Benjamin Dunbar 1/01 | Kathy Albert 01/04 | Paris Rodney 01/05 |
| Nautica Ward 01/01 | Rosey Antoine 01/04 | Darion Harleaux 01/06 |
| Nijel Butler 01/02 | Riley Jackson 01/04 | Dwayne London Jr. 01/06 |
| Jeremy Delafosse, Jr. 01/02 | Dominique Seals 01/04 | Roycha Richard 01/07 |
| Rio Marrero 01/02 | Darlene St. Romain 01/04 | Jasiah Sanders 01/07 |
| John Tubbs 01/02 | Kaelyn Anderson 01/05 | Kim Starwood 01/07 |
| Sharon Miller 01/03 | Edna Dunn Scott 01/05 | |
| Mildred Savoy 01/03 | Cleta Guichard 01/05 | |

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

HELP US ENTER THE NEW YEAR

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power. May we walk gently. May we only speak after we have listened well. Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honor rather than destroy.

Lord of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.

In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.

- Vinita Hampton Wright; Offered by Douglas Ruschman

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, Ruth 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, 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, 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

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

READERS: 7:30 A.M.: Michael Knox, Darlene St. Romain
10:30 A.M.: Parish Children & Youth
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M.: Joannette Dunn, Monique Spaulding
10:30 A.M.: Lisa Byrd, Paul Stewart
Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M.: Quintin Chenevert
10:30 A.M.: Joseph Richard, Kaila Anthony, Elliott Thomas, Anthony Carter, Terrell Jr. Carter



Dear Parishioners,
As we start the new year,
may you trust that you are exactly
where you need to be,
may you not forget the infinite
possibilities that are born of faith,
may you use those gifts that you
have received, and pass on the love
that has been given to you, and
may you be content knowing you are
a child of God.
Have a Healthy and Happy New Year
Father 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 location where the Bible is currently enthroned.

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.



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!



FISH FRY PLANNING MEETING

Monday, January 9, 2023—6:00 P.M.

LITURGY MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 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:

Mary always says yes to God. In our prayer, we ask for the courage and strength to also say yes to God.

jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—JANUARY 2023 FOR EDUCATORS

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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: (13-18 Years): 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

RESERVING THE CENTER OR CHURCH



Ministries

Ministries and organizations that are planning meetings and events that will require use of the center or church during 2023, are asked to contact the parish office for approval and to reserve the dates to avoid conflicts with scheduling. All events must be approved by Fr. Arockiam.

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, and ask for Debra Dudley.

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#*

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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**Geneva Battley Spooner
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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 Bill.....	225-397-4309
Liturgy Committee—Gigi Marnis.....	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

Roosevelt Bowers, Joseph "Buddy" Walker,
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, & Maureen Bowers Johnson

Remembering

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

In Loving Memory

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

In Loving Memory
of

Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.
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Audrene, Kobi,
Dwight Jr., Lloyd,
Morris, Kelby, Quintin,
Saniya, Malia, & Lennox

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Corinne, Michael, Jessie Sr. & Aaron B. Joseph;
Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.; Lawrence
Sr., Shedrick & Lawrance III Ashford; Rose,
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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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