

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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

WEEKDAY MASS
TUESDAY—FRIDAY— Will Resume Feb. 22, 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

PARISH OFFICE ASSISTANT
Christy Hall —225-383-2537

PARISH BOOKKEEPER
Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

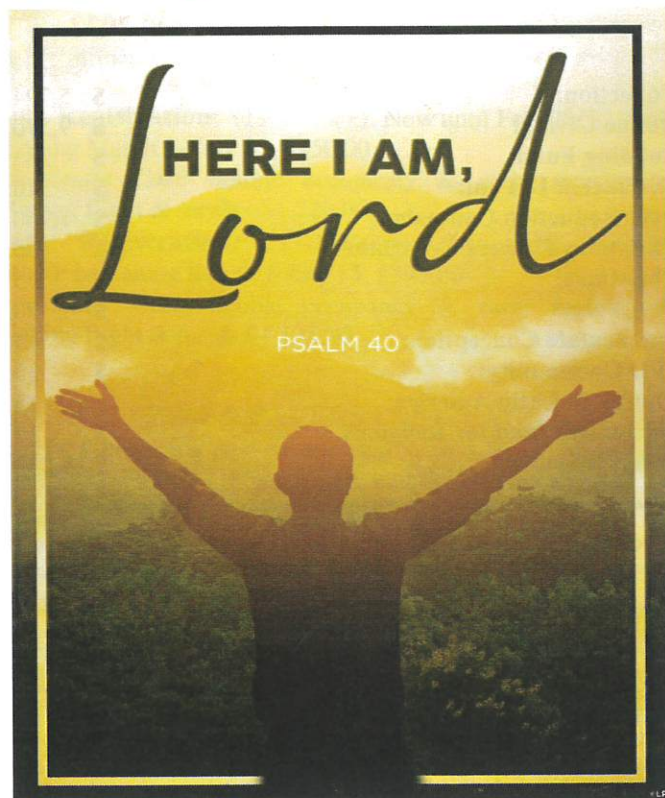
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Martha Davis —225-357-4108

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 15, 2023

Readings *of the Week*

January 15, 2023—January 22, 2023

Today: Is 49:3,5-6/Ps 40:2,4,7-10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9,10c/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10,14/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
 Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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



7:30 Mass: St. Paul's Church Community

10:30 Mass: Mr. Milton, Mrs. Rachel, Ms. Lillie, Ms. Lillian, Mr. J.D., Mrs. Verdell, Mr. Kirby, Mr. James "Pookie", Mrs. Corinne and Mr. Michael Joseph; Mrs. Annette & Mr. Ellis Myles Sr.; Mr. Lawrence Sr., Mr. Shedrick & Mr. Lawrence Ashford, III; Mrs. Rose, Mr. Albert & Mr. Terry Hebert, Mrs. Eula White, and Mr. H.P. Martin.

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



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

Please Note the Changes in the Next Baptism Class & Baptism

RESERVING OF THE CENTER OR CHURCH



St. Paul Ministries & Organization

Ministries and organizations that are planning meetings 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.**



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.

OFFERTORY—JANUARY 8, 2023

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 5,794.00
Online Giving:	\$ 9,570.00
Building Fund:	\$ 385.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 310.00
Debt Reduction Campaign:	\$ 1,960.00
Christmas Flowers/Decoration:	\$ 30.00
Christmas:	\$ 55.00
New Years:	\$ 50.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 45.00
SVD Community:	\$ 20.00
Church in Latin America:	\$ 15.00
Retirement fund for Religious	\$ 30.00
Total Offertory	\$ 18,264.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 310 Envelopes Returned: 58 Online Givers: 28
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 78; 10:30A.M. - 171

BIRTHDAY TO YOU! JANUARY 15 — JANUARY 21 HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| Roger Banks 11/16 | Melonie Stewart 1/19 | Sharda' G. Freeman 1/21 |
| Michael Knox 1/17 | Albert Victorian Jr. 1/19 | Carmen Patrick 1/21 |
| Mary Murray 1/17 | Jerome Walker 1/19 | Monique S. Spaulding 1/21 |
| Dianne Baham 1/19 | Barbara Haynes 1/20 | |

SPECIAL THANK YOU, FR. JUDIE



Thank you, Fr. John Judie, for celebrating Sunday Masses with us on January 8. We look forward to your return for our 2023 Tri-Parish Revival in March. Fr. Judie is from the Archdiocese of Louisville in Louisville, KY.

2022 ST. PAUL FINANCIAL STATEMENT



If you would like a record of your 2022 yearly contributions to St. Paul, please put your name on the list in the main entrance of the church.

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, 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, Florence Jackson, 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

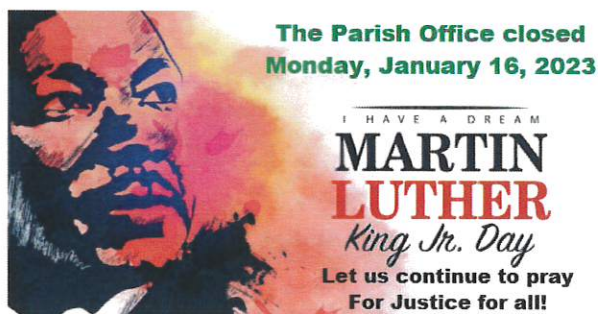


MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

READERS: 7:30 A.M.: Barbara Cornell, Stephanie Allen
10:30 A.M.: Tasha Anthony, Amanda Skinner
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M.: Elie Jackson, Murray Chenevert
10:30 A.M.: Ladiria James, Larry James
Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M.: Da'Marquis London, Garrick Camel Jr.
10:30 A.M.: Joseph Richard, Aidan Sam, Anthony Carter, Terrell Carter Jr., Mason Sanders



Father Arockiam, our Pastor, will be journeying and visiting his parents, family, and village from January 11 through February 13, 2023. Please continue to pray for him, his parents, and his family. Necessary arrangements have been made with Father Stine and Father Counce to take care of the Sunday Masses, and Fr. Clark will care for our sacramental needs in case of an emergency. While Fr. Arockiam is away, there will be no weekday Masses at our church. Weekday Mass will resume Ash Wednesday, February 22. For your needs, please feel free to call the Parish Office at 383-2537.



BIBLE ENTHRONEMENT SUNDAY



Bible Enthronement

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. Please pick-up a copy of the Bible Enthronement Ceremony from the table in the main entrance of the church.* Families are encouraged to enthrone a Bible or revisit the location where their Bible is currently enthroned.



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 01-08-2023
Our Goal	\$548,234.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$456,396.00
Total Donations Collected	\$348,417.59
Total # of Registered Families	453
Total # of Families Pledged	218

Thank You for Your Continued Commitment & Support!

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**

Divine Word Missionaries and Sisters of the Holy Spirit

A VOCATION VIEW:

"Behold the Lamb of God!"

John the Baptist points his followers to Jesus, our actions as disciples of Christ should do the same.

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.

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY CLASSES



The Society of the Divine Word (SVD) of the Southern Province is offering **FREE** 3-day Bible Study Classes to the Introduction to Scripture on Wednesdays, January 11, 18, & 25, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. Registration is required; email **nganduleon2001@yahoo.fr** for the registration link. Classes are open to everyone the SVD Priest serve.

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

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, 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**

In Loving Memory

**of
Hazel Brent Brown,
Leo Brown, Sr.,
and the
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225-775-2494**

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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

**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

**Famye 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
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**of
Lionel Bazile Sr.
Dorothy Bazile
James Bazile
Shelia Bazile**

*In Loving Memory
of*

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

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**Wilbert & Sarah Ann
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