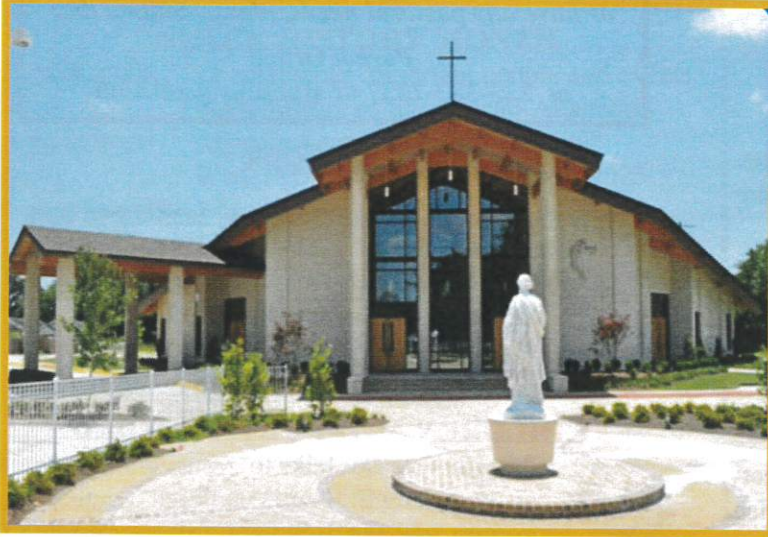


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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

A religious poster for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It features a portrait of St. Josephine Bakhita, a woman with a halo, wearing a dark dress and a headscarf. To the right of the portrait is a quote: "I AM DEFINITELY LOVED AND WHATEVER HAPPENS TO ME — I AM AWAITED BY THIS LOVE. AND SO MY LIFE IS GOOD." The background of the poster is a vibrant, abstract painting of a sunset or sunrise with warm colors like orange, yellow, and red. At the bottom, there is a green circle with the number "5th" and the text "SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME". Below that, it says "You are the light of the world." - Mt 5:14a and "February 5, 2023". At the very bottom, there is a small line of text: "Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCB".

February 5, 2023—February 12, 2023

Today: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: Gn1:1-19/Ps104:1-2a,5-6,10,12,24,35c/Mk6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9,15-17/Ps104:1-2a,27-30/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34b/
 1Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or
 1Cor 5:20-22a,27-28,33-34a, 37

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

10:30 Mass: Our African American and African Families

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 intervention, & referral to agencies for help are available.



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.

RESERVING THE CENTER OR CHURCH



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.



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 29, 2023

ONLINE GIVING LINK: OSVONLINEGIVING.COM/4266

Collection:	\$ 1,918.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,715.00
Building Fund:	\$ 155.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 30.00
Debt Reduction Campaign:	\$ 460.00
Church in Latin America:	\$ 10.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,288.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 310 Envelopes Returned: 32 Online Givers: 30
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 51; 10:30A.M. - 109

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! FEBRUARY 5—FEBRUARY 11

J'Alen Grievous 2/5	Marvin Haynes 2/7	Janice Womber 2/8
Mary McCoy 2/5	Joseph Richard 2/7	Carolyn Jenkins 2/9
Kimberly Davis 2/6	Lunden Scott Jr. 2/7	Raphael Reed 2/11
Albert Grievous 2/6	Ziyad Allen 2/8	
Isaiah Sam 2/6	Laryon James 2/8	

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.

LENTEN 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, 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, Jenna Scott, Dana Simoneaux, Earleen Stevenson, Stephanie Stewart, Connie St. Romain, Calvin Thomas III, Donald Williams, Walker Williams, and Sherry Motte Citizen

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

READERS: 7:30 A.M.: Ronnice Johnson, LaKosha Chambers
10:30 A.M.: St. Paul's Children and Youth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M.: Joannette Dunn, Monique Spaulding
10:30 A.M.: Lisa Byrd, Renee Camberos

Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M.: Da'Marquis London, Gavin & Gabriel Camel
10:30 A.M.: Andrea, Angelle, and Jose Camberos, Elliott Thomas



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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A VOCATION VIEW:

I resolved to know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. In the Cross is our salvation, proclaim that salvation in all you do!

jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561

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.



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 read on Sunday, February 19th in support of Heart Disease Awareness Month.***

RETREAT FOR GIRLS IN GRADES 6TH - 9TH

Come to the Fountain of Love—February 10 - 12, 2023
 at Camp Abbey - KC Camp Road Covington, LA

Prayer, Games, Entertainment, Mass, and Confessions

Arrive: Friday, 6:00 PM / **Depart:** Sunday, 1:00 PM

Cost: \$100 (Scholarships Available)

Make checks payable to:

Lindsey Bennett

17827 N. Achord Rd. Baton Rouge, LA 70817

To register: lindseybennett@gmail.com

RETREAT FOR BOYS IN GRADES 5TH - 8TH

Abiding in the Heart of Christ—February 24 - 26, 2023
 at Camp Abbey - 77002 KC Camp Road Covington, LA

Prayer, Sacraments, Sports, Games & Friends

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

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#*

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Significance: To remember important people and events in the history of the African-American

Also called: African-American History Month

Date: Wed, Feb 1, 2023 – Wed, Mar 1, 2023

Event Length: 1 Month

Observed for: 53 years

Observed by: United States, Canada, United Kingdom, & Ireland

St. Paul's Members are encouraged to wear African Attire during the month of February.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FAMILY

God of mercy and love, we place our African American Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher grounds.

Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians, and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as your children, to live in such a way, that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do.

Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity.

This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior, and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us.

Fr. Jim Goode, OFM



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 01-29-2023
Our Goal	\$548,234.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$456,396.00
Total Donations Collected	\$358,757.59
Total # of Registered Families	453
Total # of Families Pledged	218

Thank You for Your Continued Commitment & Support!

In Loving Memory
**Opston, Dorcenia,
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 Jerome Guillory;
 CB, Ruth, & Tia Davis;
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 Marcus Montigue**

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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
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

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