

# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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## SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS—8:00 A.M.

TUESDAY—FRIDAY

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

## Third Sunday of Lent



MARCH 12, 2023



**March 12, 2023—March 19, 2023**

**Today:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2,6-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/  
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25,34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8-11ab, 14 & 17/Mk 12:28-34


**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a,-6/Eph 5:8-14/  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**7:30 Mass:** St. Paul's Church Community  
**10:30 Mass:** Deceased members of 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:*

**Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD, Pastor**  
337-522-0624 or  
arockiamsvd@gmail.com




**ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE**



Altar Servers practice will be held on Fridays, March 17, 24, and 31 at 6:30 p.m. Practice is for all current Altar Servers, and those interested in becoming an Altar Server. If you are unable to attend, please inform Fr. Arockiam.

**Kind reminder to fulfill your pledge (DRC)**

 Through our (St. Paul's families) prayers and commitment to the Debt Reduction Campaign, we are doing well working toward our goal of \$548,234.00, thank you very much! The set deadline to complete campaign pledges is approaching, so Fr. Arockiam is asking families to review and honor their pledged amounts, and work to pay pledges in full before or by April 23, 2023. If any family feels they need more time to complete their pledged amount, please contact Fr. Arockiam by March 31, 2023.

**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—MARCH 5, 2023**

ONLINE GIVING LINK: [OSVHUB.COM/STPAULBR/GIVING/FUNDS](http://OSVHUB.COM/STPAULBR/GIVING/FUNDS)

<b>Collection:</b>	\$ 7,027.00
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$ 11,348.00
<b>Building Fund:</b>	\$ 30.00
<b>St. Vincent DePaul:</b>	\$ 201.00
<b>Debt Reduction Campaign:</b>	\$ 2,685.00
<b>Church in Eastern Europe:</b>	\$ 30.00
<b>Catholic Relief Services:</b>	\$ 5.00
<b>Easter Flowers:</b>	\$ 152.00
<b>Black &amp; Indian Mission:</b>	\$ 60.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 21,538.00</b>

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

**Envelopes Mailed: 309 Envelopes Returned: 93 Online Givers: 38**  
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

**Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 88; 10:30A.M. - 185**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! MARCH 5 — MARCH 11**

Godis Jackson 3/12	Henry Harris 3/14	Derrick Wells 3/16
Timothy Marioneaux 3/12	Ernest Hebert 3/14	Christy Battley 3/17
Brenda Bardell 3/13	Mekhi Jones 3/14	Tonya Ward 3/17
Lula Grant 3/13	Lavone Hatch 3/15	Chimene Williams 3/17
Louis Martin 3/13	Tejuana Garner 3/16	Cierra Colar 3/18
Renee Camberos 3/14	Bennie Robertson	

**Baptism**

**Next Baptism Class: Thurs., June 8, 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.**



**ST. PAUL LENTEN FISH FRY**  
Thank you to all the chairperson, co-captains, captains, and volunteers. Week Two Gross was \$9,471.00. Please continue to promote & support our fundraiser.

**ONLINE GIVING**



With online giving, we have a choice in how we tithe and support our church. Some parishioners use the offering envelopes, while others give electronically. Online giving is set up on St. Paul's website at [stpaulbr.org](http://stpaulbr.org). This is one easy way to give online. Unfortunately, on occasions the website goes down, this makes it impossible to give online. Instead of giving online through St. Paul's website, Fr. Arockiam encourage us to start using the following link for online giving: [osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds](http://osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds).

**OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND CHURCH MEMBERS**



Rosey Antoine, 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, Martha Spencer, 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



**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023**

**READERS: 7:30 A.M.:** Carla Lewis, Desiree Terrell  
**10:30 A.M.:** Stephanie Allen, Tasha Anthony  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 7:30 A.M.:** Joannette Dunn, Alice Zacharie  
**10:30 A.M.:** Martha Davis, Nancy Ball  
**Altar Servers: 7:30 A.M.:** Da'Marquis London, Gavin and Gabriel Camel  
**10:30 A.M.:** Joia Anthony, Jiselle Anthony, Kaila Anthony, Anthony Carter, Terrell Carter Jr.

**LENTEN, TRIDUUM, AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Reconciliation:** March 29—5:30 P.M. Prayer, 6:00 P.M.—Reconciliation  
**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion:** April 2—7:30 & 10:30 A.M.  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Thurs., April 6—6:30 P.M.  
 (Adoration after Mass)  
**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31—6:00 P.M.  
**Stations of the Cross & The Lord's Passion:** Fri., April 7—2:30 & 3:00  
 (2:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross led by the youth & 3:00 P.M. Lord's Passion)  
**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter:** Sat., April 8—8:00 P.M.  
**Easter Sunday Mass:** Sun., April 9—9:00 A.M. ONLY

**OUR CONDOLENCE**



St. Paul's church family offers prayers for the family and soul of **Mr. Robert Knox**, the brother of Mr. Michael Knox. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**ST. PAUL'S LENTEN CHURCH-FAMILY ACTIVITY**

As a church family, we began our Church Family Activities on the first Sunday of Lent. Next Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the fourth Sunday of Lent, church-family members are asked to create a Lenten Art project such as: make a small cross, Easter devotional bookmark, or an 8x11 image to show the meaning of Easter. *Remember to bring your family's art project to Mass on March 19<sup>th</sup> to be blessed.*

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

Join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Arockiam Arockiam and Fr. Gnanavoli Arulsamy as the Spiritual Directors.

**10 Days: September 4-13, 2023**

**Package Price: \$3,495.00 from New Orleans, LA**

Price includes airfare, fuel surcharges, airport taxes, full board, tips and is based on double occupancy accommodation. Single room is available at a supplement of \$895.00.)

If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please inform Fr. Arockiam and complete the registration form on the table and submit the information and deposit as requested.



**DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Area of Focus	As of 03-05-2023
<b>Our Goal</b>	\$548,234.00
<b>Total Amt. Pledged</b>	\$456,396.00
<b>Total Donations Collected</b>	\$367,257.59
<b>Total # of Registered Families</b>	458
<b>Total # of Families Pledged</b>	218

*Thank You for Your Continued Commitment & Support!*



**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
 Wednesday, March 15, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**  
 Wednesday, May 24, 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:**

Jesus gives Living Water to those who come to Him in their need. Bring your weakness to Him, that His strength may help with your continued conversion of life.

**jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561**

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

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

**For Victims of Abuse**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**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.



**MARCH IS COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Regular screening, beginning at age 45, is the key to preventing colorectal cancer (cancer of the colon or rectum). If you're 45 to 75 years old, get screened for colorectal cancer regularly. If you're younger than 45 and think you may be at high risk of getting colorectal cancer, or if you're older than 75, talk to your doctor about screening.

**FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY**

The St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy provides life sustaining medical prescriptions to those in need. Many of the people they serve have prescription medication cost that exceed their rent and utilities, combined. It may be someone who is unemployed for the first time, or a minimum-wage employee with no health insurance. It might be an older couple who lost their small retirement savings in the stock market. People we serve cannot afford their life-sustaining medicines, but you can help. We thank you in advance for helping St. Paul make a remarkable impact in the lives of the poorest of our Diocese. **A canister will be located in the main entrance of the church next Sunday, March 19th for contributions.**



**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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Leo Brown, Sr.,  
and the  
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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 & 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

*In Loving Memory*

**Roosevelt Bowers, Joseph "Buddy" Walker,  
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*Remembering*

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

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*of*

**Kevin Michael  
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&  
Wilfred Ferbos**

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James Bazile  
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*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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