

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 Or Brother John Hotstream SC 1(985) 438-0485

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

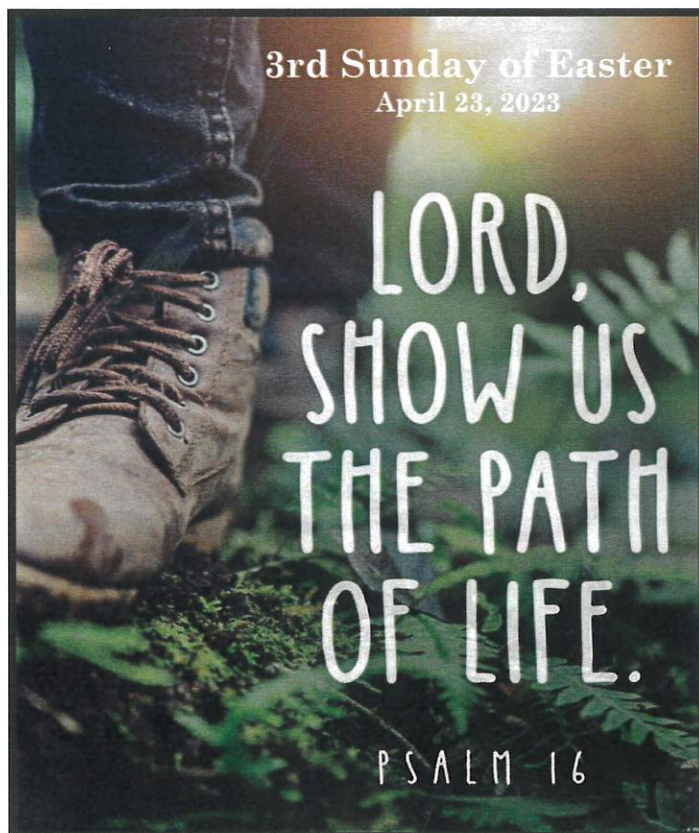
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



Daily Mass Readings



APRIL 23, 2023—APRIL 29, 2023

Today: Acts 2:14,22-33/Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11/1 Pt:17-21/
Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a,36-41/Ps 23:1-6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/
Jn 10:1-10

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

10:30 Mass: Mr. Paul D. Broussard

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

OSVHUB.COM/STPAULBR/GIVING/FUNDS
 Fr. Arockiam encourages us to start using the following **online link to give: osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds** because the link on St. Paul's website is sometimes unavailable.

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, June 25, 2023
 (During or After 10:30 Mass)

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 St. Paul, please call the parish office. If you want to give online, no envelopes are needed, please use **osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds** to give.



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Area of Focus	As of 04-16-2023
Our Goal	\$548,234.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$456,396.00
Total Donations Collected	\$399,119.53
Total # of Registered Families	461
Total # of Families Pledged	218

Thank You for Your Continued Commitment & Support!

OFFERTORY—APRIL 16, 2023

NEW ONLINE GIVING LINK: **osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds**

Collection:	\$ 4,941.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,625.00
Building Fund:	\$ 100.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 365.00
Debt Reduction Campaign:	\$ 11,532.00
CRS Rice Bowl:	\$ 45.00
Holy Days	\$ 10.00
Retirement Fund for Dio. Priest	\$ 15.00
Total Offertory	\$ 21,633.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 313 Envelopes Returned: 61 Online Givers: 34
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 77; 10:30A.M. - 130



APRIL 16 — APRIL 22



LaDonna Battiste 4/23	Nyah Johnson 4/25	Barbara Banks 4/27
Vernal George 4/23	Destiny Jones 4/25	Sybil Thomas 4/27
Gigi Mathis 4/24	Egypt Donald 4/26	Kerry Bardell 4/28
Angela Tubbs 4/24	Lacie Mathis 4/26	Damoni Goss 4/28
Aiden Givens 4/25	Courtnei Patterson 4/26	Marcell Meyers 4/28
Odeal Harris 4/25	Zamorah Simms 4/26	Tasha Bergeron 4/29

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OFFICE IS IN THE CENTER
 Some unexpected major repairs to St. Paul's Church Office forced its relocation to our Center (3920 Gus Young Ave.). The mailing address and phone number are the same, and please continue to use the same large mailbox to drop off envelopes.



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



St. Paul's Youth Choir will have rehearsal Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 12:00 Noon. All members and any interested children or youth are asked to attend. Please contact Ms. Belinda Carney at 223-8783 if you have any questions.

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, Shelia Fowler, 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, and Walker Williams



MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

7:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Da'Marquis London, Garrick Camel Jr.
READERS: Barbara Cornell, Desiree Terrell
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Elie Jackson, Monique Spaulding

10:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Kaila Anthony, Kaleigh Garner, Aidan Sam, Jackson Williams, Madelyn Williams
READERS: Parish School of Religion Eleventh Graders
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Velita Benjamin, Renee Camberos



Dear Parishioners,

All glory and praise to God, and thanks to each of you for the great accomplishment. On September 01, 2012, we had taken a loan of \$1,096,270.96 (One Million Ninety Six Thousand Two hundred Seventy Dollars and 96/100 Cents) to pay off our new church building, from the Diocese of Baton Rouge with interest at the rate of 3.5% which was varying during the subsequent years depending on the financial market. On January 1, 2021, I joined you as your Pastor. At that time our loan was \$ 558,234.00 (Five Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four Dollars) plus its interest. After meeting with all of you, (those who were able to come for the various meetings), in April 2021, we launched a 2 year Debt Reduction Campaign, with the goal of retiring the debt by the end of April 2023.



Today, on Sunday, April 23, 2023, I am so happy to show appreciation for you, and to announce to you that we have achieved our goal; our church building is paid off. Please join me in thanking God for His marvelous deeds.

At this historical moment, I would like to thank Most Rev. Michael G. Duca, Bishop of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, for his great support, encouragement and blessings, Deacon Benjamin Dunbar Jr., for his great support and blessings, our church office staff - Mrs. Mary Martin, Ms. Christy Hall and Mrs. Debra Dudley, Finance and Pastoral Council Members, all those 218 St. Paul the Apostle Church families who generously made the pledges and gave me the hope and encouragement to do this, many other Church families who didn't make a pledge but contributed towards it, members who constantly prayed for this cause, few of my friends and benefactors. A special thanks to Mrs. Vera Dunbar, because, instead of hiring a company to run the campaign, I requested that she do the job. And she did a great job of writing the letters for me, printing, buying envelopes, mailing, tracking, updating, submitting the report to church office, etc. She did this with joy and love for the church and saved lots of money for the church. Thank you Mrs. Vera! Once again thanks to all of you and let us continue to offer ourselves to God to see many more good works. Thanks to those who have asked for more time to pay off their pledge. Please do so.

In March & April of 2021, as I met with you all in different groups. I listen to you and shared some of my ideas and future plans for our church. Now having accomplished our first goal, I would like to meet with you and share my thoughts, revisit some of my suggestions that I had, and would like to hear from you, your suggestions and ideas for the good of our church. Therefore, I am calling for a meeting with all parishioners. Please try to attend one of these meetings and help me to plan for our future. Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Thank You,
 Fr. Arockiam, SVD

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 14, 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:

'Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning.' Now that Christ is raised from the dead, our actions must be changed to reveal this great gift to the world.

jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—APRIL 2023

FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON VIOLENCE

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens .

May she rest in peace...



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Sands and Donald family at the passing of Mrs. Winnie Sands, mother of Mrs. Windi Donald.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER

We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioner; Ms. Tina Baudy as she joins St. Paul's church family.



The Jr. Daughters of Court 351, Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, presented Fr. Arockiam with a \$100 donation for St. Paul's Building fund. Pictured left to right: Row 1: Assistant Counselor Lady Amanda Skinner, Jr. Grand Lady Jasmine Oliver, Bree Parmes, Joia Anthony, Fr. Arockiam, & Counselor Lady Tasha Bergeron-Parmes. Row 2: Jr. Vice Grand Lady Avoughn Roberts, Kaila Anthony, & Jiselle Anthony.

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
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Quick Reference to St. Paul's Pastor, Personnel, Ministries, and Services

Contact Information

Altar Servers—Christy Hall.....	225-223-7851
Altar Servers—Darlene Richard.....	225-383-2537
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,
 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

**Famyee 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
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*In Loving Mem-
 ory
 of*

**Kevin Michael
 Ferbos
 &
 Wilfred Ferbos**

*In Loving Memory
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 Joseph; Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.; Law-
 rence Sr., Shedrick & Lawrance III Ash-
 ford; Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert; Eur
 White & H.P. Martin; Jessica D. Hughes**

*In Loving Memory
 of*

**Rev. Albert Williams, Sr.
 & Jr., Mildred & John
 Williams; Lucy, Robert,
 Gertrude, J. Robert,
 Mary & Martha Theodore;
 Lillian & Forrest Oliver;
 Tobb, Ida, Johnny Sr. &
 Jr., Willie, Charles, &
 Lillian Brown**

In Remembrance

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

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