

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 Contact Brother John Hotstream, SC
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

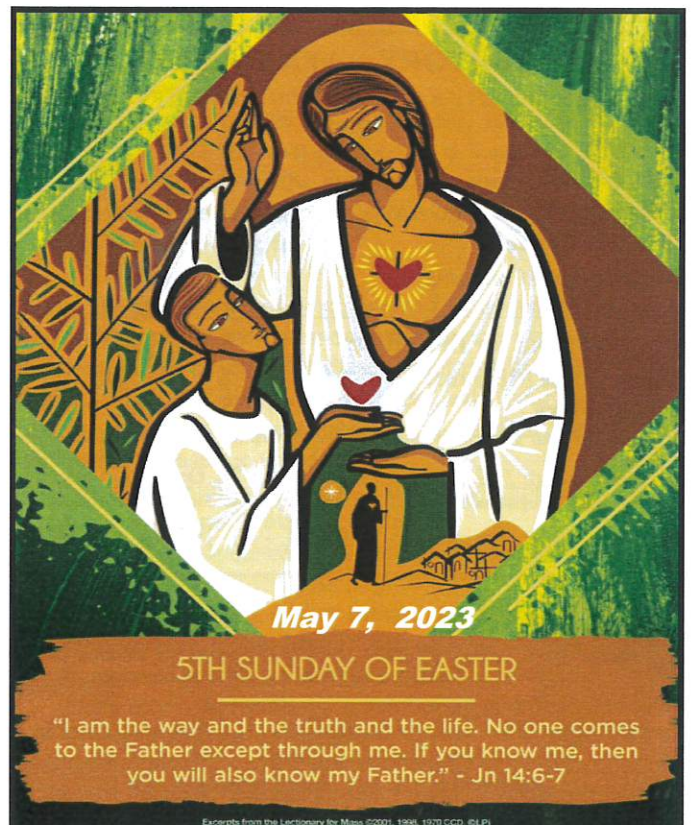
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Martha Davis —225-357-4108

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

MAY 7—MAY 14, 2023

Today: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8,14-17/Ps 66:1-7,16,20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/
Jn 14:15-21

MEETING WITH PARISHIONERS

Now that the church building loan has been paid in full, Fr. Arockiam would like to meet with All Parishioners to listen to suggestions and ideas and share his thoughts and ideas for St. Paul's future. **Fr. Arockiam is encouraging ALL St. Paul's parishioners to attend at least one of the two scheduled meetings, TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. in the Center or WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. in the church building.**



OSVHUB.COM/STPAULBR/GIVING/FUNDS

Fr. Arockiam encourages us to start using this **Online Link to give: osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds** due the link on our website is sometimes unavailable.



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.

OFFERTORY—APRIL 30, 2023

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

Collection:	\$ 4,204.75
Online Giving:	\$ 1,465.00
Building Fund:	\$ 135.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 35.00
Debt Reduction Campaign:	\$ 4,130.00
Holy Days:	\$ 20.00
Retirement Fund for Dio Priest:	\$ 15.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$ 326.00
Total Offertory	\$ 10,330.75

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

Envelopes Mailed: 313 Envelopes Returned: 78 Online Givers: 27
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 70; 10:30A.M. -167



MAY 7 — MAY 13



Luke LaVergne 5/7	Giselle Battley 5/9	Terrell Carter Jr. 5/12
Patrick Clay 5/8	Chinedu Nnadi 5/9	Raphew Reed Jr. 5/12
Allura Guilbeau 5/8	Devin Pedescleaux 5/9	Rochell Franklin 5/13
Myrtis Rogers 5/8	Aliyah Miller 5/11	Lois Joseph 5/13



7:30 Mass: St. Paul's Church Community
10:30 Mass: In Honor of St. Paul's First Communion Students

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



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 exception, please contact Fr. Arockiam-337-522-0624

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNICANTS



Father Arockiam and St. Paul's church family extends warm congratulation to our 11 children who received Holy Communion for the first time today, May 7, 2023, at 10:30 A.M. Congratulations to **Islyn Brown, Jordan Clifford, Brayden Davis, Ava Huggins, King Joseph, Dominic Marrero, Davin Oliver, Dawson Oliver, Farah Peters, Rylee Sanders, Austin Wiggins, and your parents and families.**

CONGRAULATION CONFIRMANDS



Kadeem Allen, Gerrick Camel Jr., Tianna Huggins, Joseph Richard, Kameron Stewart, and Sade' Gray of Immaculate Conception celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Michael Duca, Fr. Arockiam, Deacon Jodi Moscona, and their families here at St. Paul on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

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, 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, Connie St. Romain, Calvin Thomas III, Donald Williams, and Walker Williams

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

7:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Jaiden Parker, Saija Johnson
READERS: David Robertson, Carla Lewis
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Monique Spaulding, Elie Jackson

10:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Andrea Camberos, Angelle Camberos, Jose' Camberos, Elliott Thomas
READERS: Tasha Anthony, Dorphelia Patterson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Tasha Anthony, Amanda Skinner



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, June 14, 2023—6:00 P.M.
FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, May 24, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.

CROWNING OF BLESSED MOTHER MARY



St. Paul's Parish School of Religion students will crown and present flowers to Blessed Mother Mary on **Sunday, May 14, 2023, at 10:30 A.M. Mass.** Members and friends of St. Paul the Apostle are encouraged to **bring a flower or two to present to Blessed Mother Mary at the beginning of the Mass.**

THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Catholic Church has emphasized the month of May as a time of honor and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary for centuries. Parishes and families often celebrate with special devotions, or placing a crown on a statue of Mary, traditionally called a "May Crowning."



Mary receives an important role in Pope Francis' recent Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*- The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family. He states, "Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth". Pope Francis goes on to say, "The treasury of Mary's heart also contains the experiences of every family, which she cherishes. For this reason, she can help us understand the meaning of these experiences and to hear the message God wishes to communicate through the life of our families". Pope Francis reminds us that by honoring Mary, we honor Jesus and our families.

Pope Francis also stated "the message of hope contained in God's blessing was fully realized in a woman, Mary, who was destined to become the Mother of God, and it was fulfilled in her before any other creature." The Holy Father added that "our journey of faith is the same as that of Mary, and so we feel that she is particularly close to us." Individual believers and faith communities are encouraged to pray the rosary every day for peace.

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#*

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:

*In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places.
 Prepare a place in the Father's Mansion by living
 His promises here on earth.*

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

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—MAY 2023

For church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Mental Health in America

- ◆ 21% of adults are experiencing a mental health illness.
- ◆ 16% of youth report suffering from at least one major depressive episode in the past year.
- ◆ 15% of adults had a substance use disorder in the past year.
- ◆ 4.8% of adults reported serious thoughts of suicide.
- ◆ 11% of adults identified with two or more races reported serious thoughts of suicide.
- ◆ 55% of adults with mental illness receive no treatment—over 28 million individuals.
- ◆ 60% of youth with major depression do not receive mental health treatment.

What is Depression?

Depression refers to feelings of sadness, isolation, discouragement, or hopelessness that persist. It is a serious illness which affects a person physically, emotionally, spiritually, socially and vocationally. The presence of depression does not indicate a lack of willpower or a weak faith.

What are the Signs and Symptoms of Depression?

The following are the common symptoms of depression. If you experience four or more of these symptoms for longer than two weeks, or if your symptoms interfere with your daily life, you may be experiencing depression. If you have any concerns about depression, please see your doctor.

- Ongoing feeling of sadness, anxiety, or emptiness
- Loss of interest in usual activities
- Feelings of hopelessness, helplessness or pessimism
- Feelings of worthlessness or guilt
- Difficulty sleeping and/or eating
- Restlessness, irritability, or over activity
- Decreased energy, persistent fatigue
- Difficulty concentrating, remembering and making decisions
- Thought of death or suicide



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

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
Brent, Aldolph,
Brown, and Harrison
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225-775-2494

In Loving Memory

**Geneva Battley Spooner
Della Battley Rodney
Rosa Lee Johnson**

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

Contact Information

Altar Servers—Christy Hall/Darlene Richard.....	225-223-7851/225-383-2537
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—Brother John Holstream.....	985-438-0485
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.
With Much Love,
Audrene, Kobi,
Dwight Jr., Lloyd,
Morris, Kelby, Quintin,
Saniya, Malia, & Lennox

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Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian,
J.D. & Verdell, Kirby, James "Pookie,"
Corinne, Michael, Jessie Sr. & Aaron B. Joseph;
Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.; Lawrence Sr.,
Shedrick & Lawarance III Ashford;
Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert; Eula White &
H.P. Martin; Jessica D. Hughes

*In Loving Memory
of*

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

In Remembrance

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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