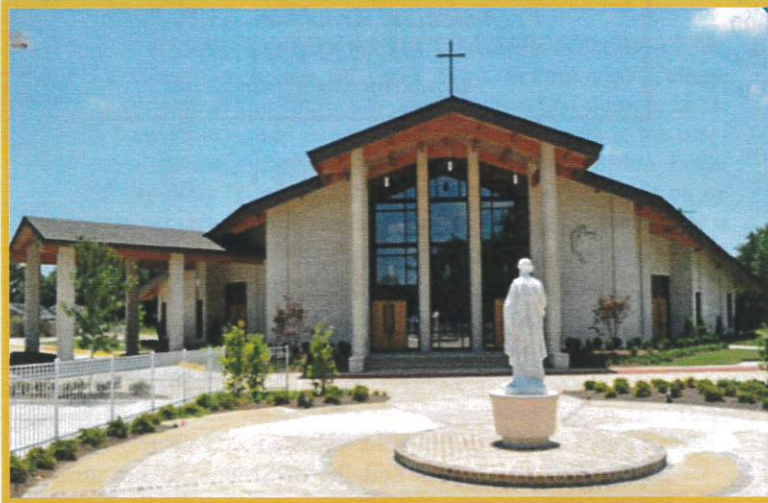


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SUNDAY MASSES
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

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

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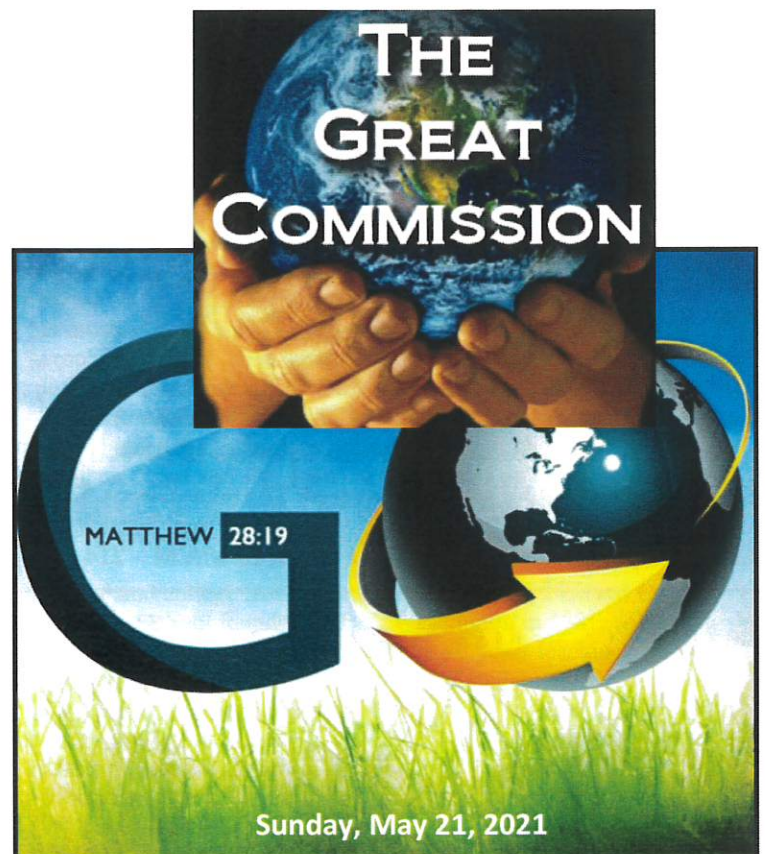
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Sunday, May 21, 2021

Mass Readings

MAY 21 & MAY 28, 2023

Today: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3,6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20;
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34/1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13/
 Jn 20:19-23

ST. PAUL'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"READY, SET, MOVE! FOLLOW JESUS HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE" is this year's Vacation Bible School Theme. Mark your calendar for a hands-on, memorable week, (June 19 -23, from 6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M. in the Parish Center). The lessons and activities will allow children, youth, and adults to grow their faith as they understand how they can follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere.



MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Strategies for Managing Mental Health



Promoting Acceptance and Compassion/Language: Hopefully, we have moved beyond the "old adage:" *sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me. WE KNOW THAT WORDS CAN HARM US.* They can be emotionally hurtful, and spread misinformation. While most of us know not to participate in hate speech, throw insults, or spread rumors, we may be unwittingly making mistakes in the way we talk about mental health. By choosing a compassionate language, we can help to support those living with mental illness.

MAY IS ALSO STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

Use the letters in F.A.S.T. to spot a Stroke



F.A.S.T. Warning Signs

- F = Face Drooping – Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?
- A = Arm Weakness – Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- S = Speech Difficulty – Is speech slurred?
- T = Time to call 911

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—MAY 14, 2023

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

Collection:	\$ 4,961.08
Online Giving:	\$ 2,730.00
Building Fund:	\$ 62.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 116.00
Debt Reduction Campaign:	\$ 555.00
Catholic Home Mission:	\$ 50.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$ 10.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,484.08

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

Envelopes Mailed: 313 Envelopes Returned: 77 Online Givers: 32
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 90; 10:30A.M. - 214



MAY 21 — MAY 27



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|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Gregory Dawson 5/21 | Jordan Earls 5/22 | Johnathan Lane 5/25 |
| Ruther Hall 5/21 | Vincent Foulcard 5/22 | Damon Oliver 5/25 |
| Oreather Lee 5/21 | Gloria Hayward 5/23 | Kobi Chenevert 5/26 |
| Jaycee Mathis 5/21 | Roosevelt Leonard 5/23 | Ladaya James 5/27 |
| Joseph Mathis 5/21 | Marcus Williams 5/23 | Deonte London 5/27 |
| Leo Brown Jr. 5/22 | Elaine Joshua 5/25 | Kevin Stewart Jr. 5/27 |

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

7:30 Mass: St. Paul's Church Community
 10:30 Mass: In Memory of 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



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

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL ROSARY



The Ladies Sodality of St. Paul invites all parishioners to join them as we pray the Rosary to our Blessed Mother for our sick and home bound parishioners in St. Paul's Garden on the last Saturday of the Month of Mary, May 27 at 12:00 noon. This coincides with celebrations and devotions to our Blessed Mother during May. Save the date and attend.

ADULT FORMATION, BIBLE STUDY, & ROSARY

Adult Formation Class: Sundays 9:00 A.M.—Resumes in September
 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, then enter 878800#

TOGETHER BATON ROUGE MEETING

Together Baton Rouge will meet on Tuesday, May 23, in St. Paul's Center. If you plan to attend, please register so they can include you in the lunch count. The suggested donation is \$10. Register at: <https://www.togetherbr.org/tbrlunchmay23>
 Make your donation at: <https://www.togetherbr.org/lunch2023>

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 28, 2023

7:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Da'Marquis London, Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel
READERS: Barbara Cornell, LaKosha Chambers
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS: Murray Chenevert, Elie Jackson

10:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Xavier Knox, Gerald Anderson Jr., Sydney Anderson, Elliott Thomas
READERS: Martha Davis, Gigi Collins-Mathis
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS: Anna Perry, Darlene Richard

ST. PAUL'S HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

St. Paul will honor all 2023 High School and College Graduates at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, June 4, 2023. If you would like to be recognized and participate in the ceremony, please complete the Graduation Recognition Form on the table in the foyer of the church and return it on or before Monday, May 29, 2022, by email to stpaulbr@aol.com or a paper copy to St. Paul's Parish Office. For questions, please contact Mrs. Amanda Skinner at 225- 978-7347.



MOTHERS RECOGNIZED FOR MOST ALTAR SERVERS

On Sunday, Mother's Day, May 14, 2023, Fr. Arockiam with their respective family members presented a beautiful shawl to two mothers of St. Paul, Ta'Rhonda Chube at 7:30 Mass and Renee Camberos at the 10:30 Mass. These Mothers make sure their boys and girls attend Sunday Mass, Parish Religious Education, and serve as altar servers.



T'Rhonda Chube, Mother, with her sons, Gerrick, Gabriel, & Gavin, and Fr. Arockiam



Renee Camberos, Mother, with her daughters, Andrea, Angelle, Alondra, son, Jose', and Fr. Arockiam



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

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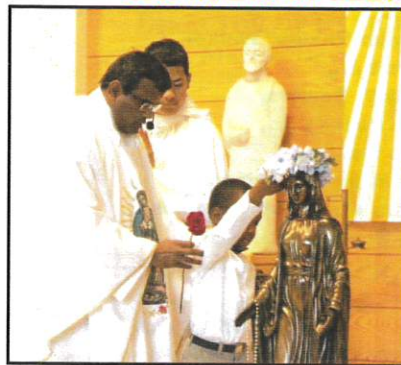
jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561

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.

CROWNING OF BLESSED MOTHER MARY



Fr. Arockiam assisted Cameron Carter as he crowned the Blessed Mother Mary on Sunday, Mother's Day, May 14, 2023. Thank you, Cameron, for your help.

After the crowning of Mother Mary, the congregation was invited to come forward and presented their flowers to the Blessed Mother.

THIS MONTH ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE RECOGNIZES...
MR. AND MRS. HARRY AND MAE RUBY JOHNSON



Mr. and Mrs. Harry and Mae Ruby Johnson, both 92 years young, are one of the long-standing and active families of St. Paul's Church. They both grew up in Woodville, Mississippi and attended the same elementary school from first through eighth grade. After eighth grade, they were forced to part ways because Wilkinson County in Mississippi did not have a high school for Blacks. Harry left Woodville to enroll in McKinley High of Baton Rouge; Mae Ruby enrolled in Leland High School in Baker, LA. Harry and Mae Ruby's paths crossed only twice in 42 years. Then on November 25, 2001, Harry and Mae Ruby reconnected at her birthday party. At 72 years of age, Mae Ruby and Harry, child sweethearts, were married on July 27, 2002.

Mr. Johnson capitalized on his musical skills early and formed his own band and became a very well-known band leader and saxophone player. He graduated from Southern University-Baton Rouge with a Master's Degree, plus 30 hours above his Master's Degree in education. He held many supervisory positions in the East Baton Rouge Public School System, including Director of the Office of Child Welfare and Attendance. He helped many families with getting their children in school, securing electricity, running water, clothes, shoes, etc. Mr. Johnson also moved up the U. S. Army military ranks quickly. He retired from the U. S. Army as a Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. Johnson is a St. Paul's Choir member, plays his saxophone, and is a Fourth Degree Knight of the Knights of Peter Claver.

Mrs. Johnson graduated high school and college from Leland High School and Leland College in Baker, Louisiana. She graduated with a Master's Degree from Tuskegee University, a school founded by B.T. Washington in 1881, and obtained 30 hours above a Master's Degree from Southeastern University in Hammond, Louisiana. Mae Ruby served over 40 years teaching students in St. Tammy Parish Public Schools and Wilkinson County School Systems. She was also a well-known supervisor of student teachers for Southeastern University in Hammond, Louisiana, and Alcorn State University in Alcorn, Mississippi. While Mae Ruby is a Morning Star Baptist Church member in Mandeville, Louisiana, she is also very active at St. Paul the Apostle. She was one of our dedicated kitchen volunteers for our 2023 Lenten Fish Fry. At Morning Star Baptist Church, she and Harry volunteer to assist the church in building the Kingdom of God. Together they serve monthly at St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen and many other civic and social organizations throughout the Greater Baton Rouge and Mandeville, Louisiana area.

In Loving Memory

Opston, Dorcena,
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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of
Hazel Brent Brown,
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and the
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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 Hotstream.....	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

**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
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,
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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 & Lawrance III Ashford; Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert; Edna White & H.P. Martin; Jessica D. Hughes

In Loving Memory

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

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of
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