

# 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

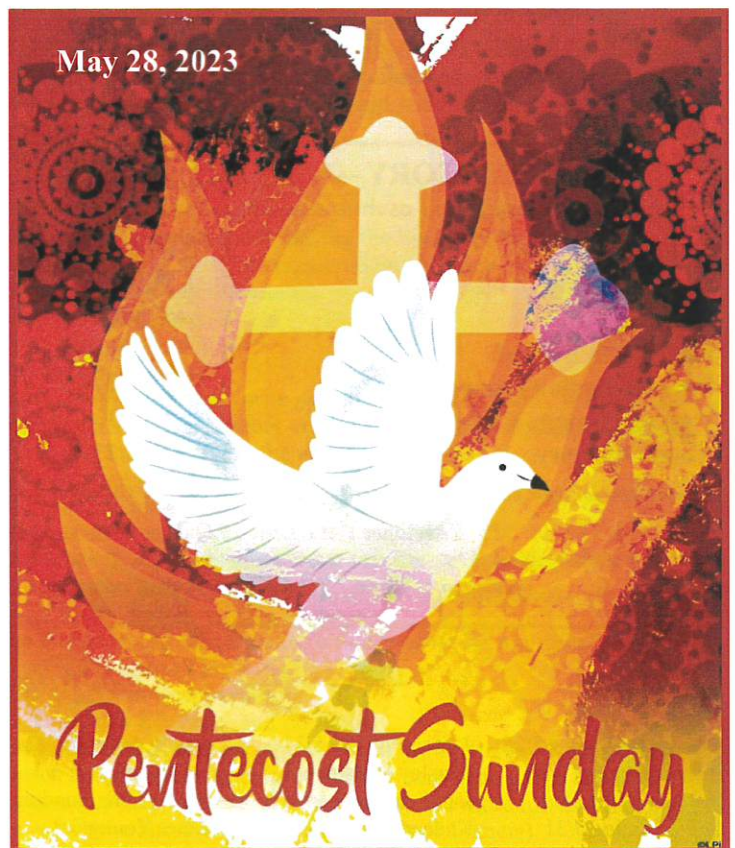
## FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

## PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

May 28, 2023



**Sunday Mass Readings**

**MAY 28 & JUNE 4, 2023**

**Today:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps104:1,24,29-31,34/1Cor12:3-7,12-13/  
Jn 20:19-23  
**Next Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6,8-9/Dn 3:52, 53-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/  
Jn 3:16-18

*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

**ST. PAUL'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



St. Paul will host Vacation Bible School **June 19 –23, from 6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M. in the Parish Center.** Join us! Children, youth, and adult lessons and activities will help to grow our faith so we can understand how to follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere.

This year's VBS Coordinator, Trinice Simms, would like to meet with persons interested in helping with Vacation Bible School Tuesday, May 30, at 6:00 P.M., in the Parish Center.

**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#

**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](http://osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds) to give.

**OFFERTORY—MAY 21, 2023**

**NEW ONLINE GIVING LINK: [osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds](http://osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds)**

Collection:	\$ 2,698.25
Online Giving:	\$ 1,865.00
Building Fund:	\$ 555.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 15.00
Debt Reduction Campaign:	\$ 635.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$ 187.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5,955.25</b>

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

**Envelopes Mailed: 313 Envelopes Returned: 55 Online Givers: 33**

(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

**Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 80; 10:30A.M. - 139**



**MAY 28 — JUNE 3**



Desmond Thomas 5/28	Jalissa Pollard 5/31	Jiselle Anthony 6/3
Hildred Samuel 5/30	Kinsley Watson 6/1	Helen Johnson 6/3
Bryson Tubbs 5/20	Jared Anthony Jr. 6/2	Da'Marquis London 6/3
Cayla Dudley 5/31	Kadeem Allen 6/3	Ethel Young 6/3



**7:30 Mass:** Mr. Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.  
**10:30 Mass:** 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](mailto:arockiamsvd@gmail.com)



**HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES**



This is a reminder that **tomorrow, Monday, May 29, 2023 is the deadline to turn in your Graduation Recognition Form** if you are a 2023 High School or College Graduate and would like to be recognized and participate in the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 4, 2023. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Amanda Skinner at (225) 978-7347.



St. Paul reflects on your sacrifice and honors their memory with gratitude.

**WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS**



With open hearts and hands, we welcome to St. Paul's Church Family our new member, Mr. Deone Francois and returning members, Mr. Vachroan Johnson, Jr. and Treniae Varnado. Welcome!

**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, Gloria Dunn, Ruther Hall, Odeal Harris, Christina Haynes, James Hayward, Brenda Hickman, Tillie Jackson, Annie Joseph, Elthea LeDuff, Marie Myles, Delores Price, Harry Sills, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, Mary Smart, Martha Spencer, 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, JUNE 4, 2023**

**7:30 A.M. MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Da'Marquis London, Garrick Camel Jr., Gabriel Camel

**READERS:** Desiree Terrell, Darlene St. Romain

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zacharie, Vera Dunbar

**10:30 A.M. MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Andrea , Angelle & Jose Camberos, Elliott Thomas, Kaila Anthony

**READERS:** 2023 High School/College Graduates

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Velita Benjamin, Renee Camberos

**MAY IS STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**



Not all women are equally affected by stroke; Black women are more likely to have a stroke than any other racial or ethnic group of women in the U.S. Try these lifestyle changes to lower your risk at <https://bit.ly/3HIUymC>

**MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

**Strategies for Managing Mental Health**

Call 988 for free, confidential, judgment-free support 24/7.



Mental health self-care is not just a one-day activity; it's a lifelong journey of commitment to daily practice. You're putting yourself first and giving yourself what you need so you can fully show up for your family and colleagues. When you hold yourself accountable and become a good example for others around you, the wider community will start feeling the ripple effects and commit to their own mental health self-care routine. Start today—your future self will thank you.



With grateful hearts, let us continue to involve the young people of St. Paul in existing or new ministries, organizations, projects, and events. Therefore, Fr. Arockiam would like to listen to the 18 to 25-year-old members about how to grow their faith and church participation on Sunday, June 4, 2023 right after the 10:30 Mass in the chapel. The listing session will be 15 to 20 minutes, and the young adults, 18 to 25, who attend will be provided with a to-go lunch after the session.

**ST. PAUL'S MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE AT WORK**



Painting St. Paul's Rectory where Fr. Arockiam currently lives, are Left to Right: David St. Romain, Lionel Bazile Jr., John Christophe

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023—6:00 P.M.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**  
Wednesday, August 9, 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:**

*As the Father has sent me, so I send you. The coming of the Spirit gives us the power and vitality to be a witness to Christ, no matter at he cost.*

**[jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto: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.*

**DEFINITION OF "HOSPITAL" BY POPE FRANCIS**

*Pope Francis is always surprising us with his reflections:*

"Hospital walls have heard more honest prayers than churches... They've seen far more sincere kisses than kisses at airports ... It is at the hospital that you see a homophobic being saved by a gay doctor.  
The patricinha (preppy female)" doctor saving the life of a beggar ... In the ICU you see a Jew taking care of a racist ... A police patient and a prisoner in the same ward receiving the same care ... A rich patient in the liver transplant queue ready to receive the organ from a poor donor ... It is at these times when the hospital touches the wounds of people that universes intersect on purpose divine and in this communion of destinies we realize that alone we are nobody!  
The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only appears at the moment of pain or the real threat of definitive loss "  
Hospital, a place where human beings strip off their masks and show themselves as they are in their true essences.  
This life will pass quickly, do not fight with people, do not criticize your body so much.  
Don't complain so much.  
Don't lose sleep over the bills.  
Be sure to kiss your love ones.  
Don't worry so much about making the house spotless.  
Goods and assets must be conquered by each one, do not dedicate yourself to accumulating inheritance.  
Keep the dogs closer.  
Don't keep the bowls.  
Use the new cutlery.  
Don't skimp on your favorite perfume, use it for a walk with yourself.  
Wear your favorite sneakers, repeat your favorite clothes, so what?  
If it is not wrong, why not be now?  
Why not take a break?  
Why not call now?  
Why not forgive now?  
Christmas, Friday, the next year is very much expected, when you have money, when love comes, when everything is perfect ...  
Look, there is no such thing as perfect.  
The human being cannot achieve this because he was simply not made to complete himself here.  
Here is a learning opportunity.  
So, enjoy this life essay and do it now ...  
Respect yourself, respect others; follow your path and leave the path chosen by other people, respect : do not comment, judge or meddle ..  
Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely and leave the rest in the Hands of the Creator. " (Pope Francis)

*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

*In Loving Memory*  
of  
Hazel Brent Brown,  
Leo Brown, Sr.,  
and the  
Brent, Aldolph,  
Brown, and Harrison  
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**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 (Used 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 Mannis.....225-278-0071
- Nurse—Maxine Watts.....225-278-6732
- O.C.A.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 Robinson.....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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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  
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