

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

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Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

A scenic photograph of a river flowing through a valley. The river is surrounded by lush greenery and mountains in the background. Overlaid on the right side of the image is a large American flag and a sign that reads "HAPPY 4th OF JULY!".

July 2, 2023

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

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Sunday Mass Readings

JULY 2, 2023 & JULY 9

Today: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
 Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 3-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Baptism

Next Baptism Class: Thurs., September 7, 2023—6:30 P.M.

Contact: Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939 to register

Parents & Godparents **MUST** attend the class

Baptism: Sunday, September 17, 2023

(During or After 10:30 Mass)

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

4TH OF JULY RAFFLE BASKET DRAWING



A special thank you to all of St. Paul's families for supporting the 4th of July basket raffle. **Ms. Nancy Ball won the basket; congrats, Ms. Ball! Results:** June 4: \$360.00; June 11: \$205.00; June 18: \$235.00; June 25: \$200.00; **Grand Total: \$1,000.00.**

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#



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Please use Online Link to give: osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds due the link on our website is unavailable at times.

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—JUNE 25, 2023

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

Collection:	\$ 3,192.00
Children's Collection:	\$ 10.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,350.00
Building Fund:	\$ 235.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 50.00
Debt Reduction Campaign:	\$ 50.00
Raffle:	\$ 250.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,137.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 317 Envelopes Returned: 51 Online Givers: 27
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 91; 10:30A.M. - 176



JULY 2 — JULY 8



Taj Anthony 7/2
 Tavin Anthony 7/2
 Linda Carter 7/2
 Christina Foulcard 7/2
 Robert Martin 7/2
 Davondra Brown 7/3
 Clayland Sam 7/3
 Willetta Terrance 7/3
 Brooklyn Varnado 7/3

Paula Jackson 7/4
 Carroll Long 7/4
 Katie Primas 7/4
 Karsyn Bell 7/5
 Arlington Smith Sr. 7/5
 Christopher Rodney 7/6
 Shelia Salton 7/6
 Sadie Simms 7/6
 Asia Williams-Delone 7/6

John Broussard 7/8
 Asia Dickerson-Hillery 7/8
 Alena Lockett 7/8
 Leonard Rucker Jr. 7/8
 Clarence Thomas III 7/8
 Chai Thomas 7/8
 Kaysla Williams 7/8



7:30 Mass: In Memory of 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



WE, ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, ARE 63-YEARS STRONG ON JULY 3!



We give thanks to God for our 63rd Church Anniversary on July 3, and our years of progress, from the pews in the back of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church to the old Capitol Movie Theatre to our current church building. Thank you, God, for your mercy and grace. We give thanks to the Society of the Divine Word Missionary (SVD), especially the St. Augustine Seminary, and our previous and current SVD Pastors, who have staffed our church parish since 1962. Please take a moment to view the historical display of St. Paul the Apostle in the main entrance of our church and pick up a piece of candy in commemoration of our "SWEET MEMORIES." May God continue to lead and guide the families of St. Paul the Apostle. In the Society of the Divine Word,

Fr. Arockiam, SVD

INDEPENDENCE DAY



On July 4, we celebrate our freedom! Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. We honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought to do." We become freer within ourselves and our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose what is wrong or sin, we become trapped in self-centeredness, less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do the same.

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, Ruther Hall, Odeal Harris, Christina Haynes, James Hayward, Brenda Hickman, Tillie Jackson, Annie Joseph, Elthea LeDuff, Marie Myles, Harry Sills, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, Mary Smart, Martha Spencer, Mildred Trask, and Irene Warner

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, Jenna Scott, Dana Simoneaux, Earleen Stevenson, Connie St. Romain, Calvin Thomas III, Donald Williams, Walker Williams



MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

7:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel, Quintin Chenevert

READERS: Carla Lewis, Shelia Butler

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS: Monique Spaulding, Audrene LeBlanc

10:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Aidan Sam, Terrell Carter Jr., Anthony Carter, Elliott Thomas

READERS: Sydney Brown, Kevin Stewart

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS: Tasha Anthony, Amanda Skinner

FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. AROCKIAM



St. Paul's Parishioners are encouraged to attend St. Augustine Seminary's 100th Anniversary celebration on October 29, 2023. St. Augustine Seminary will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on Sat. & Sun., Oct. 28–29, 2023, in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. St. Paul is offering transportation to the celebration on Sun., Oct. 29. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet for transportation is in the entrance of the church. The deadline to sign up for transportation is Sun., Aug. 27. Vans will leave from St. Paul at 6:15AM on Sun., Oct. 29, and depart from Bay St. Louis about 2:00PM. Light refreshments served before the procession and Mass. Lunch served after the Mass. **Cost of Transportation:** Youth & young adults under 25 will ride free; Adults 26 & older will need to pay \$30 per person. Parishioners are welcome to travel in their personal vehicles & go ahead for the celebration.

Fr. Arockiam, SVD

RISK FACTORS AND WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE

Grow your awareness of risk and warning signs of suicide. Learn how to respond & connect with loved ones who may need support. Presentations offered by Fr. David Allen and Katie Zylicz on July 18—6pm to 8pm **OR** July 19—9am to 11am at the Catholic Life Center. Please register: <https://diobr.org/suicide-prevention-presentation?> *If you or loved one need immediate help, call or text [988](tel:988) 24/7/365*



ST. PAUL WELCOMES OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED



We welcome to our church-family Noah Perry and Annaclaire Johnson, the children of Deanna Perry & Marcus Johnson, niece & nephew of Traci & Andrea Perry, as well as the their godchildren and Gregory Garner's godchildren, & the grandchildren of Anna Perry.



We also welcome Baby Jo'Shiah Johnson, the child of Treniae' Varnado, nephew and god-child of Vachroan Johnson Jr., godchild of Orlando Smith, Michelle Reed, Elena Butler (Terry Mathews, proxy for Orlando Smith) and the grandchild of Tess Johnson.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, August 16, 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

Divine Word Missionaries and Sisters of the Holy Spirit

A VOCATION VIEW:

*Be an example of faith to your brothers and sisters; let your faith inspire others
 Come to know Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—JULY 2023

FOR A EUCARISTIC LIFE

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR



St. James Baptist Church's (1105 N. 44th St.) **FREE Community Health Fair** is Sat., July 15, 10am to 3pm.

This fair is mean to raise awareness & address the health issues of men which impact the community. The Health Fair will include vaccines, health screenings, & educational sessions. For questions contact Patricia Vanner (225-620-2733) or Kedra Kirkland (kmv278@yahoo.com)

ATV SAFE RIDER COURSE



Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital, Safe Kids of Louisiana, ATV Institute, and LSU AgCenter will host a **FREE ATV Safety Course** on **July 24, 2023—8AM to 12 Noon** at LSU Parker Coliseum (143 E. Parker Blvd.) The course includes a helmet, goggles, & gloves. To register call 225-374-1453 or lakeinjuryprevention@fmolhs.org.

JULY IS NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



National Minority Mental Health is observed each July to bring awareness to the unique struggles that racial and ethnic minority communities face regarding mental illness in the United States. 1 in 4 Americans suffers from a diagnosable mental disorder. Minority populations are less likely to receive a diagnosis for their behavioral health issues and have less access to mental health services.

BLESSED WITH A 94-YEAR OLD ACTIVE "MOTHER OF ST. PAUL CHURCH-FAMILY"



Fr. Arockiam and St. Paul's church family celebrated and prayed for Ms. Eva Rodney, one of the oldest founding members of St. Paul the Apostle, who is still active as of her 94th birthday on June 24

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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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 Warts.....	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

**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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In Loving Memory

Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian,
J.D. & Verdell, Kirby, James "Pookie,"
Corinne, Michael, Jessie Sr. & Aaron B. Je-
seph; Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.; Lawrence
Sr., Shedrick & Lawrance 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.,
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SATURDAY JULY 15TH | 11:00 AM

BYO YOGA MAT

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Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

Timeline for Preparing My Home and Family

What can you do to be ready? Use this list as your starting point!

5 days before landfall:

- Clean out your freezer and begin to use the foods that are in it. If you lose power for a few days, you don't want to have to throw out spoiled food.
- Make a grocery list that includes foods your family likes that will keep without refrigeration after opening.
- Find the following documents and put in a zip-loc bag in a secure location:
 - Homeowners insurance policy and contact info for claims.
 - Prescriptions – Do you have a 30-day supply? If not, order a refill.
 - Health insurance cards for all family members.
 - Automobile insurance policy and contact info for claims.
 - Birth certificates, marriage licenses, social security cards, etc.
 - Contact info for family doctors, veterinarian, schools, relatives
 - School records, diplomas
- Check your flashlights to make sure the batteries work. Replace old batteries. Oil lamps or taper candles are not recommended for light. If you use these, store the oil away from fire sources.
- Determine where older relatives and neighbors will shelter if needed.
- Review plan for child-care in case you are called to work during the storm.
- Take pictures of the outside of your house and furnishings for insurance.

4 days before landfall:

- Make a plan for family pets (14-day supply of food and medicines).
- Check to be sure you have enough paper goods for meals (cups, napkins, plates, etc.).
- Update telephone contact lists of family and neighbors to include mobile phones.
- Contact your child's school for their post-storm communication plan.

3 Days Before Landfall:

- Buy everything on your shopping list.
- Gather supplies to keep your children entertained without power.
- Gather personal memorabilia (pictures, etc.) and secure.
- Check your calendar for appointments you may need to cancel/reschedule.
- Make some ice. Fill a few plastic containers (clean soda bottles work great) and freeze them. If you lose power, you'll have ice and cool water for a few extra days.

2 Days Before Landfall:

- Clean all dirty laundry.
- Tape large windows if high winds are expected.
- Back up home computer data onto labeled, dated discs, writable CDs, Flash Drives, or other portable removable storage devices.

1 Day Before Landfall:

- Charge all mobile phone batteries.
- Charge other small appliance batteries (cameras, toothbrushes, etc.)
- If your home historically takes in water, move belongings off the ground.
- Bring in potted plants, take down flags and other exterior furnishings.
- Detach propane tanks from grill and secure.
- Fill your car with gas. Check the oil and tires.
- Turn off lawn sprinkler systems.
- If you have a pool, super-chlorinate it and store equipment.

Day of Landfall:

- Unplug electronics to avoid damage from an electrical surge.
- Use a battery powered radio for weather updates.
- Follow instructions from local authorities. Remain in a safe area until you are told it's OK to leave.

Food for 7 days that does not require refrigeration	Matches
Baby food and formula (7-day supply)	Mosquito repellent
Batteries	Toilet paper
Battery Operated Radio	Baby wipes
Flashlights (one small per person in household, 2 large)	Sanitary supplies
Propane fuel for grill	Soap
Candles and holders that enclose the flame	Basic first aid supplies
Can opener (not electric)	Cord to make post-storm laundry line for air drying laundry
Paper towels	Large & small plastic storage bags
Paper plates	Garbage bags (lawn and leaf)
Plastic forks, spoons, knives	Wind up clock
Small bottle of bleach	Duct tape
Basic tools (hammer, screwdrivers, pliers, wrench, etc.)	Diapers (7-day supply)