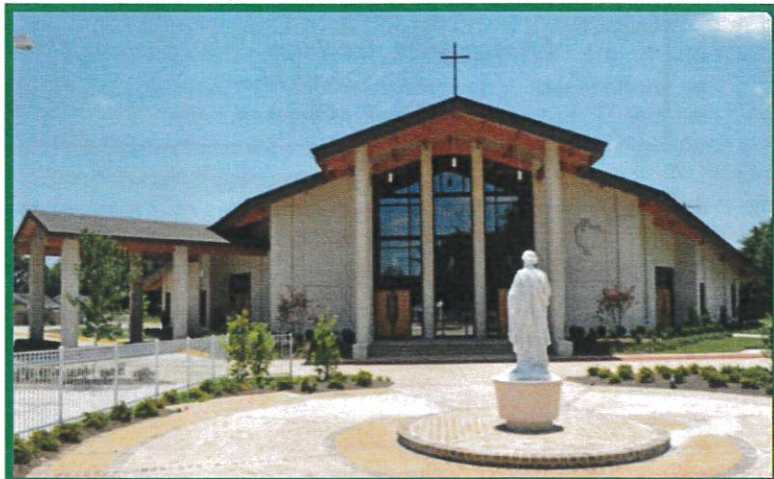


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**SUNDAY MASSES**  
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

**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

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Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

## PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

July 16, 2023

Good  
ground  
yields  
bountiful  
harvests.

PSALM 65

**Sunday Mass Readings**

**JULY 16 & JULY 23, 2023**

**Today:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1,11-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 12:13,16-19/Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16/Rom 8:26-27/  
 Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



**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)

**ROCKERS & TABLES ARE RAFFLE PRIZES**



Thank you, Mr. James Joseph (Big Brown), for donating the two rocking chairs and tables in the main entrance of the church for our upcoming Family Day and Raffle on Sunday, October 15, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The double rocking chair & table are for the 2nd prize drawing and the single rocker and table are the 3rd prize drawing.

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

**OFFERTORY—JULY 9, 2023**

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

<b>Collection:</b>	\$ 4,425.00
<b>Children's Collection:</b>	\$ 6.00
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$ 3,315.00
<b>Building Fund:</b>	\$ 281.00
<b>St. Vincent DePaul:</b>	\$ 89.00
<b>Debt Reduction Campaign:</b>	\$ 450.00
<b>Rental Income:</b>	\$ 450.00
<b>Peter's Pence:</b>	\$ 35.00
<b>Retired SVD Priest:</b>	\$ 35.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,086.00</b>

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

**Envelopes Mailed: 323 Envelopes Returned: 81 Online Givers: 34**  
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

**Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 85; 10:30A.M. - 135**



**JULY 16 — JULY 22**



Frances Farlow 7/16  
 Noah Banks 7/17  
 Vera Dunbar 7/17  
 Crystal Hall 7/17

Lucille Brown 7/18  
 Paulette Robertson 7/18  
 Creux Bolden 7/19  
 Creuz Bolden 7/19

Calvin Dudley 7/19  
 Jamar Rucker 7/19  
 Marilynn Payne 7/20  
 Brandon Battley 7/21



**7:30 Mass:** In Honor of Ms. Alicia Varmall

**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)



**ANNUAL FOOD TASTE FEST**

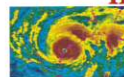
**The Ladies Guild's Annual Food Taste Fest is Back!** The

Food Taste Fest is Sunday, August 13, 2023, 4 PM to 6 PM in the Parish Center.



Buy your tickets after Mass or from any member of the Ladies Guild. Each ticket is \$10.

**PRAYER FOR PROTECTION DURING HURRICANE THIS SEASON**



*Our Father in Heaven,  
 through the intercession of  
 Our Lady of Prompt Succor,  
 spare us during this hurricane season  
 from all harm. Protect us and our homes  
 from all disasters of nature.  
 Our Lady of Prompt Succor,  
 hasten to help us.  
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**UPDATE NAMES ON OUR CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND AND FAMILY & FRIENDS LISTS**



Fr. Arockiam is asking church family members and friends to **please review the names of loved ones listed in this bulletin under the "Church Family Sick and Homebound Members" and "Sick Family Members and Friends"** below so the lists can be updated. Please call/text Fr. Arockiam or call the Parish Office with names that should be removed from the lists by July 31, 2023, which will free space for other names. Thank you for your help.

**CHURCH FAMILY SICK & HOMEBOUND 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, Harry Sills, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, Mary Smart, Martha Spencer, Paul Stewart, Mildred Trask, and Irene Warner

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



**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023**

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

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jaiden Parker, Saija Johnson, Jordon Clifford

**READERS:** Barbara Cornell, Evangeline Hughes

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:** Murray Chenevert, David Robertson

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

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Elliott Thomas, Aidan Sam, Xavier Knox

**READERS:** Mary Martin, Gigi Mathis

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:** Christy Hall, Pamela Claiborne

**ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

St. Paul's parishioners are encouraged to attend St. Augustine Seminary's 100th Anniversary celebration on October 29, 2023 in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. If you are interested in attending the celebration, there is a sign-up sheet for transportation 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 Sun., Oct. 29, and depart from Bay St. Louis about 2:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served before the procession and Mass and lunch will be served after the Mass. **Cost of Transportation:** Youth & young adults 25 & younger will ride free; adults 26 & older will need to pay \$30 per person. Parishioners are welcome to travel in their personal vehicles.

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**CALLING ALL SINGLE CATHOLICS!**



Join 400+ singles August 25-27, 2023 from all parts of the U.S. and beyond at the 22nd National Conference for Single Catholics at St. John's Resort, in Plymouth, MI, **OR** participate virtually with others. This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of

all ages. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship and more. If joining in person, use the promo code **PARISH23** when you register to get \$50 off. Discount for the first 50 persons who sign up nationwide. To register: NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. For questions, call 512-766-5798.

**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?>

**LUNCH AND LEARN**



Come enjoy a FREE lunch while learning about how chronic diseases affect your health. The first of four seminar sponsored by Our Lady of the Lake is on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 11:30 A.M. The presenter is the Louisiana National Alliance on Mental Illness—Sharing Hope. The Lunch and Learn seminar will be held at LSU Health Baton Rouge (5439 Airline Highway). Please register by 12 noon the day before the Lunch and Learn to Monique.marino@fmoths.org or call 225-765-7617.

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**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

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[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—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.*

**MEN'S RETREAT**



Please save the dates now on your calendar to enjoy the cool Fall air in beautiful surroundings at the Jesuit Silent Retreat in Grand Coteau, LA Nov. 2-5, 2023; openings are available. The Retreat House offers a relaxing atmosphere with great food. To reserve your place or for any questions, contact Charles Pourciau at (225) 421-9734.

**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@fmoths.org.

**JULY IS NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

Who was Bebe Moore Campbell?



Bebe Moore Campbell was an American author, journalist, teacher, and mental health advocate who worked tirelessly to shed light on the mental health needs of the Black community and other underrepresented communities.

"While everyone - all colors - everyone is affected by stigma - no one wants to say 'I'm not in control of my mind.' No one wants to say, 'The person I love is not in control of [their] mind.'

But people of color really don't want to say it because we already feel stigmatized by skin color or eye shape or accent and we don't want any more reasons for anyone to say, 'You're not good enough.'

In 2021, it is estimated that only 39 percent of Black or African American adults, 25 percent of Asian adults, and 36 percent of Hispanic/Latino adults with any mental illness were treated, compared to 52 percent of non-Hispanic white adults.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA**

1. What are the three books in the Bible named after women?  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the name of the bishop's hat? \_\_\_\_\_
3. The cup in which the Precious Blood is served is called what?  
\_\_\_\_\_

*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  
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Rosa Lee Johnson**

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

Contact Information

- Altar Servers—Christy Hall/Darlene Richarda.....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—elita 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 Holstrom.....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) - Marina 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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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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