

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



August 27, 2023

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

Sunday Mass Readings

AUGUST 27 & SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Today: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/
Mt 16:21-27

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL RAFFLE BOOKS



Today, August 27, we will begin issuing RAFFLE BOOK! Each family of St. Paul is encouraged to pick up, sell or buy at least ONE raffle book. Each raffle book contains 20 tickets (\$5 per ticket) equaling \$100 per book. The drawing of prizes is Sunday, Oct. 15, at 2:00 PM at our Parish Family Day.

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—AUGUST 20, 2023

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

Collection:	\$ 3,760.00
Youth Collection:	\$ 23.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,400.00
Building Fund:	\$ 240.00
Religion Ed Tuition:	\$ 60.00
Rental Income:	\$ 50.00
Assumption:	\$ 25.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 30.00
St. Francis Mission Appeal:	\$ 1,000.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,588.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 322 Envelopes Returned: 62 Online Givers: 32
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 76; 10:30A.M. - 155

AUGUST 27 — SEPTEMBER 2

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| Amber Hunt 8/27 | Rita Johnson 8/29 | Mark Anthony Hawkins 8/31 |
| Vincent Jeanpierre 8/27 | Robert Seals Jr. 8/29 | Sydney Brown 9/1 |
| Mason Sanders 8/28 | Alisha Hebert 8/30 | Violet Jeanpierre 9/1 |
| Erin Anthony 8/29 | Theodis Wright 8/30 | Luther Lamotte 9/1 |
| Perry Ferraro 8/29 | Gerald Anderson Jr. 8/31 | James B. Joseph 9/2 |



7:30 Mass: Victims of the Maui Fire

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



ST. PAUL'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



St. Paul's Parish Religious Education Classes will host its Meet and Greet on Sunday, September, beginning at 9:45 A.M. in the Parish Center and classes will begin Sunday, September 17, 2023.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS NEEDED



The Clothing Section of St. Paul's Food Pantry needs of gently used or outgrown school uniforms of all sizes and colors to freely distribute to the school-age children and youth in the Eden Park Community. Please call Mrs. Rose Malveau at 225-357-4538 or the Parish Office to schedule a drop-off.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!



On behalf of St. Paul's church family, Father Arockiam wishes to extend a very special thank you to St. Paul's Ladies Sodality for their generous donation toward the renovation of our parish office and to our Youth Ministry. May God bless each of the members of the Ladies Sodality and their families.

ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S CLUB



St. Paul's Women's Club will turn out next Sunday, at the 10:30 A.M. Mass and they will buy and place the flower arrangement in front of the altar Sunday, September 3, 2023. Thank you, ladies.

CHURCH FAMILY SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Roger Banks Sr., Rose Crockett Carter, Audrey Christopher, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Odelia Course, Denovas Crockett, Charles Davis Jr., Shirley Dawson, Dianna Franklin, Gloria Dunn, Ruther Hall, Christina Haynes, James Hayward, Brenda Hickman, Carolyn Jenkins, Annie Joseph, Elthea LeDuff, Marie Myles, Harry Sills, Louis Simms, Sadie 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, Connie St. Romain, Stephanie Stewart, Calvin Thomas III, and Walker Williams



MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

7:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Andrea Camberos, Angelle Camberos, Jose' Camberos
READERS: Darlene St. Romain, Ronnice Johnson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice Zacharie, Vera Dunbar

10:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Xavier Knox, Gerald Anderson Jr., Sydney Anderson
 Kaila Anthony, Kaleigh Garner
READERS: Kevin Steward, Randy LeDuff
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Wanda Davis, Gigi Mathis

**BLESSING & WALK-THRU
 OF ST. PAUL'S PARISH OFFICE**



With your prayers and support, Father Arockiam is proud to inform you that the building contractor of the parish office is expected to finish the office renovation project by September 11, 2023. With that in mind, Fr. Arockiam along with the members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils wish to invite St. Paul's families and friends to the blessing of the newly renovated parish office on September 17, 2023. The blessing will be held either before or after 10:30 A.M. Mass; the specific time of the blessing will be confirmed and announced. Also, the families and friends of St. Paul are asked to consider donating items or the funds for items to refurbish the parish office. Donations of the following items may be given in memory or honor of a loved one. The items or the funds needed include a medium-size stainless steel 7.5 cu. ft. refrigerator with freezer; countertop stainless steel 1200 watts microwave 2.2 cu. ft.; a 30-inch electric range with four 3,000-watt elements, and 5.3 cu. ft. capacity oven; two office desks with 2 to 4 storage drawers, pull-out keyboard tray, space for a computer, and a work area. Please continue to pray for the success of this project.

Yours in Christ,
Father Arockiam



ST. PAUL WELCOMES OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

We welcome to our church-family Avery Rose Troullier, daughter of Julien and Morley Troullier and the granddaughter of Troy and Gigi Mathis, who was baptized by Father Arockiam Saturday, August 19, 2023, at St. Paul.

WOMEN'S CLUB VISITS MS. GLORIA DUNN



A few of the members of the Women's Club, Ms. Janice Hamilton, Mrs. Audrene LeBlanc, and Mrs. Tillie Jackson, along with Mr. Elie Jackson visited Ms. Gloria Dunn, the mother of Joannette Dunn. On behalf of St. Paul the Apostle, the group presented Ms. Dunn with flowers and a small gift for her 96th birthday.



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, November 15, 2023—6:00 P.M.
FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, October 18, 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:

*Who do you say that I am? We confess with Peter that
 Jesus is 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—AUGUST

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



COMMUNITY EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED IN FULL IN OUR BULLETINS

- Aug. 27:** Deadline to sign up for transportation to Bay St Louis
- Oct 15:** St. Paul's Family Day & Raffle Drawings
- Oct. 29:** St. Augustine Seminary's Anniversary Celebration
- Nov. 2-5:** Men's Retreat openings for the fall Jesuit Silent Retreat in Grand Coteau; register by contacting Charles Pourciau 225-421-9734

IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH



Vaccines help the body learn how to defend itself from disease without the dangers of a full-blown infection. Vaccines work by imitating an **infection**—the presence of a disease-causing organism in the body—to engage the body's natural defenses. The active ingredient in all vaccines is an **antigen**, the name for any substance that causes the immune system to begin producing antibodies. In a vaccine, the antigen could be either weakened or killed bacteria or viruses, bits of their exterior surface or genetic material, or bacterial toxin treated to make it non-toxic.

HURRICANE PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The Lord condemns Shebna (the master of King Hezekiah's palace) for ignoring Isaiah's prophetic warning and gives to Eliakim the authority and honor that belonged to Shebna. *What helps you stay focused on following God's commandments?*

Second Reading: Paul celebrates the wisdom and knowledge — the mystery — of God. *If you could ask God one question, what would it be?*

Gospel: In Peter confessing Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," Jesus gives him the authority to hold the keys to the kingdom of heaven. *How do you use authority in your life?*

In Loving Memory

**Opston, Dorcenia,
Wilbert, Phillip,
Opston Jr., Albert &
Jerome Guillory;
CB, Ruth, & Tia Davis;
Catherine Williams,
Yvonne Warren, &**

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

Contact Information

Altar Servers—Christy Hall.....	225-223-7851
Altar Servers—Darlene Richard & Tasha Anthony.....	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

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**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
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Families**

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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**

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Dwight Jr., Lloyd,
Morris, Kelby, Quintin,
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& Jr., Mildred, and John
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Gertrude, J. Robert, Mary,
and Martha Theodore;
Lillian & Forrest Oliver;
Tobb, Ida, Johnny Sr. &
Jr., Willie, Charles, and
Lillian Brown**

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**Lionel Bazile Sr.
Dorothy Bazile
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