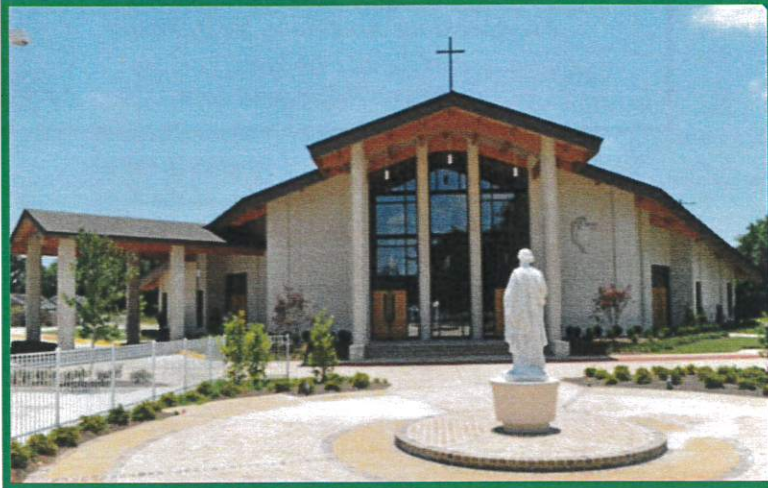


# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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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**  
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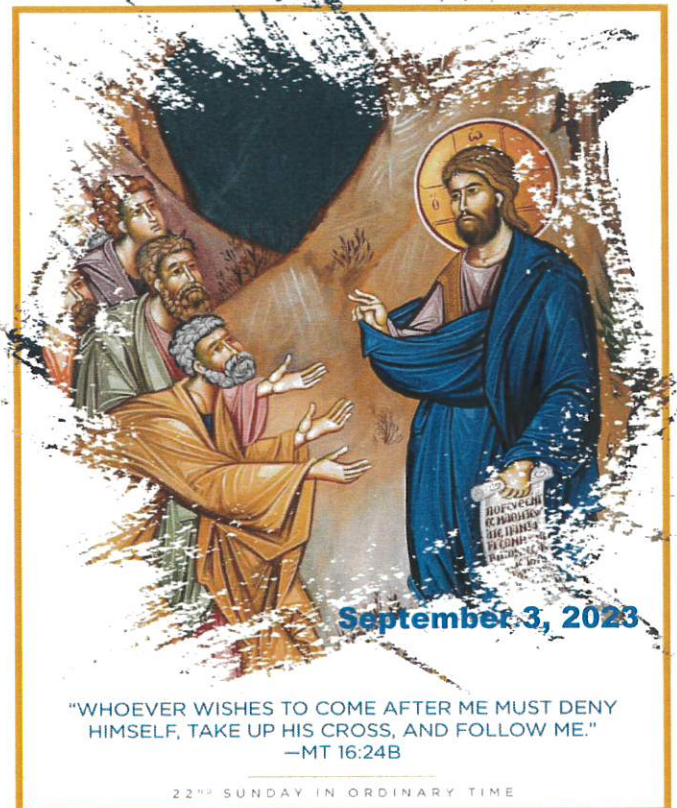
**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**Martha Davis —225-357-4108**

**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**



**September 3, 2023**

"WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY  
HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME."  
—MT 16:24B

22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Sunday Mass Readings**

**SEPTEMBER 3 & 10, 2023**

**Today:** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6,8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27  
**Next Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2,6-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

*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



**7:30 Mass:** St. Paul Church Community

**10:30 Mass:** Mr. Jermon Dunn

**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 PROGRAM**



St. Paul's Parish Religious Education Classes will host its Meet and Greet on Sunday, September 10, beginning at 9:45 A.M. in the Parish Center. Classes will begin Sunday, September 17, 2023. Also, the Adult Faith Formation gathering will begin September 17; the group meets in the church.

**ADULT FORMATION, BIBLE STUDY, & ROSARY**

**Adult Formation Class:** Sundays 9:00 A.M.—September 17, 2023

**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#

**OSVHUB.COM/STPAULBR/GIVING/FUNDS**



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—AUGUST 27, 2023**

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

Collection:	\$ 2,398.00
Youth Collection:	\$ 10.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,805.00
Building Fund:	\$ 3,576.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 6.00
Religion Ed Tuition:	\$ 100.00
Assumption:	\$ 7.00
Youth Ministry:	\$ 21.00
Retired SVD Priests:	\$ 10.00
St. Francis Mission Appeal:	\$ 11.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 7,944.00</b>

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

**Envelopes Mailed: 322 Envelopes Returned: 62 Online Givers: 28**  
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

**Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 90; 10:30A.M. - 185**



**SEPTEMBER 3—SEPTEMBER 9**



Lunden Scott 9/3	Audrika Lathan 9/6	Da'myne Spurlock 9/8
Mechell Franklin 9/4	Stacy J. Pedescleaux 9/7	Ellis Doyle 9/9
Rudolph Richard Jr. 9/4	Jodeci Alsobrook 9/8	Amara Nnadi 9/9
Carolyn Bajoie 9/5	Terrence Lockett 9/8	Andrea Perry 9/9
Kelvin Crockett 9/5	Kenneth Paul Jr. 9/8	Norma Velasquez-Oliva 9/9
Xavier Knox 9/5	Kyron Phillips 9/8	

**BLESSING OF ST. PAUL'S PARISH OFFICE**



Fr. Arockiam and the members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils wish to invite St. Paul's families and friends to the blessing of our newly renovated parish office on Sunday, September 17, 2023, after 10:30 A.M. Mass. Also, please consider donating one of these items or the money to purchase an item: two office desks with 2-4 storage drawers, pull-out keyboard tray, space for a computer, and a work area.

A special thanks to the Knights of Peter Claver Council 351, Mr. Murray Chenevert, and Mr. & Mrs. Troy Mathis for donations to purchase items for the office.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY**



St. Paul's Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th; the office will reopen on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

**ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S CLUB**



St. Paul's Women's Club will turn out today at 10:30 A.M. Mass. The Women's Club also purchased and placed the flower in front of the altar for today's Mass. Thank you!

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS NEEDED**



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

**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, Walker and Williams



**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

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

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Quintin Chenevert, Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel, Joey Richard

**READERS:** Barbara Cornell, LaKosha Chambers

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Joannette Dunn, Monique Spaulding

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

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Elliott Thomas, Madelyn Williams, Jackson Williams Aidan Sam, Mason Sanders

**READERS:** Terrell Carter, Brandy Williams

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Tasha Anthony, Amanda Skinner

**PLEASE PICK UP RAFFLE BOOKS**

Raffle books will be issued after each Mass. The raffle stubs and money need to be returned by Sunday, Oct. 8th.

*Did you pick up a raffle book or two last Sunday?*



**VOLUNTEERS CLEAN & ORGANIZE STORAGE**

A few of St. Paul's members worked early last Saturday morning to clean and organize the storage building between the center and the parish office. Thank you for your time and service.



**LITURGICAL MEETING**

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023—6:00 P.M.*

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

*Wednesday, October 18, 2023—6:00 P.M.*

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

*Wednesday, November 15, 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:**

*O God, you are my God whom I seek. As St. Augustine recognized, our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord; eliminate that which blocks your seeking for God.*

**jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561**

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

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—SEPTEMBER**

**For people living on the margins**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



**COMMUNITY EVENTS/ACTIVITIES**

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED IN FULL IN OUR BULLETINS

- Sept. 10:** Meet & Greet the teachers and staff of our Parish School Religious Education in Parish Center-9:45AM
- Sept. 17:** St. Paul's Religious Education Classes & the Adult Faith Formation Gathering Begin—9:10 AM
- Sept. 17:** Blessing of Parish Office after the 10:30 Mass
- Oct 15:** St. Paul Family Day & Raffle Drawings—11 to 2PM
- 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

**AARP GROUP WORSHIPPED AT ST. PAUL**



Mid-Town AARP Chapter 5433 worshipped with St. Paul's church family last Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. Thank you for worshipping with us!

**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.*



*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  
Families

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225-775-2494

*In Loving Memory*

**Geneva Battley Spooner  
Della Battley Rodney  
Rosa Lee Johnson**

*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

**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.....	225-383-2537
Baptism Class—Deacon Benjamin/Yera 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—Yera 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 Hostream.....	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

*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.; Law-  
rence Sr., Shedrick & Lawarance III Ash-  
ford; Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert; Eura  
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 Theo-  
dore; 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*

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Earl Key Sr.,  
Emma Doyle  
Currie (Rudi) Doyle  
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