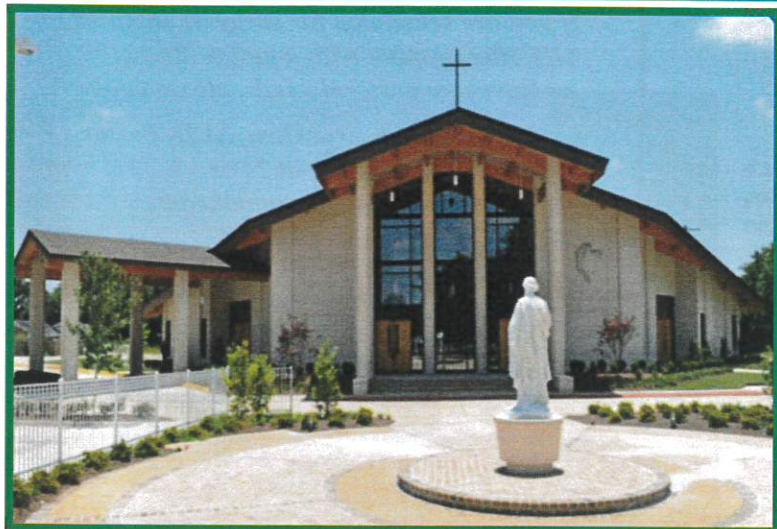


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SUNDAY MASSES
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

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

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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 10, 2023

A colorful illustration of Jesus Christ with his arms outstretched, set against a background of a city skyline. Below him, a group of people is shown in a line, some with their arms raised. The scene is framed by a diamond shape with a blue and yellow background.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
- Mt 18:19-20

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Sunday Mass Readings

SEPTEMBER 10 & 17, 2023

Today: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2,6-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps103:1-4, 9-12 Rom14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



Next Baptism Class: Thurs., November 16, 2023—7:00 P.M.

Contact: Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939 to register
 Parents & Godparents **MUST** attend the class

Baptism: Saturday, September 16, 2023

(During or After 10:30 Mass)

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

ST. PAUL'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

St. Paul's Parish Religious Education Meet and Greet is today, **beginning at 9:45 A.M. in the Parish Center.** Classes will begin on Sunday, September 17, 2023. Our Adult Faith Formation gathering will also 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 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—SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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

Collection:	\$ 6,391.00
Youth Collection:	\$ 20.00
Online Giving:	\$ 10,693.00
Building Fund:	\$ 7,571.57
Religion Ed Tuition:	\$ 100.00
Religious Ed.	\$ 35.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 260.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
Catholic Univ. America:	\$ 30.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 253.00
Assumption:	\$ 25.00
Mission Appeal:	\$ 5.00
Total Offertory	\$ 25,403.57

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

Envelopes Mailed: 322 Envelopes Returned: 90 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. - 139



SEPTEMBER 10—SEPTEMBER 16



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| Anecia Davis 9/10 | Freddie Freeman 9/13 | Phyllis Bowman 9/15 |
| Anna Ferraro 9/10 | Dwight LeBlanc Jr. 9/14 | Mary Davis 9/15 |
| Alani Johnson 9/10 | Lloyd LeBlanc 9/14 | Connor Green 9/15 |
| Dorothy Franklin 9/12 | Londyn Mathis 9/14 | Chloe Harrell 9/15 |
| Adlee James 9/12 | Darrell St. Romain 9/14 | Lionel Sam 9/16 |
| Constance Savoy 9/12 | Cannon Williams 9/14 | Zephlyn Savoy 9/16 |
| Amanda Skinner 9/12 | Darwin Bowers 9/15 | Georgette Sterling 9/16 |



7:30 Mass: Mr. Dwight LeBlanc Sr., Mr. James Wallace Rodney, Mrs. Barbara McKey Rodney, & Mr. Keith Anthony Rodney

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



ANNUAL RAFFLE BOOKS



Please support our annual Raffle! Raffle books will be issued after each Mass. The raffle stubs and money need to be returned by Sunday, Oct. 8th. All profits will be used for building maintenance.

To All The Grandparents, You Are Loved By All Your Grandchildren. We Are So Blessed To Have You In Our Lives. WE LOVE 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 for 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 Williams

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**7:30 A.M. MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Andrea Camberos, Angelle Camberos, Jose' Camberos**READERS:** David Robertson, Randy LeDuff**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:** Audrene LeBlanc, Christy Hall**10:30 A.M. MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Xavier Knox, Terrell Carter Jr., Anthony Carter, Jiselle Anthony, Kaila Anthony**READERS:** Martha Davis, Tasha Anthony**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:** Paul Stewart, Robinette Harleaux**SAFE ARRIVAL TO JERUSALEM**

Thank God for the safe arrival of the nine members and friends of St. Paul who arrived safely for their tour of the Holy Land. They were ready to board their tour bus.

FR. AROCKIAM'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

With the blessing of the Pastoral and Finance Council Members, Fr. Arockiam will celebrate his 50th birthday at a special Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist & Reception on Sunday, September 24, 3:00 PM at St. Paul Church.

All of St. Paul's members are invited to attend the Holy Eucharist Celebration beginning at 3 PM. However, due to the limited space in our parish center, you are asked to sign up to attend the reception; please write your name and the number of guests to attend the reception with you on the sign-up sheet in the main entrance of the church by next Sunday, September 17. First to sign up, first to be seated. St. Paul's sign-up sheet & Father's special guest list will be used at the door to welcome & seat registered members of St. Paul and special guests.

Note: St. Paul will have its regular Mass at 7:30 and 10:30 A.M.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR ST. PAUL'S PARISH OFFICE

Please consider donating items or the money to purchase items for the parish office. Items include medium stainless steel 7.5 cu. ft. refrigerator with freezer; countertop stainless steel 1200 watts microwave; 30-inch electric range with four 3,000-watt elements, 5.3 cu. ft. capacity oven and 2 office desks with 2-4 storage drawers, pull-out keyboard tray, space for a computer, and a work area.

**FOUR-DAY BIBLE STUDY**

September is the Month of the Bible! Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD, the USS Biblical Apostolate Coordinator & Facilitator, is offering a 4-day Bible Study. The theme is "Why We Should Always Forgive and Reconcile with Those Who Sin Against Us." Although you may have missed the 2-sessions on Fridays, Sept. 1 & 8, **you are welcome to join the sessions on Fridays, Sept. 15 and 22 at 6:00 P.M.** To get the free Zoom link, please email Rev. Ngandu at ussbiblicalapostolate@gmail.com.

**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**

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A VOCATION VIEW:

*Where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them.
Make Christ the center of your conversations and interactions with others.*

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
- Sept. 24:** Fr. Arockiam's Birthday Celebration—3:00 PM 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

SEPTEMBER IS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, but every day of the year is appropriate to create awareness for men about prostate health. *So, today we welcome Dr. Franklin G. Harris to St. Paul for a 5-minute talk about Prostate Cancer. Dr. Harris is a graduate of Meharry Medical College. He did his residency in family medicine and psychiatry. Dr. Harris currently practices in the field of psychiatry at Seaside Hospital of Baton Rouge.*



According to The American Cancer Society, one in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. In fact, prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer in American men behind skin cancer. But when diagnosed early, data shows the survival rate can be quite high, including a 15-year relative survival rate of 95%. That's why it's important to build prostate cancer awareness with men in the workplace & in the community.

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

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 Geneva Coleman,
 George Coleman Sr.
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 M.H. Weathersby
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Quick Reference to St. Paul's Pastor, Personnel, Ministries, and Services

Contact Information

Altar Servers—Christy Hall	225-2237851
Darlene Richard/Tasha Anthony.....	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 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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 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**

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 and the
 Reed, Stewart,
 Davis, and Grainger
 Families**

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Barbara & James Wallace Rodney
Keith Rodney, Joseph D. Rodney
Dorothy Bazile & Georgia Smith

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 of

**Kevin Michael
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 &
 Wilfred Ferbos**

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 Williams; Lucy, Robert,
 Gertrude, J. Robert,
 Mary, and Martha Theo-
 dore; Lillian & Forrest
 Oliver; Tobb, Ida,
 Johnny Sr. & Jr., Willie,
 Charles, and
 Lillian Brown

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