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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

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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

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS CHRIST

September 17, 2023

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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Sunday Mass Readings

SEPTEMBER 17 & 24, 2023

Today: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9/Mt18:21-35
Next Sunday: Is55:6-9/Ps145:2-3,8-9,17-18/Phil.1:20c-24, 27/
 Mt 20:1-16



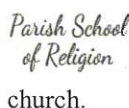
Next Baptism Class: Thurs., November 16, 2023—7:00 P.M.

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 CLASSES



St. Paul's Parish Religious Education Classes begin today, September 17. Our Adult Faith Formation class will also begin September 17; this group meets in the church.

ADULT FORMATION, BIBLE STUDY, & ROSARY

Adult Formation Class: Sundays 9:00 A.M.

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 10, 2023

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

Collection:	\$ 3,499.00
Youth Collection:	\$ 10.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,325.00
Building Fund:	\$ 159.00
Religion Ed Tuition:	\$ 190.00
Religious Ed:	\$ 10.00
Catholic Univ America:	\$ 258.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 52.00
Rental Income:	\$ 450.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,953.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 322 Envelopes Returned: 69 Online Givers: 25
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 86; 10:30A.M. - 172



SEPTEMBER 17—SEPTEMBER 23



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| Anthony Dyson Jr. 9/17 | Byron Buggage Jr. 9/21 | Barbara Hunter 9/22 |
| Kimberly Huggins 9/17 | Cheryl Barton 9/22 | Donisha Jones 9/22 |
| Shelia Butler 9/18 | Darryl Boyd Sr. 9/22 | Marie Myles 9/22 |
| Fredrena Johnson 9/18 | Judge Clark 9/22 | Mona Seals 9/22 |
| Bradley Davis 9/19 | Ohaisha Davis 9/22 | Desiree Terrell 9/22 |



7:30 Mass: St. Paul's Church Community

10:30 Mass: In Memory of Mrs. Evelyn Broussard, Mr. Joseph Broussard, Mr. Paul Broussard, and Mrs. Vera Mathis

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 ANNUAL RAFFLE

Please support our annual Raffle! Each family is encouraged to pick up at least **ONE** book. Raffle books are issued after each Mass. The raffle stubs and money are due by Sunday, October 8, 2023. All proceeds will be used for building maintenance.



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



Next Sunday, September 24 is Priesthood Sunday. It is, celebrated nationwide on the last Sunday of September each year. It is a special day to honor the men who serve as priests. It is also a day to honor all religious and to focus on the importance of vocations. Priesthood Sunday

is a time to affirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. Priesthood Sunday offers an opportunity for young people to connect with their parish pastor, as well as other priests in their community, and learn more about their vocation. This is especially important for young people today because there are fewer priests now than there used to be.

FREE MATH TUTORING FOR K-12

IntelliChoice provides FREE math tutoring for K-12 grade students every Saturday, 10 AM to 12 noon at Carver Branch Library (720 Terrace St.). To join, sign up at <https://intellichoice.org/register>. Walk-ins are welcome as well. Also, more math tutors are needed, if you are interested contact Professor Myungkee Sung at intellichoiceBR@outlook.com at BRCC.

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

*If any names need to be removed from the lists, please call the Parish Office.



MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

7:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Jaiden Parker, Saija Johnson, Jordon Clifford,
Quintin Chenevert

READERS: Joannette Dunn, Ronnice Johnson

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: David Robertson, Murray Chenevert

10:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Gerald Anderson Jr., Sydney Anderson, Elliott Thomas,
Kaleigh Garner

READERS: Debbie Fines-James, Amanda Skinner

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Christy Hall, Pamela Claiborne

FR. AROCKIAM'S 50TH BIRTHDAY EVENT



With the blessing of the Pastoral and Finance Council members, Fr. Arockiam will celebrate his 50th birthday during a special Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist & Reception on Sunday, September 24, 3:00 PM here 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 who will attend the reception with you on the sign-up sheet in the main entrance of the church by **today, 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 & Father's special guests.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH OFFICE TEMPORARILY CLOSED

The parish office will be closed beginning, Monday September 18th until further notice. We will be moving back into our newly renovated office. During this time the office will not be open to the public and will not be accepting phone calls. Parishioners will receive an automated call when office hours will resume. Please contact Fr. Arockiam for any emergencies or office needs
Bulletins will not be distributed September 24th.

COME & PRAY THE ROSARY



St. Paul's Ladies Sodality invites parishioners to join them in our garden in front of the church on October 7, 2023, at 12:00 noon to pray the Rosary. This date is acknowledged as the establishment of the devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Please join in celebrating this "Month of the Rosary" by praying the Rosary as a church family. **SAVE THE DATE.**

FEATURING MR. AND MRS. LOUIS AND SADIE SIMMS SR.



This month we feature Mr. and Mrs. Louis and Sadie Simms Sr., who have been a part of St. Paul the Apostle for over 50 years. With their trust in God, this month they will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. The Simms' children (Rodney, Trinice, Patrick, and Louis Jr.) attended St. Francis Xavier School but the Simms brought them to St. Paul the Apostle regularly to participate in the after-school, weekend, and summer activities and programs offered by the religious sisters of Caritas. Since both Mr. and Mrs. Simms were frequently at St. Paul, Father Elmer Powell—SVD, invited them to become Catholic members of St. Paul. The Simms and all their children together joined St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community.

Mr. Simms grew up in Scotlandville where he helped his brother run Pool's and Simms Discount Pharmacy in Scotlandville. Mr. and Mrs. Simms met at this pharmacy. Mr. Simms was one of the first students to attend Scotlandville High School. He played basketball for Grambling State University and later transferred his enrollment to Southern University. Mr. Simms enjoyed teaching the children and youth in the community how to play basketball in their backyard. He worked for more than 30 years for the EBR Police Department, Family

Court, and Goodwood Library. He always served as an usher before joining St. Paul and continued at St. Paul. For many years, Mr. Simms unlocked St. Paul's church building every Sunday morning and made the coffee for members to enjoy after the Masses.

Mrs. Simms grew up in Baton Rouge with her two siblings on North 35th Street, attended Capitol High School, and finished a two-year program at Southern University. Mrs. Simms has always been a choir member since age five and continues to sing with St. Paul's 7:30 Choir. She dedicated over 30 years to the Title I Program of East Baton Rouge Schools. She and twenty-four community members went to Washington, DC to secure funding for the Title I Program, which allowed the implementation of "Gus the Bus." Through this mobile bus, Mrs. Simms helped provide reading and language therapy to children in the public housing facilities in the parish. This program also provided parental training to teach parents how to cook nutritious meals, read, and visit other local communities and out-of-state communities.

LITURGY MEETING

Tuesday, October 3, 2023—6:00 P.M.

FAMILY DAY

Sunday, October 15, 2023—11 A.M. - 2 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:

For if we live, we live for the Lord.

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. 17:** St. Paul's Religious Education Classes & the Adult Faith Formation Gathering Begin—9:00 AM
- Sept. 17:** Blessing of Parish Office *after* the 10:30 Mass
- Sept. 24:** Fr. Arockiam's Birthday Celebration—3:00 PM
- 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

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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225-775-2494**

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/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 & Repair—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 Holstream.....	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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**Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian,
J.D. & Verdell, Kirby, James "Pookie,"
Corinne, Michael, Jessie Sr. & Aaron B. Jo-
seph; 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

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**Doris Key,
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