

# 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**

**OCTOBER 1, 2023**

A photograph of a desert canyon with a large rock archway in the foreground. The landscape is rugged and rocky, with a bright sun shining through the archway, creating a lens flare effect. The sky is blue with some clouds.

**26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32


Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1988, 1970 CCC)

**Sunday Mass Readings**

**OCTOBER 1 & OCTOBER 8, 2023**

**Today:** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32  
**Next Sunday:** Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

 All of St. Paul's ministries and organization leaders are strongly encouraged to attend St. Paul's Liturgy Committee meeting on **Tue., Oct. 3, at 6:00 P.M.** in our parish center. If a leader is unavailable for the meeting, please ask a member of your ministry or organization to attend the meeting in your place.

*Baptism*

**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: November 26, 2023**

(During or After 10:30 Mass)

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

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

**OFFERTORY—SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

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

<b>Collection:</b>	\$ 2,481.69
<b>Children/Youth Collection:</b>	\$ 9.00
<b>Building Fund:</b>	\$ 190.00
<b>Religious Ed.</b>	\$ 148.91
<b>Catholic Univ America:</b>	\$ 1.00
<b>St. Vincent DePaul:</b>	\$ 70.00
<b>Raffle:</b>	\$ 200.00
<b>Mass Stipend:</b>	\$ 5.00
<b>Bulletin Ads:</b>	\$ 180.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 3,285.60</b>

*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. - 66; 10:30A.M. - 143**  
**Special Liturgy at 3:00 P.M.: 222**



**SEPTEMBER 24—OCTOBER 7**




Rosemary Brown 9/24	Taylor Franklin 9/30	Contrell Salton 10/3
Jasmine Oliver 9/24	John Joseph Jr. 9/30	Denise Bennett 10/4
Fr. Arockiam 9/25	Xavier Miller 9/30	La"Kosha Chambers 10/4
Lisa Price 9/25	Cheryl Crockett 9/30	Kelby Chenevert 10/4
Leslie Bradford 9/27	Taylor Franklin 9/30	Angela Jackson 10/5
Jonah Williams 9/27	John Joseph Jr. 9/30	Brenda Jackson 10/5
Jaxon Williams 9/27	Xavier Miller 9/30	Lyndon Johnson 10/7
Anthony Coleman 9/29	Robin Rodney 10/1	Candace Joseph 10/7
Tess Johnson 9/29	Rylee Sanders 10/1	Monica Locette 10/7
Cheryl Crockett 9/30	Rochelle Mathis 10/3	

**Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK**

**7:30 Mass:** Deceased Members of the Ladies Sodality: Victoria Alexander, Emma Butler, Vivian Byrd, Viola Chube, Geneva Coleman, Mary Course, Virginia Cummings, Rowena Glasby, Martha Houston, Geneva Hurst, Phillis James, Rachel Joseph, Rosalie Kelly, Louvenia Lewis, Hyacinth Stevenson, Annie Varrette, Lucille Watts, Sylvia Cassine, Eloise Sherbin, Theresa Hawkins, Julia Johnson, Ivy Cooper, Rosa Lee McGee, Jean Roan, Roslie Simpson, Willie Bell Richard, and Meredith Jones

**10:30 Mass:** Deceased Members of St. Paul's Women's Club: Dorothy Andrews, Sylvia Battley, Laura Brown, Florence Chambers, Pamela Cooper, Beulah Credit, Rosalie Dunn, Rose Hebert, Valentine Hebert, Ruby Major, Mary Ross, Alice Spurlock, Edna Stewart, Annie Thibodeaux, Gloria Williams, Joyce Williams

**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)




**ST. PAUL'S FAMILY DAY AND RAFFLE**

**On Sunday, October 15,** we will have our Church Family Day and Raffle! **On October 15th, there will be ONLY ONE Sunday Mass at 10:00 A.M.** Families will use the church parking lot to put up their tents, tables, and chairs. So, **please park anywhere outside of the white fence, in front of the Center, or in the parking lot of the Community Center next door.**


Come before Mass starts to pick a spot on the church's parking lot and set up your personal tents, tables, and chairs; security will be present. Then, after the Mass join our church family members for a **FREE** meal of white beans, jambalaya, green salad, rolls, hotdogs, sodas, water, and some good music. Families who wish to bring their grills and smokers to prepare foods of their choice are welcome.

**Raffle stubs and money are due by Sunday, October 8, 2023.** The raffle drawings are at 2:00 P.M. on October 15. All proceeds from the raffle will be used for building maintenance. **St. Paul will NOT have religious education classes on Family Day, October 15.**


**WOMEN'S CLUB**

 Women's Club turns out today at the 10:30 Mass. Today, the ladies also purchased and placed the flowers in front of

**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



**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023**

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

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Joey Richard, Jaiden Parker, Saija Johnson, Jordan Clifford, Quintin Chenevert

**READERS:** Darlene St. Romain, La'Kosha Chambers

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

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

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Aidan Sam, Elliott Thomas, Kaleigh Garner, Kaila Anthony

**READERS:** Youth—10 Graders

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Lisa Byrd and Paul Stewart

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS**



St. Paul's Annual Anointing of the Sick Mass is **Sat., Oct. 14, 2023**. Rosary begins at 10:00 A.M., Mass begins at 10:30 A.M.. Lunch will be served in St. Paul's Center.

**COME & PRAY THE ROSARY**



St. Paul's Ladies Sodality invites St. Paul's church family to join them in our prayer garden on **Sat., October 7, 2023**, at 12:00 P.M. 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" as a church family.

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**



Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. The first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S**



Dear Parishioners,  
I thank all of our church members, our choir, especially Deacon Benjamin & Mrs. Vera Dunbar, and all the committee members for the wonderful 50th birthday celebration for me. Since I am saying masses at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Prairieville, I will see you all in church next Sunday and will thank you in person for your love and appreciation you showed for me on my birthday celebration. Thank you!

**LITURGY 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:**

*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths. The paths of the Lord lead to eternal life, if we but have the courage to walk where He leads*

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

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

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—OCTOBER**

*For the Synod*

*We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.*



**COMMUNITY EVENTS/ACTIVITIES**

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED IN FULL IN OUR BULLETINS

- Oct. 3:** Liturgy Committee Meeting—6:00 PM
- Oct. 7:** Pray the Rosary with the Ladies Sodality—12:00
- Oct. 14:** Rosary, Anointing of the Sick Mass, Lunch—10AM
- Oct 15:** St. Paul Family Day & Raffle Drawings 11—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



Fr. Arockiam's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration committee

**50th Birthday Celebration of Fr. Arockiam**



Parishioners enjoying celebration



Rudy and Malick both turned 50 in the month of September



*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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*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 & 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

*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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*In Loving  
Memory*

**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 & Lawrance III Ash-**

**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*

**Doris Key  
Earl Key Sr.  
Emma Doyle  
Currie (Rudi) Doyle  
Ellis Doyle Sr.  
Tony Key**



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