

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

First Friday of Each Month

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

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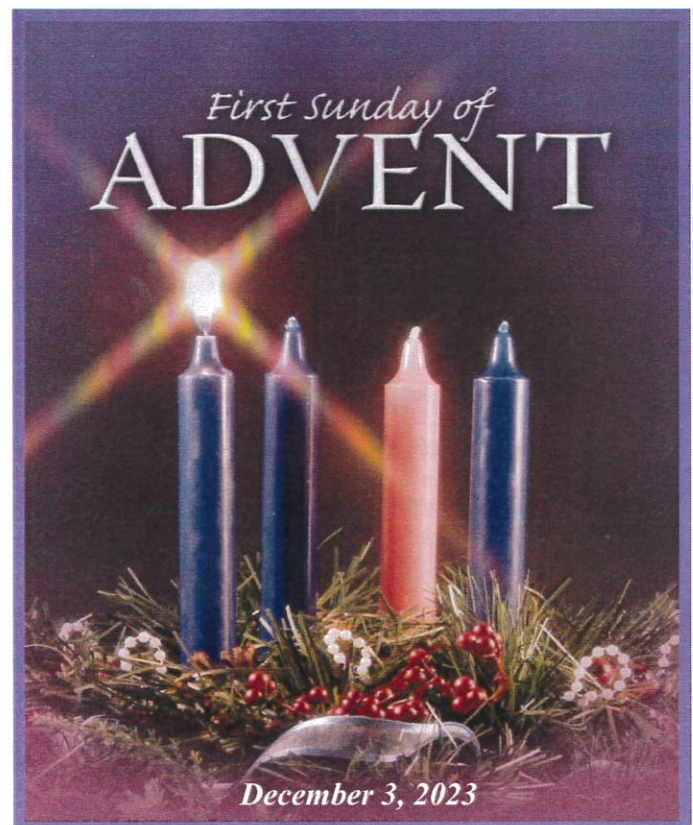
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



Sunday Mass Readings

DECEMBER 3, 2023 & DECEMBER 10

Today: Is 63:16b-17,19; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5,9-11/Ps 85:9-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Friday, December 8, 2023. It is a holy day of obligation. St. Paul will have Mass at 8:00 A.M.

May they rest in peace...

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the Williams family at the passing of Mr. Donald Ray Williams, brother of Mrs. Vera Dunbar. Also, to the Voltaire family at the passing of Ms. Marissa Voltaire, granddaughter of Ms. Dorothy Voltaire, and to the Armstead family at the passing of David Andere' Armstead, III, son-in-law of Robert & Mary Martin.

May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Emotional support, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, & referral to agencies for help are available.

Baptism

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

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

Baptism: March 17, 2023

(During or After 10:30 Mass)

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

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 to give.

OFFERTORY—NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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

Collection:	\$ 2,961.25
Building Fund:	\$ 180.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,165.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 10.00
Campaign for Human Dev.:	\$ 50.00
All Saints:	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 25.00
Thanksgiving:	\$ 30.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,431.25

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

Envelopes Mailed: 322 Envelopes Returned: 42 Online Givers: 25
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 59; 10:30A.M. - 119



DECEMBER 3—DECEMBER 9



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|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cameron Carter 12/3 | Janecka Dennis 12/5 | Carolyn Christophe 12/7 |
| Angelle Ferguson 12/3 | Nicholas Hawkins 12/5 | Khari Diggs 12/7 |
| Lakeida Spears 12/3 | Raphew Reed Sr. 12/5 | Janice Hamilton 12/7 |
| Michael Taylor 12/3 | Robert Scott 12/5 | Jeremy Johnson Jr. 12/7 |
| Breanna Dillion 12/4 | Wanda Ward 12/6 | Richard Johnson Jr. 12/8 |
| Sheila Harrell 12/4 | Ali Albert 12/7 | Jude Route 12/8 |
| Michael Knox Sr. 12/4 | Jourdan Alsobrook 12/7 | Donald Dorsey 12/9 |
| Mildred Trask 12/4 | Perry Chenevert 12/7 | Anna Perry 12/9 |



7:30 Mass: Deceased members of St. Paul the Apostle

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



REMEMBER: ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Any youth who would like to become an Altar Server **AND all current Altar Servers** are asked to attend **mandatory training sessions on Saturdays, December 9, and 16 at 10:30 A.M.** After the December 16 training, a luncheon will be held in the parish center. Fr. Arockiam is also asking **ALL** Altar Servers to attend the 10:30 Mass on Sun., Dec. 17, 2023, for the installation of new Altar Servers and the recommitment and blessing of current Altar Servers. Feel free to contact Fr. Arockiam or Ms. Christy Hall with any questions or concerns.

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE



ALL youth participating in this year's Christmas play, including backstage assistants and actors, are encouraged to attend **all** scheduled practices **at 6:00 P.M. on Mon., Dec. 4, and Mon., Dec. 11.** Any questions or concerns, please contact Tasha Anthony.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE



St. Paul's **Communal Reconciliation Service** is on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.** Please plan to attend! Heads of St. Paul's ministries and organizations are encouraged to attend with their members.

ATTENTION LECTORS!

Fr. Arockiam requests that all adult lectors attend either the 7:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 10, 2023. During both Masses, Father will acknowledge, pray over, and bless all adult lectors. The presence of adult lectors during the 10:30 a.m. Mass will also be in support of the youth lectors who will be reading that Sunday.

2024 JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

The 2024 Josephite Calendars are ready! Each family is asked to pick up ONE calendar from the main entrance of the church. Hall Davis & Sons sponsored the cost of the calendars. Be sure to thank Mr. Davis for his generous donation to St. Paul and remind families and friends of his services.

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, 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 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

8:00 A.M. MASS—*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

ALTAR SERVERS: Christy Hall
 READERS: Barbara Cornell, Carla Lewis
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Nancy Ball



MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

7:30 A.M. MASS

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

READERS: Evangeline Hughes, Ronnice Johnson
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Joannette Dunn, Monique Scott-Spaulding

10:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Aidan Sam, Terrell Carter Jr., Anthony Carter, Elliott Thomas

READERS: 6th & 7th Graders of St. Paul's Religious Education Program
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Lisa Byrd, Paul Stewart



LENTEN FISH FRY PLANNING MEETING

St. Paul's next Fish Fry planning meeting is **Tues., Dec. 19, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.**, in our parish center. Please join us and help us plan.

Fr. Arockiam with 7 of the First Communion Candidates on The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—2023



CHURCH PICTORIAL/PHONE DIRECTORY

The Pictorial and Telephone Directory Committee is exploring the idea of creating a **NEW** church pictorial and phone directory program. The purpose of a new church directory is to provide a tool for the pastor and members to contact and recognize one another. If at least three-fourths of the parishioners agree to pursue a **NEW church pictorial and phone directory**, it would require each family to make one trip to the parish center during the week at night or on Saturday morning. The process would take at least 45 minutes. Each family photographed will receive one free 8x10 family photo to be mailed to each family's home. The option of selecting and buying family and individual photos, and one free directory. If your family is interested and willing to participate in the photo sessions, please complete the form below, and drop it in the collection basket, parish mailbox, or at the parish office by Sunday, Jan. 7, 2023.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

*As a family, we are interested in St. Paul's pursuing a **NEW** church pictorial/phone directory.*

Family Last Name: _____

First Name(s): Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

Best Telephone #: _____

Directions: Please complete this form. Cut out or tear off the form and drop it in the collection basket, in the parish mailbox, or bring it to the parish office by **Sunday, January 7, 2023.**

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
 Wednesday, December 20, 2023—12:00 NOON
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
 Thursday, December 14, 2023 —6:00 P.M.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—DECEMBER
For Persons with Disabilities
 We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

MARDI GRAS DANCE



Join us for a Mardi Gras Dance Friday, February 9, 2024 from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. in St. Paul Parish Center. Tickets are \$20 per person. The event is sponsored by the St. Paul Knights of Peter Claver – Council 351.

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

November 19, 2023 Bulletin
 Matthew—Chapters 3&4 New American Bible (NAB)

WINNERS: Mrs. Paulette Robertson & Ms. Anna Perry

1. Repent
2. Prepare the way of the Lord
3. Jordan River
4. Holy Spirit and fire
5. This is my beloved Son
6. 40 days and 40 nights
7. The devil tried to tempt Jesus three times
8. The town of Galilee
9. Simon/Peter and Andrew
10. James and John, sons of Zebedee

Congratulations to the participants of the Bible Quiz: Paulette Robertson, Anna Perry, Riley Thomas, Mary Murray, Andrea Perry, and Timothy Marioneaux.



Matthew Chapters 7 & 8 – New American Bible (NAB)
 The last day to submit the answer is Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023 by 6:00 p.m.

Email: arockiamsvd@gmail.com or drop it in the mailbox in front of the church office.

1. Noticing a splinter in your brother's eye causes you to miss seeing what in your eyes?
2. What is the Answer to Prayers?
3. What is the Golden Rule?
4. What must you enter through on the road that will lead to (eternal) life?
5. Jesus said, "A true disciple is one who does what for my Father"?
6. What did Jesus tell the leper who asked to be cleansed?
7. What prayer do we say before receiving the Eucharist that is very similar to the words the Centurion said for Jesus to heal his servant?
8. What did the scribe say when Jesus gave orders to His disciples to cross to the other side (Sea of Galilee)?
9. The disciples were terrified of the storm at sea. What did Jesus say to them before He rebuked the winds and the sea?
10. What animal did Jesus use to draw out demons from the two Gadarene Demoniacs?

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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**George Coleman Jr.,
Geneva Coleman,
George Coleman Sr.
Carrie Coleman
M.H. Weathersby
Odelia Weathersby
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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
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Youth Ministry—Amanda Skinner.....	225-978-7347
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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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of*

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Eula White & H.P. Martin;
Jessica D. Hughes**

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**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
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Dorothy Bazile
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