

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

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Christy Hall —225-383-2537

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Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

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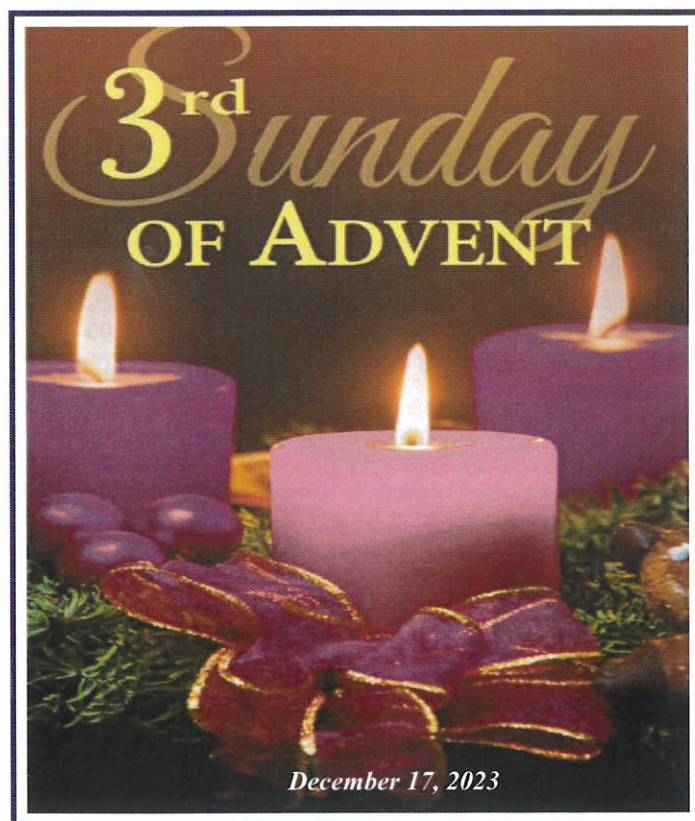
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



Sunday Mass Readings

DECEMBER 17, 2023 & DECEMBER 24

Today: Is 61:1-2,10-11/Lk 1:46-50,53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



LENTEN FISH FRY PLANNING MEETING

St. Paul's will have its 2nd Fish Fry planning meeting on **Tues., Dec. 19, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.**, in the parish center. Your input matters, please help us plan.



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

Baptism

Next Baptism Class: Thurs., February 8, 2023 —7:00 P.M.

Contact: Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939 to register

Parents & Godparents MUST attend the class

Baptism: February 18, 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., in the Chapel/Cry Room

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, use osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds to give.

OFFERTORY—DECEMBER 10, 2023

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

Collection:	\$ 4,063.98
Online Giving:	\$ 2,820.00
Building Fund:	\$ 8,709.00
Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$ 278.70
Property/Flood Ins. :	\$ 45.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 119.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 202.00
Christmas Offering:	\$ 20.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 135.00
Total Offertory	\$ 16,392.68

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

Envelopes Mailed: 260 Envelopes Returned: 63 Online Givers: 34

(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 90; 10:30A.M. - 179


HAPPY DECEMBER 17—DECEMBER 23 HAPPY

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| Merritt Andrews 12/17 | Jaxson Earls 12/20 | Windi Donald 12/22 |
| Chance Stribling 12/17 | Charlie Lockett 12/20 | Marilyn Green 12/21 |
| Kamile Watson 12/17 | Sonja Bowers 12/21 | Dave Long 12/22 |
| Austin Wiggins 12/17 | Jaden Goss 12/21 | Erika Williams 12/22 |
| Donald Walker 12/19 | Nakia Hawkins 12/21 | Mary Gloston 12/23 |
| Debra Dudley 12/20 | Chase Bowman 12/22 | Sheree Narcisse 12/23 |

7:30 Mass: In Memory of Mr. Dwight LeBlanc, Sr., and In Honor of St. Paul's Church Community
10:30 Mass: In Memory of Ms. Jasman Benjamin and Mr. James Cleveland Leduff

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



ALTAR SERVER

A very special thanks is extended to the parents, grandparents, and guardians of the current and new Altar Servers for making sure the children and youth attended the training. For questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Fr. Arockiam or Ms. Christy Hall.



The above lectors/readers attended the 7:30 Sunday Mass and were acknowledged.



The above lectors/readers attended the 10:30 Sunday Mass and were recognized for their ministry, too.

CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Ministry of Care 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

Our Thoughts & Prayers Charles Bethley, Barbara Brennan, Cirsten Brown, Ernie Butitta, Helen Celestine, Alberta Conner, Melba Daniels, Richard Dillon, Ronnie Gauthier, Anthony Grand, John Guice, Marcus 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, DECEMBER 24, 2023

9:30 A.M. MASS

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

READERS: Richard Johnson, Randy LeDuff

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice Zacharie, Murray Chenevert

8:00 P.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Mason Sanders, Jackson Williams, Madelyn Williams, Elliott Thomas

READERS: Terrell Carter, Gigi Collins-Mathis

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS: David Robertson, Paulette Robertson

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

9:00 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Xavier Knox, Aidan Sam, Terrel Carter Jr., Anthony Carter

READERS: Kevin Stewart, Barbara Cornell

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS: Paul Stewart, Martha Davis

ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES

Sunday, Christmas Eve: 9:30 AM & 8:00 PM Masses

Caroling at 7:00 pm—Christmas Play begins at 7:30 pm

Monday, Christmas Day: 9:00 AM Mass **ONLY**

Sunday, New Year's Eve: 7:30 & 10:30 AM Masses



ST. PAUL'S GOODWILL & GRATEFULNESS TREE GIFTS

Gifts for the children that were adopted for Christmas can be left on the table in the foyer of the church after Mass today, or bring them to the parish office by Tuesday, **December 19, 2023**. Please bring the gifts by the due date so parents can pick up the gifts before Christmas.

VITA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



VITA volunteer (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) are needed from January 16, 2024, thru April 15, 2024, at Catholic Charities. This is an opportunity to help low-wage, working families keep more of what they earn. No experience needed, flexible hours. Assist as a tax preparer, greeter, or intake specialist. IRS training provided. Contact: 225-336-8700/drials@cadiobr.org

CELEBRATION OF 25 OR 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



At the 10:30 A.M. Mass on December 31st, the Feast of the Holy Family, we will honor **couples married in 1973 or 1998, that** celebrated their 25th or 50th year of marriage. Couples who want to be recognized during this special Mass,

please call the parish office by Wednesday, December 27, 2023.

Fr. Arockiam with Ms. Lorena Williams and her daughter, Ms. Jerrena Brown, lighting the 2ND Advent Candle at the 7:30 Mass on Dec. 10.



Mr. Randy LeDuff and his wife Mrs./Rev. Lois LeDuff lighting the Second Advent Candle at 10:30 Mass on Dec. 10.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, December 20, 2023—12:00 NOON

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 —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.

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:

Rejoice always! Our Savior is near! The call to priesthood and/or religious life is a source of great joy to those who embrace their call with their whole heart, mind, and soul.

jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561

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

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

December 3, 2023 Bulletin

Matthew—Chapters 7 & 8 New American Bible (NAB)

THE WINNERS: Andrea Perry, Anna Perry, Desiree Spann, and Sylvia Trahan

1. Wooden beam
2. Ask, seek, and knock
3. "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you"
4. The Narrow Gate
5. The will of my Father
6. "Be made clean"
7. "Lord, I am not worthy to have you under my roof; only say the word and my servant will heal you.
8. "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go"
9. "Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?"
10. Swine

Congratulations to the participants of the Bible Quiz: Dr. John Nnadi, Mrs. Paulette Robertson, Mrs. Desiree Spann, Mr. & Mrs. John Christophe, Ms. Katie Primas, Mr. Riley Thomas, Ms. Sylvia Trahan, Ms. Anna Perry, and Ms. Andrea Perry.



Matthew Chapters 9 & 10—New American Bible (NAB)

The last day to submit answers is December 26, 2023 by 6:00 p.m.

Email answers to: arockiamsvd@gmail.com or drop them in the church office mailbox

1. What are the two commands Jesus gave the paralytic?
2. What words/meaning did Jesus tell the Pharisees to go and learn?
3. What did the woman who had hemorrhaged for twelve years say to herself before she touched Jesus' cloak?
4. What words did the two blind men cry out to Jesus?
5. What did Jesus say to His disciples about the harvest and laborers?
6. What four cures did Jesus commission His twelve disciples to perform?
7. What did Jesus tell His twelve disciples to do if the Israelites did not receive them or listen to their words?
8. What did Jesus say about those who deny Him?
9. In discipleship, what did Jesus say about a cross for those who are not worthy of Him?
10. In discipleship, what happens to those who lose his life for Jesus' sake?

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.
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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
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Bible Study—Barbara Haynes.....	225-665-2630
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 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**

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 of
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 Morris, Kelby, Quintin,
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 Corinne, Michael, Jessie Sr. & Aaron B. Jo-
 seph; Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.;
 Lawrence Sr., Shedrick & Lawrence III Ash-
 ford; Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert;
 Eula White & H.P. Martin; Jessica D. Hughes**

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 Rev. Albert Williams, Sr.
 & Jr., Mildred, and John
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 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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**Lionel Bazile Sr.
 Dorothy Bazile
 James Bazile
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