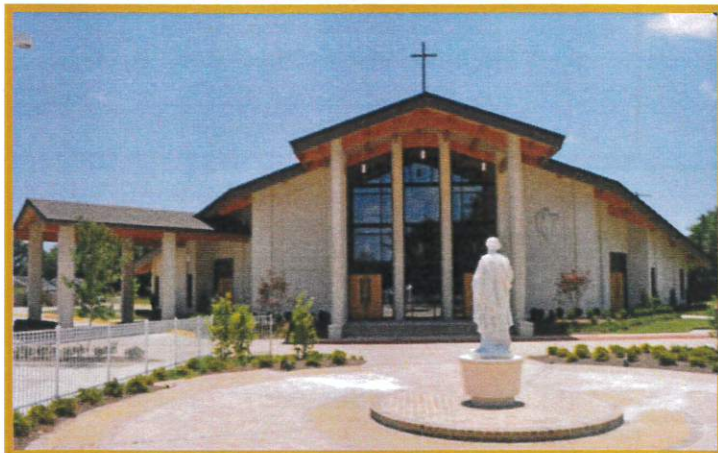


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SUNDAY MASSES
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

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
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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

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Mary Martin —225-383-2537

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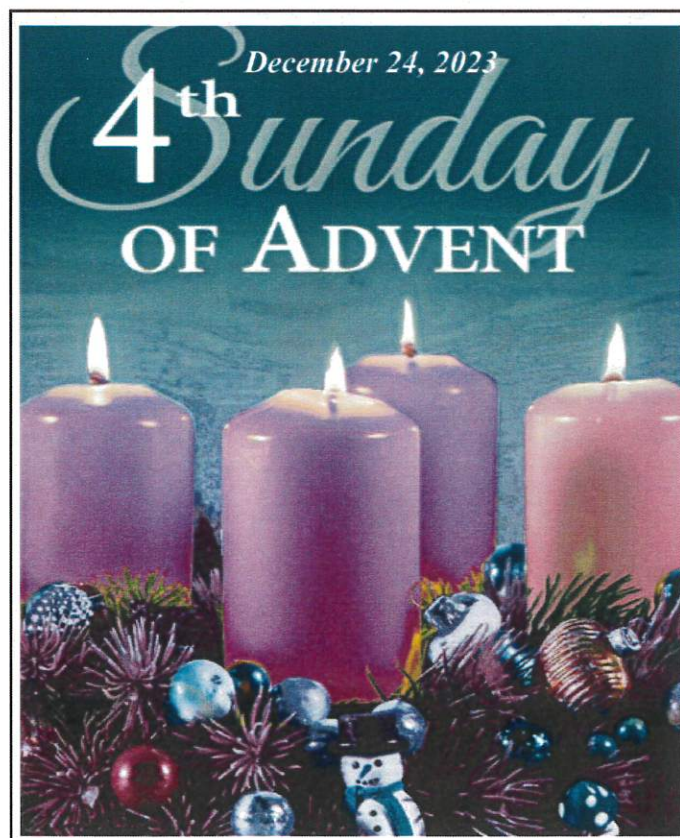
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

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Sunday Mass Readings

DECEMBER 24, 2023 & DECEMBER 31 2023

4th Sunday of Advent: 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

Christmas Eve: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5,16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Christmas Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Gn 15:1-6;21:1-3/Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6,8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8,1-12,17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40



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



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

May he rest in peace...

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the Nora and Robertson family at the passing of Mr. Bernard Nora, brother of Mr. David Robertson.

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



FOR CHURCH ENVELOPES TO TITHE

Offering Envelopes 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 17, 2023

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

Collection:	\$ 3,666.66
Online Giving:	\$ 2,940.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 33.00
Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$ 47.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 40.00
Building Fund:	\$ 65.00
Property/Flood Ins.:	\$ 21.00
Rligious Ed. Donation:	\$ 80.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 21.00
Christmas Offertory:	\$ 21.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 212.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,146.66

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

Envelopes Mailed: 260 Envelopes Returned: 69 Online Givers: 32
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 75; 10:30A.M. - 198



DECEMBER 24—DECEMBER 30




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| Ivory Brown Jr. 12/24 | Isiah Jones 12/26 | Varick Rodney 12/28 |
| Michelle Haynes 12/24 | Treasure White 12/26 | Alicia Varmall 12/28 |
| Fredrick Moore 12/24 | Kim Dunn 12/27 | Augustine Kador 12/29 |
| Joseph Plain 12/24 | Doris Hall 12/27 | Virgin Williams 12/29 |
| Mary Haynes 12/25 | Trince Simms 12/27 | Ethel Hinton 12/30 |
| Earline Bell 12/26 | Irma Landry 12/28 | Myra Johnson 12/30 |
| | | Michelle Wales 12/30 |



9:30 AM MASS : St. Paul's Church Community
8:00 PM Mass: In Memory of Crystal Davis, Lucas Guice, Doretha Guice, Regina Greenhouse, Bernadette Guice, Joseph Guice, Derrick Guice, Jasman Benjamin, and Dr. Ophelia Guice

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



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM FR. AROCKIAM

Greetings My Dear Church Family & Benefactors,



At this special and sacred time of the year, I wish to extend to you and your loved ones Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

The love, prayers, generosity, gifts, and talent you have shared this year were heartwarming, uplifting, and appreciated. All that you offer in support of St. Paul the Apostle, shapes its future and is indeed a blessing to all.

At "this most wonderful time of the year" may you and your loved ones find joy and fulfillment as surely did Joseph and Mary—the gift of love; the gift of peace, and the gift of happiness. May all these be yours this Christmas.

So, as we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let joy be born in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but the whole year; not just the whole year, but our whole lives.

Merry Christmas,
 Father Arockiam SVD

YOUTH MINISTRY



A special thank you to Mrs. Amanda Skinner for her work as Director of the Youth Ministry. We wish you the best as you move on to other ministries and challenges. We welcome Ms. Kawayna Ridgley as the new Director of the Youth Ministry and look forward to working with her effective January 1, 2024. Parishioners and parents are encouraged to work with Ms. Ridley for the success and growth of the ministry.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



St. Paul's Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1, 2024, for Christmas and New Year's Day Holidays. The office will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Arockiam at 337-522-0624.

CHURCH 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

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

9:00 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Xavier Knox, Aidan Sam
 READERS: Kevin Stewart, Barbara Cornell
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Paul Stewart, Martha Davis

MINISTERS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31, 2023

7:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Jaiden Parker, Saija Johnson, Jordon Clifford
 READERS: Reginald Green, Paulette Robertson
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Audrene LeBlanc, Alice Zacharie

10:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Gerald Anderson Jr., Sydney Anderson, Jiselle Anthony, Kaila Anthony, Kaleigh Garner
 READERS: Children & Youth of St. Paul's Religion Classes
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Robinette Harleaux, Pamela Claiborne



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
 Wednesday, March 13, 2024—6:00 P.M.
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
 Wednesday, February 28, 2024—6:00 P.M.



YOUTH MEETING
 Sunday, January 14, 20-24—After 10:30 Mass

ST. PAUL'S MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 9:30 AM ONLY

Sunday, Christmas Eve: 8:00 PM Mass
 Caroling at 7:00PM—Christmas Play begins at 7:30PM

Monday, Christmas Day: 9:00 AM Mass ONLY

Sunday, December 31 - Feast of the Holy Family:
 7:30 & 10:30 AM Masses



Mr. William Seals with his mother, Mrs. Elaine Joshua, his wife, Mrs. Taylor Seals, and their baby, Sage Seals lighting the 3rd Advent Candle at the 7:30 Mass on Dec. 17.



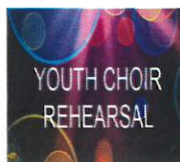
Ms. Kim Dunn with Fr. Arockiam lighting the 3rd Advent Candle at 10:30 Mass on Dec. 17.

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.

ATTENTION YOUTH CHOIR MEMBERS



St. Paul's Youth Choir rehearsal is next Saturday, December 30, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The Youth Choir is scheduled to sing next Sunday, December 31, 2023 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please make every effort to attend rehearsal so we will be prepared. We are looking forward to seeing you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Belinda Carney at 225-223-8783.

SILVER & GOLD MARRIAGE CELEBRATION



At the 10:30 Mass next Sunday, December 31, 2023 on the Feast of the Holy Family, we will honor *couples married in 1973 or 1998 who celebrated their 25th or 50th year of marriage.*

Couples who want to be recognized at this Mass, please call the parish office by Wed., Dec. 27, 2023, please leave a message.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Paul has Eucharistic Adoration every first Friday of the month. Join us Friday, January 5, 2024, for at least one hour. Adoration is from 8:00—12:00 Noon in the Chapel.



Congratulations to St. Paul's current and new Altar Servers for pledging their Devotion and Recommitment to the Ministry on Sunday, Dec. 17. Not pictured: Kaila Anthony, Andrea Camberos, Angelle Camberos, Jose' Camberos, Quintin Chenevert, Bradley Davis, and Brayden Davis. May God Bless You!

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**

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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
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Pastor—Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....	225-383-2537
Readers (adults)—Paulette Robertson.....	225-937-2293
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