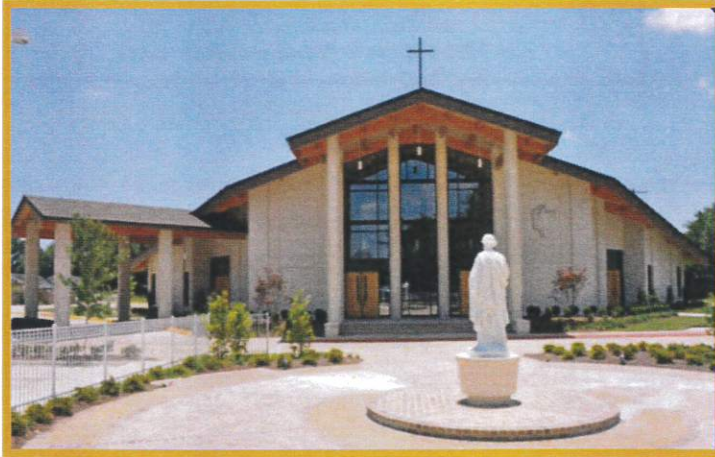


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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Deacon Benjamin Dunbar Jr.— 225-324-5808

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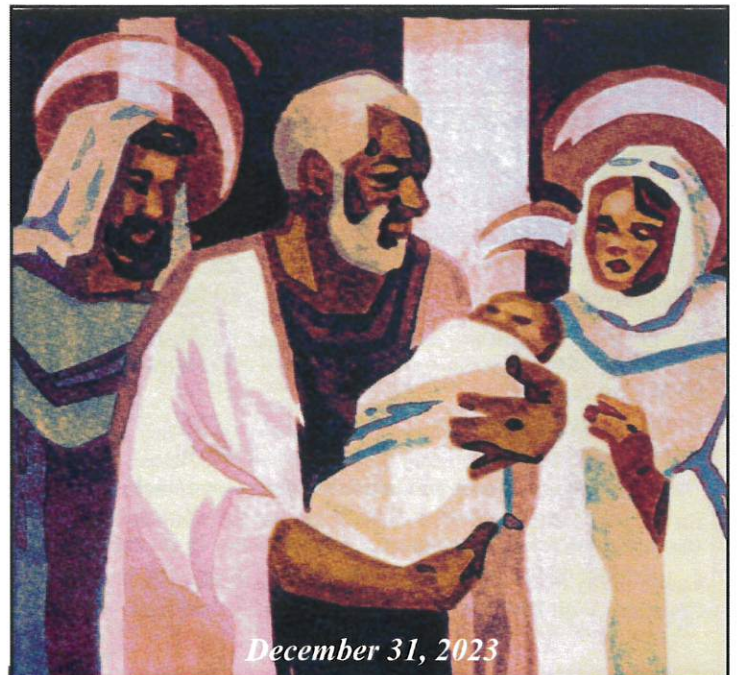
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December 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH


Sunday Mass Readings

DECEMBER 31 2023 & JANUARY 7, 2024

TODAY: 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

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

EUCCHARISTIC 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.



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

ADULT FORMATION, BIBLE STUDY, & ROSARY

Adult Formation Class: Sundays 9:00 AM, 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#



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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 24/25, 2023

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

Collection:	\$ 1,694.50
Christmas Offering	\$ 872.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 25.00
Building Fund:	\$ 40.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 37.00
Mass Stipend:	\$ 30.00
SVD Community	\$ 380.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Total Offertory	\$ 3,088.50

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

Envelopes Mailed: 260 Envelopes Returned:54 Online Givers: 24

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

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: Christmas Eve Morning 9:30 A.M.-151;

Christmas Vigil 8:00 P.M.— 158; Christmas Day 9:00 A.M. -44



DECEMBER 31—JANUARY 6



Dcn Benjamin Dunbar Jr. 1/1	John Tubbs 1/2	Riley Jackson 1/4
Nautica Ward 1/1	Sharon Miller 1/3	Dominique Seals 1/4
Nijel Butler 1/2	Mildred Savoy 1/3	Darlene J. St. Romain 1/4
Jeremy Delafosse 1/2	Kathy Albert 1/4	Kaelyn Anderson 1/5
Rio Marrero 1/2	Rosey Antoine 1/4	Edna Dunn-Scott 1/5
		Cleta Guichard 1/5



7:30 Mass: In Memory of Mr. Dwight LeBlanc, Sr. Mr. Alvin Anthony, Jr. and Mr. Andre Spencer

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



A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Members,



This is the third time I addressed you through our bulletin at the close of one year and the opening of another. So as we welcome in the New Year, let us reflect on the 365 days that have passed.

The passage of time does leave its mark on St. Paul and our families. We, ourselves, have gotten older; our families have changed as some members left for college or to earn their living in another region of the country or death has removed loved ones. As we embrace 2024, I want to encourage you with Philippians 4:13, "I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me." (NAB)

We must remember that with God rooted in our lives, our past and future experiences only increase our capacity to grow in faith and all aspects of our lives. There is no mountain too high, no valley too deep or wide, no circumstance that we cannot conquer or get through when we look to God for our strength. God is bigger than our circumstances! Have faith and believe! I pray each one of you will have a Happy and Blessed 2024.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Father Arockiam



Father Arockiam, our Pastor, will be visiting his parents, and family in India from Monday, January 8, 2024 through Monday, February 5, 2024. Please continue to pray for him, his parents, and his family. During his time away he can be reached via email: arockiamsvd@gmail.com or by whatsapp.

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



SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

In Our Thoughts & Prayers Charles Bethley, Barbara Brennan, Cirsten Brown, Ernie Butitta, Helen Celestine, Alberta Conner, Melba Daniels, Richard Dillon, Ronnie Gauthier, Anthony Grand, Troy Green, 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, Walker Williams

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

MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 7, 2024

7:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Andrea Camberos, Angelle Camberos, Jose' Camberos

READERS: Carla Lewis, Joannette Dunn

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice Zacharie, Vera Dunbar

10:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Xavier Knox, Mason Sanders, Jackson Williams, Madelyn Williams

READERS: 11th Graders

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Amanda Skinner, Robinette Harleaux

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—JANUARY

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

~Happy Birthday Deacon Benjamin Dunbar, Jr.~



A very special Happy Birthday to our very own Deacon Benjamin Dunbar Jr. May your day filled with Joy and Happiness!

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL FISH FRY



St. Paul's Annual Lenten Friday Fish Fry Fund-raiser will start on February 16, 2024. The Fish Fry Team has been planning for this fundraiser. As usual, volunteers are needed to help on Thursdays and Fridays. Sign-up sheets for specific jobs will be on the table in the main entrance of the church next Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024. Please sign up today!

Now those of us who cannot volunteer for whatever reason can help by buying one or two plates weekly and encouraging others to buy plates.

Another way **ALL** of us can help is by donating to offset the expenses. Because of the specific brands, sizes, and special needs, the team prefers monetary donations for supplies. Donation envelopes are available in the church entrance. For online donations, please select: "2024 St. Paul's Lenten Fundraiser"

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY



Ms. Tasha Anthony will guide, some of the students from our religious education classes will perform a skit in honor of MLK Day at both Masses on Sunday, January 14, 2024.



Ms. Shandria (Phyllis) Hawkins and her mother, Ms. Lois Joseph, with Fr. Arockiam lighting the 4th Advent candle.



The youth of St. Paul participated in the Christmas Play at the 8 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Thank you for a wonderful performance!



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 —6:00 P.M.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 28, 2024 —6:00 P.M.



YOUTH MEETING

Sunday, January 14, 2024—After 10:30 Mass

Calling all Youth grades 6-12th!

There will be a Youth Ministry meeting on January 14, 2024, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us to discuss upcoming plans for the New Year. If you have any questions, please contact our new Youth Ministry Director, Ms. Kawayna Ridgley at 225-405-7225.

VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD/RELIGIOUS LIFE

If you feel the call to religious life as a priest, deacon, brother or nun

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

A VOCATION VIEW: *The voice of God is first heard in the voice of a mother and father. Make a commitment to make your home a domestic church where the Lord's call can be heard and nourished.*

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

December 17, 2023 Bulletin

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

THE WINNERS:

1. "Rise, pick up your stretcher and go home"
2. "I desire mercy, not sacrifice"
3. "If only I can touch his cloak, I shall be cured"
4. "Son of David, have pity on us"
5. "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few"
6. "Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons"
7. "Go outside that house or town and shake the dust from your feet"
8. "I will deny before my heavenly Father"
9. "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me"
10. "Will find it"

Congratulations to the participants of the Bible Quiz: Mrs. Sylvia Trahan, Mr. Tim Marioneaux, Ms. Katie Primas, Ms. Anna Perry, and Mrs. Desiree Spann



Matthew Chapters 11 & 12—*New American Bible (NAB)*

The last day to submit answers is January 9, 2024 by 6:00 p.m.

Email answers to: arockiamsvd@gmail.com or

drop them in the church office mailbox

1. While John was in prison, what did he send his disciples to ask Jesus?
2. What was Jesus, reply before he listed the miracles he had performed?
3. What did Jesus say about John the Baptist's function as a messenger?
4. Who knows the Father and Son other than the Father and Son?
5. What will Jesus give to us when we are labored and burdened?
6. What was Jesus, disciples accused of doing on a Sabbath that was considered unlawful by the Pharisees?
7. Jesus responded with a statement that He desired mercy and not what other action?
8. Jesus was the Chosen Servant to proclaim justice to what group?
9. Jesus was accused of driving out demons only by the power of what prince of demons?
10. Jesus said whoever does the will of His Father is what type of relative to Him?

(Special thank you to Ms.. Barbara Haynes and Bible Study group!)

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**Opston, Dorcenia,
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Opston Jr., Albert &
Jerome Guillory;
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- 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.L.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
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