

# 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 11:00 A.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**

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**Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476**



**December 29, 2024**

**Sunday Mass Readings**

**DECEMBER 29, 2024 AND JANUARY 5, 2025**

**Today:** 1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28/Ps 84:2-3,5-6,9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Dear God,  
 Help us to feel at home in our church like Jesus did, and help us to be a holy family, too. Amen.

*Next Baptism Class: Thurs., Jan. 9, 2024 —7:00p.m.*



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

**Baptism: Sunday, Jan. 19, 2024**

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

**ADULT FORMATION, BIBLE STUDIES, & ROSARY**

**Adult Formation: Sundays at 9:00am** (in the Chapel/Cry Room)

**Rosary: Sundays at 6:00 p.m.**

Dial 701-802 5490, then enter 878800#

**SVD Bible Corner with Fr. Leon, SVD: Mondays 6:00 p.m.**

Zoom ID: 836-4516 5259 (Pass Code: Bible)

**St. Paul's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:00pm**

Dial 516-387-8633 (No Access Code)

**"Strength Still Needs Support"**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

**Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**

Call or Text: 988 Chat: <https://988lifeline.org/chat/>

**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. No envelopes are needed if you want to give online; use [osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds) to give.

*In your planning, please consider an option of a beneficiary gift to support St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.*

**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*

[jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or 225-387-0561

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

**Vocation View:** We pray for all families that they will cherish the grace of each child's vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest, religious sister, or brother.



**DECEMBER 29 - JANUARY 4, 2025**



- Ethel Hinton 12/30
- Myra Johnson 12/30
- Michelle Wales 12/30
- Jose' Camberos Sr. 12/31
- Dcn Benjamin Dunbar Jr. 1/1
- Nautica Ward 1/1

- Nijel Butler 1/2
- Jeremy Delafosse Jr. 1/2
- Rio Marrero 1/2
- John Tubbs 1/2
- Ethan Kemp 1/3
- Sharon Miller 1/3
- Mildred Savoy 1/3



**7:30 AM MASS:** St. Paul's Church Community

**10:30 AM MASS:** Margaret Hawkins Kemp, Marie Victorian Hawkins, Roger Banks, Sr., and Louvenia & Dolphus Lewis

**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 NEW YEAR'S MASS**

Tues., December 31, 2024 - New Year's Eve: 6:00 p.m.

**ST. PAUL PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**



The parish office will be closed Monday, December 30, through New Year's Day, and will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

**ST. PAUL'S WINTER COATS & WINTER ACCESSORIES DRIVE—UNTIL Jan. 26, 2025**



**Help spread the warmth!** Please support St. Paul the Apostle Church Winter Coats and Accessories Drive for children, youth, and adults of all ages. Please drop off in the bins at the entrances of the church **new or gently used winter coats, sweaters, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks, knitted caps, and beanies** for families in the Eden Park area and clients served by St. Paul's Food Pantry.

**HELP SPREAD THE WARMTH!**

**AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE PRISON MINISTRY**

The Diocese of Baton Rouge extends an invitation to anyone interested in joining the Prison Ministry and would like to be an active participant. A workshop will be held at St. George Catholic Church on Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Fr. Arockiam will also be attending. Please contact St. Paul office at 383-2537 if you are interested in joining this ministry or if you have any questions.

**CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**



Rose Crockett Carter, Audrey Christopher, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Denovas Crockett, Charles Davis Jr., Shirley Dawson, Dianna Franklin, Gloria Dunn, Ruther Hall, James Hayward, Brenda Hickman, Carolyn Jenkins, Annie Joseph, Augustine Kador, Mable King, Elthea LeDuff, Marie Myles, Harry Sills, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Martha Spencer, Paul Stewart, Mildred Trask, Irene Warner

**SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**



Xavier Arockiam, Charles Bethley, Barbara Brennan, Cirsten Brown, Ernie Butitta, Dorothy Celestine, Helen Celestine, Alberta Conner, Melba Daniels, Richard Dillon, Ronnie Gauthier, Anthony Grand, Marcus Guice, Gregory Harris, Lionel Hayes, Florence Jackson, James Pace, Allen Paschal, Martha Reinhart, Joel Rivera, Coogan Ryan, Jenna Scott, Dana Simoneaux, Connie St. Romain, Stephanie Stewart, Calvin Thomas III, Walker Williams, Wanda Winchester

*\*\*If any names need to be removed from the lists, please call the parish office.\*\**

**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025**

*(Ministers serving are asked to be at Mass at least 15 minutes before Mass begins.)*

**7:30 AM MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jose' Camberos, Bradley Davis, Brayden Davis

**READERS:** Monique Scott-Spaulding, Evangeline Hughes

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zacharie, Vera Dunbar

**10:30 AM MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Kaila Anthony, Jiselle Anthony, Mason Sanders  
Terrell Carter Jr., Anthony Carter

**READERS:** Mary Martin, Richard Johnson

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:** Gigi Collins-Mathis, Wanda Davis



**A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

My Dear Parishioners,

As dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family, our church family, and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger, and our pains—for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving way, the God-conscious way.

Fr. Arockiam



*Ms. Ta'Rhonda Chube and her children, Chelsea, Gerrick, Gavin and Gabriel, lit the fourth Advent Candle last Sunday, December 22, at the 7:30 Mass*



*Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph and Darlene Richard and their sons, Rudolph III (Trey) and Joseph (Joey), lit the fourth Advent Candle last Sunday, December 22, at the 10:30 Mass*

**Upcoming Meetings**

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

*Wednesday, January 15, 2025—6:00 PM*

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

*Wednesday, January 8, 2025—6:00 PM*



**YOUTH MEETING**

*Sunday, January 12, 2025—After the 10:30 Mass  
(Grades 2nd through 12th)*

If you have any questions, please contact:

Ms. Kawayna Ridgley, Youth Ministry Director at 225-405-7225



**BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS FROM DEC. 15, 2024  
Luke Chapter 10—New American Bible (NAB)**

**No Winners**

Answers Below:

**Luke Chapter 10 – The Mission of the Seventy-two – Answers**

1. “The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”
2. “The kingdom of God is at hand.”
3. “Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”
4. “I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky.”
5. “To see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.”
6. “You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”
7. A priest
8. A Levite
9. A Samaritan traveler
10. “Mary sat beside the Lord listening to him speak.”



**Luke Chapter 11—New American Bible (NAB)**

*Last day to submit answers is Tues., Jan. 14, 2025, by 6:00 pm*

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

**Luke Chapter 11 – The Lord’s Prayer – Questions**

1. In Further Teaching on Prayers, Luke said a friend might not get up to give his friend three loaves to feed a visitor. However, he will give him whatever he needs because of what?
2. What must you do for prayers to be answered?
3. The Father in heaven will give the Holy Spirit to those who do what.
4. The crowds claimed that Jesus drove out demons by the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons. What did Jesus say drives out demons?
5. When an unclean spirit goes out of someone and returns to its home, it finds it swept clean and put in order. What is done to restore demonic presence?
6. When Jesus spoke to a woman from a crowd, whom did He say was blessed?
7. Jesus said, “This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given. What was the exception?”
8. Part 1 - What is the lamp of your body? Part 2 – What warning did Jesus give about taking care of the light in you?
9. When Jesus dined at the home of a Pharisee, the Pharisee was amazed that Jesus did not observe the prescribed washing before the meal. What did Jesus say to the Pharisees?
10. Jesus asked the Pharisees, “Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside?” What did Jesus say what was within would do?

**A special thank you to Ms. Barbara Haynes and the Bible Study Group for the Bible Quiz and answers.**

*In Loving Memory*  
**Opston, Dorcenia,  
 Wilbert, Phillip,  
 Opston Jr., Albert &  
 Jerome Guillory;  
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 Catherine Williams,  
 Yvonne Warren, &  
 Marcus Montigue**

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**Quick Reference to St. Paul's Pastor, Personnel, Ministries, and Services**

**Contact Information**

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