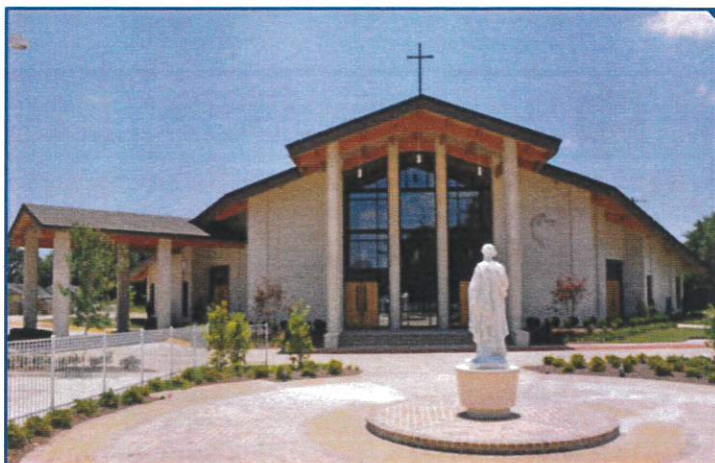


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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Christy Hall —225-383-2537

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Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

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Martha Davis —225-357-4108

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Kawayna Ridgley —225-405-7225

PARISH NURSE

Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

January 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**BEHOLD,
THE LAMB
OF GOD.**

— JOHN 1:36 —

We Observe MLK Day Monday, January 15!

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
1929-1968

**Love is the only
force capable of
transforming an
enemy into friend.**




Sunday Mass Readings

JANUARY 14, 2024—JANUARY 21, 2024

Today: 1 Sm 3:3-10,19/Ps 40:2,4,7-10/1 Cor 6:13c-15,17-20/
Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5,10/Ps 25:4-9/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

BIBLE ENTHRONEMENT

 Next Sunday, January 21, 2024, is Bible Enthronement Sunday. With the assistance of St. Paul's Bible Study Group, we will Enthroner the Bible at the Masses to show that God is present and active through his Word. The Bible Study Group will also be recognized and receive a special blessing.


ST. PAUL MEMBER'S 80 PLUS BIRTHDAY PARTY

St. Paul the Apostle is planning a special event for its members who are **80 PLUS YEARS OLD** on Saturday, April 20, 2024! Members who were born in 1944 or earlier should expect within the next 2-weeks a telephone call or text from Nurse Maxine Watts to share some details about the event and obtain an idea of the number of family members that may attend this event with you.

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—JANUARY 7, 2024

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

Collection:	\$ 4,813.00
Online Giving:	\$ 9,608.00
Building Fund:	\$ 736.00
Christmas Offering:	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 10.00
SVD Community:	\$ 5.00
Church in Latin America:	\$ 1.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 185.00
Total Offertory	\$ 15,408.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 264 Envelopes Returned: 92 Online Givers: 31
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. -85; 10:30A.M. - 219

JANUARY 7—JANUARY 20

Roycha Richard 1/7	Jameer Oliver 1/9	Irene Warner 1/13
Jasiah Sanders 1/7	Kirsten Raby 1/9	Belinda Floyd-Pickett 1/14
Kim Starwood 1/7	Halley Perry 1/10	Rogers Banks Sr. 1/16
Roger Banks Jr 1/8	Nyle Johnson 1/11	Michael Knox Jr. 1/17
Lovie Griffin 1/8	Ashley A. Sanford 1/12	Mary Murray 1/17
Mary Martin 1/8	Jo'shiah Jones 1/12	Dianne Baham 1/19
Michael Boyd, Jr. 1/9	Britney Buggage 1/13	Melonie Stewart 1/19
Alma Ferbos 1/9	Charles Davis Jr. 1/13	Jerome Walker 1/19

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

7:30 Mass: Deceased members of St. Paul's Church Community

10:30 Mass: St. Paul's Church Community

In the event of the need for immediate Pastoral Care Please Contact
St. Paul's Parish Office
225-383-2537/stpaulbr@aol.com



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

Baptism

Next Baptism Class: Thurs., February 8, 2024 —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, contact Fr. Arockiam-337-522-0624

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL FISH FRY



St. Paul's Lenten Friday Fish Fry Fundraiser starts on February 16, 2024. The Fish Fry Team is asking for volunteers. Please sign up to help in the main entrance of the church.

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.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Yvette Oliver for the passing of her father, Louis Tymes, who is also the grandfather of Jasman and Jameer Oliver; to Marilynn Payne at the passing of her aunt, Albertha Oubre; to Velita Benjamin for the passing of her brother, John Guice, who is the uncle of Felecia, Tracy, and Sheri Benjamin; also to John Pierre at the passing of his sister, Dorothy Pierre Thompson. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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



Charles Bethley, Barbara Brennan, Cirsten Brown, Ernie Butitta, Dorothy Celestine, Helen Celestine, Alberta Conner, Melba Daniels, Richard Dillon, Ronnie Gauthier, Anthony Grand, Troy Green, 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 and Wanda Winchester.

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



MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 21, 2024

7:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Andrea Camberos, Angelle Camberos, Jose' Camberos
 READERS: David Robertson, Stephanie Allen
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Audrene LeBlanc, Christy Hall

10:30 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Jiselle Anthony, Kaila Anthony, Kaleigh Garner
 READERS: Kevin Stewart, Richard Johnson
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Martha Davis, Nancy Ball

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.

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

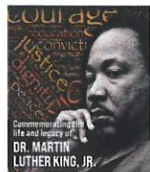
Divine Word Missionaries and Sisters of the Holy Spirit
 or

jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561

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

A VOCATION VIEW: "We have found the Messiah!" After his encounter with Jesus, St. Andrew goes first to find his brother, Peter, to also bring him to Christ. Do not be afraid to bring others to Christ as well!

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY



Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King. It is observed annually on the third Monday of January. This year, it takes place on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, which is Dr. King's actual birthdate. Places Dr. King made history and where his influence impacted a greater part of the Civil Rights Movement are preserved in many national parks and local communities around the country. MLK Day should challenge us all to be love in the face of opposition and violence. As Mrs. King said: "Struggle is a never-ending process. Freedom is never really won. You earn it and win it in every generation." So, that systemic racism is what each of us has the opportunity to put a dent into, every day. And we can think of no more powerful way to celebrate Dr. King and all the brave souls who gave up so much to fight for justice.

ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOME OF OCIA (RCIA) CANDIDATES

On Sunday we accepted and welcomed two adults, **Mr. Raul Lathan and Mr. James Stampley** as they are preparing for reception into full communion with the Catholic Church. We would like to thank Bro. John Hotstream, OCIA Coordinator. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 — 6:00 P.M.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

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



YOUTH MEETING

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

Calling all Youth grades 6-12th!

If you have any questions, please contact our Youth Ministry Director, Ms. Kawayna Ridgley at 225-405-7225.

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

December 31, 2023 Bulletin

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

WINNERS: Desiree Spann, Anna Perry, and Paulette Robertson

Answers Below.

1. Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?
2. "Tell John what you hear and see."
3. "He will prepare your way before you."
4. No one
5. Rest
6. Picked and ate the heads of grain because they were hungry.
7. Sacrifice
8. The Gentiles
9. Beelzebul
10. My brother, sister, and mother



Matthew Chapters 13 & 14—New American Bible (NAB)

The last day to submit answers is January 23 by 6:00 p.m.

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

1. In the parable of the Sower, what happened to the seed that fell on the rich soil?
2. What is the purpose of a parable and why was it only said to the disciples? (Two parts question)
3. What person represents the seed sown on the path? (Two parts question)
4. What is so special about the mustard seed in its parable?
5. In the parable of the weeds, who is the one who sows good seed?
6. Who was Jesus according to Herod the Tetrarch?
7. What food was provided to the 5,000 followers and how much food was left over after they had eaten? (Two parts question)
8. What groups were not counted by number in the 5,000 followers?
9. What time of night was Jesus seen walking on water?
10. What happened to Peter while he was walking on water?

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

On Sunday, January 7 along with nine of our Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors, we celebrated Commitment Sunday.



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

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Geneva Coleman,
George Coleman Sr.
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M.H. Weathersby
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Contact Information

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Nurse—Maxine Watts.....	225-278-6732
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Readers (adults)—Paulette Robertson.....	225-937-2293
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