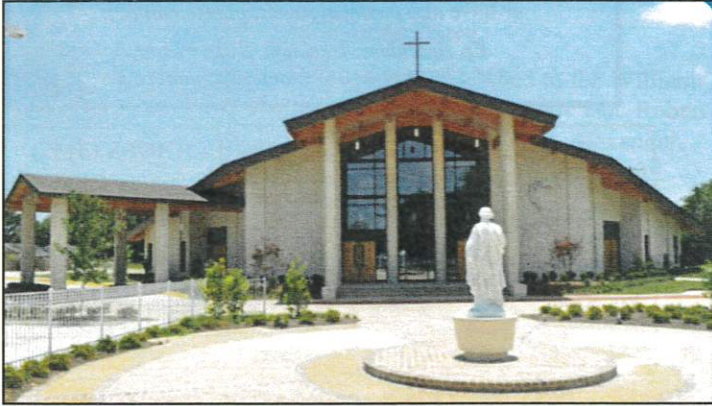


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**SUNDAY MASSES**  
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

**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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Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

**Happy Grandparents Day  
With Lots of Love!**

September 8, 2024

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

**Sunday Mass Readings**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 & SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

Today: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
 Next Sunday: Is 50:4-9/Ps 116:1-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



**Next Baptism Class: Thurs., Sept. 12, 2024 — 7:00 P.M.**

Contact: Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939 to register  
 Parents & Godparents MUST attend the class  
**Baptism: Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024**  
 (After 10:30 Mass)  
 For exception, contact Fr. Arockiam-337-522-0624



St. Paul Members,  
 Thank you so much for your prayers, phone calls,  
 and kindness. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. I appreciate all of you.

Love you all,  
 Nancy Ball

**St. Paul's religious education classes (CCD) and adult formation classes begin on Sunday, September 15.**

**ADULT FORMATION CLASS, BIBLE STUDY, & SUNDAY ROSARY**

Adult Formation Class: *Will Resume September 15, 2024*  
 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#  
 Rosary Led by Dr. Doris Hall of the Ladies Auxiliary, Ct. 351

**OFFERTORY— SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

NEW ONLINE GIVING LINK: [osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds)

Collection:	\$ 5,279.75
Online Giving:	\$ 2,580.00
Building Fund:	\$ 310.00
Catholic Univ. America:	\$ 20.00
Religious Education:	\$ 26.25
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 167.50
Retirement SVD Priest:	\$ 20.00
Assumption:	\$ 15.00
Youth Ministry:	\$ 20.00
Raffle:	\$ 1,400.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,838.50</b>

*Thank you for your generosity and sacrifice toward our*

Envelopes Mailed: 266 Envelopes Returned: 70 Online Givers: 29  
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 86; 10:30A.M. - 128



**SEPTEMBER 8 – SEPTEMBER 14**



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|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jodeci Alsobrook 9/8 | Norma Velasquez-Oliva 9/9 | Freddie Freeman 9/13    |
| Terrence Lockett 9/8 | Anecia Davis 9/10         | Dwight LeBlanc Jr. 9/14 |
| Kenneth Paul Jr. 9/8 | Anna Ferraro 9/10         | Lloyd LeBlanc 9/14      |
| Ky'ron Phillips 9/8  | Alani Johnson 9/10        | Londyn Mathis 9/14      |
| Da'myne Spurlock 9/8 | Dorothy Franklin 9/12     | Darrell S. Romain 9/14  |
| Ellis Doyle 9/9      | Adlee James 9/12          | Cannon Williams 9/14    |
| Amara Nnadi 9/9      | Constance Savoy 9/12      |                         |
| Andrea Perry 9/9     | Amanda Skinner 9/12       |                         |



**7:30 Mass:** Lillian J. Earl, Rebecca S. Dolliole, and Thelma S. Lawrence

**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](mailto:arockiamsvd@gmail.com)



**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:** *The encounter with Jesus never leaves one unaffected, but our ears must be opened to receive His word.*

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC**

If you or someone you know wants to becoming Catholic, please contact Brother John Hotstream, Fr. Arockiam, or call the parish office to join the process of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**ST. PAUL'S YOUTH CHOIR**

**Get ready to sing praises unto the Lord!**



St. Paul's Youth Choir will lead us in songs on Sunday, September 29, at the 10:30 Mass. Rehearsal is on Saturday, September 14 and 28, from 12:00 to 12:45 PM.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL'S RECOGNITION PROGRAM**



Today, St. Paul's Pastoral Council members will begin a special Recognition and Achievement Award Program for its young individuals, ages 5-26, for their outstanding achievements or contributions in academics, personal development, and the community. To submit your achievements or contributions, please pick up and submit the Recognition Form from the table at either church entrance. Return all completed forms to St. Paul's Office.

**CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**



Rose Crockett Carter, Audrey Christopher, Carolyn Christophe, George Cornell, 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, 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, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

*(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:** Stephanie Allen, Reginald Green

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zachary, Christy Hall

**10:30 AM MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Kaila Anthony, Jiselle Anthony, Mason Sanders

**READERS:** Gigi Collin-Mathis, Dorphelia Patterson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Martha Davis, Nancy Ball

**May He Rest In Peace**



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Williams and Alexander family at the passing of Mr. Robert Charles Williams, brother of Ms. Wanda Alexander.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**



New Altar Server AND current Altar Servers are encouraged to attend mandatory Altar Server **Training sessions on Saturdays, September 14, and 21, 2024, from 10:30am to 11:45am in St. Paul Church. Sign-up sheets are on the table at both entrances of the church.** If parents, children, or youth have questions, contact Ms. Christy Hall at 223-7851 or Fr. Arockiam at 337-522-0624.



**PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Today, Dr. Franklin Harris will speak on the importance of annual prostate cancer checkups after each Mass.

**HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

*Look with Love*

Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families and all of society.

Support them!

As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of the Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life that you give them. Keep them constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. ~Author Unknown~

**ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER**



St. Paul will return to sponsoring its Community Thanksgiving Dinner for parishioners and individuals in the Eden Park Community. Volunteers are needed to plan to brighten Thanksgiving Day for many who would otherwise spend the day alone. If you would like to chair or serve on the planning committee, please contact St. Paul's Office at 225-383-2537.



**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, October 16, 2024—6:00 PM

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, September 18, 2024—6:00 PM

**LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, September 24, 2024—6:00 PM

**YOUTH MEETING**

Today, September 8, 2024—After the 10:30 Mass

*(Grades 2nd through 12th)*

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

**BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS FOR AUGUST 18, 2024**

Luke Chapters 1 & 2—New American Bible (NAB)



**Winners: Anna Perry & Paulette Robertson**

Participants: Anna Perry, Paulette Robertson & Riley Thomas

ANSWERS BELOW

1. They observed all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly.
2. He lost his ability to speak
3. The Lord saw fit to take away her disgrace before others
4. "Nothing will be impossible for God."
5. "Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God."
6. The angel
7. He should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord.
8. "A light of revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel"
9. She spoke about the child Jesus to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.
10. "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?"

**Luke Chapters 3—New American Bible (NAB)**

Last day to submit answers is Tues., Sept. 17, 2024, by 6:00 pm



Email answers to:

[arockiamsvd@gmail.com](mailto:arockiamsvd@gmail.com) or drop them in the church office mailbox

*The Preparation for the Public Ministry*

1. Who did God first use before Jesus to proclaim Baptism as repentance for the forgiveness of sins?
2. In what Book of the Old Testament can you also find the words "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."
3. Why is it important for every tree to produce good fruit?
4. (FYI: In reference to the Corporal Works of Mercy) the followers asked, "What then should we do"? What was the response to this question?
5. What advice was given to the tax collectors?
6. What advice was given to the soldiers?
7. What did John say about Baptism when the followers asked him if he was the Messiah?
8. What was John's response about him not being worthy to be the Messiah?
9. (FYI: Some say this verse separates the believers from the non-believers, and some will respond in faith and be saved, while others will reject the Messiah and be burned in the fire of hell.) What does Luke say about the separation of the wheat from the chaff?
10. When Jesus was baptized, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove. What did the voice from heaven say?

*(A Special thank you to Ms. Barbara Haynes and the Bible Study Group!)*

*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  
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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
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.I.A. Coordinator—Brother John Hotstream.....	985-438-0485
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Parish Office Secretary—Mary Martin.....	225-383-2537
Pastor—Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....	225-383-2537
Readers (adults)—Paulette Robertson.....	225-937-2293
Religious Education Director (DRE) - Martha Davis—.....	225-357-4108
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