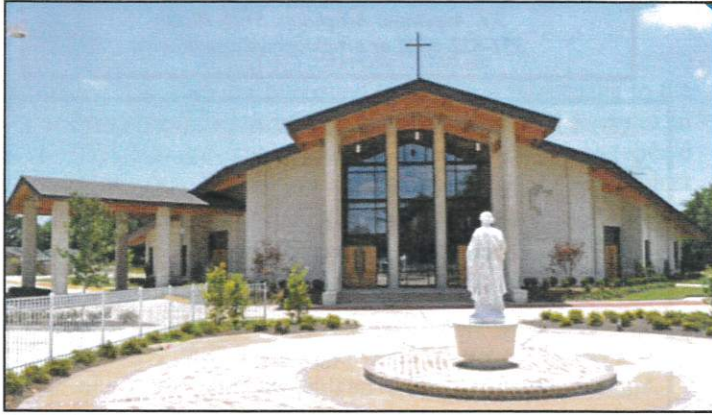


# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

*Established in July 1960 • Staffed by the Society of the Divine Word (SVD — Divine Word Missionaries)*

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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

## PARISH SECRETARY

Mary Martin —225-383-2537

## PARISH OFFICE ASSISTANT

Christy Hall —225-383-2537

## PARISH BOOKKEEPER

Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

## DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Martha Davis —225-357-4108

## YOUTH DIRECTOR

Kawayna Ridgley—225-405-7225

## PARISH NURSE

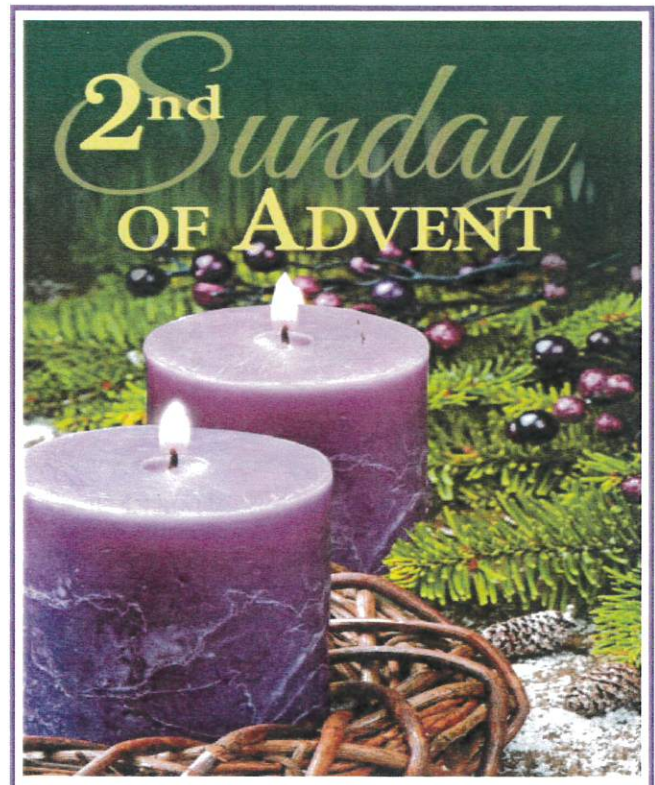
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

## FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

## PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



December 8, 2024

**Sunday Mass Readings**

**DECEMBER 8, 2024 AND DECEMBER 15, 2024**

**Today:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1- 6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

**Next Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



**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/>

**ST. PAUL'S GOODWILL & GRATEFULNESS TREE**



Gifts for the children adopted from St. Paul's Goodwill and Gratefulness Tree can be dropped off in the foyer of the church after Mass next Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, or bring the gifts to the church office no later than Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> so the parents of the children can pick up the gifts before Christmas.

**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.

**OFFERTORY— DECEMBER 1, 2024**

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

<b>Collection:</b>	\$ 4,852.00
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$ 3,284.00
<b>Building Fund:</b>	\$ 260.00
<b>Property/Flood Ins.:</b>	\$ 115.00
<b>St. Vincent DePaul:</b>	\$ 64.00
<b>Thanksgiving:</b>	\$ 79.00
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	\$ 10.00
<b>Christmas:</b>	\$ 167.00
<b>#iGiveCatholic:</b>	\$ 85.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,916.00</b>

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

**Envelopes Mailed: 238 Envelopes Returned: 64 Online Givers: 30**

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

**Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 81; 10:30A.M. - 116**



**DECEMBER 8 - DECEMBER 14**



Richard Johnson Jr. 12/8	Deatra Joseph 12/10	Martina Stribling 12/11
Jude Route 12/8	Terrilyn Odom 12/10	Baylor Joseph 12/12
Donald Dorsey 12/9	Sherri Williams 12/10	Elliott Baham Jr. 12/13
Anna Perry 12/9	Gabrielle Dentre 12/11	Felicia Hebert 12/13
Gerald Anderson 12/10	Jayla Patrick 12/11	



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

**10:30 AM MASS:** Paul D. Broussard, Evelyn Broussard, Joseph Broussard, Leyon Broussard, and Stanley Temple, III

**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)*



**ADVENT PENANCE/RECONCILIATION SERVICE**



St. Paul's annual **Advent Penance Service** is in the church on **Wednesday, December 11, 2024**. It begins with a prayer service at 5:30 p.m.

There will be seven priests available for confessions.

**PRAY WITH AUDIO MEDITATIONS**

Audio meditations and printable resources for youth, young adults, and adults to assist in preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be found at:

<https://diobr.org/reconciliation>

**MASS ~ MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024**

In observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of obligation, Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 9, at 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul in the church. All are encouraged to attend Mass.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**



St. Paul's Parish Office and the Diocesan Catholic Life Center will be closed on Monday, December 9, in observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

**HALL DAVIS & SON FUNERAL SERVICE**

9348 Scenic Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70807 (225-778-1612)



Please join Fr. Arockiam in expressing a warm thank you to Mr. Davis of Hall Davis & Son Funeral Services for sponsoring the cost of our 2025 Josephite Calendars. Please remind family and friends of his business and quality services. **Each family is asked to pick up ONE Calendar from the table at the church main entrance.**

**CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

*sick and homebound* 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**

*LET US PRAY* 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, DECEMBER 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:** Darlene St. Romain, David Robertson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Audrene LeBlanc, Renee Camberos

**10:30 AM MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Madelyn Williams, Jackson Williams,

Austin Wiggins, Noah Wiggins

**READERS:** Syretta Anthony, Mary Martin

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Anna Perry, Darlene Richard

**MARIAN PILGRIMAGE**



Those who are interested in joining a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Fatima in Portugal and Lourdes in France and Spain with Fr. Arockiam from October 6 through 17, 2025 (12 days) may pick up a pamphlet from the table at either of the main entrances. The cost is \$3,995.00.

**CHRISTMAS DANCE**



Join St. Paul's Ladies Auxiliary for a night of dancing and fun on Friday, Dec. 13, from 8 p.m. to 12. Tickets are \$25, and include a bowl of gumbo with crackers.



St. Paul's church family welcomes the recently baptized baby girl, Chloe Anderson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald and Markisha Anderson Sr. Chloe was baptized Thursday, November 21, 2024, by Fr Arockiam at St. Paul Church.



St. Paul's Women's Club turned out at 10:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday, December 1, 2024, in memory of the deceased members of their organization.



**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**  
Wednesday, January 15, 2025—6:00 PM

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
Wednesday, January 8, 2025—6:00 PM



**YOUTH MEETING**

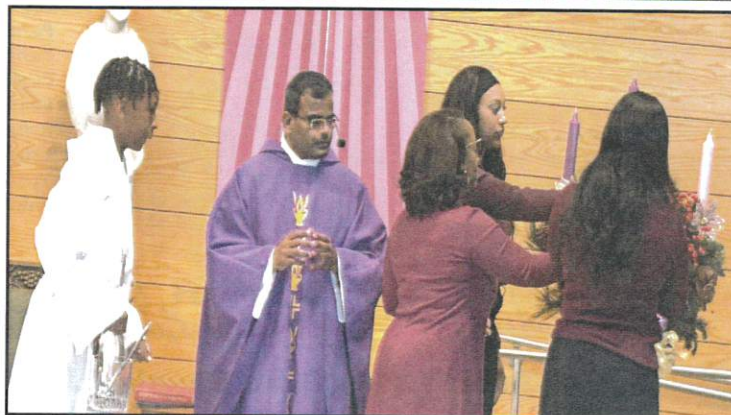
Sunday, January 12, 2025—After the 10:30 Mass  
(Grades 2nd through 12th)

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



**CHILDREN/YOUTH PLAY ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

St. Paul's children and youth are encouraged to sign up to participate in the Christmas Play on Christmas Eve. The sign-up forms are at both main entrances of the church. **Rehearsals are 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM, in the church on Mondays, December 9, 16, and 23, 2024.**



Ms. Christy Hall and her daughters, Toddria and Amber, lit the first Advent Candle last Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. Mass.



Mrs. Janet Anthony and Ms. Erin Anthony lit the first Advent Candle last Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**ADVENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Dear God,  
With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival, make straight the paths, Lord! Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name. Amen.

*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**

*In Loving Memory*  
 of  
**Hazel Brent Brown,  
 Leo Brown, Sr.,  
 and the  
 Brent, Aldolph,  
 Brown, and Harrison  
 Families**

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**INSURANCE**  
**Leonard Benjamin  
 225-775-2494**

*In Loving Memory*  
**Geneva Battley Spooner  
 Della Battley Rodney  
 Rosa Lee Johnson**

**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
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
Religious Education Director (DRE) - Martha Davis.....	225-357-4108
Ushers—Edmonia Joseph.....	225-772-2090
Youth Ministry—Kawayna Ridgely.....	225-405-7225
Youth Readers—Tasha Anthony.....	504-858-1902



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**Famye Reed  
 and the  
 Reed, Stewart,  
 Davis, and Grainger  
 Families**

*In Loving Memory*  
**Gussie A. Trahan**  
**Edna Mae & Gussie B. Trahan  
 Orelia Rodney & Anthony Rodney Sr.  
 Annie Mae & Anthony Rodney Jr.  
 Barbara & James Wallace Rodney  
 Keith Rodney, Joseph D. Rodney  
 Dorothy Bazile & Georgia Smith**

*In Loving Memory*  
 of  
**Kevin Michael  
 Ferbos  
 &  
 Wilfred Ferbos**

*In Loving Memory*  
 of  
**Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.**  
 With Much Love,  
 Audrene, Kobi,  
 Dwight Jr., Lloyd,  
 Morris, Kelby, Quintin,  
 Saniya, Malia, & Lennox



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*In Loving Memory*  
**Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian,  
 J.D. & Verdell, Kirby, James "Pookie,"  
 Corinne, Michael, Jessie Sr. & Aaron B.  
 Joseph; Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.;  
 Lawrence Sr., Shedrick & Lawrence III  
 Ashford; Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert;  
 Eula White & H.P. Martin;  
 Jessica D. Hughes**

*In Loving Memory Of*  
 Rev. Albert Williams, Sr.  
 & Jr., Mildred, and John  
 Williams; Lucy, Robert,  
 Gertrude, J. Robert,  
 Mary, and Martha Theo-  
 dore; Lillian & Forrest  
 Oliver; Tobb, Ida,  
 Johnny Sr. & Jr., Willie,  
 Charles, and  
 Lillian Brown

*In Remembrance*  
 of  
**Lionel Bazile Sr.  
 Dorothy Bazile  
 James Bazile  
 Shelia Bazile**

*In Loving Memory*  
 of  
**Doris Key  
 Earl Key Sr.  
 Emma Doyle  
 Currie (Rudi) Doyle  
 Ellis Doyle Sr.  
 Tony Key**



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