

# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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

3912 GUS YOUNG AVENUE † BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70802



## 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

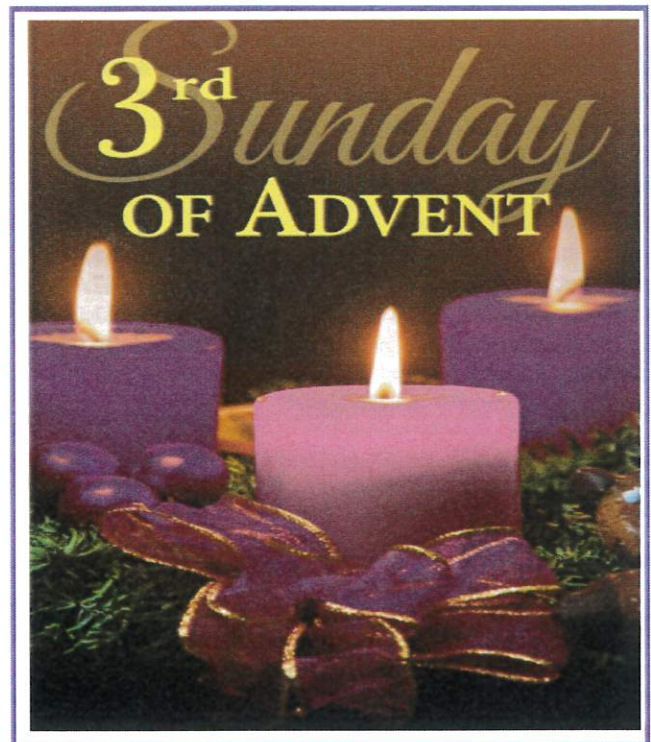
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

## FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

## PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



December 15, 2024

**Sunday Mass Readings**

**DECEMBER 15, 2024 AND DECEMBER 22, 2024**

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

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

*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



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

**10:30 AM MASS:** Ms. Lillie & Lillian Joseph, and the Joseph Family.

**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



**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/>

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

**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 8, 2024**

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

Collection:	\$ 3,492.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,500.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1,377.00
Property Flood:	\$ 7.00
SVD Community:	\$ 8.00
Retirement Fund:	\$ 335.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 181.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 85.00
Christmas:	\$ 47.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 122.00
#iGiveCatholic:	\$ 80.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 10,234.00</b>

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

Envelopes Mailed: 238 Envelopes Returned: 65 Online Givers: 31  
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 71 ; 10:30A.M. - 135

**CHILDREN/YOUTH PLAY ON CHRISTMAS EVE**



St. Paul's children and youth are practicing for the Christmas play at 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM, in the church on **Mon., Dec. 16 and 23, 2024**. Please plan to attend all rehearsals.

**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>

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



Gifts for the children adopted from St. Paul's Goodwill & Gratefulness Tree are due today. If needed, you may bring the gifts to the church office before Fri., Dec. 20, 2024, so the families can pick up the gifts before Christmas Day.

**30TH, 40TH, 50th & 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**



At the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 29th, on the Feast of the Holy Family, we will honor couples married in 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994, that will celebrate their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th years of marriage. Couples who want to be recognized during this special Mass are asked to call the parish office by **Mon., Dec. 23, 2024**.

**YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL & MASS**

Join us at 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family as St. Paul's Youth Choir leads us in songs of worship. Choir rehearsal will be from 11 a.m. until noon on Saturdays, December 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage St. Paul's youth to participate. All are invited to sing praises unto the Lord. Please contact Ms. Belinda Carney at 223-8783 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 Harris, 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.\*\**



**DECEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 21**



Gordon Davis 12/16	Chance Stribling 12/17	Debra Dudley 12/20
Nicole George 12/16	Kamille Watson 12/17	Jaxson Earls 12/20
Albert Hebert Jr. 12/16	Shelbi White 12/17	Charlie Lockett 12/20
Joseph Mathis 12/16	Austin Wiggins 12/17	Sonja Bowers 12/21
Merritt Andrews 12/17	Donald Walker 12/19	Jaden Goss 12/21
		Nakia Hawkins 12/21

**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024**

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

**7:30 AM MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Quintin Chenevert, Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel

**READERS:** Reginald Green, Ronnice Johnson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zacharie, David Robertson

**10:30 AM MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jacques Parns, Mason Sanders, Aidam Sam

**READERS:** Richard Johnson, Terrell Carter

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Tasha Anthony, Pamela Claiborne

**MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 24-25, 2024**

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

**7:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jaiden Parker, Saija Johnson, Jordan Clifford,  
Austin Wiggins, Noah Wiggins

**READERS:** St. Paul's Young Adults

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zacharie, Monique Scott-Spaulding

**9:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel

**READERS:** Carla Lewis, Paulette Robertson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Nancy Ball, Paul Stewart

**ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

<b>Tues., December 24—Christmas Eve:</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Caroling</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m. Play</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m. Mass</b>
<b>Wed., December 25: Christmas Day:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Mass ONLY</b>
<b>Sun., December 29: Wedding Celebration:</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>Tues., December 31 New Years Eve:</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>



*Mrs. Lucille Brown and her granddaughters, Sydney and Cameron lit the second Advent Candle last Sunday, December 8, at the 7:30 Mass*



*Mr. and Mrs. Gerald and Makisha Anderson and their children lit the second Advent Candle last Sunday, December 8, at the 10:30 Mass*



**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. 1, 2024**  
**Luke Chapter 9—New American Bible (NAB)**

**Winners: Anna Perry & Paulette Robinson**

**Answers Below: The Mission of the Twelve**

- Part 1 - Power and authority over all demons  
Part 2 - Proclaim the Kingdom and heal the sick
- "Shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them."
- John (the Baptist), Elijah, and one of the ancient prophets
- Twelve wicker baskets
- "The Messiah of God"
- "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."
- Part 1 - Disciples - Peter, John, and James  
Part 2 - Men - Moses and Elijah (Prophets)
- "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him."
- O faithless and perverse generation, how long will I be with you and endure you?"
- "For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest."



**Luke Chapter 10—New American Bible (NAB)**

*Last day to submit answers is Tues., Dec. 24, 2024, by 6:00 pm*

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

- What did Jesus tell the seventy [two] about the harvest, before He sent them to every town He planned to visit?
- Jesus gave the seventy-two the same message about the Kingdom whether they were welcomed or not welcomed into the town. What was the message?
- What was Jesus' message to unrepentant towns about those who reject Him?
- The seventy [two] returned rejoicing and saying "the demons are subject to us because of Your Name." What was Jesus' reply about Satan?
- The Privileges of Discipleship granted the disciples two blessings not given to Kings or prophets. What were the two blessings?
- What is the Greatest Commandment?
- In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, a man fell victim to robbers. Who was the first person to pass on the opposite side?
- Who was the second person to pass on the opposite side?
- Who was the third person to pass on the opposite side?
- Martha complained to Jesus that her sister, Mary, had left her to do the serving of the guests. What was Mary doing that annoyed Martha?

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

**Prayer With St. John the Baptist**

Through the intercession of St John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community. Amen.