

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

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

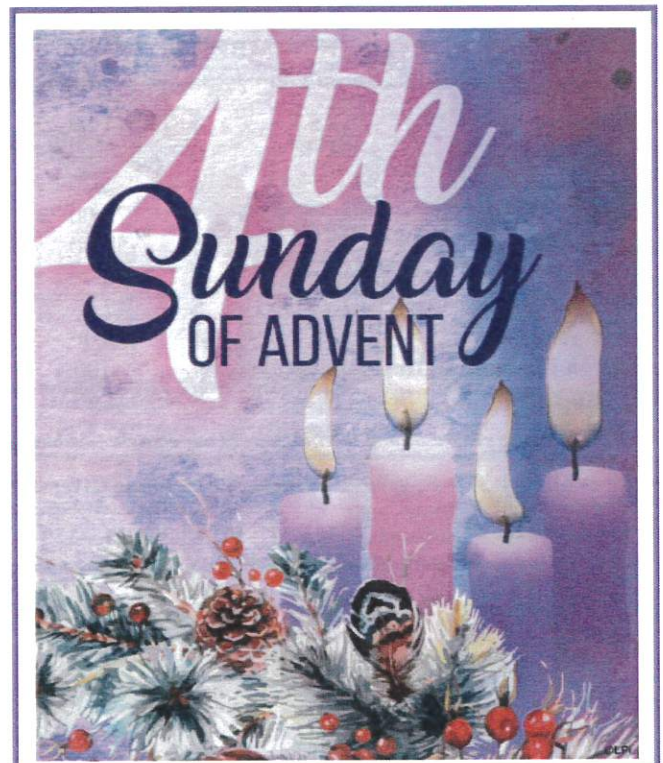
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



December 22, 2024

Sunday Mass Readings

DECEMBER 22, 2024 AND DECEMBER 29, 2024

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

Next Sunday: 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

PRAYER FOR ADVENT JOY

Dear Jesus,
The news of your coming was met with boundless joy! Fill us anew with the wonder of your presence. You are Emmanuel, God with us. 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/>

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's office at 383-2537 if you are interested in joining this ministry or if you have any questions.

OFFERTORY— DECEMBER 15, 2024

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

Collection:	\$ 2,691.33
Online Giving:	\$ 2,833.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 78.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 50.00
Christmas:	\$ 30.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 47.00
Mass Stipend:	\$ 10.00
Campaign for Human Development:	\$ 1.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,741.33

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

Envelopes Mailed: 238 Envelopes Returned: 62 Online Givers: 29
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 91; 10:30A.M. - 159



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| Chase Bowman 12/22 | Michelle Haynes 12/24 | Kim Dunn 12/27 |
| Windi Donald 12/22 | Fredrick Moore 12/24 | Doris Hall 12/27 |
| Marilyn Green 12/22 | Joseph Plain 12/24 | Trinice Simms 12/27 |
| Erika Williams 12/22 | Earline Bell 12/26 | Irma Landry 12/28 |
| Mary Gloston 12/23 | Senira Honora 12/26 | Varick Rodney 12/28 |
| Sheree Narcisse 12/23 | Isiah Jones 12/26 | Avery Troullier 12/28 |



7:30 AM MASS: Deceased Members of St. Paul's Church Community

10:30 AM 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



25TH, 30TH, 40TH 50TH, & 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



At the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 29th, the Feast of the Holy Family, we will honor couples married in 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994, and 1999 who will celebrate their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th years of marriage. *Couples who want to be recognized during this special Mass are asked to call the parish office or Gigi Mathis at 278-0071.*



FINAL PRACTICE FOR THE CHRISTMAS PLAY

St. Paul's children and youth will practice for the Christmas play one final time from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church on **Mon., Dec. 23, 2024.**

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

Tues., December 24—Christmas Eve:	7:00 p.m. Caroling
	7:30 p.m. Play & Mass
Wed., December 25: Christmas Day:	9:00 a.m. Mass <u>ONLY</u>
Tues., December 31 New Year's Eve:	6:00 p.m. Mass

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



St. Paul Court 351 Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver extends a very warm thank you to our pastor, St. Paul members, and friends who promoted and supported the wonderful Christmas Dance held on Fri., Dec. 13, 2024, in the Center. Thank you!

ST. PAUL PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



The parish office will be closed Monday, December 23, through New Year's and will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Rose Crockett Carter, Audrey Christopher, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Denovas Crockett, Charles Davis Jr., Shirley Dawson, Dianna Franklin, Gloria Dunn, Ruth 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.



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

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 24-25, 2024

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

7:30 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE PLAY & 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 A.M. CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel

READERS: Carla Lewis, Paulette Robertson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Nancy Ball, Paul Stewart

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 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: Mary Gloston, Stephanie Allen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Audrene LeBlanc, David Robertson

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Xavier Knox, Mason Sanders, Jacques Parmis,
 Sydney Anderson, Gerald Anderson Jr.

READERS: Joanna Boyd, Dorphelia Patterson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Lisa Byrd, Nancy Ball



Fr. Arockiam welcomed and thanked the priests of the Diocese of Baton Rouge for coming for St. Paul's Reconciliation Service on Wed., Dec. 11, 2024. (left to right) Fr. Arockiam, Fr. Bob Stine, Fr. Tom Clark, Fr. Paul Counce, Fr. Miles Walsh, and Fr. Rick Potts.



The prayer and self-reflection service before Reconciliation was led by (left to right) Mrs. Paulette Robertson, Mr. Randy LeDuff, Mrs. Desiree Spann, and Mr. David Robertson



Mrs. Renee Camberos and her children, Alondra, Andrea, Angelle, and Jose', lit the third Advent Candle last Sunday, December 15 at the 7:30 a.m. Mass



Ms. Marva Carrier, her daughter, Avoughn, and their uncle Retired Judge Luke LaVergne, lit the third Advent Candle at the 10:30 Mass on Sun., Dec. 15, 2024.

A CHRISTMAS WISH FROM THE PASTOR

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners,
 As we remember the miracle of Christ's birth this season, may the glory of our Savior's birth fill your hearts with peace and love. Let the peace of Christ's love be with you this Christmas and always, so that you are filled with the joy of Christ and His everlasting love.

Fr. Arockiam

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

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

St. Paul's Youth Choir will lead us in praise and worship songs on Sunday, December 29, at 10:30 Mass. **The youth choir will rehearse on Saturday, December 28, from 11 a.m. to noon in the church.** Parents and parishioners, please welcome and encourage our youth to participate.

ST. PAUL'S WINTER COATS & WINTER ACCESSORIES DRIVE—DEC. 22, 2024 TO Jan. 26, 2025

Winter Coats Sweaters Scarves Gloves Mittens Socks Knitted Caps & Beanies

St. Paul the Apostle Church is accepting Winter coats and accessories for children, youth, and adults of all ages. Please drop off new or gently used winter coats, sweaters, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks, knitted caps and beanies, etc., at the main entrance of the church in support of families in the Eden Park area and the clients served by St. Paul's Food Pantry.

HELP SPREAD THE WARMTH!

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**

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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
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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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
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Dwight Jr., Lloyd,
Morris, Kelby, Quintin,
Saniya, Malia, & Lennox

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Joseph; Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.;
Lawrence Sr., Shedrick & Lawrence III
Ashford; Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert;
Eula White & H.P. Martin;
Jessica D. Hughes**

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& Jr., Mildred, and John
Williams; Lucy, Robert,
Gertrude, J. Robert,
Mary, and Martha Theod-
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Oliver; Tobb, Ida,
Johnny Sr. & Jr., Willie,
Charles, and
Lillian Brown

In Remembrance

of
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Dorothy Bazile
James Bazile
Shelia Bazile**

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Earl Key Sr.
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