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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 Fr. Arockiam Arockiam
225-383-2537

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.— 225-324-2939

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

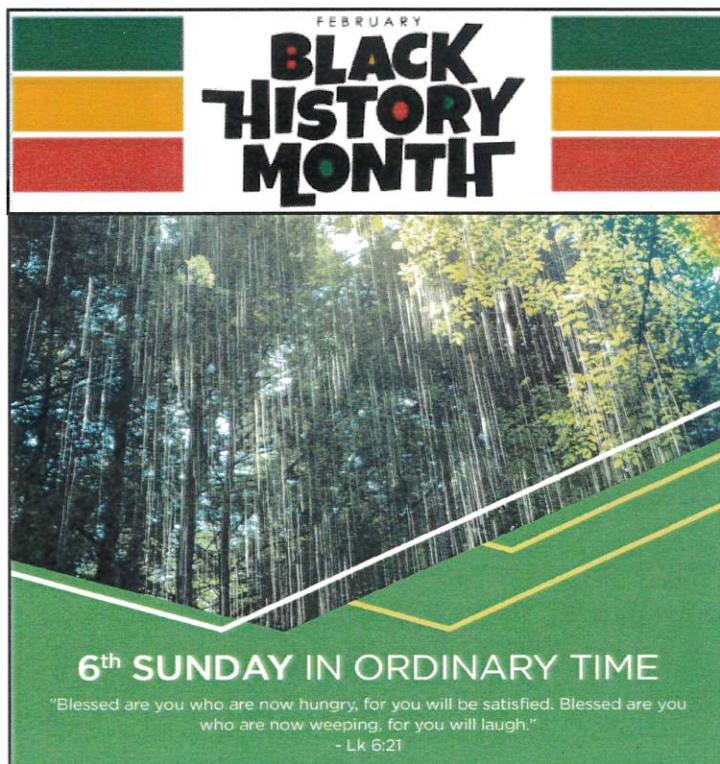
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



February 16, 2025

Our Sunday Readings

FEBRUARY 16, 2025 AND FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Today: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/1 Cor 15:12,16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

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) are invited to pick up a pamphlet from the table at either of the main entrances or contact Fr. Arockiam. The cost is \$3,995.00.

LITURGY MEETING

All heads of ministries are encouraged to attend the liturgy planning meeting on **Tues., Feb. 18, at 6:00 P.M.** in the Center.

Next Baptism Class: Thurs., Mar. 13, 2025 — 7 p.m.

Contact: Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939 to register
Parents & Godparents **MUST** attend the class

Baptism: Sunday, Mar. 30, 2025

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)

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 to give.

OFFERTORY— FEBRUARY 9, 2025

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

Collection:	\$ 3,833.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,120.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1,190.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 145.00
Bulletin Ads:	\$ 290.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,578.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 238 Envelopes Returned: 70 Online Givers: 40

(Envelopes mailed to registered members)

(Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 71; 10:30A.M. - 183



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

10:30 AM MASS: Cory Reeves, Carleen Reeves

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



THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Venerable Mother Henriette DeLille was a native and lifelong resident of New Orleans, Louisiana, and the great-great-granddaughter of an enslaved person from West Africa.

DeLille devoted her life to improving the welfare of her community, particularly for African Americans who were current or former slaves. DeLille's mother, a free woman of color, provided her with a strong education with the intention of DeLille finding a white suitor. However, DeLille felt deep spiritual ties to her Catholic upbringing and began teaching at a Catholic school when she was just 14 years old.

After being confirmed in 1834, DeLille began pursuing a religious life. She sold her possessions and used the money to establish the Sisters of the Presentation, the second Black religious order established in the United States. The order was renamed the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1942. The Holy Family Sisters established Lafon Nursing Facility, which is the first and oldest Catholic nursing home in the United States, and they also educated slaves, which at that time was illegal. **St. Paul's chapel/cry room is named Henriette DeLille, and it is in memory and honor of her service to mankind.**

OUR ANNUAL LENTEN FISH & SHRIMP DINNERS



We are three weeks from the start of our annual Fish Fry Fundraiser. Let's make this 2025 Lenten fundraiser our best. So, stop at the church's main entrance and sign up to help on Thursdays, Fridays, or both days. You can also help by planning to buy dinners on Fridays during the fundraiser, starting Friday, March 6th.

CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Rose Crockett Carter, 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 Sils, Sadie Simms, Martha Spencer, Paul Stewart, Curtell Thibodeaux, Mildred Trask, Irene Warner

SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



Xavier Arockiam, Charles Bethley, Barbara Brennan, Cirsten Brown, Ernie Butitta, Dorothy Celestine, Helen Celestine, Ardell Christophe, 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.



FEBRUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 22, 2025



Martha Davis 2/16	Velita Benjamin 2/19	Loveis Jackson 2/21
Antonette Reed 2/16	Reginald Green 2/19	Trishten Ashford 2/22
Brad Davis 2/17	Alexis Jackson 2/19	Alex Green 2/22
Rudolph Richard III 2/17	Kevin Anthony 2/20	Amber Hall 2/22
Kelvin Glasper 2/18	Tracie Jackson 2/20	Christy Hall 2/22
Harriett Jordan 2/18	Bobbie Reed 2/20	Deonna London 2/22
Edmonia Joseph 2/18	Delwin Rodney 2/20	Clarence Thomas 2/22
Cruz Walker 2/18	Precious Franklin 2/21	

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

(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, Lucille Brown**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** David Robertson, Alice Zacharie
Paulette Robertson, Audrene LeBlanc**10:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Jacques Parms, Mason Sanders, Aidan Sam
Sydney Anderson, Gerald Anderson Jr.**READERS:** Syretta Anthony, Joanna Boyd**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Darlene Richard, Lisa Byrd
Robinette Harleaux, Pamela Claiborne**FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Parishioners:

God has blessed us with our beautiful church family, where we enjoy celebrating the sacraments and receiving God's blessings. I appreciate all of our involvements in our liturgical celebrations. Thank you. Keep up the good work. I thank you for your great cooperation, collaboration, hard work, sacrifices, and involvement that has helped us to retire our debt, to do the renovations of our office building, and to replace the roofs over the center, rectory, and Church over the past years. I really appreciate and praise God for you. Please join me in thanking God and our ancestors who have worked hard and sacrificed so much to give us what we have. Let us be grateful to God and be proud of ourselves.

As we think of the future plans for our church, I would like to share the following and invite you to cooperate and come up with ways and ideas to accomplish this task. I felt the need and have heard from many parishioners that there is a need for some work in our Center. Therefore, after meeting with the Bishop in November 2024, discussing and getting the full support from the Parish Finance Council Members (at the 1/15/25 meeting), Parish Pastoral Council members (at the 1/8/25 meeting), and getting the opinion of many of our parishioners from the Parish Family meeting held at the center on Jan.29, 2025, *we have decided to do the much-needed renovations of our Center. We will replace the floors, renovate the restrooms and kitchen, and paint the exterior and interior to match our Church building without expanding the exterior space. This will cost approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000.*

I have asked our Architect, Marcus Williams, to prepare the job scope; being our church member, he is so happy to do this. *I have no plans of doing any capital campaign. Instead, I ask that you consider increasing your regular Sunday offerings while keeping this noble cause in mind. You are welcome to donate anytime towards the building fund.* The church organizations may come up with as many fundraising activities as they choose to go towards this cause. If we all can collaborate in this way, we can plan to start the work in the summer of 2026. Please help me do this service for the good of our community through your cooperation, sacrifice, and involvement. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to write or talk to me. Let us also keep this intention in our common and personal prayers. Thank you.

Fr. Arockiam, SVD

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We are blessed by the commitment and work of our **FULL-TIME VOLUNTEER** Director of St. Paul Parish School of Religious Education, Mrs. Martha Davis. Mrs. Davis oversees the entire program, planning, organizing, maintaining records, facilitating First Communion, Confirmation, recruiting and motivating the volunteer teachers and staff, and much more. Members like Mrs. Davis are hard to come by. So, today, as she celebrates her 70th birthday, we wish to pause and wish her a heartfelt happy birthday, giving thanks to God for her and acknowledging the work she does for St. Paul's church family. Thank you, Mrs. Davis, for being so selfless with your time; we appreciate you immensely. Happy birthday and thank you!

Thank you, Thank You!

Upcoming Meetings**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, April 9, 2025—6:00 PM

LITURGY MEETING

Tuesday, February 18, 2025—6:00 PM

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 19, 2025—6:00 PM

**YOUTH MEETING**Sunday, March 9, 2025—After the 10:30 Mass
(Grades 2nd through 12th)

If you have any questions, please contact:

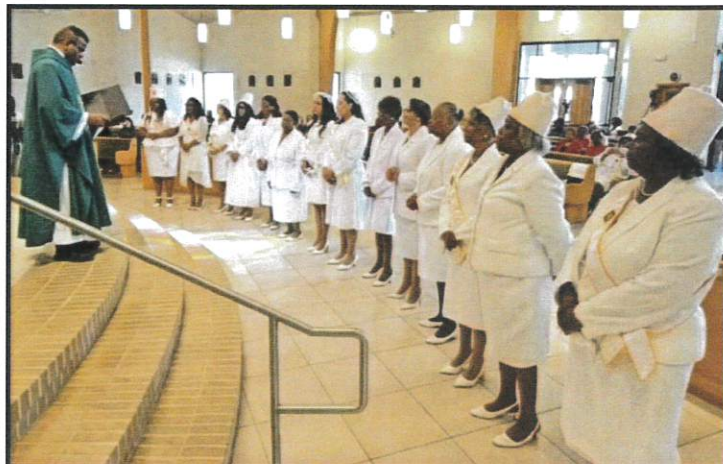
Ms. Kawayna Ridgley, Youth Ministry Director at 225-405-7225

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Ms. Barbara Haynes wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you for the prayers, calls, texts, words of encouragement, and gifts extended to her and her family in sympathy for the loss of her brother, Ernest Dumas Jr. Thank you all.

10:30 MASS READERS LAST SUNDAY

A very special thank you to these children of St. Paul (Row 1: left to right—Austin Wiggins, Davin Oliver; 2nd Row: left to right—Xavier Miller, Lacie Mathis, Joseph Mathis, Jaycee Matis) who served as the readers at Mass on Sun., Feb. 9, and to Mrs. Gigi Mathis and Mrs. Amanda Skinner, who helped them prepare and serve at the Mass. Thank you!



Fr. Arockiam officially installed the newly elected officers of St. Paul Ladies Auxiliary, Court 351, of the Knights of Peter Claver on Sun., Feb. 9, at the 10:30 Mass.

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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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—Rev. Arockiam Arockiam.....	225-383-2537
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 of

**Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.
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Audrene, Kobi,
Dwight Jr., Lloyd,
Morris, Kelby, Quintin,
Saniya, Malia, & Lennox**

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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; Tobbs, Ida,
Johnny Sr. & Jr., Willie,
Charles, and
Lillian Brown**

In Remembrance of

**Lionel Bazile Sr.
Dorothy Bazile
James Bazile
Shelia Bazile**

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