

# 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 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.— 225-324-5808

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Kawayna Ridgley—225-405-7225

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Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

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Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

**PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**  
Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



January 26, 2025

Our Sunday Readings

**JANUARY 26, 2025 AND FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

Today: Neh 8:2-4-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15 (see Jn 6:63)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7-10/Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32



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

**10:30 AM MASS:** Fr. Michael Sucharski, SVD, Cory Reeves, Carleen Reeves

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



**"Strength Still Needs Support"**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

**Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**

Call or Text: 988 Chat: <https://988lifeline.org/chat/>

**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)

**ST. PAUL YOUTH CAMPING RETREAT**



Fr. Arockiam, along with the Director and Assistants of St. Paul Youth Ministry, encourage the youth of St. Paul to participate in an overnight camping retreat on Saturday through Sunday, February 22-23, 2025, at Feliciana Retreat and Conference Center (10274 LA Highway 422 in Norwood, LA). With St. Paul's support, the cost for each of our youth is \$25. **All youth planning to attend this overnight retreat must inform Ms. Kawayna Ridgley (225-405-7225), complete the required form, and pay \$25 by Sunday, February 9, 2025.** All chaperones (21 and older) who plan to attend must have completed or finished the safe environment training and background check by February 15, 2025, to be able to attend the retreat. Also, please inform Ms. Ridgley, and pay \$25.00 by February 9.

**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.

**ST. PAUL'S MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**2025** St. Paul's ministries and organizations are asked to submit their proposed dates for the **use of the parish center and church to the office by Mon., Feb. 10, 2025.** All meetings and events must be documented and approved by Fr. Arockiam.

**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 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, 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.\*\***

"But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, Jacob, and formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine."  
**ISAIAH 43:1**

Scan the QR code to submit the name of a young man you believe might be called to discern the priesthood.

Remember, there are many good prospective priests who are simply waiting to be asked.

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



**JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1, 2025**



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|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Nariyah Davis 1/26   | Janice Carroll 1/28 | Ronnice' Johnson 1/29  |
| Wanda Alsobrook 1/26 | John Price 1/28     | Jaxon Bailey 1/30      |
| Na'mor O'Steen 1/27  | Alex Watson 1/28    | Wanda Rodney 1/30      |
| Roman O'Steen 1/27   | Glenda Brown 1/29   | Kellen Anthony 1/31    |
| Sydney Anderson 1/28 | Yvonne Buggage 1/29 | Carolyn Patterson 1/31 |
|                      |                     | Joann McKinney 2/1     |

**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

*(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, Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel

**READERS:** Carla Lewis, David Robertson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zacharie, Vera Dunbar

**10:30 AM MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Xavier Knox, Jacques Parmis, Mason Sanders Austin Wiggins, Noah Wiggins

**READERS:** Reginald Green, Kevin Stewart

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Velita Benjamin, Renee Camberos



**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

*Wednesday, April 9, 2025—6:00 PM*

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

*Wednesday, February 19, 2025—6:00 PM*

**YOUTH MEETING**

*Sunday, February 9, 2025—After the 10:30 Mass*

If you have any questions, please contact:

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

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**



My Dear Parishioners,

Please plan to join our church family **on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in our parish center** to share your thoughts and ideas about how we continue to plan and grow for the future of St. Paul. All of St. Paul's parishioners are invited to this family meeting.

Fr. Arockiam, SVD

**PRAYER FOR MISSION**

Spirit of the Living God, anoint me to bring your love, light, and freedom to the places you call. From the heights to the depths: you are there, you are actively moving, and when you call, you will also provide. Amen.

**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**

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[jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or 225-387-0561

*Rev. Joshua Johnson, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Baton Rouge*

**Vocation View:** "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it." Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life?

**MR./MRS. PERRY & CINDY CHENEVERT**



Mr. and Mrs. Perry and Cindy Chenevert's (and their fur baby puppy, Coco) house caught fire on Wednesday morning, January 22, 2025. Their loss was significant, and they were displaced. Mr. and Mrs. Chenevert is the son and daughter-in-law of Mr. Murray Chenevert and the brother and brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Kobi Chenevert. Please pray for them and support them via this GoFundMe link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-cindy-perry-coco-after-fire-loss>



**ST. PAUL'S WINTER COATS & WINTER ACCESSORIES DRIVE—ENDS NEXT SUNDAY**

Thank you for supporting St. Paul Winter Coats and Accessories Drive. There is one more Sunday that you can drop off at the entrances of the church new or gently used winter coats, sweaters, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks, knitted caps, and beanies for families in the area and clients served by St. Paul's Food Pantry.

**BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS FROM Jan. 12, 2025**

**Luke Chapter 12—New American Bible (NAB)**

Participant: **Anna Perry**

Answers Below:

**Luke Chapter 12 – The Leaven of the Pharisees**

- To cast into Gehenna
- He will acknowledge or deny them before the angels of God.
- Be forgiven if you speak a word against the Son of Man or not forgiven if you blaspheme against the Holy Spirit
- "One's life does not consist of possessions."
- "What matters to God"
- "Can any of you, by worrying, add a moment to your life span?"
- "Be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
- Division (Suggestion: check your Bible's Footnotes for clarification, if needed. The New American Bible - Footnote 12:51: "His message that meets with acceptance or rejection will be a source of conflict and dissension even within families.")
- The present time (Suggestion: Misplaced priorities)
- "Make an effort to settle the matter on the way (Before going to the magistrate.

**Luke Chapter 13—New American Bible (NAB)**

*Last day to submit answers is Tues., Feb. 11, 2025, by 6:00 pm*

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



**Luke Chapter 13 – A Call to Repentance**

- Jesus said that those who suffer are not greater sinners than other people are. What did He say would happen to those who do not repent?
- The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree lets us know that Jesus also gives us a second chance to bear good fruit. What did He say would happen to the fig tree after it is cultivated and fertilized and still bears no fruit?
- Jesus met a woman crippled by a spirit for 18 years. What was she physically not able to do before He cured her?
- Jesus admonished his adversaries because they thought curing on a Sabbath was forbidden. (Two parts) How did the adversaries and the crowd respond to His harsh reply?
- What did Jesus first compare to the Kingdom of God?
- What was His second comparison to the Kingdom of God?
- As Jesus traveled through towns and villages, He was asked this question, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" What was His reply?
- Jesus continued with His explanation of Salvation and Rejection by saying that some will knock on a locked door and say, "Lord, open the door for us." What was Jesus' reply?
- As Jesus continued to travel, some Pharisees told Him to "Go away, leave this area because Herod wants to kill you. What was His response for Herod?
- Jesus laments over Jerusalem, the Holy City, where His work would be accomplished by His Resurrection. (Two parts) What message did He give them about the house of Jerusalem, and when would they see Him?

A Special thank you to Ms. Barbara Haynes and the Bible Study Group for the Bible Quiz and Answers

*In Loving Memory*

**Opston, Dorcenia,  
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**Quick Reference to St. Paul's Pastor, Personnel, Ministries, and Services**

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