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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

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Mary Martin —225-383-2537

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Christy Hall —225-383-2537

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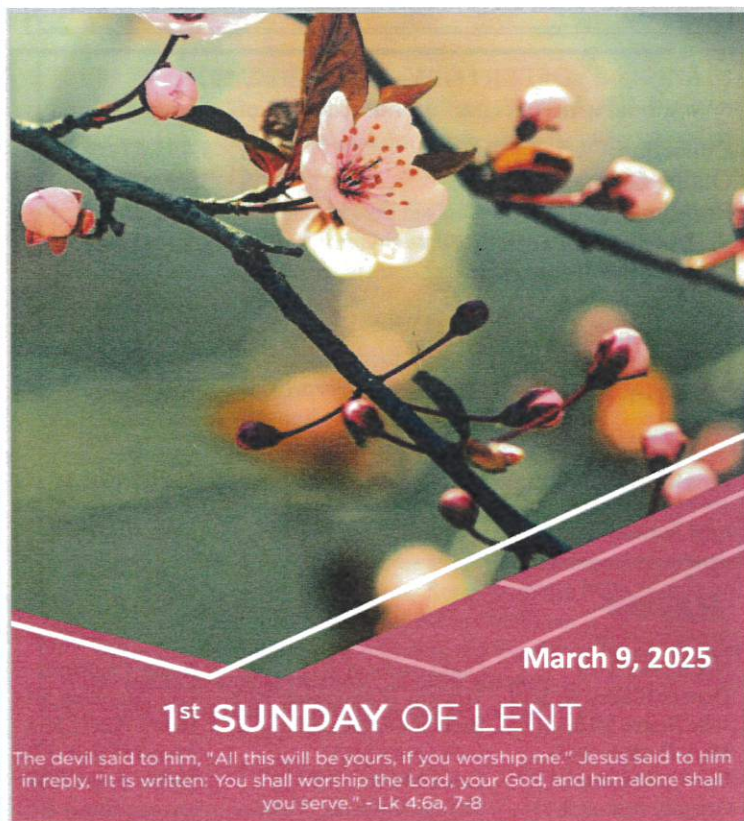
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

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Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



March 9, 2025

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

Our Sunday Readings

MARCH 9, 2025—MARCH 16, 2025

Today: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2,10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12,17-18/Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or
3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

PARISH COUNCIL & CHURCH FAIR/BAZAAR MEETING



St. Paul's Pastoral Council and with Fr. Arockiam invite and encourage all parishioners and former church fair or bazaar committee members interested in sharing their thoughts about revitalizing St. Paul's Church Fair/Bazaar to attend a meeting on Wednesday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m., in our parish center.

Next Baptism Class: Thurs., May 22, 2025 —7 p.m.



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

Baptism: Sunday, June 8, 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)

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 to give.

OFFERTORY—MARCH 2, 2025

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

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| Collection: | \$ 5,455.47 |
| Online Giving: | \$ 3,382.00 |
| Building Fund: | \$ 1,140.00 |
| St. Vincent DePaul: | \$ 134.00 |
| Easter Flowers: | \$ 102.00 |
| Black & Indian Mission: | \$ 20.00 |
| Church in Easter Europe: | \$ 5.00 |
| Bulletin Ads: | \$ 140.00 |
| Total Offertory | \$ 10,378.47 |

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

Envelopes Mailed: 239 Envelopes Returned: 52 Online Givers: 31
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 76; 10:30A.M. - 110



MARCH 9 - MARCH 15, 2025



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| Nia Brown 3/10 | Godis Jackson 3/12 | Renee Camberos 3/14 |
| Donald Hillery Jr. 3/10 | Timothy Marioneaux 3/12 | Lou Dauphine 3/14 |
| John Pierre 3/10 | Brenda Bardell 3/13 | Henry Harris 3/14 |
| Mary Rodney 3/10 | Lula Grant 3/13 | Ernest Hebert 3/14 |
| Domonique Banks 3/11 | Louis Martin 3/13 | Mekhi Jones 3/14 |
| Gregory Garner 3/11 | Thelma Caldwell 3/14 | Lavone Hatch 3/15 |

MASS INTENTIONS

7:30 AM MASS: Cory Reeves, Carleen Reeves, and St. Paul's Church Community

10:30 AM MASS: Aldwin Martin, Evelyn Broussard, Joseph Broussard, Paul Broussard, Leyon Broussard, and Bro. Richard Chambers, SVD

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



TRI-PARISH LENTEN REVIVAL



Join St. Paul, St. Francis Xavier, and Immaculate Conception Churches at 6:00 p.m. for praise and worship, at 6:30 p.m. for the revival on March 17, 18, & 19. Father Joshua Johnson and the Vagabond Missionaries are the revivalists.

AN AWE—INSPIRING LUNCHEON AWAITS YOU



St. Paul Women's Club is hosting an inspiring and spirit-filled Luncheon on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., in St. Paul Center (3920 Gus Young Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA). The theme is "Empowering Women in Strength and Faith." The keynote speaker is Reverend Lois Le Duff, and the guest speaker and soloist are Councilwoman Twahna P. Harris and Ms. Lawand Johnson, respectively. Tickets are \$20, and can be purchased from any member of the Women's Club or contact Mrs. Mary Martin at 225-936-1090.

CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Rose Crockett Carter, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Denova 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, 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.

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 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
READERS: Evangeline Hughes, Michael Knox
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice, Christy Hall
 Audrene LeBlanc, William Alsobrook

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Xavier Knox, Austin Wiggins, Noah Wiggins
 Madelyn Williams, Jackson
READERS: Richard Johnson, Kevin Stewart
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Lisa Byrd, Nancy Ball
 Gigi Mathis, Wanda Davis

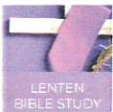
**YOUTH MEETING**

Today, March 9, 2025—After the 10:30 Mass
(Grades 2nd through 12th)

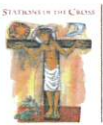
If you have any questions, please contact:
 Ms. Kawayna Ridgley, Youth Ministry Director at 225-405-7225

UPDATE OF CHURCH DIRECTORY STATUS

If you have not received your pictures from Universal Church Directories (UCD), please notify the church office or email Mr. Randy Le Duff at rleduff@cox.net. The directory is now being edited and will be reviewed by the Church Directory Committee for final approval.

BIBLE STUDY LENTEN JOURNEY LESSONS

St. Paul the Apostle Bible Study Lenten Journey will present 4 Tele-Conference lessons on "Who Will Roll the Stone Away," Pray, Fast, Give Alms, and the 7 Last Sayings of Christ. The series will run at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesdays, 3-12, 3-26, 4-2 and 4-9, 2025. **Dial 516-387-8633—No Access Code.** Contact Ms. Barbara Haynes at 504-650-6582 for more information.

LEADERS OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Leaders of the Stations of the Cross are needed for March 14, 21, 28, April 4, and April 11. Please sign up in the church's main entrance or call the parish office at 225-383-2537.

ANNUAL LENTEN FISH & SHRIMP DINNERS

Please support our Fish and Shrimp Fry Fundraiser!



You can help by buying a dinner or two on Fridays,
 March 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11!

Dinners: \$13.00

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

St. Paul's Youth Choir will lead us in praise and worship songs on Sunday, March 30, at 10:30 Mass. **The youth choir will rehearse on Saturdays, March 22, and March 29, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the church.** Parents and parishioners, please welcome and encourage our youth to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Belinda Carney at 225-223-8783.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, April 9, 2025—6:00 PM

PASTORAL COUNCIL & CHURCH FAIR/BAZAAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 2025—6:00 PM



BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS FROM FEB. 23, 2025
Luke Chapter 15—New American Bible (NAB)

Participant: Anna Perry

Luke Chapter 15 – The Parable of the Lost Sheep – Answers

- (Two Parts Answer) (1) Tax collectors and sinners (2) Pharisees and scribes
- Sinner
- Ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance (Footnote: To illustrate Jesus' concerns about lost and God's love for repentant sinners, Luke also added the Parables of the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son)
- The angels of God
- "Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me." (By Jewish Law, neither the father nor the heirs could dispose of the property while the father was still alive. The younger son would inherit one-third of the estate, & the oldest son would inherit two-thirds of the estate.)
- Severe famine
- Tend the swine (Read: Laws Regarding Ritual Purity in Leviticus 11:1-8)
- "How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger."
- "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."
- "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again, he was lost and has been found."

**Luke Chapter 16—New American Bible (NAB)**

Last day to submit answers is Tues., March 25, 2025, by 6:00 pm

Email answers to: arockiamsvd@gmail.com or drop them in the church office mailbox

Luke Chapter 16 – Parable of the Dishonest Steward – Questions

- What did the rich man accuse his steward of doing that gave him reason to release him from his stewardship?
- The steward summoned his master's debtors and asked for promissory notes to repay their debts. How did the master react to the steward's actions?
- Jesus spoke in a parable about being trustworthy. What was His first message about serving two masters?
- What was His second message about serving God?
- What was Jesus' message to the Pharisees who loved money?
- How long did Jesus say, "The law and the prophets lasted?"
- What did Jesus say was proclaimed after that time?
- Where did Lazarus and the rich man go after their deaths? (2 parts answer) Footnote: (1) The parable of Lazarus and the rich man illustrates the teaching of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain in Luke 6:20-25. (2) Dives in Latin Vulgate means rich man.)
- After his death, what two missions did the rich man ask Abraham to send Lazarus to perform? (2 parts answer)
- What was Abraham's reply to the rich man?

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

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