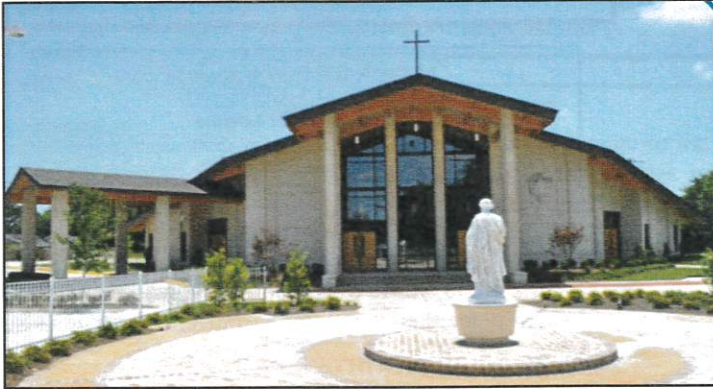


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SUNDAY MASSES
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

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

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Martha Davis —225-357-4108

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Kawayna Ridgley—225-405-7225

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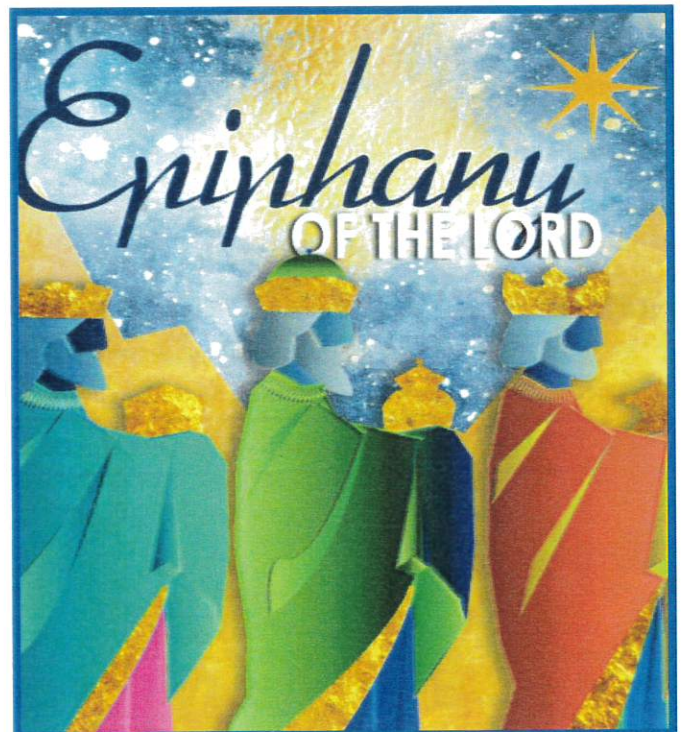
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



January 5, 2025

Sunday Mass Readings

JANUARY 5, 2025 AND JANUARY 12, 2025

Today: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5,9-11/Ps 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30/Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7/Lk3:15-16, 21-22

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)

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

OFFERTORY— DECEMBER 24 -25, 2024

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

Collection:	\$ 2,159.00
Youth Ministry:	\$ 110.00
Retirement Fund for Dio. Priests:	\$ 20.00
Total Offertory	\$ 2,289.00

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

OFFERTORY— DECEMBER 29, 2024

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

Collection:	\$ 2,661.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,673.00
Building Fund:	\$ 265.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 102.00
New Years:	\$ 7.00
Retirement Fund for Dio. Priest:	\$ 45.00
Bulletin Ads:	\$ 90.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,843.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 238 Envelopes Returned: 58 Online Givers: 26
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 76; 10:30A.M. - 133



JANUARY 5 - JANUARY 11, 2025



Kaelyn Anderson 1/5	Jasiah Sanders 1/7	Alma Ferbos 1/9
Edna Dunn-Scott 1/5	Kim Starwood 1/7	Laura Freeman 1/9
Cleta Guichard 1/5	Roger Banks Jr. 1/8	Jameer Oliver 1/9
Paris Rodney 1/5	Lovie Griffin 1/8	Kirsten Raby 1/9
Darion Harleaux 1/6	Mary Martin 1/8	Halley Perry 1/10
Dewayne London Jr. 1/6	Micheal Boyd Jr. 1/9	Nyle Johnson 1/11



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

10:30 AM MASS: St. Paul's Women's Club

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



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EMERGENCY CONTACT

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

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

ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S CLUB



The Women's Club will turn out today at the 10:30 A.M. Mass, and they will purchase and place the altar flower arrangement for next Sunday, January 12, 2025.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE PRISON MINISTRY



The Diocese of Baton Rouge extends an invitation to anyone interested in joining the Prison Ministry and serve as an active participants. A workshop will be offered at St. George Catholic Church on Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fr. Arockiam will be attending, and if you are interested or have any questions, please contact St. Paul's Office at 225-383-2537.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Michael Duca, Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge will celebrate a Mass honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, 65th, and greater, wedding anniversary. The celebration will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, 9150 Highland Road, in Baton Rouge. A reception for the couples will be in the gym following the Mass. Families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the Mass and Reception. Please contact St. Paul's office at (225) 383-2537 by Tuesday, January 14th to register or 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 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.

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

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

7:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Quintin Chenvert, Jaiden Parker, Saija Johnson
Jordon Clifford

READERS: Lucille Brown, Shelia Butler

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS: Audrene LeBlanc, Monique Spaulding

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Xavier Knox, Austin Wiggins, Noah Wiggins,
Madelyn Williams, Jackson Williams

READERS: Confirmation Candidates

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS: Christy Hall, Amanda Skinner

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 or contact Fr. Arockiam. The cost is \$3,995.00

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 or 225-387-0561

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

Vocation View: "Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister, or brother?



St. Paul the Apostle's children and youth participated in the Christmas Skit presented before the Christmas Vigil Mass at St. Paul. They did an outstanding job! A very special thank you to the children and youth, their parents, and the ladies who helped coordinate the play.



On the Feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 29, 2024, Fr. Arockiam blessed Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Mary Martin for their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



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



Fr. Arockiam recognized this soon-to-be married couple and family, William Seals, Taylor Knatt, and baby Sage Seals, on Dec. 29 at the 7:30 Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family.



This family, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie and Laura Freeman, and their daughters, Mrs. Fredrena Johnson and Ms. Melonie Stewart, were recognized on Dec. 29 at the 10:30 Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family.



The family of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus and Brandy Williams and their children, Madelyn and Jackson, were also recognized on Dec. 29 at the 10:30 Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family.

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
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 Donald Coleman
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**Geneva Battley Spooner
 Della Battley Rodney
 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—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
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Youth Ministry—Kawayna Ridgely.....	225-405-7225
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Barbara & James Wallace Rodney
Keith Rodney, Joseph D. Rodney
Dorothy Bazile & Georgia Smith

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 of
**Kevin Michael
 Ferbos
 &
 Wilfred Ferbos**

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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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 Williams; Lucy, Robert,
 Gertrude, J. Robert,
 Mary, and Martha Theo-
 dore; Lillian & Forrest
 Oliver; Tobb, Ida,
 Johnny Sr. & Jr., Willie,
 Charles, and
 Lillian Brown

In Remembrance
 of
**Lionel Bazile Sr.
 Dorothy Bazile
 James Bazile
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 of
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