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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

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Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

A photograph of a person with a large backpack standing on a snowy mountain peak. The person is looking out over a vast, snow-covered landscape. The sky is clear and blue. The image is framed by a dark border.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
BAPTISM
"I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the
thongs of his sandals. He will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit
and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

January 12, 2025

Our Sunday Readings

JANUARY 12, 2025 & JANUARY 19, 2025

Today: 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 Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

PRAYER FOR BAPTISM

Oh God,
You desire each of us to be a part of Your sacred family, called and invited into a relationship with You. May the grace of our Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved and chosen by You. Amen.

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, Jan. 19, 2024

For exception, contact Fr. Arockiam-337-522-0624



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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)

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— JANUARY 5, 2025

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

Collection:	\$ 5,368.00
Online Giving:	\$ 25,357.00
Building Fund:	\$ 2,064.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 122.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 10.00
Christmas:	\$ 180.00
New Years:	\$ 569.00
Total Offertory	\$ 33,670.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 238 Envelopes Returned: 82 Online Givers: 36
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 90; 10:30A.M. - 154



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

10:30 AM MASS: Confirmation Candidates

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



POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION

January: For the Right to an Education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE PRISON MINISTRY



The Diocesan Prison Ministry is hosting a Day of Fellowship and Formation for prison ministry volunteers and those interested in joining the Prison Ministry. 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 get in touch with St. Paul’s Office at 225-383-2537.

DIOCESE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



The Diocese of Baton Rouge will celebrate a Mass honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, 65th, and greater wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., at St. Jude Catholic Church (9150 Highland Road). A reception will follow. Families of the honored couples are invited to attend the Mass and reception. To register for questions, please contact St. Paul’s Office at 225-383-2537 by Tues., Jan. 14, 2025.

ST. PAUL’S MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS



As we begin the new year, Father Arockiam is asking all of St. Paul’s ministries and organizations to submit their proposed dates for using the parish center and church to the office by Mon., Feb. 10, 2024. 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, 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, Ardell Christophe, 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.



JANUARY 12 - JANUARY 18, 2025



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| Ashley A. Sandford 1/12 | Charles Davis Jr. 1/13 | Belinda Floyd-Pickett 1/14 |
| Jo'shiah Jones 1/12 | Chance Walker 1/13 | Michael Knox Jr. 1/17 |
| Britney Buggage 1/13 | Irene Warner 1/13 | Mary Murray 1/17 |

MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 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: Anecia Davis, Michael Knox

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice Zacharie, Renee Camberos

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Jacques Parms, Mason Sanders, Aidan Sam

READERS: Gigi Mathis, Dana Sam

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Lisa Byrd, Nancy Ball

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**

Divine Word Missionaries and Sisters of the Holy Spirit

jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561

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

Vocation View: Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life.

REST IN PEACE



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Guerin family at the passing of Mr. Alvin Guerin, brother of Mrs. Jeanette Bishop. Mr. Guerin was laid to rest on December 30, 2024. Also, to the Dumas and Haynes family at the passing of Mr. Ernest Dumas, Jr., brother of Ms. Barbara Haynes and uncle of Ms. Christina Haynes. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



My Dear Parishioners,

In this new year, let us reflect on and thank God for our church family and all of our accomplishments, that the Lord has done for us through us. With that in mind, 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

MARDI GRAS DANCE



St. Paul Knights of Peter Claver - Council 351 is hosting a Mardi Gras dance on Friday, February 28, 2025, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m., in St. Paul's Parish Center. Tickets can be purchased after each Sunday Mass beginning today. Tickets are \$20 each. Bring your favorite appetizers, snacks, and beverages. Chips, ice, and one-liter of Coke or Sprite will be provided.

SPECIAL THANKS



St. Paul's Women Club purchased and placed the beautiful flower arrangement in front of the altar for today's Mass. Thank you, ladies!

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis requests that communities find their own ways to mark **Sunday, January 26, 2025**, as a celebration of the sacred text by enthroning the Bible to focus the people's attention on the value of God's Word and the importance of reading and studying Sacred Scripture.



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 2025—6:00 PM

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 19, 2025—6:00 PM

YOUTH MEETING

Today, 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



BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS FROM DEC. 29, 2024

Luke Chapter 11—New American Bible (NAB)

Participant: Anna Perry

Answers Below:

Luke Chapter 11 – The Lord's Prayer

1. His persistence
2. "Ask, and you will receive, seek, and you will find, and knock, and the door will be opened to you."
3. Ask Him
4. The finger of God drives out demons
5. It brings back seven other spirits more wicked than itself that move in and dwell there.
6. "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."
7. The sign of Jonah
8. Part 1 – your eye
Part 2—"Take care, then, that the light in you not become darkness."
9. "Oh you Pharisee! Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil. (Bible Reference for suggested review - In Matthew 15:19-20, Jesus said, "For from the heart comes evil thoughts, murder, adultery, unchastity, theft, false witness, blasphemy. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.")"
10. "But as to what is within, give alms, and behold everything will be clean to you."

Luke Chapter 12—New American Bible (NAB)

Last day to submit answers is Tues., Jan. 21, 2025, by 6:00 pm



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

Luke Chapter 12 – The Leaven of the Pharisees

1. Jesus warned His disciples about the hypocrisy or leaven of the Pharisees. What kind of power did the one who, after killing (the body), possess?
2. (2 parts answer) What did Jesus say would happen to whoever acknowledges or denies Him before others?
3. (2 parts answer) What happens when you speak a word against the Son of man or blasphemes against the Holy Spirit?
4. Jesus told the crowd to "Take care to guard against all greed." What did He say about one's life?
5. In a Parable, Jesus talked about the rich fool who stored up good things for many years so he could rest, eat, drink, and be merry. However, God called him a fool. What did he lack for God?
6. 6. Jesus said to His disciples, "For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. What did He ask them about worrying?"
7. Jesus said, "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Why did He tell them to be prepared?"
8. Jesus said, "I have come to set the earth on fire." Did He say to establish peace on earth or something else?
9. Jesus called the crowd hypocrites for knowing how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. What did He say they did not know how to interpret?
10. What did Jesus say we should do to settle with an opponent before going to the magistrate?

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

In Loving Memory

Opston, Dorcenia, Wilbert, Phillip, Opston Jr., Albert & Jerome Guillory; CB, Ruth, & Tia Davis; Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren, &

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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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