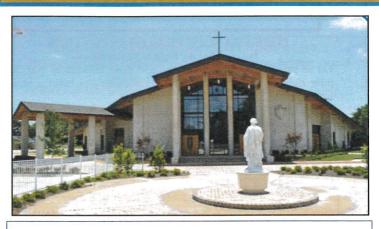
# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS—8:00 A.M.
TUESDAY—FRIDAY

EUCHARISTIC 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

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Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

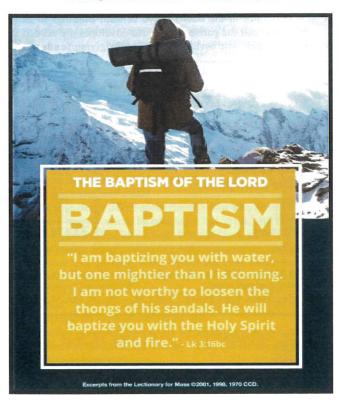
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PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



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 <u>MUST</u> attend the class Baptism: Sunday, Jan. 19, 2024 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)

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

#### FOR CHURCH ENVELOPES TO TITHE

Offering 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

#### **JANUARY 12 - JANUARY 18, 2025**



Jo'shiah Jones 1/12 Britney Buggage 1/13

Ashley A. Sandford 1/12 Charles Davis Jr. 1/13 Chance Walker 1/13 Irene Warner 1/13

Belinda Floyd-Pickett 1/14 Michael Knox Jr. 1/17 Mary Murray 1/17



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 Catho-

lic 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 Sun-

day, 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'SMINISTRIES 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, homebound 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, 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. \*\*

#### 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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice Zacharie, Renee Camberos

#### 10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Jacques Parms, Mason Sanders, Aidan Sam

READERS: Gigi Mathis, Dana Sam

**EUCHARISTIC 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. 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 peace 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,

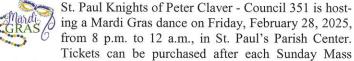
In this new year, let us reflect on and thank God for our PASTOR church family and all of our accomplishments, that the Lord has done for us through us. With that in mind, please

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

A WORD

#### MARDI GRAS DANCE



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



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

- His persistence
- "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
- It brings back seven other spirits more wicked than itself that move in and dwell there.
- "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."
- The sign of Jonah
- Part 1 your eye
  - Part 2-"Take care, then, that the light in you not become darkness."
- "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, adul tery, 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

- 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 parts answer) What did Jesus say would happen to whoever acknowledges or denies Him before others?
- (2 parts answer) What happens when you speak a word against the Son of man or blasphemes against the Holy Spirit?
- Jesus told the crowd to "Take care to guard against all greed." What did He say about one's life?
- 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. Jesus said to His disciples, "For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. What did He ask them about worrying?
- Jesus said, "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Why did He tell them to be prepared?
- Jesus said, "I have come to set the earth on fire." Did He say to establish peace on earth or something else?
- 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?
- 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, &

#### In Loving Memory

George Coleman Jr., Geneva Coleman, George Coleman Sr. Carrie Coleman M.H. Weathersby **Odelia Weathersby 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	
Center (Use by Parish Ministries/Organizations) - Mary Martin	225-383-2537
Center Rental & Repast-Velita Benjamin.	225-654-6705
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Eucharistic Ministers-Nancy Ball	
Liturgy Committee-Gigi Mathis	225-278-0071
Nurse-Maxine Watts.	
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	
Religious Education Director (DRE) - Martha Davis	
Ushers-Edmonia Joseph	225-772-2090
Youth Ministry-Kawayna Ridgely	
Youth Readers-Tasha Anthony	504-858-1902

## Remembering

**Famye Reed** and the Reed, Stewart, Davis, and Grainger **Families** 

## In Loving Memory

### Gussie A. Trahan

Edna Mae & Gussie B. Trahan Orelia Rodney & Anthony Rodney Sr. Annie Mae & Anthony Rodney Jr. Barbara & James Wallace Rodney Keith Rodney, Joseph D. Rodney **Dorothy Bazile & Georgia Smith** 

In Loving Memory Of

> **Ferbos** Wilfred Ferbos

Kevin Michael

In Loving Memory Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.

With Much Love, Audrene, Kobi, Dwight Jr., Lloyd, Morris, Kelby, Quintin, Saniya, Malia, & Lennox

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Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian, J.D. & Verdell, Kirby, James "Pookie," 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 Theodore; Lillian & Forrest Oliver; Tobb, Ida, Johnny Sr. & Jr., Willie, Charles, and Lillian Brown

## In Remembrance

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

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