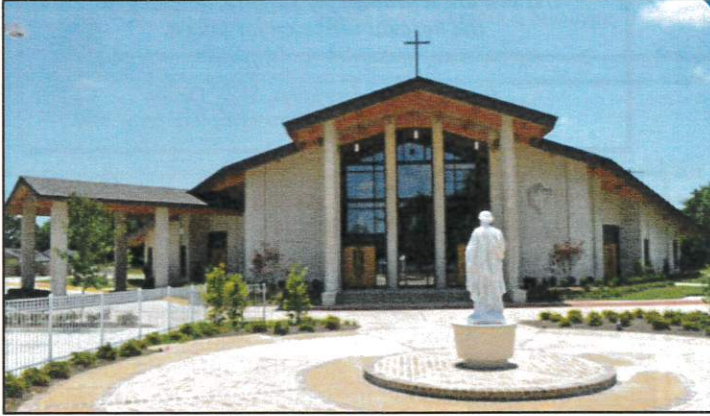


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**SUNDAY MASSES**  
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

**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

**PARISH SECRETARY**  
Mary Martin —225-383-2537

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Christy Hall —225-383-2537

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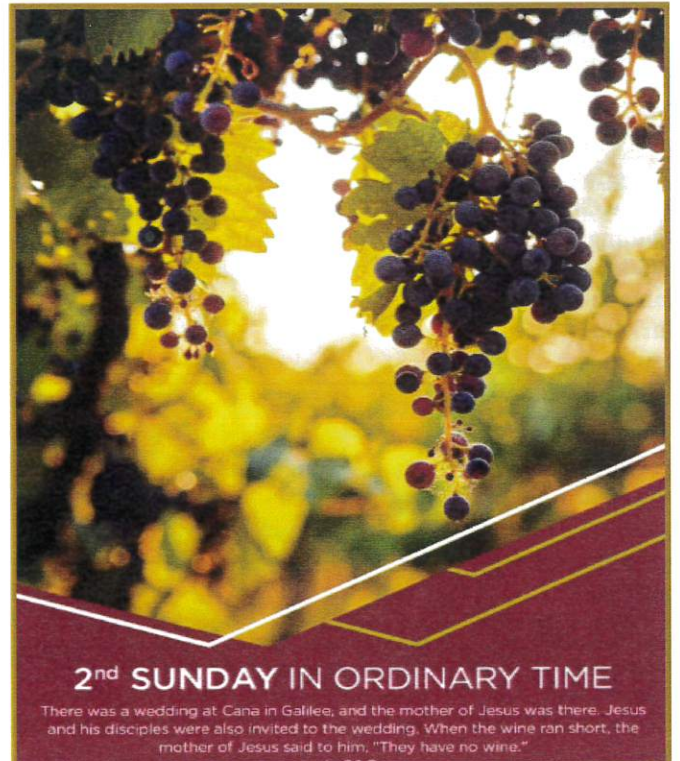
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Kawayna Ridgley—225-405-7225

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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 19, 2025

**Our Sunday Readings**

**JANUARY 19, 2025 & JANUARY 26, 2025**

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



**7:30 AM MASS:** Fr. Michael Sucharski, SVD,  
 Cory Reeves, Carleen Reeves

**10:30 AM MASS:** St. Paul's Church Community

**St Paul's Youth Camp/Retreat**



We are planning a Camp/Retreat outing for St. Paul's Youth on **Saturday and Sunday, February 22 & 23, 2025.** (Overnight stay at the reserved Cabins) in Feliciana Retreat & Conference Center 10274 LA-422,

Norwood, LA. **Cost to attend \$25 per person.** Last date to sign up is Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025. Please contact Ms. Kawayna Ridgley @ 2254057225 . We encourage all the youth of our parish to participate. Mrs. Vera Dunbar will be working with Ms. Kawayna and the parents to follow All rules and regulations of the Diocese and the State. Thank you!



**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. 23, 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)

**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](http://osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds) to give.

**OFFERTORY— JANUARY 12, 2025**

**NEW ONLINE GIVING LINK: [osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds](http://osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds)**

<b>Collection:</b>	\$ 2,816.00
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$ 2,495.00
<b>Building Fund:</b>	\$ 95.00
<b>St. Vincent de Paul:</b>	\$ 32.00
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	\$ 26.00
<b>Christmas:</b>	\$ 25.00
<b>New Years:</b>	\$ 26.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5,515.00</b>

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

**Envelopes Mailed: 238 Envelopes Returned: 57 Online Givers: 31**  
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

**Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 78; 10:30A.M. - 171**



**JANUARY 19 - JANUARY 25, 2025**



Astrid Auzenne 1/19	Diane-Marie Jones 1/21	Terry Mack 1/23
Dianne Baham 1/19	Carmen Patrick 1/21	Ron Mathis 1/24
Melonie Stewart 1/19	Monique Spaulding 1/21	Nahshon Route 1/24
Jerome Walker 1/19	Tammy Bajoie 1/22	Mia West 1/24
Albert Victorian Jr. 1/19	Ethan Bradford 1/22	Ruby Woods 1/24
Barbara Haynes 1/20	Andrea Camberos 1/22	Riley Thomas 1/25
Sharda' G. Freeman 1/21	Angelle Camberos 1/22	

**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](mailto:arockiamsvd@gmail.com)



**LET US RECALL DR. MARTIN L. KING JR. HIS PRAYERS, AND HIS WORK**



In a 1953 prayer, King asked God for forgiveness for sins, and for the strength to work for a better world. He asks God to break the spell that blinds people's minds, and to purify their hearts. He also asks God to give people broad visions, penetrating eyes, and the power to endure.

Dr. King's prayer on regeneration was notable, he asked God for the privilege of being part of the regeneration of the world. He asks God to grant people the joy of fellowship with those who are bringing in the new day. He also asks God to make people children of light, and to make the world wait for their coming and ministry. King also said that prayer is a natural outpouring of the spirit, but that it can be misused. He warned that people should not make prayer a substitute for work and intelligence.

**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.

**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.\*\**

**MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025**

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

**7:30 AM MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Quintin Chenevert, Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel

**READERS:** Darlene St. Romain, Mary Gloston

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zacharie, David Robertson

**10:30 AM MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Sydney Anderson, Gerald Anderson Jr.

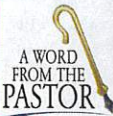
Terrell Carter Jr., Anthony Carter

**READERS:** Dorphelia Patterson, Dana Sam

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:** Christy Hall, Pamela Claiborne

**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

**ENTHRONEMENT OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Next Sunday, January 26, 2025, we will celebrate the Word of God by enthroning the Bible to focus our attention on the value of God's Word and the importance of reading and studying Sacred Scripture. Families are encouraged to enthrone their Bible in a special place in their homes.



**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.



**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.



**ST. PAUL'S WINTER COATS & WINTER ACCESSORIES DRIVE**



St. Paul the Apostle Church is accepting Winter coats and accessories for children, youth, and adults of all ages. Please drop off new or gently used winter coats, sweaters, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks, knitted caps and beanies, etc., at the main entrance of the church in support of families in the Eden Park area and the clients served by St. Paul's Food Pantry.



**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, April 9, 2025—6:00 PM

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, February 19, 2025—6:00 PM



**YOUTH MEETING**

February 9, 2025—After the 10:30 Mass

(Grades 2nd through 12th)

If you have any questions, please contact:

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

**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.

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

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

**Vocation View:** This passage speaks about the diversity of spiritual gifts given by the Spirit for the building up of the Church. It can encourage individuals to recognize that their unique talents and calling are meant to serve the Church, whether through marriage, priesthood, or religious life.

**JUST ONE OF ST. PAUL'S MANY BLESSINGS**



Last Sunday, St. Paul's parishioners attending the 7:30 Mass were blessed to witness four altar servers of three generations (Gen Silence, Gen X, and Gen Z) Left to right: Rudy Richard, Murray Chenevert, Bradley Davis, and Braden Davis. God is good!

**ST. PAUL'S 2024-2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS**



St. Paul's Confirmation Candidates Commitment Ceremony (and their catechist) were recognized at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 12, 2025. (1st row-left to right): Xavier Knox, Bree Parns, (Mrs. Amanda Skinner, their catechist); 2nd row-left to right: Kaila Anthony, Quintin Chenevert, Logan Dauphine, Ivory Brown Jr., Jaiden Parker, and Jiselle Anthony.

*In Loving Memory*

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

*In Loving Memor-*

**George Coleman Jr., Geneva Coleman, George Coleman Sr. Carrie Coleman M.H. Weathersby Odelia Weathersby Donald Coleman Myrtis Coleman**

*In Loving Memory of*

**Hazel Brent Brown, Leo Brown, Sr., and the Brent, Aldolph, Brown, and Harrison Families**

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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—Rev. Arockiam Arockiam.....	225-383-2537
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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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*

**Kevin Michael Ferbos & Wilfred Ferbos**

*In Loving Memory of*

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

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**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 of*

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

*In Loving Memory of*

**Doris Key Earl Key Sr. Emma Doyle Currie (Rudi) Doyle Ellis Doyle Sr. Tony Key**



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