

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

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

PARISH SECRETARY

Mary Martin —225-383-2537

PARISH OFFICE ASSISTANT

Christy Hall —225-383-2537

PARISH BOOKKEEPER

Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Martha Davis —225-357-4108

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Kawayna Ridgley—225-405-7225

PARISH NURSE

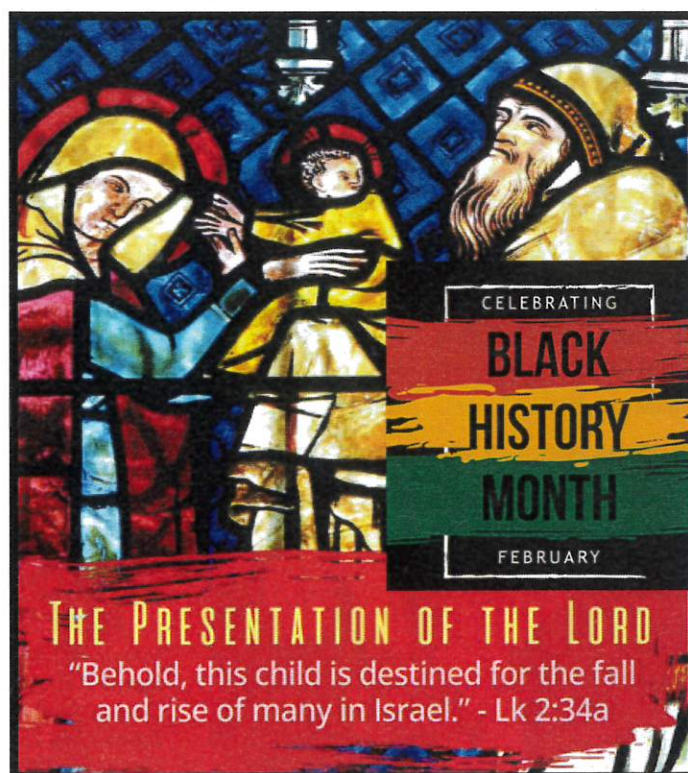
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



February 2, 2025

Our Sunday Readings

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 AND FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Today: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7-10/Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a-8/Ps 138:1-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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.



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. 30, 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)

LITURGICAL MEETING



Liturgical leaders and all heads of ministries are encouraged to attend our next liturgical planning meeting on **Tuesday, February 18, at 6:00 P.M. in the parish center.**

WEAR RED NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH



February is American Heart Month. So, please wear red next Sunday, February 9, to recognize Heart Awareness Month and to raise awareness of heart disease and how to prevent it. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the USA.

OFFERTORY— JANUARY 26, 2025

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

Collection:	\$ 3,485.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,673.00
Building Fund:	\$ 2,125.00
Church in Latin America:	\$ 199.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 150.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,632.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 238 Envelopes Returned: 66 Online Givers: 34
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 81; 10:30A.M. - 165



FEBRUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 8, 2025



Brooklynn Bailey 2/2	Veronica Dyson 2/4	Marvin Haynes 2/7
Troylynn Balancier 2/2	Lloyd Dyson 2/4	Joseph Richard 2/7
Cindy Chenevert 2/2	J'Alen Grevious 2/5	Lunden Scott Jr. 2/7
Chelsey Haynes 2/2	Mary McCoy 2/5	Ziyad Allen 2/8
Virgil Johnson 2/2	Kimberly Davis 2/6	Laryon James 2/8
Liyah Landry 2/2	Albert Grevious 2/6	Janice Womber 2/8
Kaelyn Dennis 2/4	Isaiah Sam 2/6	



7:30 AM MASS: Cory Reeves, Carleen Reeves

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

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



THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Venerable Augustus Tolton was born into slavery in Missouri in the 1880s and yet became the first African American ordained a Catholic priest in the United States. Back then, a black man becoming a priest was considered impossible.

Augustus Tolton was ordained at St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome on April 24 and returned to the United States in Quincy, Illinois. In 1886, Fr. Tolton conducted his first Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on April 25. He also celebrated his first Mass with Franciscan Sisters in Hoboken, New Jersey, on July 7, and he celebrated his first Mass in Quincy at St. Boniface Church on July 18 and became pastor of St. Joseph Church.

His kind-heartedness, no doubt, was derived from particular inborn virtues of his personality and his belief in and friendship with God. On February 24, 2011, the Catholic Church officially began formally introducing the cause for sainthood. Father Augustus Tolton was then formally designated as "Servant of God." He is now known as Venerable Augustus Tolton and is currently under consideration for Beatification.

MR./MRS. PERRY & CINDY CHENEVERT



Mr. and Mrs. Perry and Cindy Chenevert's (and their fur baby, Coco) house caught fire on Wednesday morning, January 22, 2025. Their loss was significant, and they were displaced. Mr. and Mrs. Chenevert is the son and daughter-in-law of Mr. Murray Chenevert and the brother and brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Kobi Chenevert. Please pray for them and support them via this GoFundMe link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-cindy-perry-coco-after-fire-loss>

CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Rose Crockett Carter, 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, 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, FEBRUARY 9, 2025*(Ministers serving are asked to be at Mass at least 15 minutes before Mass begins.)***7:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Quintin Chenevert, Jaiden Parker, Saija Johnson
Jordon Clifford**READERS:** Ronnice Johnson, Gerrick Camel**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** David Robertson, Monique Spaulding**10:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Kaila Anthony, Jiselle Anthony, Aidan Sam,
Terrell Carter Jr., Anthony Carter**READERS:** St. Paul Children**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Lisa Byrd, Christy Hall**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners:

God has blessed us with our beautiful church family where we enjoy celebrating the sacraments and receiving God's blessings. I appreciate all of our involvements in our liturgical celebrations. Thank you. Keep up the good work. I thank you for your great cooperation, collaboration, hard work, sacrifices and involvement that has helped us to retire our debt, to do the renovations of our office building and to replace the roofs over the center, rectory and Church over the past years. I really appreciate and praise God for you. Please join me in thanking God and our ancestors who have worked hard and sacrificed so much to give us what we have. Let us be grateful to God and be proud of ourselves.

As we think of the future plans for our church, I would like to share the following and invite you to cooperate and come up with ways and ideas to accomplish this task. I felt the need and have heard from many parishioners that there is a need for some work in our Center. Therefore, after meeting with the Bishop in November 2024, and discussing and getting the full support from the Parish Finance Council Members (at 1/15/25 meeting) Parish Pastoral Council members (at 1/8/25 meeting), and getting the opinion of many of our parishioners from the Parish Family meeting held at the center on Jan.29, 2025, we have decided to do the much needed renovations of our Center. We will replace the floors; renovate the restrooms, kitchen and painting of the exterior and interior to match our Church building, without any expansion of the exterior space. This will cost approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000. I have asked our Architect Marcus Williams to prepare the job scope and being our church member he is so happy to do this. I have no plan of doing any capital campaign. Instead, I ask that you consider increasing your regular Sunday offering while keeping this noble cause in mind. You are welcome to donate anytime towards the building fund. The church organizations may come up with as many fundraising activities as they choose to go towards this cause. If we all can collaborate in this way, we can plan to start the work in the summer of 2026. Please help me to do this service for the good of our community through you cooperation, sacrifice and involvement. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to write to me or talk to me. Let us also keep this intention in our common and personal prayers. Thank you.

Fr. Arockiam, SVD

Upcoming Meetings**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING***Wednesday, April 9, 2025—6:00 PM***PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING***Wednesday, February 19, 2025—6:00 PM***YOUTH MEETING***Sunday, February 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

ST. PAUL YOUTH CAMPING RETREAT

Fr. Arockiam, along with the Director and Assistants of St. Paul Youth Ministry, encourage the youth of St. Paul to participate in an overnight camping retreat on Saturday through Sunday, February 22-23, 2025, at Feliciana Retreat and Conference Center (10274 LA Highway 422 in Norwood, LA). With St. Paul's support, the cost for each of our youth is \$25. **All youth planning to attend this overnight retreat must inform Ms. Kawayna Ridgley (225-405-7225), complete the required form, and pay \$25 by Sunday, February 9, 2025.** *All chaperones (21 and older) who plan to participate must have completed or finished the safe environment training and background check by February 15, 2025, to be able to attend the retreat. Also, please inform Ms. Ridgley, and pay \$25.00 by February 9, 2025.*

**WORD OF GOD SUNDAY & BIBLE ENTHRONEMENT
LAST SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025**

7:30 A.M. Mass



The Bible Enthroned



St. Paul's Ladies Guild participated in the 7:30 A.M. Mass together last Sunday



10:30 A.M. Mass

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
Odelia Weathersby
Donald Coleman
Myrtis Coleman**

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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—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

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**

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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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 Theo-
dore; Lillian & Forrest
Oliver; Tobbs, 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
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