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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

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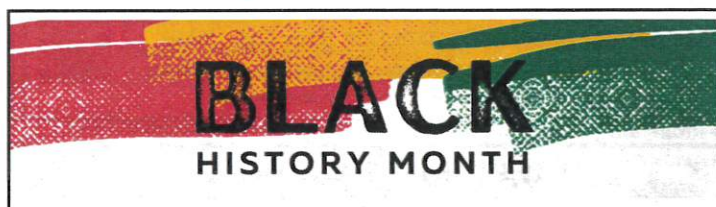
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February 9, 2025

Our Sunday Readings

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 AND FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Today: Is 6:1-2a-8/Ps 138:1-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
 Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/1 Cor 15:12,16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

REST IN PEACE



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Christopher family at the passing of Ms. Audrey Christopher, aunt of Ms. Michelle Christopher. Also, to the Simms family at the passing of Mr. Louis Simms, husband of Mrs. Sadie Simms, and father of Roderick, Trinice, Patrick, and Louis Dexter Simms, Jr.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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.

LITURGY MEETING

All heads of ministries are encouraged to attend the liturgy planning meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Center.



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)

OFFERTORY— FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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

Collection:	\$ 5,869.50
Online Giving:	\$ 3,410.00
Building Fund:	\$ 630.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 100.00
Mass Stipend:	\$ 10.00
Bulletin Ads:	\$ 240.00
Total Offertory	\$ 10,259.50

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

Envelopes Mailed: 238 Envelopes Returned: 65 Online Givers: 30
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 80; 10:30A.M. - 140



Carolyn Jenkins 2/9
 Raphael Reed 2/11
 Pamela Collins 2/12

Annette Dunn 2/12
 Tanya Cornell 2/13
 Jynell Hurst 2/13

Byron George 2/14
 James Hayward 2/14
 River Marrero 2/14
 Riley Richard 2/15



7:30 AM MASS: Brett Moton, Cory Reeves, Carleen Reeves

10:30 AM MASS: St. Paul's Youth and 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 Mary Lange, foundress and first superior of the Oblate Sisters of Providence in 1829. The Oblate Sisters were the first U.S. based religious order for women of color. To date, with 194 years of service to communities, the Oblate Sisters continue to serve.

In the early 1800s, Mother Lange left Santiago, Cuba, for peace and security in the United States. Fate directed her to Baltimore, MD, where a great influx of French-speaking Catholic Saint Domingue refugees was settling. Then known as Elizabeth Lange was a courageous, loving, deeply spiritual woman. Although she was a refugee, she was well educated and of independent means, possessing monies left to her by her father.

On July 2, 1829, Mother Lange took her vows and took the name Mary. She demonstrated leadership and divinely daring in the face of poverty, racism, humiliation, and untold hardships. She was a role model, providing an atmosphere of faith and hope to parents and children degraded by slavery. In her school, Catholics and non-Catholics were accepted. By 1860, all of the Catholic schools for "colored" children in Baltimore were taught by Oblate Sisters.

Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop Emeritus of Baltimore, began the canonization process for Mother Lange. At present, she is referred to as Venerable Mary Lange.

ST. PAUL YOUTH CAMPING RETREAT

The youth of St. Paul has the opportunity 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. **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.

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, Curtell Thibodeaux 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 16, 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:** Randy LeDuff, Anecia Davis**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Audrene LeBlanc, Renee Camberos
David Robertson, Paulette Robertson**10:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Xavier Knox, Austin Wiggins, Noah Wiggins,
Madelyn Williams, Jackson Williams**READERS:** Terrell Carter, Richard Johnson**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Anna Perry, Wanda Davis
Lisa Byrd, Gigi Mathis**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

The photos below are from last Sunday, February 2. We celebrated the feast with a procession from our prayer garden with lit candles into the church, representing the entry of Christ, the Light, into the Temple of God.

**WE ARE OUR SISTER'S KEEPER!**

As one of the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Paul Court 351 of the Knights of Peter Claver's service projects, the senior court (left) visited with Ms. Gloria Dunn, and the Junior Daughters of Court 351 (below) visited with Ms. Augustine Kador.

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

Today, 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

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS FROM JAN. 26, 2025**Luke Chapter 13—New American Bible (NAB)****Participants:** Yvette Oliver, Anna Perry, Paulette Robertson**Luke Chapter 13 – A Call to Repentance – Answers**

1. They will perish
2. It will be cut down
3. Stand erect
4. (Two parts answers) The adversaries were humiliated, and the crowd rejoiced
5. A mustard seed (It helped to symbolize that great things can come from small beginnings.)
6. Yeast (It helped to symbolize its ability to transform and the power to spread out.)
7. "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough,"
8. "I do not know where you are from."
9. Go and tell that fox, Behold I cast out demons, and I perform healing today and tomorrow, and on the third day, I accomplish my purpose."
10. (Two parts answer) Their house would be abandoned, and they would not see Him until the time comes when they say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

**Luke Chapter 14—New American Bible (NAB)***Last day to submit answers is Tues., Feb. 18, 2025, by 6:00 pm*

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

Luke Chapter 14 –Healing of the Man with Dropsy on the Sabbath

1. Jesus asked the scholars of the law and the Pharisees if it was lawful to cure someone on the Sabbath. What was their action/response? (Footnote information: Dropsy is an abnormal swelling of the body because of the retention and accumulation of fluids.)
2. What question and reasoning did Jesus use to justify doing labor on a Sabbath?
3. What advice was given when you are invited to a wedding banquet?
4. What might the host say to you if a more distinguished guest than you is also invited to the banquet?
5. What might the host say to you if you sat at the lowest place at the banquet?
6. Why should you invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind to the banquet? (These verses represent a parable as a teaching episode.)
7. A guest at the banquet revealed the above parable's spiritual meaning. What did he say about where someone would be blessed when he dined?
8. Jesus made statements about hating members of your family and your own life if you wanted to be His disciple. What must one carry in order to be His disciple? (Footnote info: No attachment to family or possession can stand in the way of total commitment demanded of the disciple.)
9. What must be renounced to be Jesus' disciple?
10. What common household item was used to illustrate an item losing its taste?

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,
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Jerome Guillory;
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Catherine Williams,
Yvonne Warren, &
Marcus Montigue**

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