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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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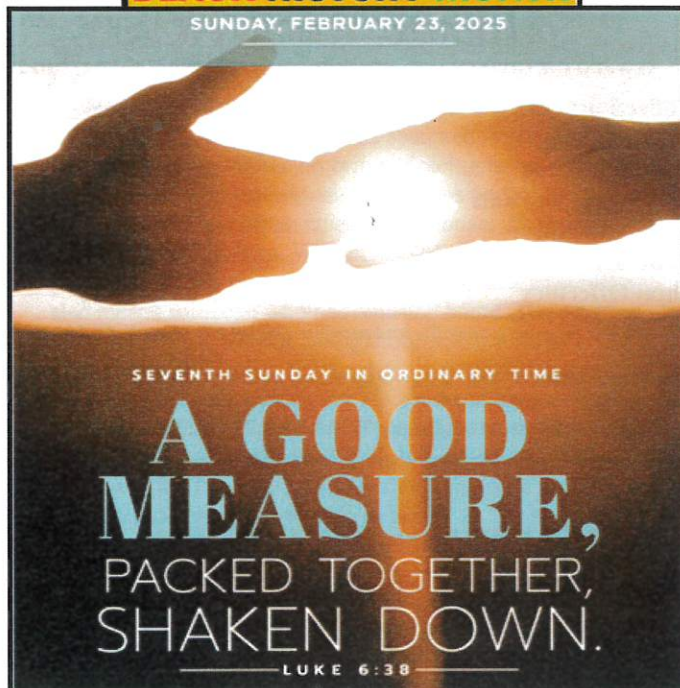
Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

—FEBRUARY—
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025



Our Sunday Readings

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 AND MARCH 2, 2025

Today: 1 Sm 26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3,13-16/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

LEADERS OF THE STATION OF THE CROSS



If you or your family would like to lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, or April 11, please sign up as leaders in the church's main entrance or call the parish office at 225-383-2537.



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)

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— FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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

Collection:	\$ 3,243.96
Online Giving:	\$ 3,524.00
Building Fund:	\$ 552.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 17.00
Mass Stipend:	\$ 5.00
Bulletin Ads:	\$ 140.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,481.96

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

Envelopes Mailed: 238 Envelopes Returned: 59 Online Givers: 28

(Envelopes mailed to registered members)

(Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 73; 10:30A.M. - 148



Stephanie Allen 2/23
Della Bolden 2/24
Raven Williams 2/24
Carter Peters 2/25

FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 1, 2025



John Gradnigo 2/26
Jared Anthony, Sr. 2/27
Lakia James 2/27
Dawson Oliver 2/27

Brayden Davis 2/28
Larbre Mathis 2/28
Elthea LeDuff 3/1



7:30 AM MASS: Cory Reeves, Carleen Reeves, St. Paul's Church Community

10:30 AM MASS: Ernest Paul Dumas, Sr., Ernest Paul, Jr.

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



BRING YOUR BLESSED PALMS FROM LAST YEAR



Please bring your blessed palms from last year and place them in the bin at the church's main entrance. We will burn the palms and prepare them for use during our Ash Wednesday Mass on March 5, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Steve Henson. Working out in the remote Alaskan bush in the early 1950s, a plumber named Steve Henson had a lot of free time. During this time, he invented the recipe that would become known later as **ranch dressing**. It gets its name because Hansen and his wife opened up a dude ranch near Santa Barbara, California, after moving back from Alaska. The ranch's name, Hidden Valley Ranch, would later become incorporated as a food company. The brand was eventually purchased in 1972 by Clorox for \$8 million. Since 1992, ranch dressing has been the most popular dressing sold in the world today.



Lanny Smoot. With over a hundred patents and counting, Lanny Smoot is among the Walt Disney Company's most prolific inventors. His most recognizable innovations include the real-life extendable Star Wars lightsaber. This technology makes the ghost of Madame Leota roam the Magic Kingdom's Haunted Mansion and the Moana-inspired interactive "water harps" seen at EPCOT's Journey of Water attraction.

CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Rose Crockett Carter, 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, 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, MARCH 2, 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
Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel**READERS:** Sydney Brown, Monique Spaulding**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** David Robertson, Renee Camberos
Audrene LeBlanc, Alice Zacharie**10:30 AM MASS:****ALTAR SERVERS:** Madelyn Williams, Jackson Williams,
Austin Wiggins, Noah Wiggins**READERS:** Amanda Skinner, Kevin Stewart**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Lisa Byrd, Christy Hall
Nancy Ball, Darlene Richard**ASH WEDNESDAY MINISTERS MARCH 5, 2025***(Ministers serving are asked to be at Mass at least 15 minutes before Mass begins.)***8:00 AM MASS****Readers:** Lucille Brown & Barbara Cornell**6:00 PM MASS****Readers:** Gigi Mathis, Randy LeDuff**Altar Servers:** Jacques Parmis, Xavier Knox, Aidan Sam**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Robertson,
Monique Spaulding, Audrene LeBlanc, Alice Zacharie**OUR ANNUAL LENTEN FISH & SHRIMP DINNERS**

We are 10 days from the start of our annual Fish Fry Fundraiser. Let's make this 2025 Lenten fundraiser our best. This is the last Sunday the signup sheets will be at the main entrance. Next Sunday, we will showcase the names of our Fish Fry Volunteers. You can still help by buying dinners each Friday during Lent, starting Friday, March 7th.

Tri-Parish Lenten Revival

Join us for our Tri-Parish Lenten Revival with Immaculate Conception, and St. Francis Xavier. March 17, 18 and 19th. The Revivalist is Joshua Johnson and his Team.

BLACK HISTORY PRESENTATION LAST SUNDAY

Gerrick Camel is the narrator at the podium, and presenting the posters are (left to right) Brayden Davis, Quintin Chenevert, Lennox LeBlanc, Gavin Camel, Bradley Davis, Gabriel Camel, and Anecia Davis. Thank you for your participation.



At the podium as the narrator is Jameer Oliver, and holding the posters (left to right) are Avery Troullier, Jaxon Williams, Ava Huggins, Jackson Williams, Madelyn Williams, Jude Troullier, and Jonah Williams. Thank you for your participation.

Upcoming Meetings**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING***Wednesday, April 9, 2025—6:00 PM***PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING***Wednesday, March 12, 2025—6:00 PM***YOUTH MEETING***Sunday, March 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 FEB. 9, 2025****Luke Chapter 14—New American Bible (NAB)****Participant(s): Anna Perry & Paulette Robertson****Luke Chapter 14 – Healing of the Man with Dropsy on the Sabbath***Answers Below:*

1. They kept silent
2. "Who among you, if your son or ox falls into a cistern, would not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?"
3. Do not recline at table in the place of honor
4. Give your place to this man, and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place
5. "My friend, move up to a higher position. Then you would enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table."
6. Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you
7. In the Kingdom of God
8. "His own cross"
9. All your possessions
10. Salt (Footnote information: Simile – The half-hearted disciple is like salt that cannot serve its intended purpose. See Matthew 5:13 for the Simile of Salt and Light)

**Luke Chapter 15—New American Bible (NAB)***Last day to submit answers is Tues., March 11, 2025, by 6:00 pm*Email answers to: arockiamsvd@gmail.com or drop them in the church office mailbox**Luke Chapter 15 – The Parable of the Lost Sheep**

1. What groups drew near to Jesus to listen to him, and what groups began to complain? (2 Parts answer)
2. Jesus spoke a parable to the complainers about losing one sheep and leaving ninety-nine while he searched for the lost sheep. What type of person would bring rejoicing in heaven?
3. What did Jesus say ninety-nine righteous people would not need?
4. A woman lost one of ten coins in her house. She rejoiced when she found the lost coin. Who in heaven would rejoice with her?
5. (Prodigal=Spent money, time, and energy in a wasteful way. It also means someone who has returned home after a period of bad behavior.) What did the Prodigal Son ask his father?
6. (Dissipation in biblical times meant to self-indulge in poor behavior and excessive drinking.) What event happened after the Son spent his inheritance and brought him to dire needs?
7. What type of work did the Prodigal Son find?
8. What was the Prodigal Son's first thought as he hungered for the swine's food pods and was given none?
9. What was his second thought of what he would say to his father?
10. While the father rejoiced at his son's return home, the older son was angry. What did the father tell his older son?

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

In Loving Memory

**Opston, Dorcenia,
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Marcus Montigue**

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