

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

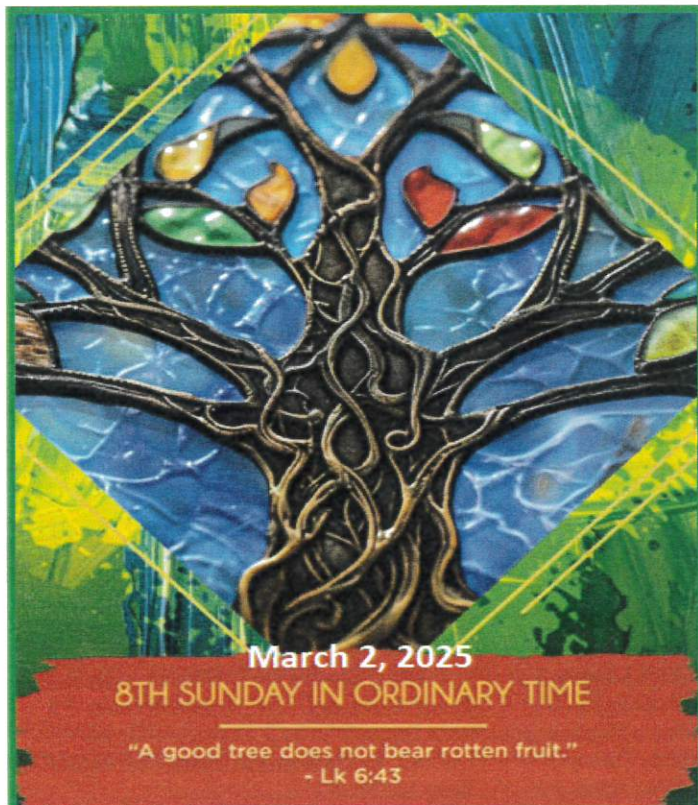
Maxine Watts —225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



March 2, 2025

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit."
- Lk 6:43

Our Sunday Readings

MARCH 2, 2025 AND MARCH 9, 2025

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

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2,10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

MASS
INTENTIONS

7:30 AM MASS: St. Paul's Church Community

10:30 AM MASS: Cory Reeves, Carleen Reeves

TRI-PARISH LENTEN REVIVAL

REVIVAL Join Immaculate Conception, St. Paul, and St. Francis Xavier Churches at 6:30 P.M. for our Tri-Parish Lenten Revival on March 17, 18, and 19. The revivalists are Father Joshua Johnson and his Team.

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 23, 2025

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

Collection:	\$ 3,419.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,355.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1,513.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 98.00
Youth Ministry:	\$ 1,600.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,985.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 238 Envelopes Returned: 61 Online Givers: 31
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 74; 10:30A.M. - 105



MARCH 2 - MARCH 8, 2025



Shirley Dawson 2/25	Isabella Johnson 3/3	Brittney Sanders 3/5
Murray Chenevert 3/2	Alex Hall 3/4	Joanna Boyd 3/7
Stephen Murphy 3/2	Willie Mae Stanley 3/4	D'Laci Cooley 3/8
Noah Wiggins 3/2	Travis Williams Jr. 3/4	Jourdan Green 3/8
Latangia Brimmer 3/3	Blair Daggs 3/5	Maurice Joseph 3/8
Belinda Carney 3/3	Ladira J. Richardson 3/5	Helen Domingue Carter 3/8
Nadasha Davis 3/3	Terry Martin 3/5	

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

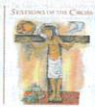


OUR ANNUAL LENTEN FISH & SHRIMP DINNERS



Our Fish & Shrimp Fry Fundraiser begins this Friday, March 7. Today, we wish to thank and showcase the names of the volunteers who have signed up. If you want to join these volunteers, call the parish office at 225-383-2537. You can also help by buying dinners each Friday during Lent.

LEADERS OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



St. Paul's Parish Office will be closed Monday, March 3, Tuesday, March 4, and Wednesday, March 5 to celebrate a Catholic and Louisiana tradition - Mardi Gras! Fr. Arockiam and his staff wish you an enjoyable time these last days before Lent begins!

THANK YOU



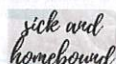
The Simms family wishes to thank Fr. Arockiam and our church family for their comforting presence and words during our sorrow and at the funeral of Mr. Louis Simms Sr. May God bless you all!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Spring ahead ONE HOUR! Daylight saving time is set to begin next Sunday, March 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, MARCH 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, Jordan Clifford**READERS:** Shelia Butler, Darlene St. Romain**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Monique Spaulding, Audrene LeBlanc
Alice Zacharie, Vera Dunbar**10:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Kaila Anthony, Jiselle Anthony,
Terrell Carter Jr., Anthony Carter**READERS:** Children of St. Paul's Church Family**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Christy Hall, Amanda Skinner
Robinette Harleaux, Pamela Claiborne**Upcoming Meetings****FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING***Wednesday, April 9, 2025—6:00 PM***PASTORAL COUNCIL AND
BAZAAR 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***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 and Barbara Cornell**6:00 PM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Jacques Parmes, Xavier Knox, Aidan Sam**READERS:** Gigi Mathis, Randy LeDuff**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Nancy Ball, Vera Dunbar
Alice Zacharie, Amanda Skinner**FROM THE PASTOR—YOUTH RETREAT**

I am so pleased to share that last weekend, 16 youth and 6 adults from St. Paul and 15 youth and 3 adults from St. Francis Xavier had an enjoyable, spirit-filled, and fun-filled Camping Retreat at Feliciana Retreat and Conference Center in Norwood, LA. I want to thank our Youth Coordinator, Ms. Kawayna Ridgley, her team (Ms. Donna George, Mrs. Amanda Skinner), and Mrs. Vera Dunbar for all the wonderful arrangements and hard work to ensure the retreat was successful. I also extend a special thank you to our parents. I personally enjoyed accompanying them. Thank you! See today's bulletin insert for snapshots of some of the activities.

*Fr. Arockiam, SVD***AN AWE—INSPIRING LUNCHEON AWAITS YOU**

St. Paul Women's Club is hosting an inspiring and spirit-filled Luncheon on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., in St. Paul Center (3920 Gus Young Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA). The theme is "Empowering Women in Strength and Faith." The keynote speaker is Reverend Lois Le Duff, and the guest speaker and soloist are Councilwoman Twahna P. Harris and Ms. Lawand Johnson, respectively. Tickets are \$20, and can be purchased from any member of the Women's Club or contact Mrs. Mary Martin at 225-936-1090.

UPDATE OF CHURCH DIRECTORY STATUS

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE If you have not received your pictures from Universal Church Directories (UCD), please notify the church office or email Mr. Randy Le Duff at relduff@cox.net. The directory is now being edited and will be reviewed by the Church Directory Committee for final approval.

WHY ASH WEDNESDAY?

Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day that marks the beginning of Lent, a time of prayer, fasting, and penitence. Christians receive ashes on their foreheads to symbolize repentance and humility.

Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it, too. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he says, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" or "Repent and believe in the Gospel." In this case, the ashes symbolize grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

WHY LENT?

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms, and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, giving alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through giving money but also through sharing our time and talents.

BIBLE STUDY LENTEN JOURNEY LESSONS

St. Paul the Apostle Bible Study Lenten Journey will present 4 Tele-Conference lessons on "Who Will Roll the Stone Away," Pray, Fast, Give Alms, and the 7 Last Sayings of Christ. The series will run at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesdays, 3-12, 3-26, 4-2 and 4-9, 2025. **Dial 516-387-8633—No Access Code.** Contact Ms. Barbara Haynes at 504-650-6582 for more information.

In Loving Memory

**Opston, Dorcenia,
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Jerome Guillory;
CB, Ruth, & Tia Davis;
Catherine Williams,
Yvonne Warren, &
Marcus Montigue**

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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
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Youth Ministry—Kawayna Ridgely.....	225-405-7225
Youth Readers—Tasha Anthony.....	504-858-1902

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In Loving Memory of

**Kevin Michael
Ferbos
&
Wilfred Ferbos**

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& Jr., Mildred, and John
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Mary, and Martha Theo-
dore; Lillian & Forrest
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Johnny Sr. & Jr., Willie,
Charles, and
Lillian Brown**

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Dorothy Bazile
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