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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

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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LET US
CELEBRATE WITH
A FEAST.

LUKE 15:23

A photograph of a table set for a feast. In the foreground, there is a large, ornate red pitcher, a loaf of bread, and other food items. The background shows a stone wall and some greenery.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

Our Sunday Readings

MARCH 30, 2025—APRIL 6, 2025

Today: Jos 5:9-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



Next Baptism Class

Thursday, May 22, 2025 —7 p.m.

Contact: Vera Dunbar—225-324-2939

Parents & Godparents MUST attend the class

Next Baptism

Sunday, June 15, 2025 after the 10:30 Mass

For exception, contact Fr. Arockiam-337-522-0624



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

10:30 AM MASS: John D. Joseph, Jr. (Danny Boy)
(First Year Death Anniversary)

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

PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please continue to pray for St. Paul's Confirmation Candidates: Kaila Anthony, Jiselle Anthony, Ivory Brown Jr., Quintin Chenevert, Logan Dauphine, Xavier Knox, Jaiden Parker, and Bree Parmis.

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)

LENTEN FISH & SHRIMP DINNERS

Please support our Fish and Shrimp Fry Fundraiser!
\$13.00 per Dinner

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—MARCH 23, 2025

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

Collection:	\$ 2,446.00
Children/Youth Collection:	\$ 5,896.00
Building Fund:	\$ 45.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 25.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 134.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,576.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 239 Envelopes Returned: 56 Online Givers: 28

(Envelopes mailed to registered members)

(Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 98; 10:30A.M. - 157



MARCH 30, 2025 - APRIL 5, 2025

Lexington Benjamin 3/31
Joseph Troy Mathis 3/31
Udella Billups-Henderson 4/1
Tori Wilson 4/1Gabriel Camel 4/2
Audrene LeBlanc 4/2
April Givens 4/3
Geoffrey Ball 4/5Lakeshia Reed 4/5
Shirley Weston 4/5

May he rest in peace...



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Davis family at the passing of Mr. Charles Davis, Jr., brother of Mrs. Jean Hayward, Mrs. Brenda Hickman, Mrs. Rhonda Moore; uncle of Mr. Brent Hayward, Mrs. Brandy Williams, Mr. Brad Davis, and Mr. Joseph Davis, and relative of other members of our church community.

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

LENTEN RECONCILIATION



St. Paul's Lenten Reconciliation Service is on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. The prayer service begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by Confession at 6:00 p.m. All Confirmation candidates are required to attend. Parishioners and heads of ministries and organizations are encouraged to participate with their members.

BIBLE STUDY LENTEN JOURNEY LESSON



St. Paul's Bible Study Lenten Journey has begun. The tele-conference lessons include "Who Will Roll the Stone Away," Pray, Fast, Give Alms and The 7 Last Sayings of Christ. The final lesson is at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9. Dial 516-387-8633—No Access Code.

Call: Ms. Barbara Haynes at 504-650-6582 for more info.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Paul will pray the Stations of the Cross
Fridays, April 4 and April 11—6:00 p.m.

—All are invited!—

CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



For Our Sick and Homebound Members

Rose Crockett, Carter, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Denovas Crockett, 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

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS & 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, Sonya E. Hall, 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, APRIL 6, 2025*(Ministers serving are asked to be at Mass at least 15 minutes before Mass begins.)***7:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Jose Camberos, Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel
Bradley Davis, Brayden Davis**READERS:** Barbara Cornell, Carla Lewis**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zacharie, Vera Dunbar
Audrene LeBlanc, David Robertson**10:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Xavier Knox, Austin Wiggins, Noah Wiggins
Sydney Anderson, Gerald Anderson Jr.**READERS:** The children of St. Paul the Apostle**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Velita Benjamin, Amanda Skinner
Anna Perry, Lisa Byrd**YOUTH MEETING****Sunday, April 13, 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Get Ready for a Holy Land Adventure at St. Paul's Vacation Bible School, June 9-13, 2025. Join us for **Joseph's journey from prison to the palace through EGYPT VBS!** We will explore the culture of Joseph's world and his experiences of heartbreaking trials, joyous victories, and the tear-filled celebrations of this unique Bible hero.

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

The Women's Club of St Paul the Apostle extends a very special thanks to the parishioners and friends of St. Paul who attended and supported the Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 22, especially Reverend Lois Le Duff and Councilwoman Twahna P. Harris of District 7. The retreat was well attended, a very memorable fellowship, and an inspiring faith-strengthening retreat.

DO YOU HAVE A REAL ID?

Starting May 7, 2025, U.S. travelers must have a **REAL ID** or another acceptable form of identification to board domestic flights and access certain federal facilities. The purpose of Real ID is to

establish a consistent and, most importantly, secure form of identification that protects against fraud and identity theft as well as acts of terrorism. You cannot obtain a Real ID online. *You will need to visit a local office of motor vehicles or, to avoid the crowded DMV, you can pay an additional convenience fee and obtain one at a notary and title office that is Real ID-compliant.* A Real ID costs the same as a Louisiana driver's license or identification card, and you will need to show your birth certificate or unexpired passport, social security card, or utility bill with your valid Louisiana driver's license or identification card. **A star in the upper-right corner of a Louisiana driver's license or ID card indicates it is a REAL ID-compliant credential.**

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING****Wednesday, April 9, 2025—6:00 PM****PASTORAL COUNCIL****Wednesday, April 23, 2025—6:00 PM****BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS FROM March 9, 2025**
Chapter 16—New American Bible (NAB)**Participants:** Anna Perry, Paul Stewart, Paulette Robertson**Luke Chapter 16 – Parable of the Dishonest Steward – Answers**

1. Squandering his master's property
2. The master commended the dishonest steward for acting prudently.
3. "No servant can serve two masters."
4. "You cannot serve God and mammon." (Footnote: "Mammon is used here as if it were itself a god.")
5. "God knows your heart; for what is of human esteem is an abomination in the sight of God."
6. (2 parts answer) (1) "Lasted until John (2) "The kingdom of God is proclaimed."
7. Adultery
8. (2 parts answer) Lazarus died and was carried away to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man went to the netherworld.
9. (2 parts answer) Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool his tongue. Also, send Lazarus to warn his five brothers lest they are sent to the netherworld.
10. Abraham said, "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

**Luke Chapter 17—New American Bible (NAB)***Last day to submit answers is Tues., April 8, 2025, by 6:00 pm**Email answers to: arockiamsvd@gmail.com or drop them in the church office mailbox***Luke Chapter 17 – Temptation to Sin— Questions**

1. Why did Jesus tell His disciples that it would be better if a millstone were placed around someone's neck?
2. Jesus said, "Be on guard! What are we to do if our brother sins, even if he wrongs us seven times in one day?"
3. What was Jesus' response to His apostles when they asked Him to increase their faith?
4. What was the response for the statement about the attitude of an unprofitable servant?
5. Ten lepers met Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. What did they ask of Him?
6. What miracle happened on their way to the priests?
7. Which one returned, glorifying God in a loud voice?
8. What was Jesus' response to this leper?
9. What was Jesus' response to the Pharisees about when the Kingdom of God would come?
10. Jesus compared the Days of the Son of Man to the days of Noah and Lot, What did He tell them after He said, "Remember the wife of Lot."

**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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Yvonne Warren, &
Marcus Montigue**

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