

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

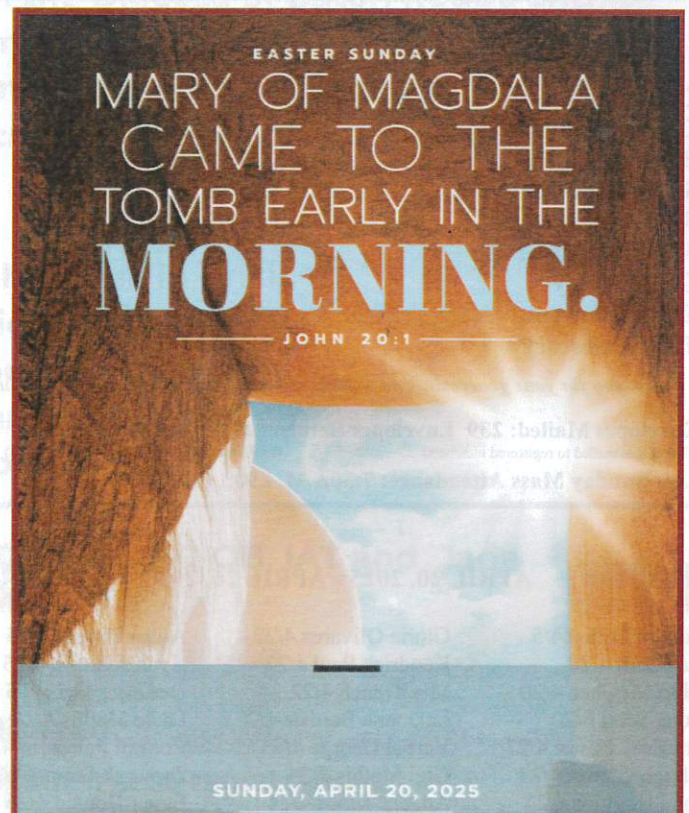
Maxine Watts—225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476



Our Sunday Readings

APRIL 20, 2025 AND APRIL 27, 2025

Today: Acts 10:34, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23/Col 3:1-4 or

1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4,13-15, 22-24/Rv 1:9-11-13,17-19/
Jn 20:19-31

MORNING OF PRAYER

Marian Servants of the Eucharist of St. George is sponsoring a Morning of Prayer: "Enter the Door of Hope to Jesus Eucharistic" for 18-year-olds and older on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Kleinpeter Activity Center—St. George Catholic Church. Please support this morning of Prayer by registering by April 23, at marianservantsbr@gmail.com or texting 225-235-6913.



Thank you to everyone who made Gordon's Memorial Mass a profound and beautiful celebration of his life. Thanks to Father Arockiam for the inspiring homily. A special thanks to Deacon and Mrs. Dunbar for their generosity in providing a beautifully decorated church, Gordon's portrait, and the wonderful repast. I appreciate all who participated in the mass from the choir, readers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, Mr. LeDuff, Mr. St. Romain and everyone who attended the service and all who volunteered during the repast. Your prayers have uplifted my family and me throughout this difficult time.

Martha Davis

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—APRIL 13, 2025

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

Collection:	\$ 4,971.00
Online Giving:	\$ 11,938.00
Building Fund:	\$ 68.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 36.00
Rice Bowls:	\$ 166.62
Holy Thursday:	\$ 27.00
Good Friday:	\$ 56.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 25.00
Total Offertory	\$ 17,287.62

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

Envelopes Mailed: 239 Envelopes Returned: 79 Online Givers: 30
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 90; 10:30A.M. - 170



APRIL 20, 2025 - APRIL 26, 2025



Saundra Lollis 4/5
Dana Sam 4/20
Debra McGhee 4/20
Leona Scott 4/20
Almeasey Foster 4/22
Kaleigh Garner 4/22
Ethan Huggins 4/22

Gloria Olivarez 4/22
Kendrick Paul 4/22
Mia Trench 4/22
LaDonna Battiste 4/23
Vernal George 4/23
Gigi Mathis 4/24
Angela Tubbs 4/24

Aiden Givens 4/25
Nyah Johnson 4/25
Destiny Jones 4/25
Lacie Mathis 4/26
Courtnei Patterson 4/26
Zamorah Simms 4/26
Egypt Donald 4/26



7:30 AM MASS: Sharon St. Romain (Birthday), St. Paul's Church Community

10:30 AM MASS: Paul Broussard, Leyon Broussard, Evelyn Broussard, Joseph Broussard, Gordon Davis

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



FROM THE PASTOR



Happy Easter: Dear Parishioners, I wish you all joy and peace of the Risen Lord. He is Risen Alleluia! Thanks to all those who helped with the Holy Week liturgical celebrations with altar arrangements, practices, participation, assignments, singing and serving. Thank you. May the Blessings of the Risen Lord fill our hearts and minds.

I am happy to inform you that **we cleared \$24,127.69 from our 2025 Lenten Fish Fry.** Thanks to the leadership team, volunteers, and those who supported it.

I will be missing you all for Mother's Day (May 11) and wish all our mothers in advance a very happy Mother's Day. You will be remembered in my prayers.

I would like to inform you that **I will be leaving for India for my home visit on April 27 and will be back on May 30, 2025.** Fr. Paul Counce and Fr. Robert Stine will be with you on those four Sundays.

During my home visit we will be celebrating my dad's first death anniversary with our relatives & villagers. I will be blessing 2 weddings in my village one of which is my godson's. Usually the month of May is the hottest time in South India with around 100 degrees temperature. **Please keep me in your special prayers. Let us continue to pray for each other, and I will see you soon.** Thank you.

Fr. A. Arockiam, SVD

ST. PAUL PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Monday, April 21, 2025, in observance of Easter Sunday.

CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



For Our Sick and Homebound Members

Rose Crockett Carter, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Dénovas Crockett, Shirley Dawson, Almeasey Foster, 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

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—SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025*(Ministers serving are asked to be at Mass at least 15 minutes before Mass begins.)***7:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Quintin Chenevert, Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel**READERS:** First Holy Communion Communicants**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** David Robertson, Alice Zacharie,
Paulette Robertson, Audrene LeBlanc**10:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Jacques Parms, Mason Sanders, Aidan Sam**READERS:** Syretta Anthony, Dorphelia Patterson**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Christy Hall, Pamela Claiborne,
Renee Camberos, Velita Benjamin**2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE
PLENARY INDULGENCES**

The Holy See issued a decree on May 13, 2024, outlining the many ways that Catholics can obtain a plenary indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee Year.

*Normally, a plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace:

- A. have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
- B. have sacramentally confessed their sins
- C. receive the Holy Communion
- D. pray for the Pope's intentions
(e.g., *ay an Our Father and a Hail Mary*)

*E. You may obtain a plenary indulgence twice in one day if you receive Holy Communion a second time during a Eucharistic Celebration and apply it to the souls in purgatory.

Bishop Duca has named the following as designated sacred places in the Diocese of Baton Rouge for the Jubilee Year of 2025:

- ⇒ St. Joseph Cathedral, Baton Rouge
- ⇒ St. Aloysius, Baton Rouge (Baton Rouge Deanery)
- ⇒ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Francisville (Northwest Deanery)
- ⇒ Mater Dolorosa, Independence (Northeast Deanery)
- ⇒ Ascension of Our Lord, Donaldsonville (South Deanery)
- ⇒ St. Theresa of Avila, Gonzales (East Central Deanery)

THIS YEAR'S FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Parents, grandparents, catechists, and parishioners, St.

Paul's First Communion Celebration is at 7:30 a.m.

Mass on next Sunday, April 27, 2025. The First Com-

municants are Cameron Carter, Jaden Goss, Jacob Kemp, Aliyah Miller, and Blaze O'Conner.

**HELP FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY!**

As our economy continues to struggle, more people asking for help with medication who have never had to ask for help before. The people we serve cannot afford their life-sustaining medicine. With your help, St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy can continue to impact the lives of the poorest. A canister is located in the main entrance of the church for donations. Thank you for your help.

COMMUNITY MEAL

St. Paul Council and Court 351 of the Knights of Peter Claver are sponsoring a Community Meal on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. on the grounds of St. Paul. It is FREE and open to all until the last plate is served.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, July 23, 2025—6:00 PM

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Wednesday, April 23, 2025—6:00 PM

**Youth
YOUTH MEETING**

*Sunday, May 18, 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

PHOTOS OF ST. PAUL'S PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Blessing of Palms at 7:30 A.M. Mass



Palm Sunday Procession from the Center to the Church during the 10:30 A.M. Mass



The Reading of the Lord's Passion at 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**

In Loving Memory

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and the
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Brown, and Harrison
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Rosa Lee Johnson**

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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Edna Mae & Gussie B. Trahan
Orelia Rodney & Anthony Rodney Sr.
Annie Mae & Anthony Rodney Jr.
Barbara & James Wallace Rodney
Keith Rodney, Joseph D. Rodney
Dorothy Bazile & Georgia Smith**

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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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; Tobb, 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
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