St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Established in July 1960 • Staffed by the Society of the Divine Word (SVD — Divine Word Missionaries)

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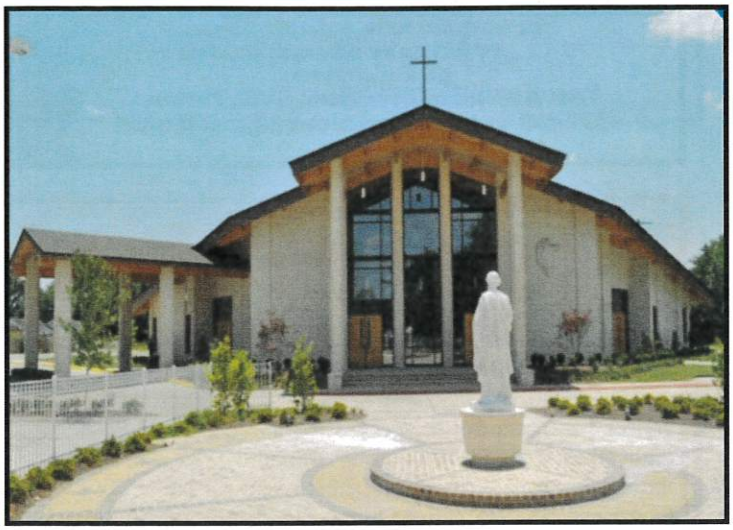


Sunday masses
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Weekday Morning Mass—To Be Announced
Tuesday—Friday

Eucharistic 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 about the Catholic Faith, contact Mr. Reginald Green, the OCIA Coordinator, at 225-603-2493

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.— 225-324-5808

Parish Secretary
Mary Martin —225-383-2537

Parish Office Assistant
Christy Hall —225-383-2537

Parish Bookkeeper
Debra Dudley —225-383-2537

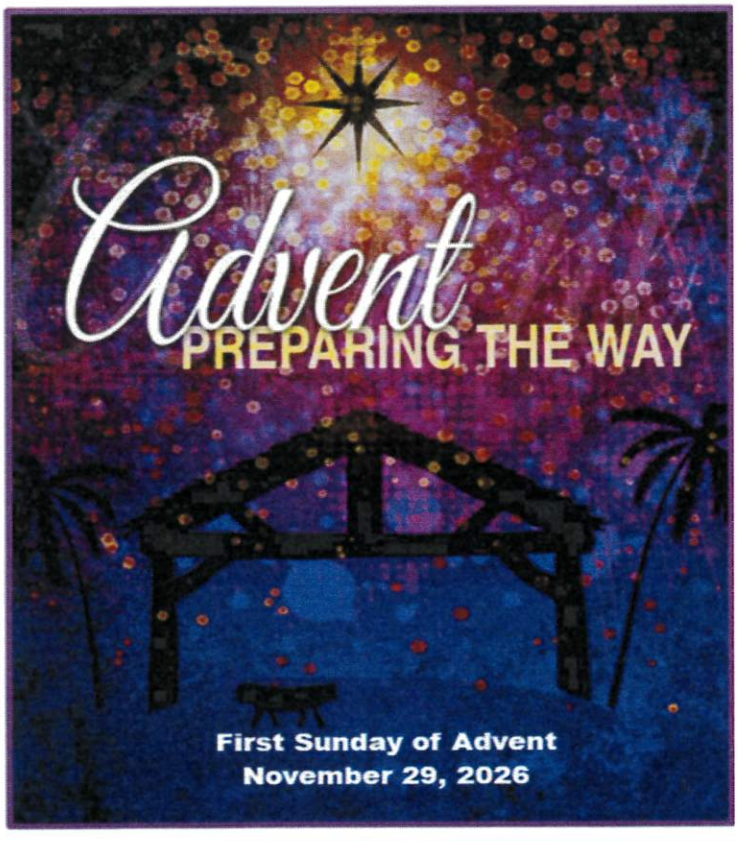
Director of Religious Education
Martha Davis —225-357-4108

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
Randolph Le Duff—225-978-9256



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Sun.: Is 63:16-17,19,64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Mon.: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
Tues.: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/Lk 10:21-24
Wed.: Is 25:6-10/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
Thurs.: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27/Mt 7:21,24-27
Fri.: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Sat.: Is 30:19-21,23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35-10:1,5, 6-8
Sun.: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



December 4, 2026

GOODWILL AND GRATEFULNESS TREE



St. Paul's Christmas Goodwill and Gratefulness Tree will be placed in the main entrance of the church on Sunday, November 29, 2026. Parishioners and organizations are encouraged to adopt a child or children from the tree. If you have any questions, please contact Maxine Watts, our Parish Nurse at 225-278-6732 or the Parish office at 225-383-2537.



Give online via cell phone with our QR Code

OFFERTORY—NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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

Collection:	$ 2,635.10
Online Giving:	$ 2,955.00
Building Fund:	$ 720.00
Mass Stipend:	$ 15.00
Religious Education:	$ 20.00
Total Offertory	$ **6,345.10**

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

Envelopes Mailed: 204 Envelopes Returned: 49 Online Givers: 29
Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M.– 80- 9:30A.M. 140

Birthdays NOVEMBER 29—December 06, 2026 Birthdays

Ivory Brown, Sr.11/29
Donna Dorsey 11/29
Samantha Griffen 11/29
Tyler Christopher 11/30
Juon Collins 11/30
Madelyn Williams 11/30
Sylvia S. Battley 12/01
Christian Haynes 12/01
Tyeisha Reed 12/01
Karen Anthony 12/02
Zaileigh Paterson 12/02
Cameron Carter 12/03
Michael Taylor 12/03
Lakeida Spears 12/03
Angelle Ferguson 12/03
Breanna A Dillion 12/04
Sheila Harrell 12/04
Michael Knox, Sr. 12/04
Mildred Trask 12/04
Janecka J. Dennis 12/05
Raphew Reed, Sr. 12/05
Robert Reed, Sr. 12/05
Nicholas Hawkins 12/05

MASS INTENTIONS

7:30 AM MASS: Doris Key, Earl Key Sr., Emma Doyle, Currie "Rudi" Doyle, Ellis Doyle Sr., Tony Key

10:30 AM MASS: Deloris Chenevert, Delorie Blunt, Bernard Blunt, Howard Perry II, Howard Perry Sr.

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



St. Paul Center Renovation: Questions and Finalization of Project

Dear Parishioners,

We give praise, glory, and honor to God for His abundant blessings upon our parish community.

I would like to sincerely thank all of our dedicated parishioners for your cooperation, generosity, and support throughout the renovation of the St. Paul Center. This project was made possible through our love for God, our church, and our parish family. May God bless you and your families abundantly for your continued support.

As we prepare to pay the final bill to our contractor and close out the renovation project, we invite anyone who has concerns, questions, or needs clarification regarding the work completed to please contact the following:

Williams Architecture: 225-938-0421
Email: marcus@williamsarch.com

Please make sure to reach out by Monday, December 7, 2026. During that week, we anticipate making the finale payment and officially closing out the project.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, cooperation, and continued support through out this process.

May God continue to bless St. Paul Parish and all of our parishioners.

God bless you!
Fr. Arockiam

CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Ta'Rhonda Chube, Rose Crockett Carter, Cheryl Crockett, Shirley Dawson, Dcn. Benjamin Dunbar Jr., Almeasey Foster, Dianna Franklin, Marilyn Green, Theresa Grevious, Ruther Hall, James Hayward, Brenda Hickman, Carolyn Jenkins, Harry Johnson, Ronnie Johnson, Augustine Kador, Mable King, Elthea LeDuff, Angela Mamou, Marie Myles, Dorphelia Guillory-Patterson, Harry Sills, Sadie Simms, Martha Spencer, Paul Stewart, Curtell Thibodeaux, Mildred Trask, Irene Warner

SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



Xavier Arockiam, Claire Bahlinger, Charles Bethley, Barbara Brennan, Cirsten Brown, Ernie Butitta, Dorothy Celestine, Helen Celestine, Cynthia Chambers, Ardell Christophe, Alberta Conner, Melba Daniels, Richard Dillon, Ronnie Gauthier, Anthony Grand, Marcus Guice, Sonya E. Hall, Gregory Harris, Lionel Hayes, Florence Jackson, Ella Lou Jackson-Thomas, James Pace, Allen Paschal, Martha Reinhart, Joel Rivera, Coogan Ryan, Jenna Scott, Dana Simoneaux, Anthony Skinner, Connie St. Romain, Stephanie Stewart, Calvin Thomas III, Walker Williams

If any names need to be removed from the lists, please call the parish office.

MINISTERS—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2026

7:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Jose Camberos, Saija Johnson, Jordon Clifford, Blaze O'Conner
READERS: Anecia Davis, Monique Spaulding
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice Zacharie, Vera Dunbar, Audrene LeBlanc, David Robertson

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Austin Wiggins, Noah Wiggins, Sydney Anderson, Gerald Anderson Jr.
READERS: Amanda Skinner, Richard Johnson
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Gigi Mathis, Wanda Davis, Anna Perry, Darlene Richard

ADVENT PRAYER

Loving God, quiet our busy minds and open our hearts this Advent season. Help us let go of worry and distraction so we can watch for your light. Fill us with hope, peace, and joy, and guide us to share your love with others. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.



WHAT IS ADVENT?

The Advent season is a four-week period in the Christian calendar that prepares people for Jesus Christ's birth at Christmas, while also pointing ahead to his promised return. Each Sunday of the season traditionally spotlights a key theme—like hope, peace, joy, or love—to invite reflection, prayer, and expectant celebration.

FAMILIES LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE



Mrs. Alice Zacharie & Gidget Coats will light the Second Sunday of Advent Candle on Dec 6, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. Mass. Malick & Robinette Harleaux will light the candle at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

JOIN ST. PAUL JUNIOR DAUGHTERS

St. Paul Junior Daughters, Court 351 extends an invitation to young ladies between the ages of 7 and 18 that have made their First Communion, to join their court. We are a Catholic organization and the junior division of the Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary. We cater to the needs of our church parish, community, the elderly, and those in need. If you are interested in joining us or would like additional information about our organization, please contact Counselor Mary Martin at (225) 936-1090 or Assistant Counselor Amanda Skinner at (225) 978-7347.



PECAN CANDY SALE

The Ladies Sodality will again sell delicious pecan candy for the holidays. The candies will be available after both masses for the first three Sundays in December: Dec. 6th, 13th and 20th. Please support this fundraiser as all proceeds are donated to our church.

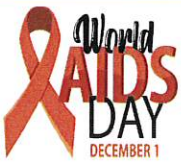
PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

With the new year quickly approaching, our parish calendar will begin filling up. We would like to give the parish ministries and organizations an opportunity to book dates for events and use of the center before opening the books to the public. If your organization plans to use the center, t-building, or church for meetings or sponsor fundraising events at St. Paul between January - December 2027, please submit your request to the parish office by December 20, 2026. All events must be approved by Fr. Arockiam.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes and Meetings...

Nov. 16-30: #iGiveCatholic Advanced Giving
Nov. 25: Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass
Nov. 27: Parish Office Closed
Nov. 29: Baptism
Nov. 29: Giving Tree Displayed
December 1: #iGive Catholic - Giving Tuesday
December 1: World Aids Day
December 9: 5:30 p.m.-Prayer Service-6:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation
Jan. 13: 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Jan. 21: 6:00 p.m. Parish Finance Council Meeting



God, we lift up all those suffering from HIV and AIDS; bring your healing and restoration to their bodies. Help us to do our part in ministering in loving care, support, and patience for your people who suffer with HIV and AIDS. Lead us to do whatever it will take to eradicate this illness from the lives of those who are touched by it, both directly and indirectly. Trusting in you and the strength of your Spirit, we pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.



Support the Youth of St. Paul the Apostle through www.iGiveCatholic.org or on St. Paul's website at stpaulbr.org

ADVENT PENANCE/RECONCILIATION SERVICE



St. Paul's annual Advent Reconciliation Service is Wednesday, December 9, 2026 in the church. It begins with a prayer service at 5:30 pm. There will be seven priest available for confessions.



CHRISTMAS DANCE

Are you looking for a great time and some good company? Then, join the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Paul and their guests on Friday, December 11, 2026, 8:00 PM until 12:00 midnight in St. Paul Parish Center. Tickets are $25. See any member of the Ladies Auxiliary.



St. Paul's youth processed in with Fr. Arockiam during 10:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday in celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Left to Right: Jacob Kemp, Lennox LeBlanc, Annaclaire Johnson, Ka'Mayla Kemp

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
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Myrtis Coleman

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Rosa Lee Johnson

LOCAL PHYSICIANS & MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL

Dr. Gregory Garner, MD—Family Medicine
Dr. Sharnette Miles, DPM—Podiatry
Dr. John Nnadi, MD—Infectious Disease Internist
Dr. Stacy Jones-Pedescleaux, MD—Family Medicine

In Loving Memory

Roosevelt Bowers,
Joseph "Buddy" Walker, Oscar LeDuff Jr.,
Elizabeth & Frank P. Bowers,
Carrie & Douglas Rodney Sr.,
Clara & Willis Walker,
Sarah Rodney Domino & Wilbert Domino Sr.,
Freddie Bowers, Ora Bowers Ward,
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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
J. Whitney Rodney

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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J.D. & Verdell, Kirby, James "Pookie," Corinne,
Michael, Jessie Sr. &
Aaron B. 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,
Martha Theodore;
Lillian & Forrest Oliver
Tobb, Ida, Johnny Sr. &
Jr., Willie, Charles, &
Lillian Brown

In Remembrance of

Lionel Bazile Sr.
Dorothy Bazile
James Bazile
Shelia Bazile

In Loving Memory of

Doris Key
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