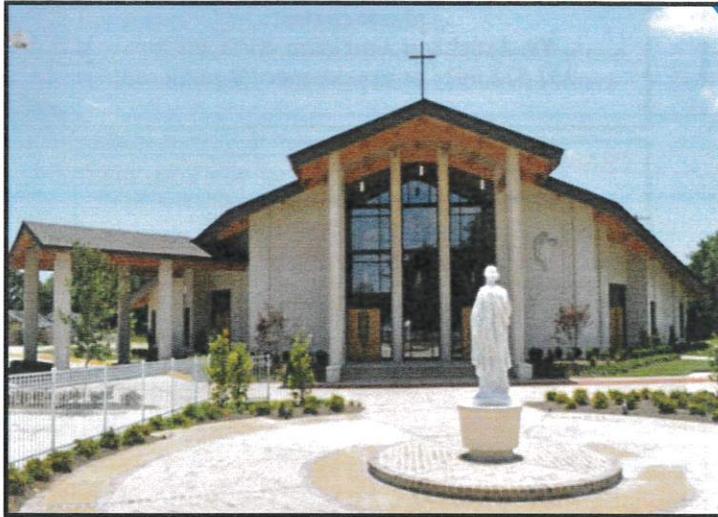


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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Kawayna Ridgley—225-405-7225

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Maxine Watts—225-278-6732

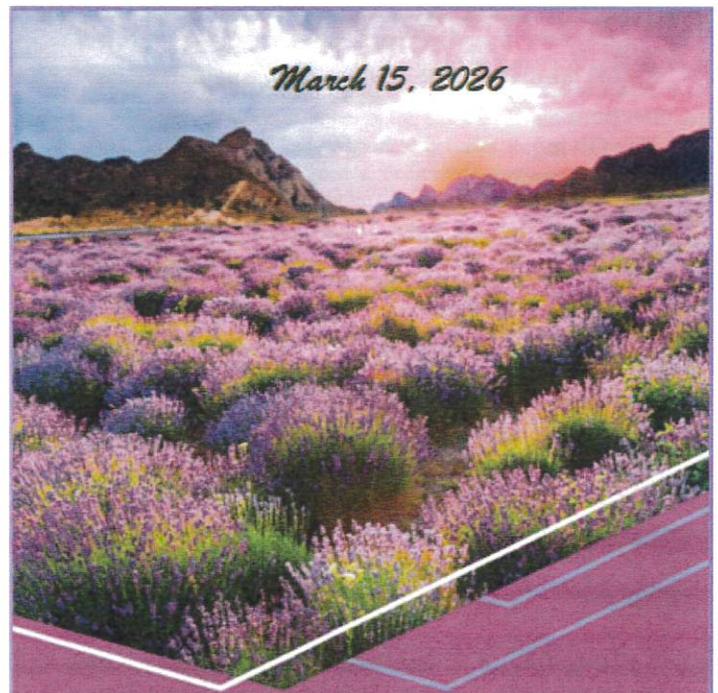
FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Rudolph Richard Jr.—225-284-7476

March 15, 2026



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2026
Sun.: 1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13/Ps 23:1-3-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9,13-17,34-38
Mon.: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12-13/Jn 4:43-54
Tues.: Ez 47:1-9,12/Ps 46:2-3,5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wed.: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9,13-14,17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thurs.: 2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16/Ps 89:2-5,27,29/Rom 4:13,16-18,22/ Mt 1:16,18-21,24 or Lk 2:41-51
Fri.: Wis 2:1,12-22/Ps 34:17-21,23/Jn 7:1-2,10, 25-30
Sat.: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3,9-12/Jn 7:40-53
Sun.: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

LENTEN RECONCILIATION
 St. Paul's Lenten Reconciliation Service is on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. The prayer service begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by Confession at 6:00 p.m. Parishioners and heads of ministries and organizations are encouraged to participate with their members. This will also be the First Reconciliation for our First Communion Students as informed in their religious education class, and the required reconciliation for the students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.



FOR CHURCH ENVELOPES TO TITHE/GIVE
 If you are a registered member of St. Paul and **not** receiving contribution envelopes in the mail to give or send your 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 online.



OFFERTORY—MARCH 8, 2026
 NEW ONLINE GIVING LINK: osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds

Collection:	\$ 3,060.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,970.00
Fish Fry Donations:	\$ 200.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1,090.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 5.00
Easter:	\$ 101.00
Bulletin Ads:	\$ 90.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 42.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,558.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 241 Envelopes Returned: 38 Online Givers: 36
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 55; 10:30A.M. - 102



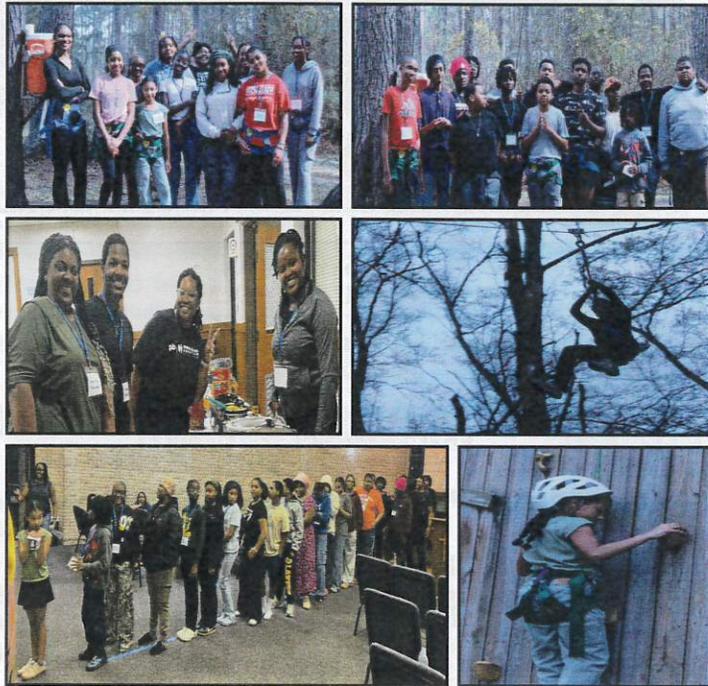
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| Lavone Hatch 3/15 | Cierra Colar 3/18 | M'Kaleb Range 3/20 |
| Tejuana Garner 3/16 | Elaine Doyle 3/19 | Micah Reed 3/20 |
| Bennie Robertson 3/16 | Roanna Peguera 3/19 | Jackson Williams 3/20 |
| Derrick Wells 3/16 | Deloris Price 3/19 | Islyn Brown 3/21 |
| Tonya Ward 3/17 | Myrtis Reed 3/19 | Betty Jackson 3/21 |
| Christy Battley 3/17 | Marva Carrier 3/20 | Blaze O'Conner 3/21 |
| Chimene Williams 3/17 | Terrilyn Jeanpierre 3/20 | |

7:30 AM MASS: St. Paul's Church Community
10:30 AM MASS: Evelyn Broussard, Joseph Broussard, Paul Broussard, Leyon Broussard

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



NEXT BAPTISM CLASS: MAY 14, 2026
 Parents & godparents **MUST** attend the class
 Call Vera Dunbar @ 225-324-2939
NEXT BAPTISM: May 31, 2026
 For exceptions, call Fr. Arockiam @ 337-522-0624



A great time was had by youths from St. Francis Xavier, St. Paul the Apostle, the Vagabond Ministry, Kawayna Ridgley Youth Director, and assistants Amanda Skinner, Donna George & Anthony Dyson at the Youth Retreat at the Feliciana Retreat and Conference Center March 6-8, 2026. Fr. Arockiam also joined them and celebrated Mass on Sunday.

CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS
 Rose Crockett Carter, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Shirley Dawson, Almeasey Foster, Dianna Franklin, Ruth Hall, James Hayward, Brenda Hickman, Carolyn Jenkins, Augustine Kador, Mable King, Elthea LeDuff, 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, 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, Willie Salton Sr., 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, MARCH 22, 2026

7:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Bradley Davis, Brayden Davis

READERS: David Robertson, Mary Gloston

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Audrene LeBlanc, Christy Hall,
Alice Zacharie, David Robertson

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Terrell Carter Jr., Anthony Carter, Cameron Carter,
Ethan Kemp, Jacob Kemp

READERS: Syretta Anthony, Brandy Williams

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Tasha Anthony, Robinette Harleaux,
Amanda Skinner, Darlene Richard

ADULT FORMATION, BIBLE STUDIES, & ROSARY

Adult Formation: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel

Rosary: Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

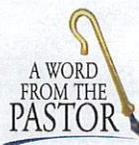
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SVD Bible Corner with Fr. Leon, SVD: Mondays 6:00 p.m.

Zoom ID: 836-4516 5259 (Pass Code: Bible)

St. Paul's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Dial 805-706-5350 (No Access Code)



Dear Parishioners,

As we continue to make improvements to our buildings and campus, I feel the need to continue to thank you for your prayers, cooperation, support and sacrifice. You all have been very generous with your time, talents, and treasures. May the good Lord continue to bless us as we continue to beautify our campus.

The building across the street from St. Paul Center has the appearance of an abandoned building, but it is not, it is property that St. Paul acquired from a generous donor ten years ago. In its current state, it does not add beauty to our church campus and to the community. I have a suggestion that will help improve the appearance of our campus and community. After the renovation of St. Paul's Center, I think it would be a good idea to operate the Food Pantry from a building apart from the parish center. In doing so, it will require that we spend a considerable amount of money for renovations and turn this building into a Food Pantry with all the necessary upgrades and to meet current building codes to serve the public, and property that we would all be proud of.

If there are any parishioners, family members or individuals that would be willing to sacrifice and sponsor the project by making a donation of approximately \$250,000.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) we can do the total renovation of the building and the surrounding area. As an incentive, the Food Pantry would be named after the donor, their family's name, or a name of their choosing as agreed upon by the church. If you are willing to sponsor this project or know of someone that may be interested, please let me know before Monday, March 23, 2026. I appreciate your input on this matter. If you have any objections to this suggestion, please bring it to my attention before this date. Thank you for your time and consideration.

In the Divine Word,
Fr. Arockiam, SVD



UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

- March 15:** 12:00 p.m. Women's Club Meeting
- March 15:** St. Joseph's Altar - Sponsored by the Ladies Guild
- March 18:** Reconciliation - 5:30 p.m. Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m. Confession
- March 19:** 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. St. Vincent DePaul Pantry Open
- March 19:** Fish Fry Preparation
- March 20:** Fish Fry
- March 20:** 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- March 20:** 4:00 p.m. Women's Club Luncheon Set-up
- March 21:** 11:30 a.m. - St. Paul Women's Club Luncheon - Parish Center
- March 22:** Baptism - After 10:30 Mass
- March 24:** 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- March 26:** Fish Fry Preparation
- March 27:** Fish Fry
- March 27:** 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- March 28:** KPCLA Ct. 351 - Jr. Daughter Initiation - In the Center
- March 29:** Palm Sunday

ATTENTION HEADS OF MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

As Father Arockiam forms a new Parish Pastoral Council, he asks that all heads of ministries and organizations assist in selecting new members for the Parish Pastoral Council, which is the advisory council to the pastor. Please select or elect one person from your organization to be on the council. The person selected should be a practicing Catholic in good standing, attends Mass at least three Sundays out of the month, and works well with others. Please submit your selection to the office by March 15th and include their contact information so he can contact the individuals and call for a meeting.

ST. PAUL SALUTES MS. ALICE C. ZACHARIE



Ms. Alice C. Zacharie is a mother, grandmother, sister, friend, prayer warrior, mentor, and much more, but most importantly, she's a servant of the Lord and fierce and passionate believer in her Christian faith. She has been a dedicated member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church for most of her life.

During her Christian journey as a Catholic, Ms. Zacharie holds dear to her heart, the moment the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to her. She received a personal message from the Virgin Mary during the visit that richly deepened her faith and sealed her love for Catholicism and its traditions, setting her on a path of serving others in response to a call from God to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of others.

Ms. Zacharie gives tirelessly of herself in every aspect of her life, be it church as a Eucharistic Minister, providing support to bereaved families by faithfully serving at funerals, or extending "wellness calls" to church members who are sick or shut in, or outside of church. She dedicates relentless efforts by ensuring the well-being of family, friends, or anyone who needs a helping hand. One of her favorite things to do is to adopt a family for Easter, Christmas, or at any given time during the year and bless them with what she calls a "feast" for their family to share. Also, Ms. Zacharie has tirelessly cared for at least 200 children from birth to early childhood for over 40 years. Mama Alice, as she is affectionately known, believes she should "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," (Proverbs 22:6) and that begins early during the formative years. She plants seeds of wisdom in children beginning with knowledge and love of the Lord, while teaching them the fundamentals of early education.

Ms. Alice Zacharie is truly a steward of the Lord!

In Loving Memory
**Opston, Dorcenia,
 Wilbert, Phillip,
 Opston Jr., Albert &
 Jerome Guillory;
 CB, Ruth, & Tia Davis;
 Catherine Williams,
 Yvonne Warren, &
 Marcus Montigue**

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**George Coleman Jr.,
 Geneva Coleman,
 George Coleman Sr.
 Carrie Coleman
 M.H. Weathersby
 Odelia Weathersby
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 Rosa Lee Johnson**

LOCAL PHYSICIANS & MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL

Dr. Kimberly Stewart Davis, MD—Neonatal-Perinatal Pediatrician
 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

Quick Reference to a Few of St. Paul's Ministries and Services

Contact Information

Altar Servers—Christy Hall/Darlene Richard/Tasha Anthony.....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
 Readers (adults)—Paulette Robertson.....225-937-2293
 Ushers—Rudolph Richard Jr.....225-284-7476

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,
 Sybil Thomas Johnson, &
 Maureen Bowers Johnson**

Remembering
**Famye Reed
 and the
 Reed, Stewart,
 Davis, and Granger
 Families**

In Loving Memory
Gussie A. Trahan
 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**

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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;**

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 Rev. Albert Williams, Sr.
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 Williams; Lucy, Robert,
 Gertrude, J. Robert,
 Mary, and Martha Theo-
 dore; Lillian & Forrest
 Oliver; Tobb, Ida,
 Johnny Sr. & Jr., Willie,
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 of
**Lionel Bazile Sr.
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