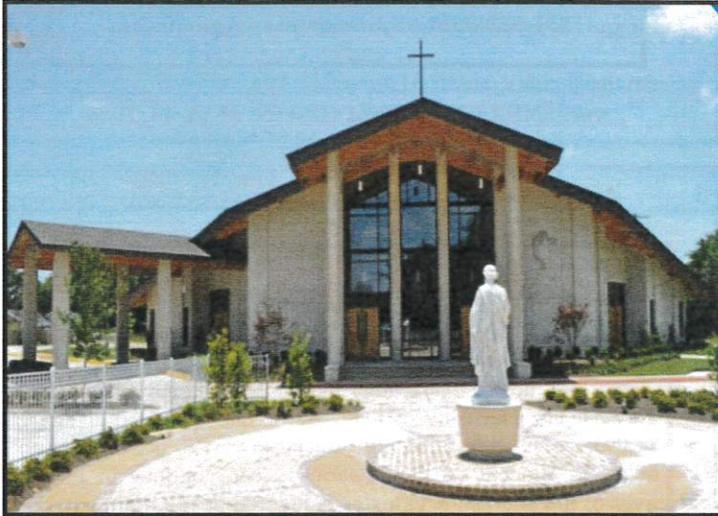


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SUNDAY MASSES

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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Martha Davis—225-636-7612

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I AM
THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE.

JOHN 11:25

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2026

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
Mon.: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or Dn 13:41-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11
Tues.: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wed.: Is 7:10-14;8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thurs.: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
Fri.: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
Sat.: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 11:45-56
Sun.: Mt 21:1-11,37/Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
 Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

 Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. All parishioners wishing to participate in the blessing of the palms and procession to the church are asked to meet in the Center 15 minutes before 10:30 a.m. Mass where we will begin. Blessed palms will be provided for those who wait to welcome the procession into the church. Parishioners with saga palms or access to saga palms are asked to consider donating some to St. Paul for Palm Sunday. If you are able to, please contact the parish office at 383-2537 as soon as possible or bring them to the parish office by Thursday, March 26th. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

May he rest in peace...

 Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the James and Payne families at the passing of Mr. Sullivan James, brother of Mr. Marzette Payne, brother-in-law of Mrs. Marilynn Payne, and cousin of Deacon Benjamin Dunbar, Jr.; Mrs. Jean Hayward; Mrs. Brenda Hickman; Mrs. Rhonda Moore, 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.



Give online via cell phone with our QR Code

OFFERTORY—MARCH 15, 2026

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

Collection:	\$ 3,433.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,697.00
Fish Fry Donation:	\$ 20.00
Building Fund:	\$ 963.00
Easter:	\$ 75.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 260.00
Rice Bowl:	\$ 150.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 243.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,841.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 241 Envelopes Returned: 63 Online Givers: 37
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 84; 10:30A.M. - 185



MARCH 22—MARCH 28, 2026

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| Sariya Collins 3/22 | Natasha Williams 3/24 | Tarhonda Chube 3/27 |
| Konitra Kemp 3/22 | John Christophe 3/25 | Jeanette Bishop 3/28 |
| John Rodney 3/23 | Brenda Hickman 3/25 | Camilla Paul 3/28 |
| Elnora Jackson 3/23 | Demond Garner 3/26 | |
| Dietrich Thomas 3/24 | Porter Wall 3/26 | |



7:30 AM MASS: St. Paul's Sick and Homebound

10:30 AM MASS: St. Paul's Church Community

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

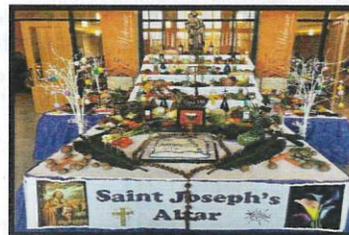
NEXT BAPTISM: May 31, 2026

For exceptions, call Fr. Arockiam @ 337-522-0624

HELP FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY



As the cost of basic necessities continues to rise, 2026 will bring even greater need for families that are losing insurance coverage, and unable to afford critical prescriptions for diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and other conditions. Through the generosity of many, prescriptions valued at more than \$1,093,450.00 were filled last year at no cost to patients. With our 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 in advance for your help.

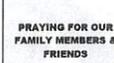


A special thanks to the Ladies Guild for the beautiful St. Joseph Altar they displayed last Sunday, March 15, 2026. Fr. Arockiam blessed the Altar and parishioners enjoyed very tasty treats.

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 Reinhard, 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 29, 2026

7:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel, Jaden Goss, Blaze O’Conner

READERS: Randy LeDuff, Reginald Green

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice Zacharie, Vera Dunbar, Audrene LeBlanc, David Robertson

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Madelyn Williams, Jackson Williams, Mason Sanders, Rylee Sanders, Ava Huggins

READERS: St. Paul’s Young Adults

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Robinette Harleaux, Velita Benjamin, Anna Perry, Pamela Claiborne

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS, EVENTS,

ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

- 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:** 11:00 a.m. KPCLA Ct. 351 - Jr. Daughter Initiation - Center
- March 29:** Palm Sunday

SPECIFIC ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE

Wednesday, April 1—6:00 p.m.—for Holy Thursday

These servers are to attend: Terrell Carter Jr., Anthony Carter, Cameron Carter, Jose Camberos, Sydney Anderson, Gerald Anderson

Friday, April 3—1:30 p.m.—for Good Friday

These servers are to attend: Ethan Kemp, Jacob Kemp, Blaze O’Conner, Brayden Davis, Bradley Davis, Jaquez Parms

Saturday, April 4—11:00 a.m.—for Easter Vigil

These servers are to attend: Jose Camberos, Noah Wiggins, Austin Wiggins, Jordon Clifford, Saija Johnson

SPECIFIC READERS PRACTICE

Saturday, April 4—10:00 a.m.—for Easter Vigil

The assigned readers are to attend: St. Paul’s Young Adults

ST. PAUL’S HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE



- April 2: 6:30 p.m.**—Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- April 3 2:30 p.m.**—Station of the Cross —St. Paul’s Youth
3:00 p.m.—Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion
- April 4: 8:00 p.m.**—Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
- April 5 9:30 a.m.**—Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Day
Easter Egg Hunt—Immediately after Mass

Please Use Your Bible to Find The Answers



Last day to submit answers is Monday, March 28, 2026, by 6:00 pm
Email answers to: stpaulbr@aol.com or drop them in the office mailbox-

Genesis - The Beginning: Way Back When It All Started

1. According to the first book of the Bible, what was the first thing God created?
a) The sun, moon, and stars b) Land c) Light d) Plants & trees
2. What was the name of the special garden where God placed Adam & Eve?
a) Zion b) Eden c) Canaan d) Galilee
3. There was one tree that God told Adam & Eve not to eat from. Which one was it?
a) The Tree of Life
b) The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
c) The Tree of Healing
d) The Tree of Wisdom
4. Who was it that convinced Eve to go against God’s command?
a) An Angel
b) A lion
c) The serpent
d) A bird
5. What was the very first thing Adam & Eve realized about themselves right after they ate the forbidden fruit?
a) They instantly received divine wisdom.
b) Their eyes were opened and they realized they were naked.
c) They could now understand and speak every animal’s language
d) They were made immune to aging and death.



St. Paul’s Ministry to the homebound delivered 54 meals and gifts to homebound parishioners on Saturday, March 15, 2026.

ST. PAUL SALUTES MS. EDMONIA GUILLORY- JOSEPH



Ms. Edmonia Guillory-Joseph is a lifelong servant-leader whose professional and faith-based contributions reflect decades of commitment, stewardship, and community impact. A member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church for 53 years, she is originally from Mallet, Louisiana, and the eldest of eleven children, a role that helped shape her enduring sense of responsibility, leadership, and service. She was married to Mr. Phillip Guillory, and following his passing, she later married Mr. J.D. Joseph; both were devoted and committed members of the St. Paul parish community.

Professionally, Ms. Guillory-Joseph dedicated more than 50 years to early childhood education, serving in roles ranging from classroom instruction to executive leadership as Director of the Elm Grove Child Development Center. Within the St. Paul community, her extensive service includes participation on the Parish Council, the Ladies Guild, the Women’s Club, the Baptismal Ministry, and the Legion of Mary, where she served as both President and Secretary during the time the ministry was active at St. Paul. She currently serves in the Ushers Ministry and has also made a sustained impact through religious education, teaching multiple levels over the years and presently preparing youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation. In addition, she actively supports parish outreach initiatives by volunteering with the food pantry and assisting with Friday fish fry preparations during Lent.

Beyond her professional and parish commitments, she is the proud parent of Jay Guillory and Doe Patterson and a devoted grandmother who cherishes her grandchildren, Zairey and Zailleigh Patterson, embodying a legacy rooted in faith, family, and service.

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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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/Tashia 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,
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Families**

In Loving Memory

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

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&
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Corinne, Michael, Jessie Sr. & Aaron B.
Joseph; Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.;
Lawrence Sr., Shedrick & Lawrence III
Ashford; Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert;**

In Loving Memory Of
Rev. Albert Williams, Sr.
& Jr., Mildred, and John
Williams; Lucy, Robert,
Gertrude, J. Robert,
Mary, and Martha Theod-
ore; Lillian & Forrest
Oliver; Tobb, Ida,
Johnny Sr. & Jr., Willie,
Charles, and
Lillian Brown

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**Lionel Bazile Sr.
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Earl Key Sr.
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