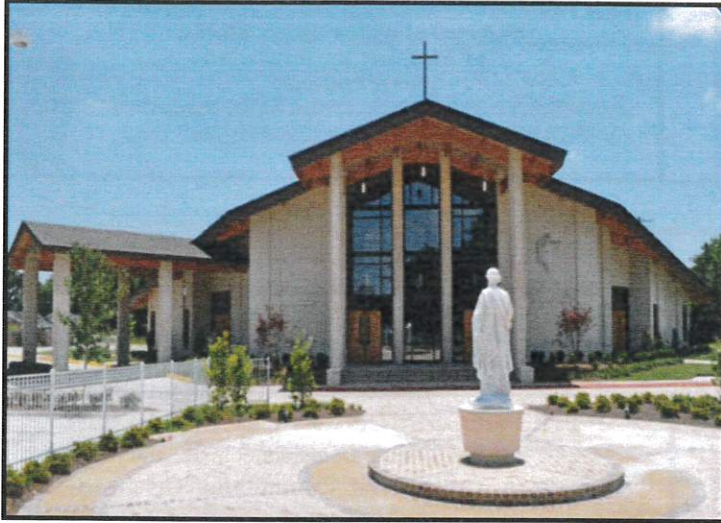


# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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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.— 225-324-5808

## 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

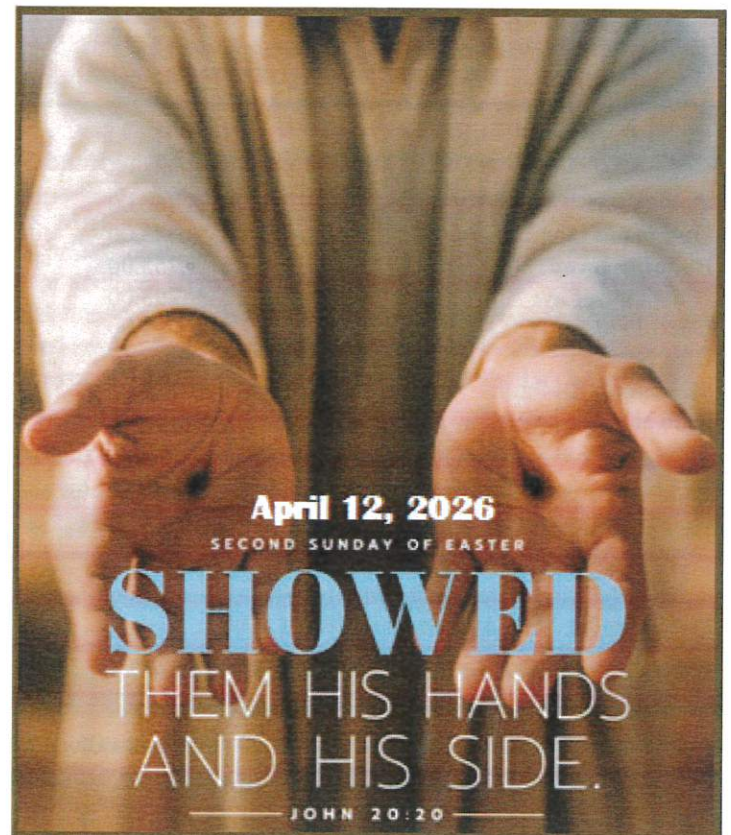
Maxine Watts—225-278-6732

## FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

## PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Randolph Le Duff—225-978-9256



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2026**

**Sun.:** Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/  
Jn 20:19-31  
**Mon.:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-9/Jn 3:1-8  
**Tues.:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7-15  
**Wed.:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21  
**Thurs.:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2,9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36  
**Fri.:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
**Sat.:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,18-19/Jn 6:16-21  
**Sun.:** Acts 2:14,22-33/Ps16:1-2,5,7-11/1Pt 1:17-21/  
Lk 24:13-35

**VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD/RELIGIOUS LIFE**

If you feel the call to religious life as a priest, deacon, brother or nun please contact: 1-800-553-3321

*Divine Word Missionaries and Sisters of the Holy Spirit*  
jjohnson@diobr.org or 225-387-0561  
*Rev. Joshua Johnson, Director of Vocations*  
*Diocese of Baton Rouge*

**ADULT FORMATION, BIBLE STUDIES, & ROSARY**

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

**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 805-706-5350 (No Access Code)

**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](https://osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds)** to give online.



Give online via cell phone with our QR Code

**OFFERTORY—APRIL 5, 2026**

NEW ONLINE GIVING LINK: [osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds)

Collection:	\$ 5,466.00
Online Giving:	\$ 6,483.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1,755.00
Holy Thursday:	\$ 298.00
Good Friday:	\$ 199.00
Rice Bowls:	\$ 777.57
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 126.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 314.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 15,418.57</b>

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

Envelopes Mailed: 241 Envelopes Returned: 71 Online Givers: 45  
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Easter Vigil Attendance: 8:00 P.M. - 111

Easter Sunday Mass Attendance: 9:30A.M. - 225

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**7:30 AM MASS:** Harry Domingue, III, Harry Domingue, Jr., Roosevelt McCarter, and St. Paul's Church Community

**10:30 AM MASS:** Gordon Davis, Sr., Tia Davis, Elgin Guillory

**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](mailto: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

**FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION**



First Holy Communion

Parents, grandparents, catechists, and parishioners, **St. Paul's First Communion Celebration is at 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, April 19, 2026.**

*The First Communicants are Danielle Byrd, Emani Joseph, and Alex Watson.* Please join them as they receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

**TOGETHER BATON ROUGE CIVIC ACADEMY**

The city of St. George is putting forth the effort to form its own school district in East Baton Rouge Parish. Together Baton Rouge is hosting St. George School District Civic Academy this Tuesday, April 14, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at BRCC - Acadian Campus located at 3250 N. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, in an effort to understand what is at stake and how you can be part of the effort! Fr. Arockiam asks that volunteers from St. Paul attend the session in order to get a clear understanding of how this will affect our community, the city of Baton Rouge and its school system. Please contact the parish office at 225-383-2537 with any questions you may have, or to inform Fr. Arockiam that you will attend the session and represent St. Paul.

**CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**



For Our Sick and Homebound Members

Rose Crockett Carter, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Shirley Dawson, Almeasey Foster, Dianna Franklin, Rockett 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**



PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Xavier Arockiam, 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, 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.



**APRIL 12, 2026—APRIL 18, 2026**



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|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Angela Lamotte 4/12      | Mykel Boyd 4/15     | Ogbonna Ofor 4/17 |
| Janet St. Cyr-Moore 4/12 | Sheila Rucker 4/15  | Bree Parms 4/17   |
| Veronica Freeman 4/13    | Lennox LeBlanc 4/16 | Mable King 4/18   |
| Susan Gage 4/14          | Anthony Carter 4/17 |                   |



**MINISTERS—SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026**

**7:30 AM MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Saija Johnson, Jordan Clifford, Bradley Davis, Brayden Davis

**READERS:** Shelia Butler, Evangeline Hughes

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zacharie, Audrene LeBlanc, David Robertson, Paulette Robertson

**10:30 AM MASS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Austin Wiggins, Noah Wiggins, Terrell Carter, Jr., Anthony Carter, Cameron Carter

**READERS:** First Communion Students - 2nd Graders

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Anna Perry, Renee Camberos, Tasha Anthony, Pamela Claiborne

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES**

- April 12:** 10:30 a.m. Mass - Installation of new Parish Pastoral Council
- April 15:** 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- April 16:** 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice
- April 17:** 7:00 p.m. Confirmation
- April 18:** 11:00 a.m. First Holy Communion Practice
- April 19:** 10:30 a.m. Mass - First Holy Communion
- April 20:** Center Renovation Begins
- April 22:** 6:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting
- April 23:** 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Workshop with Fr. Joshua Johnson



**PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation at St. Paul on **Friday, April 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM.** Please pray for St. Paul's Confirmation Candidates: *Ziyad Allen, Sydney*

*Anderson, Brooklyn Bailey, Jose Camberos, Gavin Camel, Terrell Carter, Jr., Lexi Dauphine, Lyric Dauphine, Jeremy Delafosse, Damoni Goss, Saija Johnson, Ethan Kemp, Londyn Mathis, Jacques Parms, Zaileigh Patterson, Aiden Sam, Zephlyn Savoy, Elliot Thomas, and Faith Williams* as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



**TEEN BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS FROM APRIL 5, 2026**  
**Genesis—The Beginning: Way Back When it all Started**  
 Participant: Ethan Kemp

**Answers Below:**

1. c) Noah
2. c) A Massive wooden ark to preserve life
3. c) The animals were led to the ark by God.
4. c) A rainbow
5. c) A super tall tower



**Please Use Your Bible to Find The Answers**

Last day to submit answers is Wednesday, April 15, 2026, by 6:00 pm  
 Email answers to: [stpaulbr@aol.com](mailto:stpaulbr@aol.com) or drop them in the office mailbox

1. True or False: Noah only brought his immediate family onto the ark, together with the animals that were brought inside.
2. True or False: The ark was bigger than any ship we have today.
3. True or False: God was impressed with how united and determined people were to build the Tower of Babel.
4. True or False: The Bible says that because of the Tower of Babel, God made people speak different languages.
5. True or False: The Tower of Babel was finished and reached all the way to Heaven.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY**

St. Francis Xavier is hosting a Grief Share workshop on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. April 1 – June 24, 2026. It is a grief support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. At a Grief Share group, you will find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. The session topics include what is normal in grief; how to handle difficult emotions; and what to do with regrets, questions, and worries. Contact Paulette Fitzgerald at 888-6528 to register or register at [griefshare.org/groups/290856](http://griefshare.org/groups/290856).

**ST. PAUL SALUTES MRS. MARY BANKS DAVIS**



Mary Banks Davis has devoted her life, talents, and professional career to serving children and families throughout the East Baton Rouge Parish community. A proud graduate of Southern University, she earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Special Education. Her education laid the foundation for a remarkable 45-year career as a special education teacher, where she became known for her patience, compassion, and unwavering advocacy for students with special needs.

Her commitment to service extended beyond the classroom into her faith community at St. Paul's Catholic Church. For 42 years, she faithfully taught Catechism, helping to guide and nurture the spiritual development of countless young people. She also served as a lector, participating reverently in worship services and contributing to the spiritual life of the congregation.

Mrs. Davis was blessed with a loving marriage to Stafford Joseph Davis, sharing 50 years of devotion, partnership, and cherished memories until his passing in 2023. Together they built a strong foundation rooted in faith, love, and family. She is the proud and devoted mother of Joseph Davis; Brad Davis (Anecia); and Brandy Davis-Williams (Marcus). Her greatest joy comes from her role as "Grandma," and she treasures every moment spent with Jackson Williams, Madelyn Williams, Bradley Davis, and Brayden Davis. Whether attending their events, offering words of encouragement, or simply sharing laughter and stories, she takes immense pride in her family's accomplishments and the close bonds they share.

Those who know Mrs. Davis describe her as gracious, nurturing, and selfless. She has always been someone others could rely on for wise counsel, a listening ear, and heartfelt encouragement. She finds joy in helping others, uplifting her community, and spreading warmth wherever she goes. Her life reflects a legacy of dedication, love, and service that continues to inspire all who know her.

*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*  
 of  
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 and the  
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 Brown, and Harrison  
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**Geneva Battley Spooner  
 Della Battley Rodney  
 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.,**

*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**

*In Loving Memory*  
 of  
**Kevin Michael  
 Ferbos  
 &  
 Wilfred Ferbos**

*In Loving Memory*  
 of  
**Dwight LeBlanc, Sr.**  
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 Audrene, Kobi,  
 Dwight Jr., Lloyd,  
 Morris, Kelby, Quintin,  
 Saniya, Malia, & Lennox

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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;  
 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*  
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 Earl Key Sr.  
 Emma Doyle  
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