

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS—TO BE ANNOUNCED

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
337-522-0624

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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ANOTHER ADVOCATE
TO BE WITH YOU
ALWAYS.

May 10, 2026

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2026

Sun.: Acts 8:5-8,14-17/Ps 66:1-7,16,20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Mon.: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6,9/Jn 15:26-16:4
Tues.: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3,7-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wed.: Acts 17:15,22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2,11-14/Jn 16:12-15
Thurs.: Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17
Fri.: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
Sat.: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3,8-10/Jn 16:23-28
Sun.: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3,6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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

Offering Envelopes 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.



Give online via cell phone with our QR Code

OFFERTORY—MAY 3, 2026

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

Collection:	\$ 3544.96
Online Giving:	\$ 3952.00
Building Fund:	\$ 2035.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 172.00
Mission for the Poor	\$ 237.00
Candle Stand	\$ 160.35
Total Offertory	\$ 10,101.31

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

Envelopes Mailed: 241 Envelopes Returned: 60 Online Givers: 34
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)
Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 71; 10:30A.M. - 106



MAY 10—MAY 16, 2026



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| Danielle Byrd 5/11 | Jordan Clifford 5/14 | Sage Seals 5/15 |
| Aliyah Miller 5/11 | Saija Johnson-Parker 5/14 | Harrylee Clay 5/15 |
| Terrell Carter, Jr. 5/12 | Antoneete Reed, II 5/14 | Tillie Jackson 5/16 |
| Raphew Reed, Jr. 5/12 | William Alsobrook, Jr. 5/15 | King Zion-Osric Joseph 5/16 |
| Lois Joseph 5/13 | Angela Guilbeau 5/15 | Quinn Rodney 5/16 |
| Rochell O'Steen 5/13 | Sean Harris 5/15 | |



7:30 AM MASS: Marie Victorian Hawkins, Margaret Hawkins Kemp, Theresa Victorian Hawkins, Louvenia Lewis, Nena Gillie, Celia Haywood, Audrey Marcelle, Dorothy Dunn
10:30 AM MASS: Evelyn Broussard, Louvenia Fontenot, Josie Darbonne, Bernadine Gordon, Dally Biagas, and St. Paul's Church Community

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: The Parish Office 225-383-2537 or stpaulbr@aol.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. Arockian @ 337-522-0624

WE SALUTE NURSES



Every year, from May 6th through May 12th we celebrate National Nurses Week. This annual celebration recognizes the dedication of America's nurses and honors them for taking care of us in our most vulnerable moments.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY



Every May, throughout the Church, a simple and beautiful ceremony takes place — a crown of flowers is placed on the head of Mary's statue, and the Church proclaims her Queen. It is one of the most tender expressions of Marian devotion in the Catholic tradition, and one of the most beloved.



Remember to pray the Rosary!

CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Rose Crockett Carter, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Shirley Dawson, Almeasey Foster, Dianna Franklin, Marilyn Green, Ruther 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, 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, James Pace, Allen Paschal, Martha Reinhart, Joel Rivera, Coogan Ryan, Jenna Scott, Dana Simoneaux, Connie St. Romain, Stephanie Stewart, Calvin Thomas III, Gertrude Tolliver, Walker Williams, Wanda Winchester

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



MINISTERS—SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

7:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Jose Camberos, Jordon Clifford
READERS: Michael Knox, Randy LeDuff
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice Zacharie, Renee Camberos, Audrene LeBlanc, Paulette Robertson

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Mason Sanders, Rylee Sanders, Ava Huggins, Ethan Kemp
READERS: Kevin Stewart, Amanda Skinner
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Lisa Byrd, Nancy Ball, Christy Hall, Wanda Davis

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

June 10: 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
July 22: 6:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



Dear Parishioners,
 It gives me great pleasure to wish all of our mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, spiritual mothers, and all women that have taken on the responsibility of raising and guiding children, a joyous and blessed Mother's Day. May God bless each of you with good health, peace and happiness!



Fr. Arockiam, SVD

MENTAL HEALTH IS AS IMPORTANT AS PHYSICAL HEALTH

If you sprain your ankle, you probably don't push through for months while telling yourself it's not a big deal. You rest. You ice it. You might see a doctor. But if your mind feels like it's on fire with racing thoughts, constant dread, numbness, or exhaustion that sleep won't fix, people often do the opposite. They minimize it, they hide it, and they wait. It takes a real, painful toll on people's health.

Mental health isn't a luxury or a niche concern.

It's a fundamental pillar of your overall well-being. To live a truly healthy life, we have to care for our mental health with the same urgency, compassion, and openness we give our physical health.

1: Your mental health matters.

Your mental health is as important as our physical health. Just like our physical health, we can do things that make us mentally healthier. When you feel mentally well, you're more able to manage the stress and challenges you face in life.

2: Practicing self-care matters.

Self-care is about finding practices that help you support your mental health, even under challenging circumstances. Self-care doesn't have to be time consuming or expensive and can help maintain or improve your daily mental wellbeing.

3: Reaching out matters: Seek help when you need it.

When your mental health is off, it is important to find the help that is right for you. Support is available no matter where you are or what you are dealing with.

4: Community support for mental health matters.

It's important to make mental health an ongoing priority in our lives and communities. Community advocacy for mental health and well-being can help others feel more comfortable talking about mental health and ensure access to helpful resources that are available when people need them.



Emotional support, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, & referral to agencies for help are available.

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR ALL MOTHERS

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honored not just today, but every day. Amen."



ANSWERS Bible Quiz TEEN BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS FROM APRIL 26, 2026 Genesis—The Beginning: Way Back When it all Started

No participants
 Answers Below:

1. c) The stars in the sky 2. c) They would have a child
3. b) Isaac 4. b) Offer him as a sacrifice
5. c) Angels were going up and down it

TEEN BIBLE QUIZ Please Use Your Bible to Find The Answers

Last day to submit answers is Wednesday, May 13, 2026, by 6:00 pm

Email answers to: stpaulbr@aol.com or drop them in the office mailbox

1. True or False: Abraham (Abram) obeyed when God asked him to leave his home.
2. True or False: Sarah (Sarai) always believed God's promise that she would have a child.
3. True or False: Isaac was Abraham's only son.
4. True or False: Jacob tricked his brother Esau out of some important family rights and a blessing.
5. True or False: Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery because they thought his dreams were cool.



Remember to cast your vote on Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in public life is an important duty. The Church does not tell Catholics for whom to vote. Rather, the Church helps us form our consciences in light of the Gospel and Catholic social teaching. A well-formed conscience is shaped by prayer, scripture, the teachings of the Church, and careful attention to the realities affecting our neighbors and communities.

Our nation is stronger when voters head to the polls to make their voices heard! Cast your vote this Saturday, May 16, 2026.

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

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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.,
Freddie Bowers, Ora Bowers Ward, Sybil Thomas Johnson, &
Maureen Bowers Johnson

Remembering

**Famye Reed,
F. L. Stewart,
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**

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, and Martha Theodore;
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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