St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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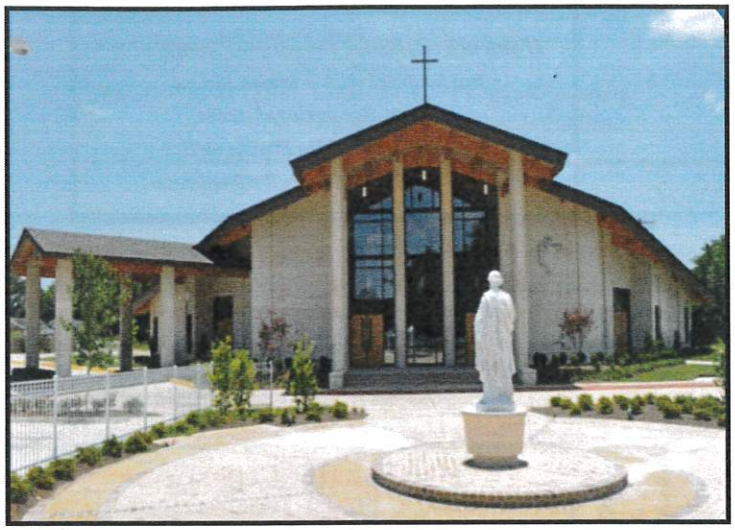


Pastor
Rev. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD— 225-383-2537

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

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

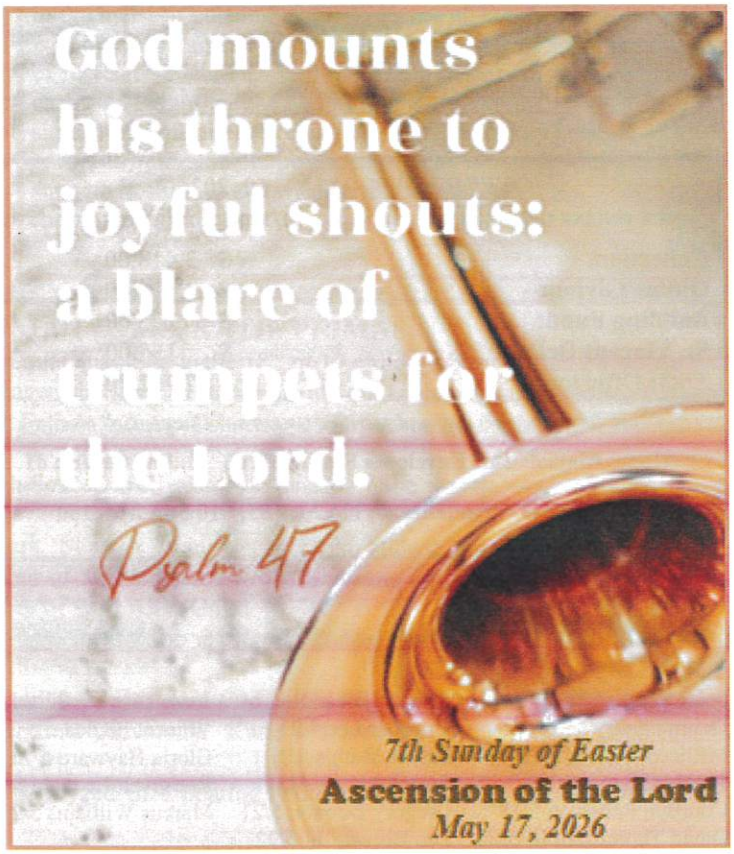
OCIA
If you want to become Catholic and ready to learn the Catholic Faith, please Contact Fr. Arockiam 337-522-0624

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2026

Sun.:	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3,6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Mon.:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7/Jn 16:29-33
Tues.:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11,20-21/Jn 17:1-11
Wed.:	Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30,33-35-36/Jn 17:11-19
Thurs.:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11/Jn 17:20-26
Fri.:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20/Jn 21:15-19
Sat.:	Acts 28:16-20,30-31/Ps 11:4,5,7/Jn 21:20-25
Sun.:	Day-Acts 2:1-11/Ps104:1,24,29-31,34/1Cor12:3-7,12-13/ Jn 20:19-23

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** to give online.

Give online via cell phone with our QR Code

OFFERTORY—MAY 10, 2026

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

Collection:	$ 3,418.00
Online Giving:	$ 4,094.00
Building Fund:	$ 295.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	$ 155.00
Total Offertory	**$ 7,962.00**

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

Envelopes Mailed: 241 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) **Envelopes Returned: 65** (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes) **Online Givers: 41**

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 85; 10:30A.M. - 160

MAY 17—MAY 23, 2026

Janie Sanfie 5/17
Debra Landry 5/18
Millicent Primas 5/18
Jordan Clanton 5/18
Courtlyn Patterson 5/18
David Thompson, III 5/20
Ruther Hall 5/21
Oreather Lee 5/21
Jaycee Mathis 5/21
Joseph Mathis 5/21
Gregory Dawson 5/21
Leo Brown,, Jr. 5/22
Jordan Earls 5/22
Vincent Foulcard 5/22
Gloria Hayward 5/23
Roosevelt Leonard 5/23
Marcus Williams 5/23

MASS INTENTIONS

7:30 AM MASS: In memory of Jason Todd "Peanut" Jones, Gaynell F. Jackson, and Mary Jane Beadley, and in honor of Alice Zacharie, James Hayward, Jean Hayward, Martha Spencer, Bertha Varmal, and Gertrude Tolliver.

10:30 AM MASS: 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: AUGUST 27, 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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. While mental health is important to address year-round, Mental Health Awareness Month provides a dedicated time for people, organizations, and communities to join their voices to broadcast the message that mental health matters.

This year's Mental Health Awareness Month theme is "You matter." The theme is intended to remind you that no matter who you are, where you are from, or what you are going through, you belong here and matter to the people in your life and community.

Whether it's through advocacy, education, community engagement, or direct action in our own lives, "You matter" reflects our commitment to creating a world where everyone's mental health is valued and supported, no matter who they are.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE — **Emotional support, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, & referral to agencies for help are available.**

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 24, 2026

7:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Bradley Davis, Brayden Davis, Blaze O'Conner
READERS: Darlene St. Romain, Mary Gloston
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice Zacharie, David Robertson, Paulette Robertson, Renee Camberos

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Sydney Anderson, Gerald Anderson, Jr., Jacques Parms
READERS: Mary Martin, Dana Sam
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Christy Hall, Pamela Claiborne, Gigi Mathis, Robinette Harleaux

PREPARE BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON

The Atlantic and central Pacific hurricane season officially runs June 1 through November 30. The best time to prepare is before the season begins. It is better to shop now for disaster supplies while the shelves are fully stocked. Check the status of your insurance. Flood insurance requires a 30-day waiting period.

Prepare an evacuation plan - Should the need to evacuate arise, begin planning where you would go and how you would get there.

Assemble disaster supplies – Have enough non-perishable food, water and medicine to last each family member a minimum of 3 days. Store more water if possible.

Get an insurance checkup & document your possessions – Contact your insurance company to check the status of your coverage to ensure you have enough insurance to repair or replace your home and/or belongings.

Create a communication plan – Write down your hurricane plan and share it with your family. Include a list of emergency contacts, make sure to include utilities and other services.

Strengthen your home – Install shutters, seal outside wall openings, trim trees, purchase proper plywood, etc.

May he rest in peace…

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the Evans and Skinner families at the passing of Mr. Charlie Evans, Sr., uncle of Mrs. Amanda Skinner.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

May 17: Youth Ministry Meeting after 10:30 Mass
June 10: 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
July 22: 6:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

TEEN BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS FROM May 10, 2026

Genesis—The Beginning: Way Back When it all Started
No participants
Answers Below:

1. **True**
2. **False**
3. **False**
4. **True**
5. **False**

Please Use Your Bible to Find The Answers
Last day to submit answers is Wednesday, May 20, 2026, by 6:00 pm

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

1. God made a special agreement with Abraham, and it was marked by an act of _____.
2. Abraham's original home was in the land of _____.
3. Jacob wrestled with _____ and his name was changed to Israel.
4. God allowed Joseph to interpret _____.
5. In the end, Joseph became a powerful leader in the nation of _____.

A SUMMER PRAYER FOR REST AND REFLECTION

Dear Heavenly Father,
In the midst of bustling days and balmy nights, I come to you seeking solace and serenity. Thank you for the gift of summer, a season of rest and reflection. Help me find moments of peace amidst the chaos, and grant me the ability to quiet my mind. Let me savor the simple joys of life, the beauty of nature, and the company of loved ones. May this summer be a time of inner renewal, where I can find strength in stillness and wisdom in contemplation.
Amen.

ST. PAUL SALUTES MS. KATIE PRIMAS

Katie Primas is originally from Maringouin, Louisiana. She is the 18th of 19 children born to Ben Poole, Sr. and Elnora Hicks Poole on July 4, 1943. As a teenager she sang in the choir at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Maringouin under the leadership of Father Aubrey Osborne, SVD and other ministers. Both of the masses and songs were in Latin.

Katie graduated in 1961 from T.A. Levy High School in Rosedale, Louisiana. She was the first in her family to graduate.

She was married to William Primas for 47 years. She has 2 daughter, 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, which is a blessing to her. She has been a member of St. Paul since 1967. She sang in the choir, was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Court 351, and was a member of the Ladies Guild.

Katie is now a member of the Bible Study group and the Rosary Committee. She volunteers during Lent at the Lenten Fish Fry. In her spare time, she also helps Ms. Rosa Malveau at the clothes closet.

Katie is a direct descendant of the 272 enslaved women, men, and children who were sold in 1838 by Jesuit priests to plantation owners in Louisiana in order to help secure the financial future of Georgetown University. Katie is a member of the GU272 Descendants Association.

Katie spends her time helping her youngest grandson who was paralyzed in a boating accident and tutoring her youngest great-grandson who is in the 3rd grade.

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

Hazel Brent Brown, Leo Brown, Sr., and the Brent, Aldolph, Brown, and Harrison Families

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In Loving Memory

Geneva Battley Spooner
Della Battley Rodney
Rosa Lee Johnson

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

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

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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In Loving Memory

Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian, 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
Earl Key Sr.
Emma Doyle
Currie (Rudi) Doyle
Ellis Doyle Sr.
Tony Key

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