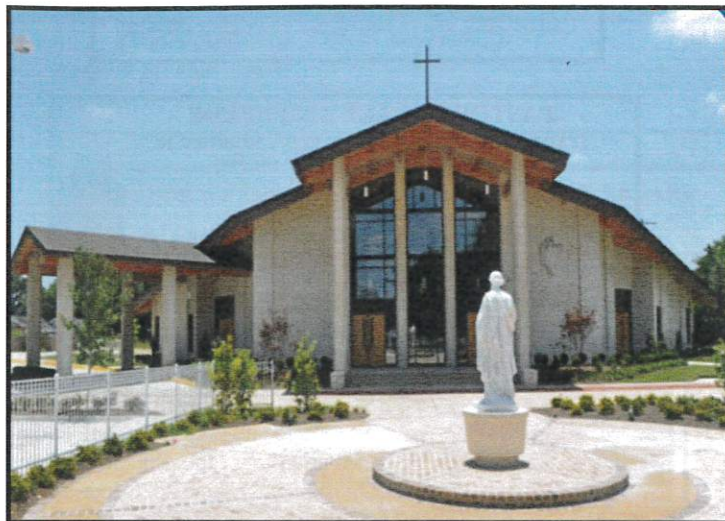


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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Christy Hall—225-383-2537

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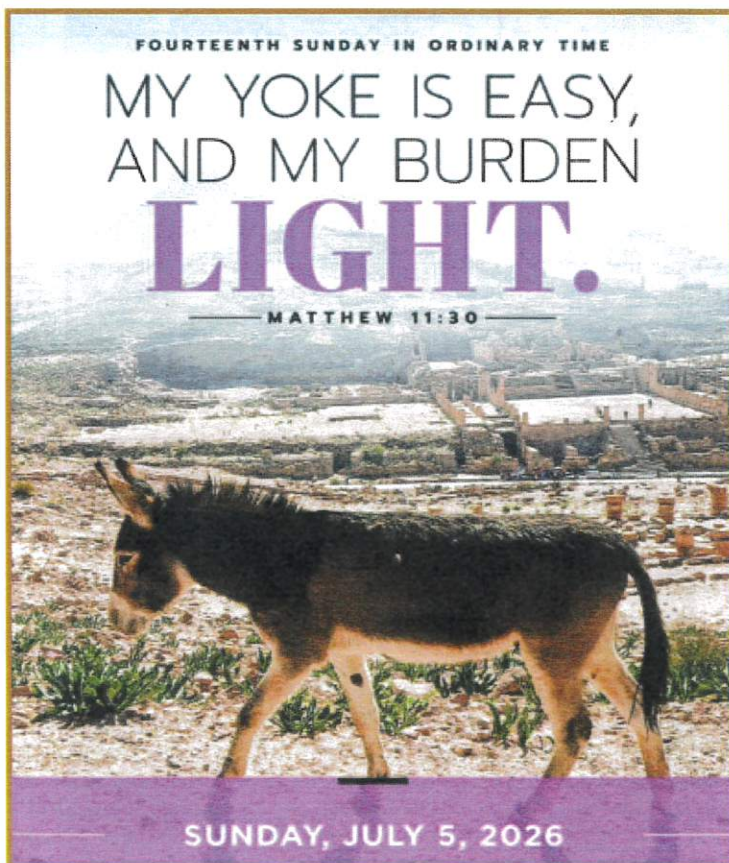
Randolph Le Duff—225-978-9256

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MY YOKE IS EASY,
AND MY BURDEN

LIGHT.

MATTHEW 11:30



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2026


Sun.: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14/Rom 8:9,11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Mon.: Hos 2:16-18,21-22/Ps 145:2-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tues.: Hos 8:4-7,11-13/Ps 115:3-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wed.: Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12/Ps 105:2-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thurs.: Hos 11:1-4,8-9/Ps 80:2-3,15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Fri.: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4,8-9,12-14,17/Mt 10:16-23
Sat.: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1-2,5/Mt 10:24-33
Sun.: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



7:30 AM MASS: Mary Ann Course, Preston Course, St. Paul's Church Community
10:30 AM MASS: Gordon Davis, Jr.


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EMERGENCY CONTACT
Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
 Call or Text: 988 Chat: <https://988lifeline.org/chat/>

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE...



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Johnson and McCarter family at the passing of Ms. Freddie L. Johnson, the 103 year old aunt of Mrs. Helen McCarter. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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



MISSION APPEAL

Father Jeffrey Estacio will be at St Paul the Apostle next Sunday, **July 12th for a mission appeal for the Diocese of Lexington Kentucky.** Father Estacio was born and raised in the Philippines. This is also where he attended the seminary.

In 2007, he was invited to study as a seminarian for the Diocese of Lexington KY, and was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky on May 21, 2011. He is the pastor of the church of the Annunciation in Paris, KY, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Carlisle, KY.


The Diocese of Lexington is a mission diocese in the Bible belt of United States of America, and with only 50,000 Catholics in 50 counties. Father asks for our support through donations and prayers.

ELECTED OFFICER



St. Paul's Altar Server Jacques Parme was elected as Louisiana State Parliamentarian for the Junior Knights Division at the June 2026 Junior State Conference held in Opelousas. Jacques is a member of the Knights of St. Peter Claver Wilfred B. Ricard Branch at Immaculate Conception Church. Congratulation Jacques!


 Give online via cell phone
 with our QR Code

 Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Mary Martin as they celebrate their 52nd Wedding Anniversary on July 6, 2026. May God continue to bless this union.

OFFERTORY—JUNE 28, 2026

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

Collection:	\$ 3,186.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,259.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1,025.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 51.00
Peter's Pence:	\$ 166.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,717.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 244 Envelopes Returned: 48 Online Givers: 38
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 76; 10:30A.M. - 130

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AGAINST STORMS AND HURRICANES

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

 **BIRTHDAYS** JULY 5, 2026 — JULY 11, 2026 

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| Karsyn Bell 7/5 | Asia D. Hillery 7/8 | Karter Joseph 7/9 |
| Arlington Smith, Sr. 7/5 | Alene Lockett 7/8 | Geraldine St. Amant 7/9 |
| Christopher Rodney 7/6 | Clarence Thomas III 7/8 | Brent Hayward, Jr. 7/10 |
| Shelia Salton 7/6 | Chai Thomas 7/8 | Annaclaire Johnson 7/10 |
| Sadie Simms 7/6 | Leonard Rucker, Jr. 7/8 | Terrell Carter 7/11 |
| Asia W. Delone 7/6 | Kaysia Williams 7/8 | Jeremy Johnson, Sr. 7/11 |
| John Broussard 7/8 | Audrey Davis 7/9 | |



MINISTERS—SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

7:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Jose Camberos, Saija Johnson, Jordon Clifford, Blaze O’Conner

READERS: Lucille Brown, Michael Knox

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Monique Spaulding, Audrene LeBlanc, Paulette Robertson, David Robertson

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Austin Wiggins, Noah Wiggins, Sydney Anderson, Gerald Anderson, Jr.

READERS: St. Paul Youth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: St. George, St. Paul

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

- July 5:** St. Paul’s 66th Church Anniversary
- July 8:** 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- July 12:** Youth Ministry Meeting after 10:30 Mass
- July 22:** 6:00 p.m. Parish Finance Council Meeting

ST. PAUL’S SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Items needed:

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| Kleenex | Marble Composition notebooks |
| Paper Towels | Pocket folders, paper |
| Glue | Binders |
| Markers | Pencils, pens, crayons |
| Disinfecting wipes | |



(Monetary donation also accepted)

ST. PAUL’S JUNIOR DAUGHTERS ON THE MOVE

From June 26 to 28, 2026, six members of the Junior Daughters of St. Paul Court 351—Brooklyn Bailey, Islyn Brown, Audrey Davis, Damoni Goss, Ava Huggins, and Brielle Plummer—attended the 65th Louisiana Junior Division Conference of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary, with Mrs. Mary Martin and Mrs. Amanda Skinner. The young girls participated in discussions, workshops, and contests, and their efforts were recognized with 7 awards. The group earned 2nd Place for their Sickle Cell Contribution and received the Spirit Award for their enthusiasm. Islyn Brown and Ava Huggins each won 1st Place in Individual Dance for their age groups at the Talent Show. Ava Huggins also took 1st Place in the Science Project Competition, and Brielle Plummer earned 3rd Place in both the Arts & Crafts and Spelling Bee competition.



OUR PASTOR’S MESSAGE ON ST. PAUL’S ANNIVERSARY



My Dear Church Family,

Sixty-six years ago, a group of faithful believers planted a seed in this community with a simple, powerful vision: *to worship and share the love of Christ in peace and with joy.* Today, we stand on the shoulders of those pioneers and celebrate a legacy of transformed lives,

restored hope, and unwavering grace.

Over the past six decades and six years, our St. Paul’s congregation has weathered seasons of change, challenges, and immense joy. Through it all, one thing has remained constant: *the steadfast love of God*, and that same faithfulness that sustained this church in the earliest days continues to guide us today.

On our 66th Church Anniversary, which falls on July 3, I ask that you look back with profound gratitude and forward with great anticipation. We are not merely remembering our history; we are igniting a passion for our future. The work that God began here 66 years ago is still unfolding. Let us press forward together, unified in our mission and overflowing with generosity, as we continue to be a beacon of light in the community and the city of Baton Rouge for generations to come.

Thank you for your dedication, your prayers, and your love. Here’s to 66 years of God’s grace, and to the exciting chapters He is still writing.

With deepest gratitude,
Fr. Arockiam, SVD

ACTS MEN’S RETREAT

St. George Catholic Church extends an invitation to men 21 years and older to join them at an ACTS retreat scheduled for **October 1-4, 2026** at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center in Chattawa, MS. The retreat is to provide an opportunity for a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, and to promote international Christ-centered discipleship and build parish community. The cost is \$325 to help defer overall retreat expenses. Financial aid is also available and can be requested on the registration form. For information about the retreat, do not contact St. George, please contact the Retreat Leader Team.

There is a link on the application page to contact the team with any questions. Registration deadline is Friday, August 14, 2026. Scan the QR code for additional information and to register for the retreat.



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
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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

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Clara & Willis Walker,
Sarah Rodney Domino & Wilbert Domino Sr.,
Freddie Bowers, Ora Bowers Ward,
Sybil Thomas Johnson, & Maureen Bowers Johnson**

Remembering

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

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Corinne, Michael, Jessie Sr. & Aaron B. Jo-
seph; Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.;
Lawrence Sr., Shedrick & Lawrence III Ash-
ford; Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert;
Eula White & H.P. Martin; Jessica D. Hughes**

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Charles, and
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of
**Lionel Bazile Sr.
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James Bazile
Shelia Bazile**

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