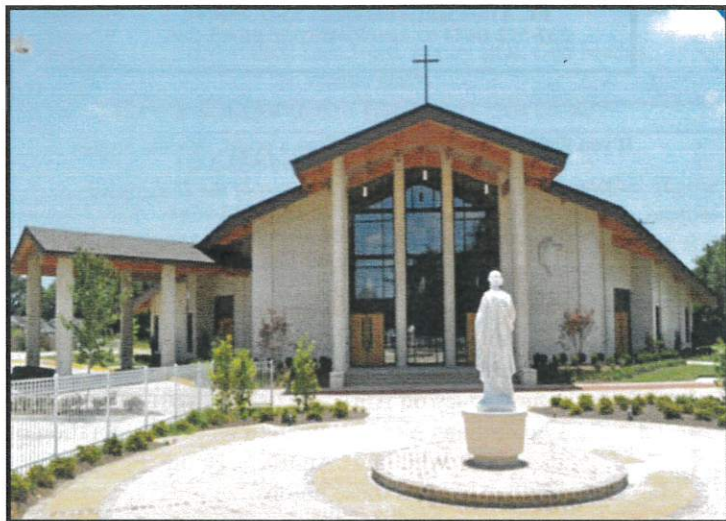


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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Debra Dudley—225-383-2537

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Martha Davis—225-357-4108

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PARISH NURSE

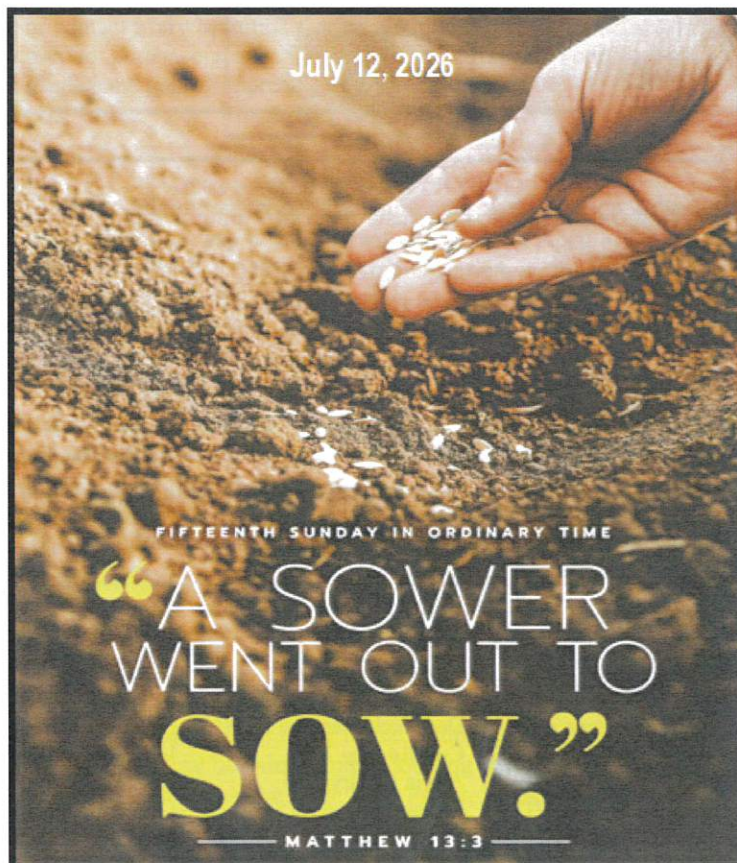
Maxine Watts—225-278-6732

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Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

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Randolph Le Duff—225-978-9256



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2026

Sun.: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
 Mon.: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9,16-17, 21, 23/Mt 10:34-11:1
 Tues.: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
 Wed.: Is 10:5-7,13-16/Ps 94:5-10,14-15/Mt 11:25-27
 Thurs.: Is 26:7-9,12,16-19/Ps 102:13-21/Mt 11:28-30
 Fri.: Is 38:1-6,21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10,12,16/Mt 12:1-8
 Sat.: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-4,7-8,14/Mt 12:14-21
 Sun.: Wis 12:13,16-19/Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

MASS INTENTIONS

7:30 AM MASS: For healing; Velancia, Tracie & Demetrius

10:30 AM MASS: St. Paul's Church Community, Gordon Davis, Jr.

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



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



Thank you to everyone who made Gordon Jr.'s funeral mass a beautiful celebration of his life. Thanks to Father Arockiam for the inspiring homily. Thank you to Mrs. Dunbar for the beautifully decorated church. We appreciate all who participated in the mass from the choir, readers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers and everyone who attended the service. Your prayers have uplifted my family and me throughout this difficult time.

Mrs. Martha Davis

"Strength Still Needs Support"

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Call or Text: 988 Chat: <https://988lifeline.org/chat/>

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—JULY 5, 2026

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

Collection:	\$ 4,344.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,778.00
Building Fund:	\$ 870.00
St. Paul T-shirts:	\$ 20.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 164.00
Total Offertory	\$ 10,176.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 243 Envelopes Returned: 67 Online Givers: 41
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 78; 10:30A.M. - 115



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. James & Gloria Jean Hayward on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on April 25, 2026. Also, to Mr. & Mrs. Leonard and Velita Benjamin on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 2, 2026. May God continue to bless these unions.

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.

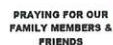


CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Rose Crockett Carter, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Shirley Dawson, Deacon Benjamin Dunbar Jr., 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.



JULY 12—JULY 18, 2026



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| Sharon C. Hayes 7/12 | Dominick Marrero, Jr. 7/13 | Noah Banks 7/17 |
| August Legeaux, Jr. 7/12 | Curt Rodney 7/14 | Vera Dunbar 7/17 |
| Traci Perry 7/12 | Alivia Landry 7/15 | Crystal Hall 7/17 |
| Lillian Robertson 7/12 | Howard Rome 7/15 | Lucille Brown 7/18 |
| Patrick Simms 7/12 | Taylor Seals 7/15 | Paulette Robertson 7/18 |
| Ariel Skinner 7/13 | Frances Farlow 7/16 | |



MINISTERS—SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

7:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Bradley Davis, Brayden Davis
READERS: Ronnice Johnson, Mary Gloston
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice Zacharie, Christy Hall,
 Audrene LeBlanc, David Robertson

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Madelyn Williams, Jackson Williams,
 Jacques Parmis
READERS: Amanda Skinner, Richard Johnson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Lisa Byrd, Nancy Ball, Gigi Mathis,
 Wanda Davis

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

July 12: Youth Ministry Meeting after 10:30 Mass
July 22: 6:00 p.m. Parish Finance Council Meeting
August 22: 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting .

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS: AUGUST 27, 2026

Parents & godparents **MUST** attend the class
 Call: Vera Dunbar @ 225-324-2939

NEXT BAPTISM: September 13, 2026

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE...



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Bajoie family at the passing of Mr. Lawrence Bajoie, brother of Ms. Carolyn Bajoie. Also, to the Winchester and Johnson families at the passing of Mrs. Wanda Winchester, sister-in-law of Mrs. Isabella Johnson.

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

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Items needed:

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



(Monetary donation also accepted)

PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of Land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you. O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea. Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

BACK TO SCHOOL SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE



St. Paul Women's Club is sponsoring a "Back to School Socks & Underwear Drive" to assist children living in the **Eden Park Community and the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter** in preparing to return to school. There are many challenges the youth are facing without having to worry about basic clothing necessities. We are asking parishioners and friends to contribute to this very worthy cause by donating a pack or two of boys or girls' underwear and socks. A bin is located in the foyer of the church for donated items, or contact Mary Martin if you would like to make a monetary donation to purchase items. Thank you in advance. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

ST. PAUL SALUTES MRS. DELPHINE MARION HARLEAUX LASTRAPES



Delphine affectionately called "Mema" by her grandchildren Nyle Trumaine and Nyah Marion Johnson, and "Mama Del" by close friends of her daughters. Delphine was born in Erwinville, LA on April 8, 1942 and is the youngest of six children born to the union of Marion LeDuff and Alphin Harleaux, Sr. Sorrowfully; Delphine never met her father, he passed away suddenly just a few months before she was born. He was a successful butcher and farmer, and he left his family over 200 acres of land in West Baton Rouge Parish, which her brothers continued to farm to provide financial stability for their family. Her family were members of Immaculate Conception Church in Lakeland, LA.

Delphine grew up on the farm and loved taking care of the farm animals. She competed in the 4-H Club from elementary through high school. After graduating Valedictorian from Cohn High School, she attended The Southern University. During a trip to Washington DC for a National 4-H Club meeting, she met her soon-to-be husband Calvin Ellis Jackson, a talented drummer. They married and moved to Alexandria, VA and had two beautiful daughters, Lawand Jadel and Anita Marion Jackson. Delphine always had a passion for working in the service of others and completed her degree in Social Work from the University of District of Columbia. She worked as a social worker at St. Elizabeth's Hospital before relocating back to Baton Rouge years later after her divorce. She continued her career in social work for the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities for 30 plus years before retiring. She was also known for her delicious meals, her cooking skills, folks swear the seasoning was in her pots.

At the young age of 72, love came calling again, and she married Thomas Burns Lastrapes from Opelousas, LA. They held their wedding at St. Paul the Apostle Church and settled into a beautiful home in New Roads along False River. Delphine and Thomas shared a great union until his passing in 2022. Delphine thanks GOD every day for her many blessings and is looking forward to holding her great grandchildren one day. Delphine is a blessed 84 year old grandmother, who loves as she says "MY Priest, Fr. Arockiam" and her St. Paul family. Delphine has attended St. Paul Church for over 25 years.

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**

*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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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 Theo-
dore; Lillian & Forrest
Oliver; Tobb, Ida,
Johnny Sr. & Jr., Willie,
Charles, and
Lillian Brown**

In Remembrance

**of
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Dorothy Bazile
James Bazile
Shelia Bazile**

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