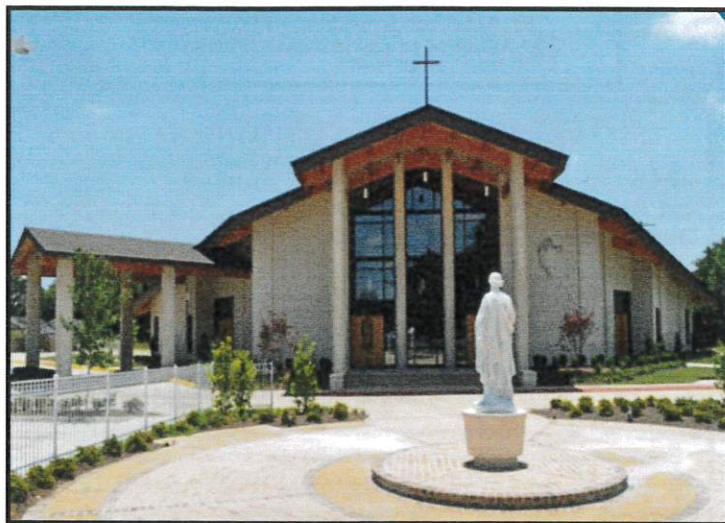


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SUNDAY MASSES

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
about the Catholic Faith, contact Mr. Reginald Green,
the OCIA Coordinator, at 225-603-2493

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

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Martha Davis—225-357-4108

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Kawayna Ridgley—225-405-7225

PARISH NURSE

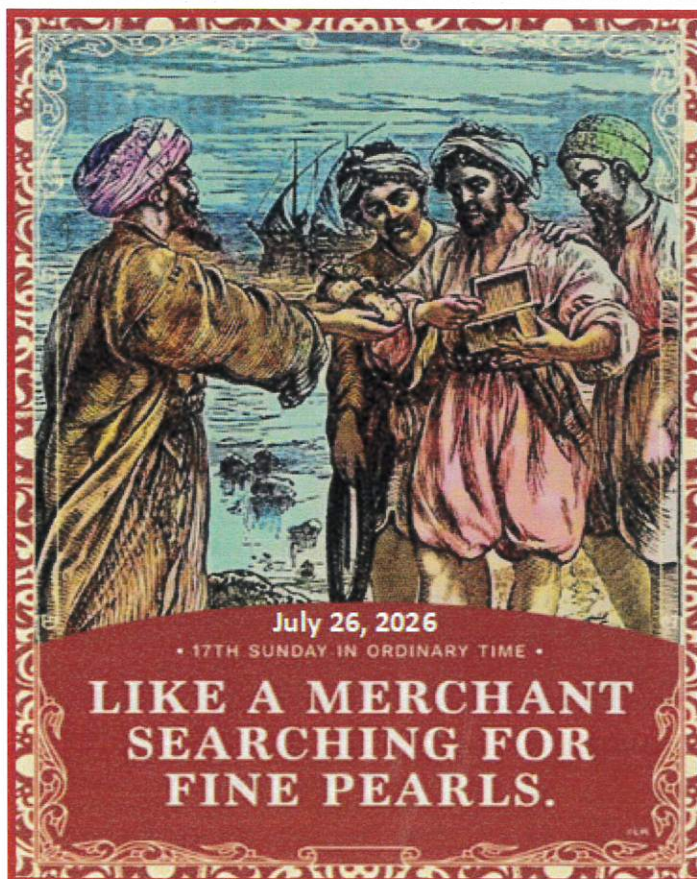
Maxine Watts—225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Randolph Le Duff—225-978-9256



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2026

Sun.: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12/Ps 119:57,72,76-77,127-130/
Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Mon.: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35
Tues.: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8-9, 11,13/Mt 13:36-43
Wed.: Jer 15:10,16-21/Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17-18/Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42
Thurs.: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Fri.: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5,8-10,14/Mt 13:54-58
Sat.: Jer 26:11-16,24/Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Sun.: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9,15-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

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—JULY 19, 2026

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

Collection:	\$ 2,599.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,130.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1,230.00
Raffle:	\$ 200.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 150.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,309.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 243 Envelopes Returned: 44 Online Givers: 28
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 82; 10:30A.M. - 110



JULY 26, 2026 — AUGUST 1, 2026



Joy Antoine 7/26
Harry Johnson 7/26
Oliver Johnson 7/26
Carlton Jackson 7/27
Marzette Payne 7/27

Maxwell Starwood 7/27
Trinell T. Evans 7/29
Curtell Thibodeaux 7/29
Carroll Denman 7/29
Nancy Ball 7/30

Tony Colar 7/30
Gail G. Arline 7/31
Victoria Hayward 7/31
Andrew Thurman 7/31
Shelita Rodney 8/01



7:30 AM MASS: St. Paul's Church Community

10:30 AM MASS: 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



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

"Strength Still Needs Support"

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

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

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM A HURRICANE

*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.*

ACTS MEN'S RETREAT

St. George Catholic Church invites men 21 years and older to join them at an ACTS retreat October 1 to 4, 2026, at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center in Chattawa, MS. The retreat will provide an opportunity for a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, promote international Christ-centered discipleship, and build community. The cost is \$325. Financial aid is available and can be requested. For information about the retreat, contact the retreat team; a link to the team is on the application. Registration deadline is August 14, 2026. Scan the QR code to register and for more info.

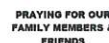


CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Rose Crockett Carter, Carolyn Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Shirley Dawson, Dcn. Benjamin Dunbar Jr., Almeasey Foster, Dianna Franklin, Marilyn Green, Ruth 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.

MINISTERS—SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026**7:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Bradley Davis, Brayden Davis, Jaden Goss**READERS:** Carla Lewis, Reginald Green**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zacharie, Vera Dunbar,
Audrene LeBlanc, David Robertson**10:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Mason Sanders, Rylee Sanders,
Ava Huggins, Ethan Kemp, Jacob Kemp**READERS:** Brandy Williams, Syretta Anthony**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Velita Benjamin, Amanda Skinner
Anna Perry, Lisa Byrd**A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear St. Paul Church Family,

With sincere gratitude, I thank St. Paul's Raffle and Bazaar Committees for their dedicated service, and our parish families for your continued generosity and support. Together, your love and commitment bring life and strength to St. Paul Church by helping our ministries grow, maintaining our church campus, and preparing St. Paul for future generations.

Today, July 26, we begin our 2026 fall fundraising efforts with our annual raffle, featuring wonderful prizes: \$1,500, \$500, and \$250 in cash, as well as a seven-night Caribbean cruise.

We will also host a three-day church event on October 16, 17, and 18, 2026, including Bingo Night on Friday, the Western Dance on Saturday, and the Bazaar/Fair on Sunday.

Our fundraising goal is \$30,000, to be raised through the combined proceeds of the Raffle, Bingo Night, Western Dance, and the Bazaar/Fair. As usual, we ask members to pick up and sell or buy at least one raffle book; those who can do more are encouraged to do so. This is more than a fundraiser; it is an opportunity for us to come together in faith, fellowship, and shared responsibility for the future of our parish.

Raffle books and dance tickets are available after each Sunday Mass and at the parish office. Donations to help defray the cost of the Sunday Bazaar/Fair, as well as payments for raffle books, may also be made securely online at osvhub.com/stpaulbr/giving/funds.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and faithful support. Your commitment is a blessing to our entire church family and the wider community.

Yours in the Divine Word,
Fr. Arockiam, SVD

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Join us for our Back-to-School Mass on Sunday, August 2, at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Martha Davis, our Parish Director of Religious Education, invites all children and youth to come to Mass and receive a special blessing from Father Arockiam for a safe, happy, and successful academic year. We look forward to see you there!

YOUTH CAR WASH FUNDRAISERS

Come to St. Paul's Church Campus on
August 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.,
and leave with a shiny vehicle!



Cars—\$15
Mid-size Vehicles—\$20
SUVs & Trucks—\$25

Interior Vacuum—Additional \$5

All funds raised will support St. Paul's Youth Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes and Meetings...

- July 22:** 6:00 p.m. Parish Finance Council Meeting
July 24: 6:15 p.m. Church Fair/Bazaar Committee Meeting
Aug. 08: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Youth Car Wash Fundraiser
Aug. 19: 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Aug. 27: 6:30 p.m. Baptism Class
Sept. 13: 11:50 a.m. Infant/Toddler Baptism
Oct. 1-4: ACTS Men's Retreat
Oct. 16: 7:00 p.m. Bingo Night
Oct. 17: 8:00 p.m. Western Dance
Oct. 18: 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Bazaar/Fair & Raffle

2026 STOCK THE PANTRY PROJECT FOR THE RECIPIENT OF THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S HOUSE

A few of the committee members of St. George and St. Paul Partnership met with this year's Habitat for Humanity house recipient, Mia, and her children on Friday, July 19, to identify some items for our 2026 Partnership Stock the Pantry Project. St. Paul's members (Tabatha Hamilton, Monique Scott-Spaulling, and Sharon St. Romain) and parishioners from St. George had a wonderful time together! Sharon St. Romain also presented a signed cookbook from St. Vincent de Paul to the family.

BOOTH RENTAL AVAILABLE

If you, a family member, or a friend would like to rent a booth at St. Paul's Church Bazaar/Fair on Sunday, October 18, 2026, to sell your crafts, jewelry, hats, scarves, t-shirts, etc., please call St. Paul's Parish Office at 225-383-2537.

END OF THE 2026 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

This year's St. Paul/St. George School Supply Drive has officially come to an end. Thank you to everyone who supported the drive. Because of your incredible generosity, we successfully reached our goal and helped many local families who are struggling to make ends meet. To our dedicated St. Paul families, organizations, ministries, and the donors outside the parish who stepped up to contribute, we are truly grateful. We could not have achieved this without your kindness. Special thanks to Ms. Monique Spaulding and Mrs. Vera Dunbar for their help with the project.

Yours truly,
Ms. Christy Hall
Coordinator of the School Supply Drive

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
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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.,
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

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Morris, Kelby, Quintin,
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seph; Annette & Ellis Myles Sr.;
Lawrence Sr., Shedrick & Lawrence III Ash-
ford; 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

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