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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

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Martha Davis—225-357-4108

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Kawayna Ridgley—225-405-7225

PARISH NURSE

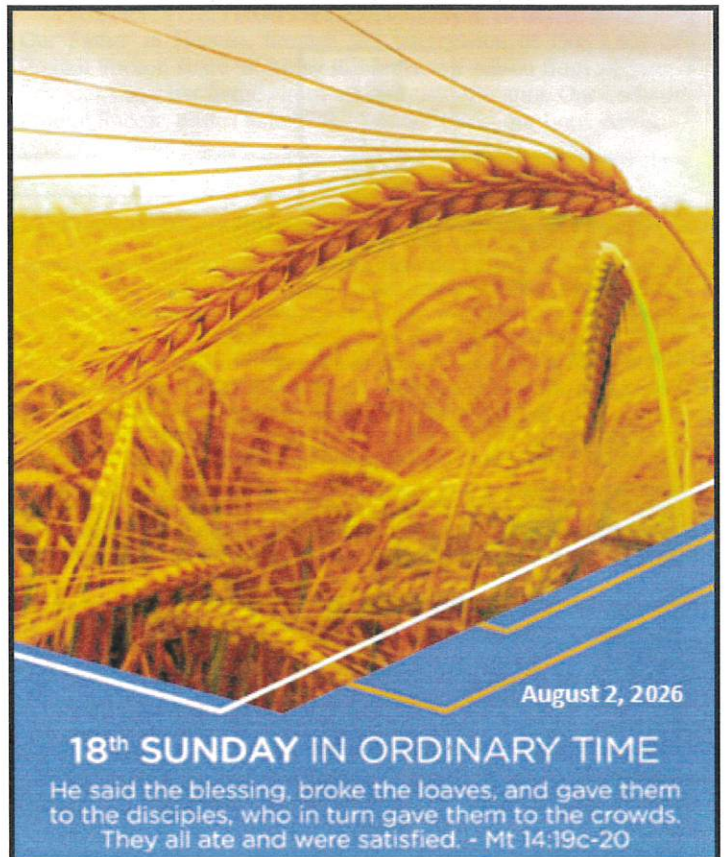
Maxine Watts—225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Randolph Le Duff—225-978-9256



August 2, 2026

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026

Sun.: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
Mon.: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36
Tues.: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18-21, 29, 22-23/
 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wed.: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10-13/Mt 15:21-28
Thurs.: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Fri.: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35-36, 39, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Sat.: Hb 1:12-2, 4/Ps 9:8-13/Mt 17:14-20
Sun.: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

MASS
INTENTIONS

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

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

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



SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to extend warm congratulations to Lt. Col. & Mrs. Harry W. Johnson on their 24th Wedding Anniversary.

ANNUAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER UPDATE

of Raffle Books Made: 275
 # of Raffle Books Issued: 103 # of Books Left: 172
 # of Members Picked up Raffle Books: 74

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 26, 2026

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

Collection:	\$ 2,522.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2525.00
Building Fund:	\$ 747.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 148.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,942.00

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)

SPECIAL MASS AND BLESSING OF THE CENTER

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, September 6, 2026, Bishop Michael G. Duca will celebrate at the 10:30 a.m. Mass with us, and he will bless the renovated St. Paul Center after the Mass. Please come and celebrate this important event.

Fr. Arockiam, SVD

A PRAYER FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND PARENTS

We pray for:

Strength - that God gives them the strength to do what they need to do each day.

Courage - that they will be brave as they face the challenges that are before them.

Peace - that their hearts will be calm and peaceful as they go through their day.

Provision - asking God to provide for all that they need - for stamina, and spirit each day.

Direction - that they will be led to embrace what is good and right.

Protection - that God keeps them safe in this increasingly unsafe world.

Joy - that God fills them with the kind of joy that can only come from the Divine.

Compassion - that they will show compassion to those in need and have less than they do.

Justice - to give them a sense of justice to stand up for what is right and to defend the weak.

Wisdom - that they will grow in knowledge and understanding.

Hope - to give them the hope that comes from above - the kind that far exceeds what we have in the here and now.

Love - that they are filled with the love of God; that they will know how deeply they are loved, and that love will overflow onto others.

- Offered by Aaron Meis

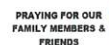
CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



For Our Sick and 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



Praying for our Family Members & 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.



AUGUST 2, 2026 — AUGUST 8, 2026



Makisha Anderson 8/2
 Deadria Nelson 8/2
 Jared Ogonor, Jr. 8/2
 Zoe Sandifer 8/2
 Vanessa Bayham 8/3
 Carlos Sam 8/3
 Sherri Benjamin 8/4

Debbie Fine James 8/4
 Mary Ratcliff 8/4
 Kyra Harleaux 8/5
 Deseray Thomas 8/5
 Nevin Hawkins 8/5
 Kade Lockett 8/6
 Sharnette Miles 8/6

Lois Ruth 8/6
 Rosalie Malveau 8/7
 Randolph LeDuff 8/8
 Joseph Price 8/8
 Deniyim Richardson 8/8

MINISTERS—SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026**7:30 AM MASS**

ALTAR SERVERS: Saija Johnson, Jordon Clifford
Blaze O'Conner

READERS: David Robertson, Michael Knox

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Paulette Robertson, Alice Zacharie
David Robertson, Monique Spaulding

10:30 AM MASS

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

READERS: St. Paul Youth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Lisa Byrd, Robinette Harleaux,



My Dear St. Paul Church Family,

Again, this week, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to St. Paul's Raffle and Bazaar Committees for their dedicated service, and our church families for your continued generosity and support. Together, your love and commitment to St. Paul Church help our ministries grow, maintain our church campus, and prepare St. Paul for future generations.

Last Sunday, we began our 2026 fall fundraiser with our annual raffle, featuring wonderful prizes: \$1,500, \$500, and \$250 in cash, as well as a seven-night Caribbean cruise.

This year, 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. We are 535 members strong, and we have 275 raffle books. 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 will be 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes and Meetings...

- Aug. 8:** 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. 6: 10:30 Mass w/Bishop Duca & Blessing of Center
Sept. 13: 11:50 a.m. Infant/Toddler Baptism
Sept. 15: 6:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting
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

YOUTH CAR WASH FUNDRAISERS

Come to St. 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

OPEN HOUSE WITH THE**Discalced Carmelite Secular Order in Baton Rouge**

Did you know that you can become a member of The Discalced Carmelite Seculars of Baton Rouge even as a married person, a parent, or a professional in any field?

Parishioners who may be seeking a more spiritual, prayerful life are invited to come and see if this is where God may be leading them. Consider joining The Discalced Carmelite Seculars on Sunday, October 11, 2:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Mercy Activity Center—St. Gabriel Room to hear short presentations about the Order. Refreshments provided.

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. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Mrs. Nancy Marie Seales Ball was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her mother, a beautician, came from Slaughter, and her father was from Chicago, Illinois. She and her brother grew up in the Eden Park Community and went to Eden Park Elementary, Capitol Jr., and Capitol High Schools. During high school, she excelled in gymnastics, especially on the parallel bars, pommel horse (side horse), and mats. After graduating, she attended Southern University and earned a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Elementary Education.

Mrs. Ball began her career as a teacher. Later, she joined the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, working for over 35 years in the Office of the Secretary, Office of Management and Finance, and the Office of Mineral Resource Land and Leasing Divisions.

She married Mr. Godfrey Ball in 1971. They bought a home in Eden Park and were members of a Methodist church. After their children's birth, Geoffrey (born 1974) and Nina (born 1978), the family became interested in Catholicism. They studied the Faith together through St. Paul's RCIA (OCIA), were baptized by Father Clifton Labbe, and have been members of St. Paul Church ever since.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ball became very involved in St. Paul Church. Mrs. Ball spent many years assisting the children's choir director, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, and coordinating and working the concession booth at St. Paul's Bazaars. When Father Joseph Guidry was pastor, she was named Coordinator of the Eucharistic Ministers, a role she still holds today.

Mrs. Ball has been part of the St. Paul church family for 46 years; she serves as assistant to the Director of Religious Education and the assistant to the Coordinator of the Bereavement Committee, and helps with parish center rentals. She is active in the 10:30 Choir, Ladies Guild, Bible Study Group, Liturgy and Evangelization Committees, and on the Bingo Team. She participates in Together Baton Rouge gatherings and still volunteers at St. Paul's Bazaar.

In 2001, Mrs. Ball began working a part-time job with Jani-King Commercial Cleaning Service. When Father Jaison Mangalath was the pastor, she was assigned by Jani-King to clean St. Paul's church, center, rectory, and office. After Jani-King services ended, Father Rick Andrus continued her role under St. Paul's management, a position she maintains today.

While married, Mrs. Ball and her husband started and ran a lawn service and janitorial company. In 1989, she separated from him for the good of the family, and they divorced in 1998. Even after their separation, she showed great compassion by becoming his caregiver in 2013 after he was seriously hurt in a vehicle accident.

Her interests include ministry work at St. Paul Church, bringing Holy Communion to St. Paul's shut-ins, and decoupage. She has always emphasized the love of God and the importance of education and is very proud of her children's achievements; both Geoffrey and Nina earned advanced degrees in counseling and psychology, including master's and doctoral degrees. She is the proud grandmother of three grandchildren (Paris, Zuria, Azaria) and one great-grandchild (Mekhi).

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,
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In Loving Memory

**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/Tashia 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 Theo-
dore; Lillian & Forrest
Oliver; Tobbs, 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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