

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

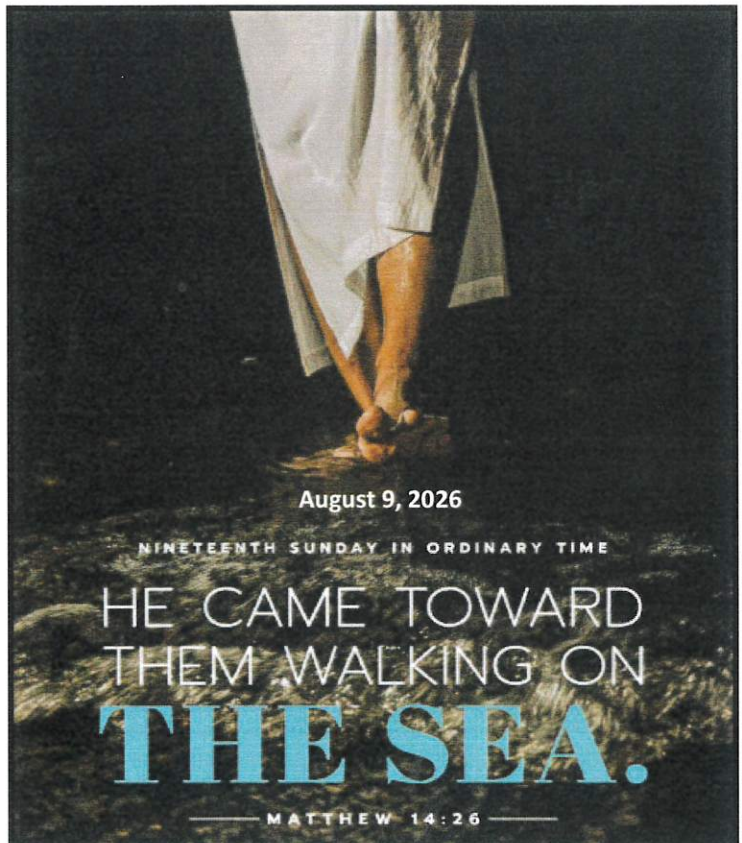
Maxine Watts—225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Randolph Le Duff—225-978-9256



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2026

Sun.: 1 Kgs 19:9,11-13/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Mon.: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2,5-9/Jn 12:24-26
Tues.: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24,72,103,111,131/Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
Wed.: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20
Thurs.: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-59,61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri.: Ez 16:1-15,60,63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-6/Mt 19:3-12
Sat.: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16;16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7,9-10,13-14/
 1 Cor 15:54-57/Lk 11:27-28;
Day: Rv 11:19;12:1-6,10/Ps 45:10-12,16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Sun.: Is 56:1,6-7/Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8/Rom 11:13-15,29-32/Mt 15:21-28

SPECIAL MASS AND BLESSING OF THE CENTER

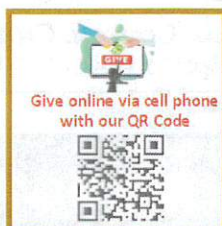
On Sunday, September 6, 2026, Bishop Michael G. Duca will join us for the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We will have blessing of the renovated St. Paul Center immediately following Mass. Please come and celebrate this important event with us..

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.

ANNUAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER UPDATE

of Raffle Books Made: 275
 # of Raffle Books Issued: 163 # of Books Left: 112
 # of Members Picked Up Raffle Books: 127

**OFFERTORY—AUGUST 2, 2026**

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

Collection:	\$ 4,294.00
Online Giving:	\$ 6,608.00
Building Fund:	\$ 481.00
Raffle:	\$ 1,250.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 144.00
Retired SVD Priests:	\$ 292.00
Total Offertory	\$ 13,069.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 244 Envelopes Returned: 70 Online Givers: 44
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 85; 10:30A.M. - 143

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

BACK TO SCHOOL SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE

St. Paul Women's Club is wrapping up their "Back to School Socks & Underwear Drive" that will assist children living in the Eden Park Community and the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter. There are many challenges the youth are facing without having to worry about basic clothing necessities. If you have not donated to this worthy cause and would still like to do so, please bring your items by next Sunday, July 16. A bin is located in the foyer of the church for donated items, or contact Mary Martin at 936-1090 if you would like to make a monetary donation to purchase items.

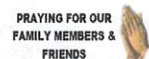
**ACTS MEN'S RETREAT**

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 information.

**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 9—AUGUST 15, 2026



Jessie Leonard 8/9	Dianna Franklin 8/12	Jessica Ashford 8/13
Kameron Stewart 8/9	Tabatha Hamilton 8/12	Gregory Price 8/14
Karen Batiste 8/10	Jeanette Hollins 8/12	Christopher Alexander 8/14
Nina Donald 8/10	Malik Bell 8/13	Malonna Peters 8/14
Mary J. Irvin 8/11	Iris Davis 8/13	Logan Dauphine 8/15
Sharon Spears 8/11	Brenda Harris 8/13	Martha Spencer 8/15

MINISTERS—SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026**7:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel, Jaden Goss**READERS:** Darlene St. Romain, Mary Gloston**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zacharie, Audrene LeBlanc,
David Robertson, Paulette Robertson**10:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Madelyn Williams, Jackson Williams,
Jacques Parns**READERS:** Joanna Boyd, Dana Sam**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Anna Perry, Renee Camberos,
Nancy Ball, Pamela ClaiborneFROM
THE
PASTOR

Dear Leaders and Members of Our Parish Organizations,

Grace and peace to you!

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued dedication and generous service to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Our parish is blessed with many vibrant organizations whose members faithfully give of their time and talents.

As our parish continues to grow, I would like to invite each parish organization to take part in a **new ministry of stewardship (Martha's Hands)** by helping with the cleaning of our church and the newly renovated St. Paul Center **once a month**. Since we have several organizations, each group will likely be scheduled **about twice each year**.

The cleaning will include such tasks as:

- Vacuuming the pews
- Cleaning the church and book racks
- Dusting the choir stand and altar closets
- Cleaning the restrooms, kitchen, classrooms, etc.
- Wiping doors, glass panels, and windows
- General cleaning of the St. Paul Center and other areas as needed

Ms. Nancy Ball and Johnny will accompany and assist each group during your scheduled cleaning day

The cleaning may be scheduled on **Saturday afternoon or at another mutually convenient time for your organization**. If there is **no funeral scheduled on Saturday morning that would be the preferred time**, as it allows you to complete the work before the week-end liturgies. We will do our best to accommodate each group's schedule.

I encourage you to bring your children and young family members whenever possible. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach them the importance of serving God's house and to foster in them a love for our parish. If you are able, please bring a few cleaning supplies to assist with the work.

A sign-up sheet will be placed in the church foyer. I kindly ask the president or leader of each organization to select and sign up for your preferred month.

My dear friends, this is **our church and our parish home**. Caring for it is a beautiful expression of our gratitude to God and of our love for one another. Every organization has been blessed in many ways, and this is an opportunity for each of us to give something back to the Lord and to our parish family. Many hands make light work, and together we can ensure that our church and St. Paul Center remain clean, welcoming, and beautiful for everyone who comes to worship.

I humbly ask each organization to prayerfully support this important parish initiative. Your willingness to serve will be a great blessing to our entire parish community.

Thank you for your generosity, your spirit of service, and your love for St. Paul the Apostle Parish. May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly.

Yours in the Diving Word,
Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes and Meetings...

- 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. 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
Oct. 21: 6:00 p.m. Parish Finance Council Meeting

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

Did you know that you can become a member of The Disclaled 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 Disclaled 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.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT: SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Kaila Anthony
Parents:
Kevin & Syreeta Anthony

Kaila Anthony, a Jr. Daughter of St. Paul Court 351, applied for and received a total of \$4,000 in scholarship awards through the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary. Her awards include \$1,000 from the KPC/LA Louisiana State Conference, \$500 from the 4th Degree Constance Butler #9, \$500 from St. Paul Court 351, and \$2,000 from the KPC/LA National Convention. Congratulations, Kaila! We are very proud of you.

**2026 NATIONAL KPC/LA CONVENTION**

The 2026 National Convention in Houston took place from July 24 to July 29. St. Paul Council and Court 351 of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary were represented by Grand Knight Robert Martin, along with Ladies Velita Benjamin, Pamela Claiborne, Kawayna Ridgely, Myrtis Rogers, and Monique Scott-Spaulding. Louisiana made a strong impression at the Convention!



With the support of the parishioners of St. Paul & St. George Catholic Churches, our partnership committee collected and delivered school supplies to Capitol Elementary and Redemptorist St. Gerard Schools for the second year on Tuesday, August 4, 2026. May God continue to bless our partnership and its members.

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
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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

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

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 & Repeat—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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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 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**

In Loving Memory

of
**Doris Key
Earl Key Sr.
Emma Doyle
Currie (Rudi) Doyle
Ellis Doyle Sr.
Tony Key**



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