

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

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Martha Davis—225-357-4108

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Kawayna Ridgley—225-405-7225

PARISH NURSE

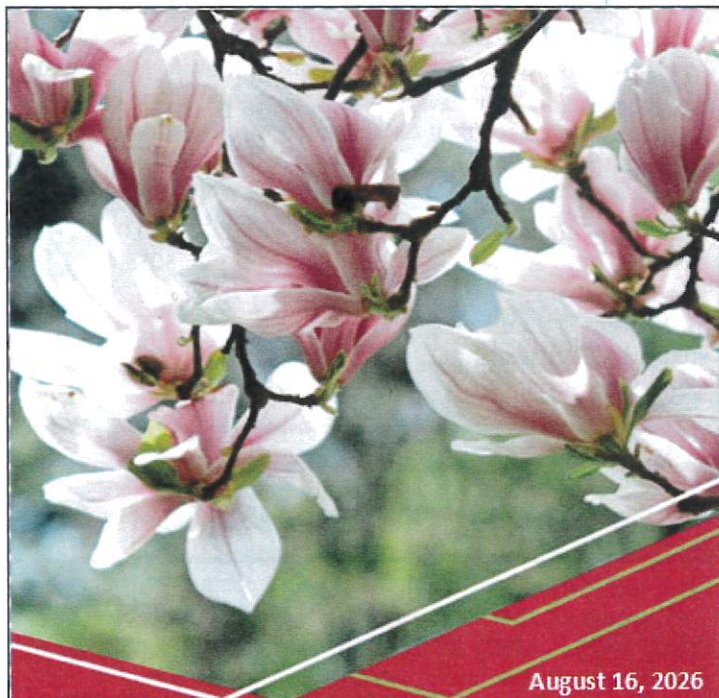
Maxine Watts—225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Randolph Le Duff—225-978-9256



August 16, 2026

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your
faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the
woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2026

Sun.: Is 56:1-6/7/Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8/Rom 11:13-15,29-32/Mt 15:21-28
 Mon.: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-21/Mt 19:16-22
 Tues.: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-28,30,35-36 /Mt 19:23-30
 Wed.: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16
 Thurs.: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15,18-19/Mt 22:1-14
 Fri.: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40
 Sat.: Ez 43:1-7/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12
 Sun.: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3,6,8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

"Strength Still Needs Support"

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

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

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—AUGUST 9, 2026

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

Collection:	\$ 3,309.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,272.00
Building Fund:	\$ 105.00
Raffle:	\$ 1,190.00
Matching Challenge:	\$ 5,500.00
Western Dance:	\$ 505.00
Youth Ministry:	\$ 916.29
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 15.00
Retired SVD Priests:	\$ 190.00
Total Offertory	\$ 15,002.29

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

Envelopes Mailed: 244 Envelopes Returned: 53 Online Givers: 35
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 69; 10:30A.M. - 148

MASS
INTENTIONS

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

ANNUAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER TO DATE

of Raffle Books Made: **275**# of Raffle Books Issued: **194** # of Books Left: **81**# of Members Picked Up Raffle Books: **154**

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 805-706-3350 (No Access Code)

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, Harry Johnson, 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 16,—AUGUST 22, 2026



Bobby Crockett, Jr 8/16	Carolyn Paul 8/18	Angela Jones 8/21
Bria Rideaux 8/16	Raymond Rodney, Jr. 8/19	Lillie Joseph 8/21
Rosie Lollis 8/17	Betty Stalbert 8/19	Kingslee Vinson 8/21
Carla Lewis 8/18	Roshaun Boutte 8/20	Taneisha Montegut 8/21
Noah Perry 8/18	Jayce James 8/21	Gerric Camel, Jr. 8/22
Nina Ball-Miles 8/18	Amare Jones 8/21	Cary Champagne 8/22

MINISTERS—SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026**7:30 AM MASS**

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

READERS: Evangeline Hughes, Lucille Brown,

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice Zacharie, Paulette Robertson,
Audrene LeBlanc, David Robertson

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Anthony Carter, Cameron Carter,
Terrell Carter, Jr.

READERS: Carla Lewis, Tasha Anthony

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Audrene LeBlanc, Renee Camberos,
Nancy Ball, Anna Perry

UPCOMING EVENTS
 Classes and Meetings...

- Aug. 19:** 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Aug. 21: 6:00 p.m. Bazaar Committee Meeting
Aug. 22: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Convocation for Catechists
Aug. 23: 1:00 p.m. Religious Education Meeting
Aug. 27: 6:30 p.m. Baptism Class
Sept. 6: 10:30 Mass With 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

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.



Dear Members of St. Paul's Ministries, Organizations, and Church Family,

Last Sunday, I shared a letter in the bulletin, which was also read at Mass. I asked everyone in St. Paul's ministries and organizations to help keep our church and parish center clean and welcoming.

To begin, we have organized our ministries and organizations into 12 teams. Each team can pick a month and a day to clean and invite other church family members to join them.

Here are the 12 teams. Please sign up your team to lead the cleaning. **The sign-up sheet is on the table at the main entrance.**

TEAMS

Lectors

Altar Servers & Eucharistic Ministers

Ushers

Media Ministry & 7:30 & 10:30 Choirs

Religious Education Teachers & Staff, Youth Group, & Jr. Daughters

Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary

Ladies Guild

Ladies Sodality

Bereavement Committee

Women's Club

Finance Council & Bingo Committee

Pastoral Council & Bible Study Group

Thank you to the Bereavement Committee, Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary, and the Ladies Guild for already selecting a month to help clean our church and center.

May God continue to bless us and help our church family, ministries, and organizations grow.

In the Divine Word,
Fr. Arockiam, SVD

Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

—Pope Leo XIV

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for Religious Education will take place after the 7:30 and 10:30 masses on August 30th and September 6th. Catholic school students who will be making First Communion or Confirmation in the spring of 2027 should also register at this time. Please register early so we will have adequate materials for all students.

**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.

A PRAYER FOR AN END TO WAR AND VIOLENCE

Heavenly Father, in a world torn by wars and violence, we seek Your powerful hand to bring an end to bloodshed. We pray for ceasefires, peace treaties, and healing among conflicting parties. Comfort the victims of violence and restore hope to the broken-hearted. Grant wisdom to world leaders to choose peace over conflict, dialogue over destruction. We plead for the disarmament of nations and the dismantling of weapons that bring harm. May your peace flood battlefields and transform hearts that hunger for vengeance into hearts seeking forgiveness and reconciliation. Protect innocent lives and bring justice to the oppressed. Lord, You are our refuge and strength, and in You alone we find true peace. Amen.

**ST. PAUL JUNIOR DAUGHTERS**

St. Paul Junior Daughters, Court 351 extends an invitation to young ladies between the ages of 7 and 18 that have made their First Communion, to join their court. We are a Catholic organization and the junior division of the Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary. We cater to the needs of our church parish, community, the elderly, and those in need. If you are interested in joining us or would like additional information about our organization, please contact any junior daughter, Counselor Mary Martin at (225) 936-1090 or Assistant Counselor Amanda Skinner at (225) 978-7347.

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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Leo Brown, Sr.,
and the
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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

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 & 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

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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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.
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