

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

OCLIA
If you want to become Catholic and ready to learn
about the Catholic Faith, contact Mr. Reginald Green,
the OCLIA 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 23, 2026

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in
heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall
be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2026

Sun.: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3,6,8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
 Mon.: Rv 21:9-14/Ps 145:10-13,17-18/Jn 1:45-51
 Tues.: 2 Thes 2:1-3,14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26
 Wed.: 2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18/Ps 128:1-2,4-5/Mt 23:27-32
 Thurs.: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51
 Fri.: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,10-11/Mt 25:1-13
 Sat.: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13,18-21/Mk 6:17-29
 Sun.: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

"Strength Still Needs Support"

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

10:30 AM MASS: Leyon Broussard, 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

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 16, 2026

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

Collection:	\$ 3,007.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,758.00
Building Fund:	\$ 140.00
Youth Ministry:	\$ 20.00
Raffle:	\$ 600.00
Matching Challenge:	\$ 1,500.00
Bazaar Donation:	\$ 100.00
Retired SVD Priests:	\$ 40.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 50.00
Total Offertory	\$ 10,215.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 244 Envelopes Returned: 52 Online Givers: 29
 (Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 70; 10:30A.M. - 115

Birthdays AUGUST 23 —AUGUST 29, 2026 Birthdays

Wanda Alexander 8/24	Charlotte Dillon 8/26	Mason Sanders 8/28
Barbara Cornell 8/24	Jacquez Knox 8/26	Erin Anthony 8/29
Eloise Foster 8/24	Ave Williams 8/26	Perry Ferraro 8/29
Yvette F. Oliver 8/24	Tonya Stelly 8/26	Robert Seals, Jr. 8/29
Kawayna Ridgley 8/24	Vincent Jeanpierre 8/27	Rita Johnson 8/29
Shirley Bourgeois 8/25	Evan Bradford 8/27	
Kirsten Joseph 8/25	Amber Hunt 8/27	

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 803-706-5350 (No Access Code)

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

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.

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, 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



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 30, 2026**7:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Bradley Davis, Brayden Davis, Jaden Goss**READERS:** David Robertson, Ronnice Johnson**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zacharie, Paulette Robertson, Audrene LeBlanc, David Robertson**10:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Mason Sanders, Rylee Sanders, Ava Huggins, Ethan Kemp**READERS:** St. Paul Young Adults**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Pamela Claiborne, Robinette Harleaux, Amanda Skinner, Lisa Byrd**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Classes and Meetings...

- Aug. 27:** 6:30 p.m. Baptism Class
Sept. 06: 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
Sept. 23: 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council 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

MAY HE REST IN PEACE...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Chenevert family at the passing of Mr. Hershell Chenevert, brother of Mr. Murray Chenevert, and uncle of Perry and Mark Chenevert.

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

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.

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.

"Christ is our hope, and in Him, we find our strength to face the challenges of our time." —Pope Leo XIV

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OUR ANNUAL RAFFLE!
TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH

FIRST PRIZE: \$1,500
SECOND PRIZE: 7 NIGHT CARIBBEAN CRUISE
THIRD PRIZE: \$500
FOURTH PRIZE: \$250

RAFFLE DRAWING WILL BE ON OCTOBER 18, 2026

SUPPORT OUR CHURCH
GOOD LUCK TO OUR PARTICIPANTS!

(225) 383-2537

ANNUAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER TO DATE

of Raffle Books Made: 275
 # of Raffle Books Issued: 210 # of Books Left: 65
 # of Members Picked Up Raffle Books: 170

**ST. PAUL SALUTES MR. ISIAH JONES**

Isiah Jones was born in Erwinville, LA to the loving farm family of the late Matthew Jones, Sr. and the late Gertrude Locket Jones. The third oldest of ten siblings, he attended St. Alma Elementary, where math quickly became his favorite subject. At just 12 years old, he began working on the family farm, and by the 9th grade he left New Roads High to help full-time. His days were spent driving the tractor, picking cotton, pulling corn, cutting sugar cane, and tending the vegetable garden.

At 23, he left the farm and worked in carpentry in Baton Rouge before enlisting in the United States Army. He served his country honorably in Vietnam from 1966 to 1969. In March of 1969, he married his sweetheart, the late Meredith Lee Jones. Together they raised two daughters: the late Carla M. Jones-Johnson and Stacy Jones-Pedescleaux.

Mr. Jones worked at Holsum Bakery from 1970 to 1990, serving as department head of shipping and receiving. During that time, he earned his GED and completed trade school in welding and air conditioning. He later joined Home Depot in 1990, where he served as Sales Supervisor until his retirement in 2006.

A faithful servant of God, he served on the Usher Board and worked in the St. Paul food pantry until becoming the full-time caregiver for his wife. He is a man of deep faith, gentle wisdom, and unwavering dedication. His life reflects the values that strengthen our church family, and we are truly grateful for him.

The loves of his life are his grandchildren—Aaliyah Summerville, Grace and Devin Pedescleaux—and his great-granddaughter, Ja'el Summerville.

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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**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

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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