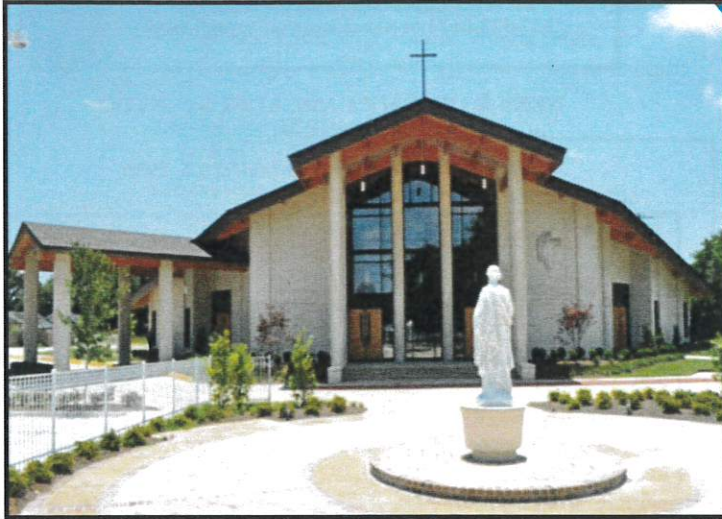


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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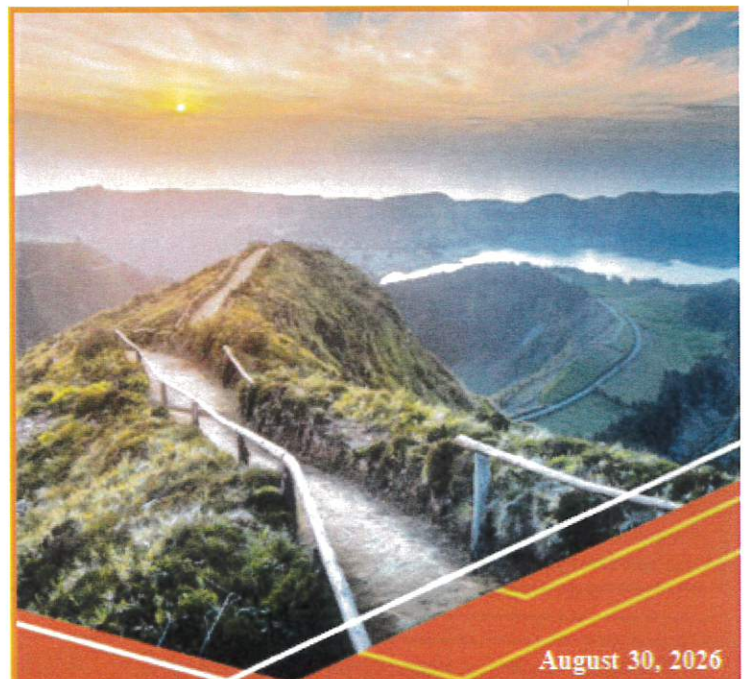
Maxine Watts—225-278-6732

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August 30, 2026

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

Sun.: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Mon.: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Lk 4:16-30
Tues.: 1 Cor 2:10-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wed.: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thurs.: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 5:1-11
Fri.: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Sat.: 1 Cor 4:6-15/Ps 145:17-21/Lk 6:1-5
Sun.: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

"Strength Still Needs Support"

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

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

ANNUAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER TO DATE

of Raffle Books Made: **275**

of Raffle Books Issued: **231** # of Books Left: **44**

of Members Picked Up Raffle Books: **183**

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 23, 2026

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

Collection:	\$ 2,163.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,595.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1,570.00
Raffle:	\$ 500.00
Bazaar Donation:	\$ 565.00
Western Dance:	\$ 195.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 106.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,694.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 244 Envelopes Returned: 51 Online Givers: 32
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 85; 10:30A.M. - 140

BIRTHDAYS AUGUST 30—SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

Margaret N. Rogers 8/23	Violet Jeanpierre 9/1	Marjorie R. Vernon 9/4
Alisha Hebert 8/30	Luther Lamotte 9/1	Mechell Franklin 9/4
Theodis Wright 8/30	James B. Joseph 9/2	Carolyn Bajoie 9/5
Gerald Anderson, Jr. 8/31	Gwendolyn Franklin 9/2	Kelvin Crockett 9/5
Mark A. Hawkins 8/31	Lunden Scott 9/3	Emani Joseph 9/5
Sydney Brown 9/1	Rudolph Richard, Jr. 9/4	Xavier Knox 9/5

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

SPECIAL MASS AND BLESSING OF THE CENTER

Next Sunday, September 6th, Bishop Michael Duca will join us for the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We will have blessing of the renovated St. Paul Center immediately following Mass. The center is currently approximately 80 percent complete. We anticipate the center will be ready within the coming weeks.

Ministries and organization are encouraged to turn out at this Mass. Heads of ministries and organizations are asked to contact the parish office with the number of members that will be in attendance so proper seating can be reserved. Please come and celebrate this important event with us.

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)



Our Religious Education Meet and Greet will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 9:45 a.m. in the parish center. This is an opportunity for parents and guardians to meet their child's teachers and learn more about our program. Meet and Greet will count as the first day of attendance for students. Regular Religious Education classes begin on September 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.



For Our Sick and Homebound Members

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

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, Walker Williams

If any names need to be removed from the lists, please call the parish office.

MINISTERS—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**7:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Gavin Camel, Gabriel Camel, Jaden Goss**READERS:** Monique Spaulding, Reginald Green**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zacharie, Vera Dunbar,
Paulette Robertson, David Robertson**10:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Anthony Carter, Cameron Carter,
Terrell Carter, Jr.**READERS:** Amanda Skinner, Brandy Williams**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Gigi Mathis, Wanda Davis,
Pamela Claiborne, Amanda Skinner**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE...**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Tolliver and Varmall families at the passing of Mrs. Gertrude Tolliver, sister of Mrs. Albertha Varmall. Also, to the Dourousseau and Butler families at the passing of Ms. Sharon Dourousseau, sister of Mrs. Shelia Butler, and to the Toussaint, Richard and Oliver families at the passing of Mrs. Francies Toussaint Richard, mother of Mrs. Lionette Oliver, grandmother of Dawson and Davin Oliver, sister of Ms. Theresa Grevious and aunt of Albert Grevious.

Sending Condolences to the Chenevert Family. Hershel Chenevert, brother of Mr. Murray Chenevert, passed away.

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

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.

Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human life.
Replace hatred with Your love.

Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary,
Saint Michael the Archangel,
Every angel and saint:
Please pray for peace.
Pray for unity amongst nations.
Pray for unity amongst all people.
Pray for the most vulnerable.
Pray for those suffering.
Pray for the fearful.
Pray for those most in need.
Pray for us all.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear our prayers.
Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Classes and Meetings...

- 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
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

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.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

The photo above shows St. Paul's Pastor, Religious Teachers/Catechists, and Administrative Staff. Marva Carrier, Amanda Skinner, and Angela Guilbeau could not attend because of prior commitments. Everyone pictured took part in a required orientation on Sunday, August 23, 2026, to get ready for the 2026-2027 Parish School of Religion. At the meeting, they talked about ways to motivate students to attend classes regularly, how to support parents and guardians, and went over important dates for the coming year.

Register

to

VOTE

If you haven't registered to vote, please do so before the deadline! Your vote is your voice!

- In-person/by mail registration deadline 10/6
- Online registration deadline 10/13
- Early Voting (excluding Sunday) 10/20-27
- Early Voting Hours 8:30 AM-6:00 PM
- Election Day - November 3, 2026 7AM-8PM

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ANNUAL 3-DAY BAZAAR • OCTOBER 16 – 18, 2026

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 – BINGO NIGHT

Doors Open: 6:00 P.M. | Games Begin: 7:00 P.M.

Admission: \$10.00 per Bingo Board • Free Door Prize Drawings!

Pull Tabs: \$1.00 • 50/50 Raffle: \$1.00 • Concessions: \$1.00 to \$10.00

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 – WESTERN DANCE

Time: 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 Midnight • Admission: \$25.00 Per Person

Free Door Prize Drawings! • Free Appetizers Per Person & Per Table

Free Table Items: 1-Liter Soda, Ice, Cups, & Napkins

BYOFB: Bring Your Own Food & Beverages!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 – OLD, IMPROVED BAZAAR DAY

FEATURING:

- Grand Raffle Drawings
- Mechanical Bull Riding
- Train Rides & Games with Prizes
- Face Painting & Balloon Twists
- Caricatures & Silent Auction
- Rental of Booth Spaces Available

FOOD, DRINK & SWEETS:

- Fish & Fries Plates • Wings & Fries Plates
- Hot Dogs • Sweet Shop
- Funnel Cakes
- Cotton Candy • Popcorn • Snow Cones
- Cold Beer, Sodas, & Water

■ MUSIC ALL DAY LONG! ■

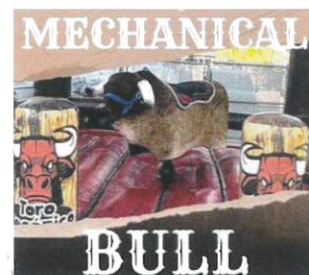
COME OUT FOR FAITH, FAMILY, FOOD, AND FUN!



Axe Throw



Basketball Throw



Giant Connect Four



Face painting, Balloon Twists
& Caricatures



Obstacle Courses

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Opston Jr., Albert &
Jerome Guillory;
CB, Ruth, & Tia Davis;
Catherine Williams,
Yvonne Warren, &
Marcus Montigue

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George Coleman Sr.
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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

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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,
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Families**

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Gussie A. Trahan

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Barbara & James Wallace Rodney
Keith Rodney, Joseph D. Rodney
Dorothy Bazile & Georgia Smith
J. Whitney Rodney

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**Kevin Michael
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&
Wilfred Ferbos**

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Charles, and
Lillian Brown

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