

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

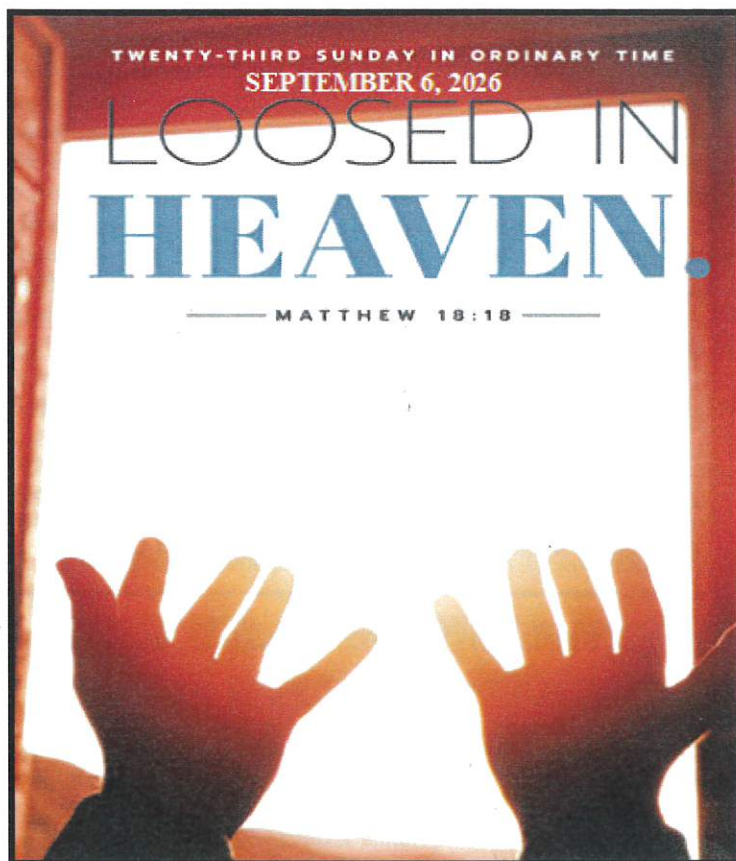
Maxine Watts—225-278-6732

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Retired Judge Luke Lavergne—225-324-5665

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Randolph Le Duff—225-978-9256



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Sun.: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
 Mon.: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
 Tues.: Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Wed.: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
 Thurs.: 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
 Fri.: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
 Sat.: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
 Sun.: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

ANNUAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER TO DATE

of Raffle Books Made: **275**
 # of Raffle Books Issued: **246** # of Books Left: **29**
 # of Members Picked Up Raffle Books: **191**

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.

CARING FOR LOVED ONES WITH DEMENTIA

A free lunch and learn workshop "*Caring For Loved Ones with Dementia*", sponsored by Our Lady of the Lake Hospital will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at *The Inspiration Center* located at 5509 Winbourne Ave. in Baton Rouge. Lunch will be provided. The facilitator is Dell Mars, Ph.D., RN. **Registration is required.** To register: Scarlette.mcclain@fmolhs.org or call 225-765-4412.



OFFERTORY—AUGUST 30, 2026

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

Collection:	\$ 3,612.22
Online Giving:	\$ 3,275.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1,213.00
Raffle:	\$ 1,300.00
Religious Ed. Registration	\$ 90.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 37.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,737.22

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

Envelopes Mailed: 244 Envelopes Returned: 60 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. - 118

MASS INTENTIONS

7:30 AM MASS: St. Paul's 7:30 & 10:30 Choirs

10:30 AM MASS: Thanksgiving Mass for the Blessing of St. Paul's Church Community and Families, and in memory of Mr. Freddie Freeman

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: NOVEMBER 19, 2026

Parents & Godparents **MUST** Attend the Class

Call: Vera Dunbar at 225-324-2939

NEXT BAPTISM : SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

For Exceptions, Call Fr. Arockiam at 337-522-0624

"Strength Still Needs Support"

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE...



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Plain and Young families at the passing of Mr. Joseph Plain, brother of Ms. Ethel Young. Also, to the Johnson Family at the passing of Mrs. Virgil Johnson.

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

DIOCESAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR



The Diocese of Baton Rouge is forming a new Diocesan Children's Choir for children ages 10 to 13, fifth through eighth grade. Children are invited to audition for the choir. Audition will be held Tuesday, September 8 through 11, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Cathedral Choir Room, with rehearsals on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at the Cathedral starting September 15th. The choir will lead the congregation in song at St. Joseph Cathedral on the First and Third Sundays of Advent and at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Please register online at the Cathedral website or contact the Director, Brennan Plummer, at music@cathedralbr.org or call the Cathedral office at (225) 387-5928. Every child who loves to sing is encouraged to audition.

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, Walker Williams

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

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 6—SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

Audrika Lathan 9/6	Kenneth Paul, Jr. 9/8	Anna Ferraro 9/10
Dr. Stacy J. Pedescleaux 9/7	Jodeci Alsobrook 9/8	Alani Johnson 9/10
Aaron Williams 9/7	Ellis Doyle 9/9	Adlee James 9/12
Darren Williams 9/7	Amara Nnadi 9/9	Annabelle Reed 9/12
Terrence Lockett 9/8	Andrea Perry 9/9	Amanda Skinner 9/12
Ky'ron Phillips 9/8	Norma V Oliva 9/9	Dorothy Franklin 9/12
Da'myne Spurlock 9/8	Anecia Davis 9/10	Constance Savoy 9/12

MINISTERS—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026**7:30 AM MASS**

ALTAR SERVERS: Bradley Davis, Brayden Davis,
Blaze O'Conner

READERS: Shelia Butler, Anecia Davis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Monique Spaulding, Audrene LeBlanc,
Alice Zacharie, David Robertson

10:30 AM MASS

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

READERS: St. Paul Youth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Christy Hall, Darlene Richard,
Anna Perry, Renee Camberos

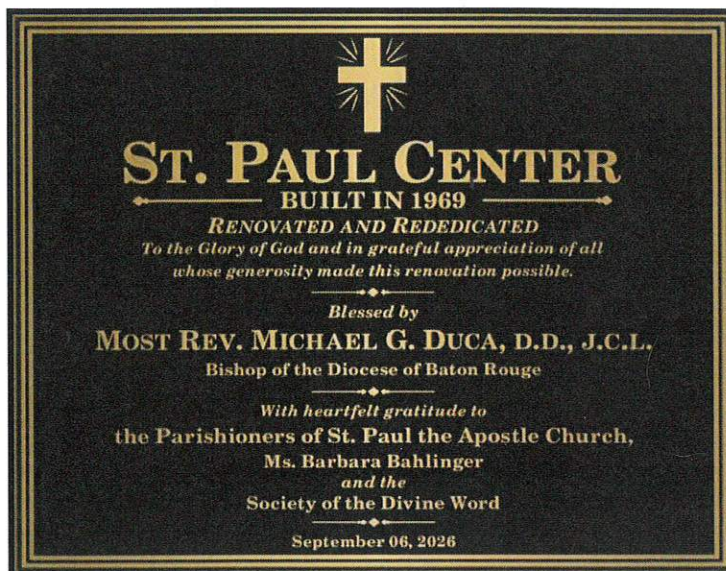
UPCOMING EVENTS
Classes and Meetings...

- Sept. 13:** Meet & Greet St. Paul's Religious Education Staff
Sept. 15: 6:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting
Sept. 23: 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Sept. 27: 11:50 a.m. Infant/Toddler Baptism
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

DEEPENING PRAYER ACROSS THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Baton Rouge has formed a new partnership with Hallow, the world's leading Catholic prayer and meditation app, providing the faithful with new opportunities to grow in prayer and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. As part of the partnership, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will work with Hallow to promote diocesan prayer initiatives and encourage greater participation in the spiritual life of the local Church. This partnership supports the Diocese's ongoing mission to form missionary disciples and foster a culture of prayer throughout the parishes it serves. Catholics in the Diocese of Baton Rouge can join the diocesan Hallow community by downloading the Hallow app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or by visiting Hallow.com.

"In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity" —Pope Leo XIV

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU**

Dear Parishioners,

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever." — Psalm 136:1

With grateful hearts, we rejoice in God's abundant blessings as we celebrate this special Thanksgiving Mass with our Bishop, Most Rev. Michael G. Duca, D.D., J.C.L., and bless and rededicate our renovated St. Paul Center, built in 1969.

I am deeply grateful to Bishop Duca for his care, concern, guidance, and support of our parish. After we retired our church debt, when I asked his permission to build a rectory on our church campus, he encouraged us instead to undertake the much-needed renovation of the St. Paul Center. I thank him sincerely for his wisdom and encouragement.

Most of all, I want to thank **you, our wonderful parishioners**. This project became possible because of your generosity, sacrifices, prayers, cooperation, and love for our parish. I am truly humbled and deeply grateful. This renovated center is not simply a building—it is a **testimony to what we can accomplish together when we trust in God and work together as a faith community**.

A special word of gratitude goes to **Ms. Barbara Bahlinger**, one of our generous benefactors, for her substantial contribution toward this project, and to my religious community, the **Society of the Divine Word**, for its support.

My sincere appreciation goes to **Architect Marcus Williams and his associates, Mr. Curtis Oby Jr., our contractor**, and all those who worked tirelessly to bring this project to completion. I am equally grateful to the members of our **Parish Finance Council** and the former and present **Parish Pastoral Council members** for their guidance and support.

Special thanks also go to our church staff and Food Pantry staff for their patience, flexibility, cooperation, and willingness to make adjustments throughout the renovation. Their understanding and support were a great help in making this project possible.

I especially thank **Mr. Troy Mathis**, whom I believe God sent to us at just the right time. His dedication to overseeing this renovation, together with his generous service as our volunteer property and building maintenance person, has been an extraordinary blessing to our parish.

On behalf of our entire church community, I extend my heartfelt thanks to **all the workers and volunteers** who contributed their time, talent, and hard work.

This **\$500,000 renovation project** is a beautiful testimony to **God's grace, our parishioners' generosity, and the support of our benefactors**.

May the renovated St. Paul Center continue to be a place where our parish family gathers in **faith, fellowship, service, and love**. May everything we do here bring glory to God.

Thank you, dear parishioners, for being part of this beautiful journey. May God bless you and your families abundantly.

With prayers and gratitude,
Fr. A. Arockiam, SVD

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
Families

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225-775-2494

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 & 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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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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