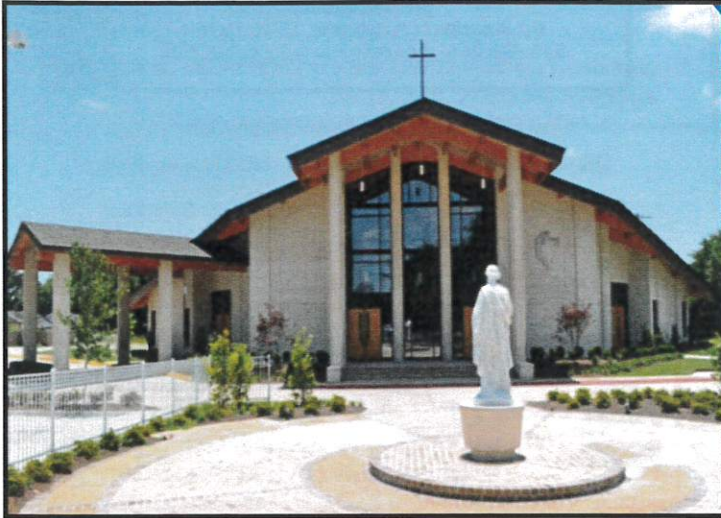


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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Christy Hall—225-383-2537

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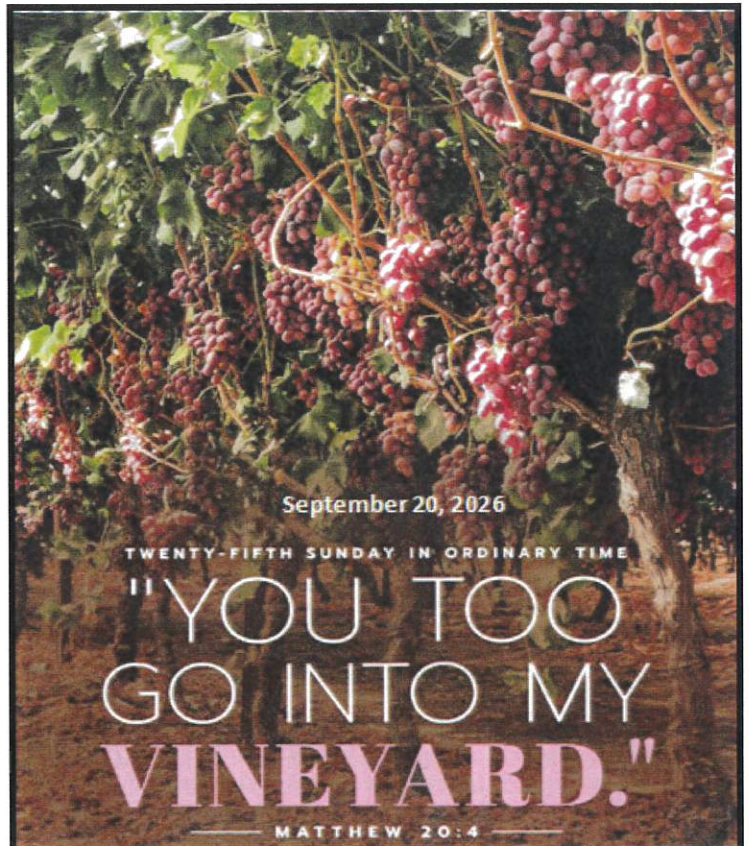
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September 20, 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"YOU TOO
GO INTO MY
VINEYARD."

MATTHEW 20:4



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Sun.: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18/Phil 1:20-24,27/Mt 20:1-16
 Mon.: Eph 4:1-7,11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
 Tues.: Pvr 21:1-6,10-13/Ps 119:1,27,30,34-35,44/Lk 8:19-21
 Wed.: Pvr 30:5-9/Ps 119:29,72,89,101,104,163/Lk 9:1-6
 Thurs.: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17/Lk 9:7-9
 Fri.: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22
 Sat.: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17/Lk 9:43-45
 Sun.: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER RAFFLE—OCT. 18, 2026

We appreciate everyone who has picked up raffle books.

Please remember, the deadline to return raffle stubs and money is before or on October 11, 2026.

Let's pray, stay focused, and do our best to return ONLY Raffle Stubs and Money.

UNSOLD Raffle Books returned OR Raffle Stubs & Money NOT RETURNED make a great difference to St. Paul.

7:30 AM MASS: Ronnie & Isabella Johnson and Family

10:30 AM MASS: Freddie Freeman, Gordon Davis, Jr., Willie Mae Stanley and St. Paul's Church Community

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



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

FOR CHURCH ENVELOPES TO TITHE/GIVE

Offering Envelopes 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.



Bazaar Weekend Mass Schedule

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 17, at 5:00 PM, and on Sunday, October 18, we will celebrate only ONE Mass at 9:30 A.M.



Give online via cell phone
 with our QR Code

OFFERTORY—SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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

Collection:	\$ 5,542.70
Online Giving:	\$ 12,872.00
Building Fund:	\$ 75.00
Raffle:	\$ 1,200.00
Bazaar Donation:	\$ 345.00
Matching Challenge:	\$ 500.00
Booth Rental:	\$ 50.00
Religious Ed. Registration:	\$ 190.00
Religious Ed:	\$ 30.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 108.00
Catholic University of America:	\$ 60.00
Total Offertory	\$ 20,972.70

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

Envelopes Mailed: 203 Envelopes Returned: 60 Online Givers: 47
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 78; 10:30A.M. - 153

PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of Land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea. Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

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



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 20 SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

Byron Buggage, Jr. 9/21	Desiree Spann 9/22	Donisha Jones 9/22
Darryl Boyd, Sr. 9/22	Cheryl Barton 9/22	Rosemary Brown 9/24
Barbara Hunter 9/22	Ohaisha Davis 9/22	Jasmine Oliver 9/24
Marie Myles 9/22	Judge Clark 9/22	Fr. Arockiam 9/25
Mona Seals 9/22	Joseph Davis 9/22	Lisa Price 9/25

MINISTERS—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026**7:30 AM MASS**

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

READERS: Ronnice Johnson, Paulette Robertson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice Zacharie, David Robertson,
Paulette Robertson, Tasha Anthony

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Madelyn Williams, Jackson Williams,
Jacques Parms

READERS: Joanna Boyd, Mary Martin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Christy Hall, Pamela Claiborne,
Nancy Ball, Robinette Harleaux

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

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)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP ON
SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2026**

Please support our Bazaar on Sunday, October 18, by volunteering for at least 2 hours to operate a booth. The sign-up chart is at the church's main entrance. Please sign up to help!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes and Meetings...

- Sept. 22:** 6:00 p.m. Baton Rouge Community Meeting
Sept. 23: 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Sept. 27: Baptism
Oct. 4: Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness
Oct. 9: 6:00 p.m. Bazaar Meeting
Oct. 16: 7:00 p.m. Bingo Night
Oct. 17: Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass
Oct. 17: 8:00 p.m. Western Dance
Oct. 18: Only 9:30 a.m. Mass
Oct. 18: 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Bazaar/Fair & Raffle
Oct. 21: 6:00 p.m. Parish Finance Council Meeting
Oct. 24: 10:00 a.m. Rosary for our Sick and Shut-in
 10:30 a.m. Anointing of the Sick Mass
Oct. 30: Youth's Spooktacular Halloween Party
 5:30 - p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY MEETING

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church will host a community event to keep our community informed, as we honor our history, and prepare for the upcoming election on November 3, 2026. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, **September 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in St. Paul Center**. Join local elected officials, and community members for an important conversation about the November election, recent voting and election law changes, and ways to get involved in strengthening our democracy. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 transformed American democracy by breaking down barriers that had denied millions of people the freedom to vote. It stands as a reminder that progress is possible when ordinary people organize, advocate, and demand change. Protecting voting rights is not just about Election Day. Please mark your calendar and join us!

**MOVIE COMING SOON
"TOLTON - FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST"**

Tolton is a powerful multi-media live production, filled with music, drama and inspiring performances. It brings a message of hope and healing for the wounds that plague our culture. You will be inspired by Father Augustus Tolton's the first Black American Priest, perseverance and faith. Tolton film screening will begin September 28, 2026 in Chicago. Be on the look out for dates in our area!

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

St. Paul's church family and friends are encouraged to pay more attention to Breast Cancer Prevention. **WEAR PINK ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026** in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A mini-talk will be given after each Mass.

**ROSARY AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS**

Based on historical records of the power in praying the Rosary, *the month of October is the established "Month of the Rosary"*. St. Paul's Ladies Sodality invites parishioners to join them in praying the Rosary for our sick and shut-in members on Saturday, **October 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** *Anointing of the Sick Mass will immediately follow the Rosary.* To-go lunches can be picked up in the parish center after Mass.

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**End-of-Life Decision Making
and the Dignity of Human Life**

"Let us care for one another as Christ cared for us." - Romans 15:7

When: Saturday, October 31, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(Lunch Provided)

Where: Tracy Center Auditorium
Catholic Life Center
1800 S. Acadian Thruway
Baton Rouge, LA



Registration is required

Use the QR Code or this link:

<https://diobr.org/rlc-event>

The talks will include:

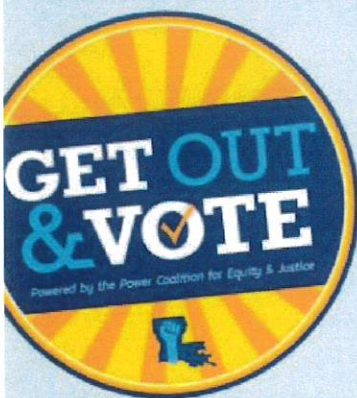
- Ordinary and extraordinary end-of-life care: Nutrition & hydration and pain medication
- Advance directives: Power of Attorney and living wills
- Catholic teaching on euthanasia and assisted suicide
- Ethical challenges w. palliative care and hospice

Meet our speaker:

Dr. Joe Zalot is a nationally recognized Catholic ethicist and the Director of Education at The NCBC. He lectures across the country, and has provided more than 2,200 ethics consultations, helping many make faithful medical decisions in accordance with Catholic teaching.

"The important thing is to give people good and faithful information so they can make good decisions in line with the teachings of the Church." - Dr. Zalot

Election Day Is Coming. Get Ready to Vote!



Baton Rouge Community Event



Register Today:
bit.ly/Community-Sept2

Tuesday, September 22 • 6:00 PM

St. Paul Catholic Church

3912 Gus Young Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Speakers Include:

REPRESENTATIVE

**Vanessa
LaFleur**
District 101

JUDGE

Vicky Jones
19th Judicial
District Court
Division O

REPRESENTATIVE

**Terry
Landry Jr.**
District 67

JUDGE

Don Johnson
19th Judicial
District Court
Division B

Come Find Out:

- ➔ Who and what will be on **your ballot**
- ➔ What's **new or different** this election
- ➔ What to **expect** when you vote
- ➔ **When and where** you can vote
- ➔ Where to get **trusted election information**

Free & Open to the Public. Refreshments will be provided.

**EARLY
VOTING**

TUESDAY-TUESDAY
October 20-27

**ELECTION
DAY**

TUESDAY
November 3

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CB, Ruth, & Tia Davis;
Catherine Williams,
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Marcus Montigue

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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

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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

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Rose, Albert & Terry Hebert;
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Jessica D. Hughes

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Rev. Albert Williams,
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