St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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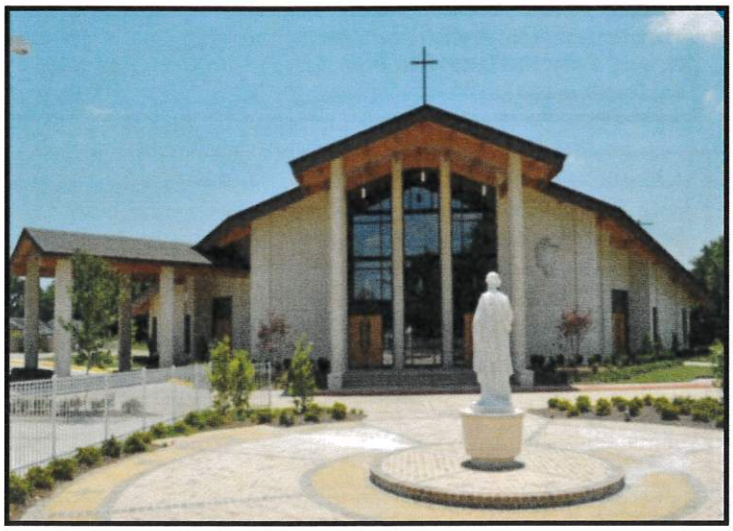


Sunday masses
7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Weekday Morning Mass—To Be Announced
Tuesday—Friday

Eucharistic 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 NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Sun.: Ez 34:11-12,15-17/Ps 23:1-3,5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Mon.: Rv 14:1-3, 4-5/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tues.: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11
Wed.: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-3, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19
Thurs.: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 21:20-28
Fri.: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3-6, 8/Lk 21:29-33
Sat Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Sun.: Is 63:16b-17,19; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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



GOODWILL AND GRATEFULNESS TREE



St. Paul's Christmas Goodwill and Gratefulness Tree will be placed in the main entrance of the church on Sunday, November 29, 2026. Parishioners and organizations are encouraged to adopt a child or children from the tree. If you have any questions, please contact Maxine Watts, our Parish Nurse at 225-278-6732 or the Parish office at 383-2537.



Give online via cell phone with our QR Code

OFFERTORY—NOVEMBER 15, 2026

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

Collection:	$ 2,895.00
Online Giving:	$ 10,400.00
Building Fund:	$ 21.00
Mass Stipend:	$ 5.00
Bulletin Ad:	$ 50.00
Catholic Camp. for Human Development	$ 174.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	$ 61.00
Total Offertory	**$ 13,606.00**

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

Envelopes Mailed: 204 Envelopes Returned: 48 Online Givers: 36
Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M.– 85- 9:30A.M. 153

Birthdays NOVEMBER 22—28, 2026 Birthdays

Doris Broussard 11/22
Mark Chenevert 11/22
Cedrick Coats 11/22
Brandon Bolden 11/22
Jose Camberos 11/23
Paul Stewart Sr. 11/23
Jude Troullier 11/23
John Nnadi 11/24
Zairey Patterson 11/24
Johnny Rogers. Jr. 11/24
Yvette Wisham 11/24
Rubbin Guerin 11/25
Mae Ruby Johnson 11/25
Terryl Bowman 11/26
Jada Stanley-Goss 11/26
Sylvia Thomas 11/26
Jacob Kemp 11/28
Lionette Oliver 11/28
Bennie Wilson 11/28

MASS INTENTIONS

7:30 AM MASS: Doris Key, Earl Key Sr., Emma Doyle, Currie "Rudi" Doyle, Ellis Doyle Sr., Tony Key, Roosevelt Bowers, Jacquez Brown, Jared Brown

10:30 AM MASS: Adeline Landry, Evelyn Broussard, Irene Malveaux, Ervis Malveau, Darrell Broussard, Leyon Broussard, Louvenia Fontenot, Josie Darbonne, Dally Ruth Biagas, Bernadine Gordon, Roland Gordon, Hadley Fontenot, Joyce Jean, Loretha Thomas, Lisa Jean, Preston Jean, Manuel Broussard, Ardell Malveaux, Howard Perry II, Mattie Chenevert, Joseph Chenevert, Howard Perry Sr., Jean Roan

St. Paul Center Renovation: Questions and Finalization of Project



Dear Parishioners, We give praise, glory, and honor to God for His abundant blessings upon our parish community.

I would like to sincerely thank all of our dedicated parishioners for your cooperation, generosity, and support throughout the renovation of the St. Paul Center. This project was made possible through our love for God, our church, and our parish family. May God bless you and your families abundantly for your continued support.

As we prepare to pay the final bill to our contractor and close out the renovation project, we invite anyone who has concerns, questions , or needs clarification regarding the work completed to please contact the following:

Williams Architecture: 225-938-0421
Coby Construction Management, LLC: 225-955-2081

Please make sure to reach out by Monday, December 7, 2026. During that week, we anticipate making the finale payment and officially closing out the project.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, cooperation, and continued support through out this process.

May God continue to bless St. Paul Parish and all of our parishioners.

God bless you!
Fr. Arockiam

CHURCH SICK & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Ta'Rhonda Chube, Rose Crockett Carter, John Larry Christophe, Cheryl Crockett, Shirley Dawson, Dcn. Benjamin Dunbar Jr., Almeasey Foster, Dianna Franklin, Marilyn Green, Theresa Grevious, Ruther Hall, James Hayward, Brenda Hickman, Carolyn Jenkins, Harry Johnson, Ronnie Johnson, Augustine Kador, Mable King, Elthea LeDuff, Angela Mamou, 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, Ella Lou Jackson-Thomas, James Pace, Allen Paschal, Martha Reinhart, Joel Rivera, Coogan Ryan, Jenna Scott, Dana Simoneaux, Anthony Skinner, 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, NOVEMBER 29, 2026

7:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Bradley Davis, Brayden Davis, Jaden Goss
READERS: Reginald Green, Stephanie Allen
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Alice Zacharie, Paulette Robertson, Audrene LeBlanc, David Robertson

10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Mason Sanders, Rylee Sanders, Ava Huggins, Ethan Kemp, Jacob Kemp
READERS: Young Adults
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Christy Hall, Pamela Claiborne, Renee Camberos, Nancy Ball

Families Lighting the First Advent Candle



Kenneth & Mary Gloston will light the First Sunday of Advent Candle on Nov. 29, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. Mass. Donald Dorsey & Janice Womber will light the candle at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Advent Candle of Hope!



I wish to express my appreciation and special thanks to the volunteers that came out to help clean out and organize the storage buildings at St. Paul on Monday, November 16th. A great big thanks to Meritt Andrews, Nancy Ball, Lionel Bazile, Byron George, John Guerin, Devon Mathis, Troy Mathis, Johnny Rogers, Howard Rome, Lionel Sam, Kim Starwood, Sharon Spears, and Lorena Williams. Also, thank you to the group that volunteered to come out on Tuesday, but due to the hard work by the crew on Monday, the work was completed on Monday. Job well done.

Fr. Arockiam

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
—Helen Keller

JOIN 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 Counselor Mary Martin at (225) 936-1090 or Assistant Counselor Amanda Skinner at (225) 978-7347.



St. Paul Junior Daughters Ct. 351 had a very successful breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, November 15th thanks to everyone that supported them. A great big thank you to those that made donations, brought tickets and those that stepped up and worked during the event. Your all are greatly appreciated!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes and Meetings...

Nov. 16-30: #iGiveCatholic Advanced Giving
Nov. 25: Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass
Nov. 27: Parish Office Closed
Nov. 29: Baptism
Nov. 29: Giving Tree Displayed
December 1: #iGive Catholic - Giving Tuesday
December 9: 5:30 p.m.-Prayer Service-6:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation
Jan. 21: 6:00 p.m. Parish Finance Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY PRE-THANKSGIVING DAY MASS



Please join St. Paul's church family for our Thanksgiving Mass Celebration on Wednesday, November 25, at 6:00 P.M. You are invited to bring your Thanksgiving Dinner Bread and Wine that you will share with your family members and friends on Thanksgiving Day for a special blessing.



Support the Youth of St. Paul the Apostle through www.iGiveCatholic.org or on St. Paul's website

ADVENT PENANCE/RECONCILIATION SERVICE



St. Paul's annual **Advent Reconciliation Service is Wednesday, December 9, 2026 in the church.** It begins with a prayer service at 5:30 pm. There will be seven priest available for confessions.

CHRISTMAS DANCE



Are you looking for a great time and some good company? Then, join the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Paul and their guests on Friday, December 11, 2026, 8:00 PM until 12:00 midnight in St. Paul Parish Center. Tickets are $25. See any member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED



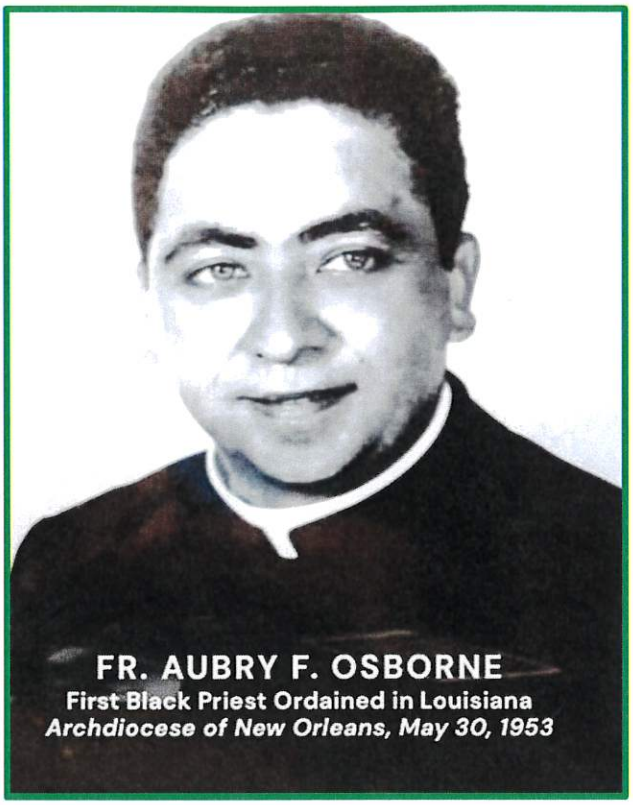
St. Paul's Parish Office will be closed Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, 2026, to celebrate Thanksgiving! God is good to us, and we join our families this week to thank Him for all his many blessings!



St. Paul members participated in the Black Catholic History Mass Celebration Sunday, Nov. 8th at St. Joseph Cathedral

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

We Are One with Christ!



On May 30, 1953, Fr. Aubry F. Osborne made history as the first African American priest ordained in Louisiana—more specifically, in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

He was also the first Black priest to attend and graduate from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. At a time when Jim Crow segregation cast a long shadow over Louisiana, Fr. Osborne's ordination marked a courageous milestone in Black Catholic history.

Fr. Osborne was born into a prominent Louisiana Creole family. His family legacy of achievement and service included his father, Dr. Royce Osborne Sr., a pioneering Black radiologist, and his maternal uncle, Gilbert Faustina, a founding member of the Knights of Peter Claver, the largest historically Black Catholic fraternal service organization in the United States.

Fr. Osborne continued breaking barriers through his priestly ministry, becoming the first pastor of one of our sister churches—St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Baton Rouge in 1960.

More than a historical first, Fr. Osborne was a shepherd, trailblazer, and inspiration whose courage helped open doors for future generations of Black Catholic priests. His footsteps helped pave the way. His faith continues to inspire our journey!

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In Loving Memory

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

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George Coleman Sr.
Carrie Coleman
M.H. Weathersby
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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,
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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

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Dwight LeBlanc, Sr

With Much Love,
Audrene, Kobi,
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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,
Martha Theodore;
Lillian & Forrest Oliver
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In Remembrance of

Lionel Bazile Sr.
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