

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

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Martha Davis—225-357-4108

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Kawayna Ridgley—225-405-7225

PARISH NURSE

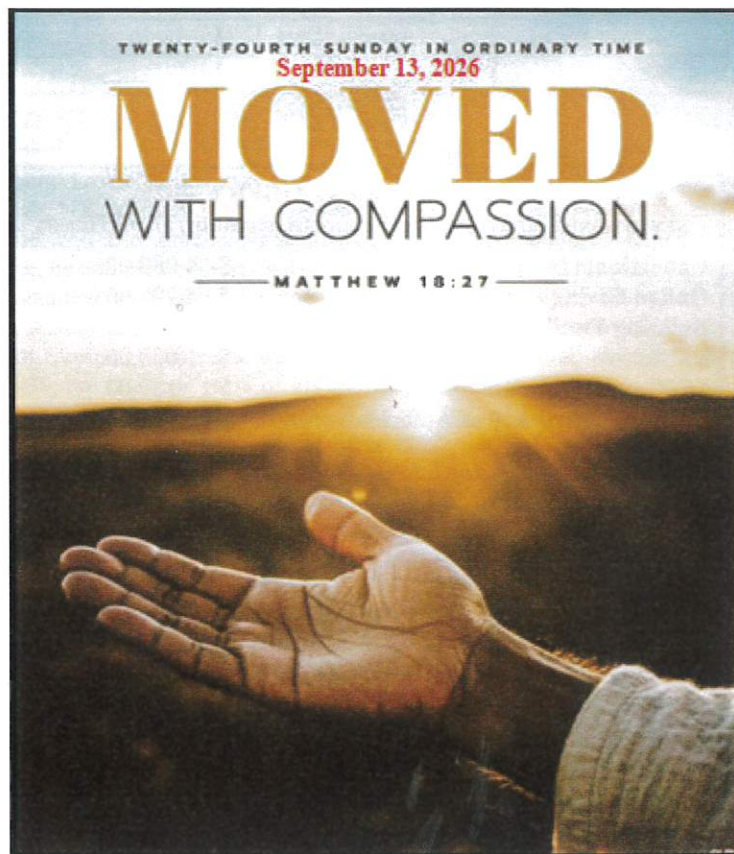
Maxine Watts—225-278-6732

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 13, 2026

Sun.: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-4,9-12/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35
Mon.: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2,34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tues.: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31/Ps 100:1-5/Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35
Wed.: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thurs.: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2,16-17,28/Lk 7:36-50
Fri.: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Sat.: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
Sun.: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18/Phil 1:20-24,27/
Mt 20:1-16

ANNUAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER TO DATE

of Raffle Books Made: **275**
of Raffle Books Issued: **269** # of Books Left: **6**
of Members Picked Up Raffle Books: **198**

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

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*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.



Give online via cell phone
with our QR Code

OFFERTORY—SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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

Collection:	\$ 4,088.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,723.00
Building Fund:	\$ 364.00
Raffle	\$ 1,000.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 189.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 212.00
Total Offertory	\$ 10,576.00

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

Envelopes Mailed: 244 Envelopes Returned: 73 Online Givers: 40
(Envelopes mailed to registered members) (Envelopes used for general offering/tithes)

Last Sunday Mass Attendance: 7:30A.M. - 60; 10:30A.M. - 193

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

10:30 AM MASS: Gordon Davis, Jr., Vera Mathis, Freddie Freeman, Evelyn Broussard, Joseph Broussard, Paul Broussard, Leyon Broussard

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

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE...



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Stanley and Goss families at the passing of Ms. Willie Mae Stanley, mother of Mrs. Jada Stanley-Goss, grandmother of Damoni and Jaden Goss, sister of Ms. Harriet Jordan, and aunt of Mr. Tony and Justin Colar.

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

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



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 13—SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 Birthdays

Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. 9/14	Mary Davis 9/15	Zephlyn Savoy 9/16
Londyn Mathis 9/14	Connor Green 9/15	Kimberly P. Huggins 9/17
Lloyd LeBlanc 9/14	Chole Harrell 9/15	Anthony Dyson, Jr. 9/17
Darrell St. Romain 9/14	Darwin Bowers 9/15	Shelia Butler 9/18
Cannon Williams 9/14	Lionel Sam 9/16	Fredrena Johnson 9/18
Phyllis Bowman 9/15	Georgette Sterling 9/16	Bradley Davis 9/19

MINISTERS—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026**7:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Jose Camberos, Saija Johnson, Jordon Clifford**READERS:** Evangeline Hughes, Randy LeDuff**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Alice Zacharie, Renee Camberos,
Audrene LeBlanc, Paulette, Robertson**10:30 AM MASS****ALTAR SERVERS:** Mason Sanders, Rylee Sanders, Ava Huggins,
Ethan Kemp, Jacob Kemp**READERS:** Richard Johnson, Kevin Stewart**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Lisa Byrd, Nancy Ball,
Christy Hall, Tasha Anthony**UPCOMING EVENTS**
Classes and Meetings...

- Sept. 13:** 9:45 a.m. Meet & Greet St. Paul's Religious Ed. Staff
Sept. 15: 6:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting - In the Church
Sept. 18: 6:00 p.m. Bazaar Meeting
Sept. 22: 6:00 p.m. Baton Rouge Community Meeting
Sept. 23: 6:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Oct. 9: 6:00 p.m. Bazaar 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

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.

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!

REDEDICATION & BLESSING OF ST. PAUL RENOVATED CENTER — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**ST. PAUL SALUTES JUDGE LUKE LAVERGNE**

Judge Luke LaVergne is the fifth of 10 children born to Adam LaVergne, Jr. and Ida Nero LaVergne, a very devout catholic family. He was reared on a farm in and around Lawtell/Opelousas Louisiana. At age 16, he entered St. Joseph Seminary (The order of Josephite Priests) in Newburgh, NY, to study for the Priesthood. After two years, he decided that the priesthood was not his calling. He returned home, and after graduation from Plaisance High School, he joined the United States Air Force. While serving in the Air Force, he attended college on his off duty time and earned his B.S. degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He later obtained his Master's Degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He served with the Air Force in Germany, Alaska and the Far East, and throughout the United States. He served as the Avionics officer at Headquarters Military Airlift Command where he was in charge of avionics on all aircraft in the command including Air Force One. From 1975 to 1979, the last four years of his 23 1/2 year military career, he was assigned as an Assistant Professor of Aerospace studies to teach Air Force R.O.T.C. at LSU, Baton Rouge. After retiring in 1979, with the rank of Major, he entered LSU Law School graduating in 1982, and was admitted to the Bar to practice law in October 1982.

He served as an assistant district attorney and an Assistant Parish Attorney in East Baton Rouge Parish, was appointed several times to sit as Judge Pro Tempore of the Baton Rouge City Court from 1988 to 1992, and then he was elected Judge of the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish where he served from 1992 to 2008 then retired from the bench. Although retired, he still sits for other judges when they take days off or go on vacation, and he is the hearing officer for the Blight/Code violation court and the Red Light violation Court for the City of Baton Rouge.

Judge LaVergne has served on the boards of: The National Bar Association, the Baton Rouge Bar Association, the Louisiana Judicial College and Louisiana State Civil Law Institute. He has also been very active and continues to be an active member of his community. He has served on the Boards of many community agencies and organizations, including Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, The Baton Rouge Symphony, The Boy Scouts of America Istrouma Council, the YMCA, Our Lady of the Lake College, and is a charter member of 100 Black Men of Baton Rouge, and a Life member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He is now a widower; he had been married for nearly forty-six years to his high school sweetheart, the late Catherine Ann Malveaux LaVergne, before her death on September 1, 2006. He has one son, Lance, a daughter, Cynthia, and four grandchildren. As a member of St. Paul since 1990, he has served as Chairman of the Finance Committee since 2001; he was Chairman of the Capital Campaign to build the new church. He worked the Fish fry from its inception until Covid-19 hit. He has taught the Confirmation class and Catholic Church history for many years. He continues to work at St. Paul for whatever the church needs.

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
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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

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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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; Tobbs, 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

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