

“My heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.” Romans 10:1

Dear friends,

Today, the Christmas Season concludes with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Sacred Liturgy offers us, in St Luke's account, the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan (Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22). On this feast, we give thanks to God for the humility of Our Lord, which allowed Him to become one with sinners as He went down into the waters. This is an anticipation of His true union with sinners as He hung upon the cross, suffering and dying for us and our salvation. We likewise give thanks to God for the gift of our baptism into Christ Jesus. The divine life that we received in our souls through baptism is a foretaste of sharing the Lord's life fully if we persevere in the Lord's grace in this world and are given the gift of Eternal Life when our days are ended. The Second Vatican Council reminded us clearly that all who are baptized are called to holiness. Are we truly striving for that goal on a daily basis?

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we also begin the annual National Vocations Awareness week. At His baptism, Jesus is fully revealed as the Beloved Son of God and begins His mission of redemption. With this celebration, we recommit ourselves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and the mission we were given by Him through baptism. During this *Year for Priests* that our Holy Father has proclaimed, we pray in a special way for Priestly vocations. Please do not fail to encourage the young men of our parish whom the Lord may be calling. Let us redouble our efforts to create in our parish a culture of vocations. **We need Priests!!**

Eucharistic Adoration inspires, multiplies and cultivates vocations. When Mother Teresa of Calcutta was asked how she got so many women to join her religious order, she explained: *"We were just like other religious congregations with few vocations. Then at our chapter in the 1970's we made a decision to have a holy hour in all our convents each evening. Many blessings resulted from this Holy Hour...we began to see more clearly our mission to serve the poor in Christ's name. We began to live a more fruitful family life among ourselves. We experienced double the number of vocations in our congregation. And we grew personally in our intimacy with the Lord present in the Eucharist...It was not until 1973, when we began our daily Holy Hour that our community started to grow and blossom."* Many studies have shown that vocations increase with Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. "All of those fellows who have entered the seminaries in the last five years—I would be willing to say a huge number have told me they found their vocation through Eucharistic Adoration," Father Goedert, a vocation director, said. "Because they are there alone with the Lord, there are no distractions. It's a very personal visit with the Lord: somehow the Lord speaks to them." We have been blessed here to have Adoration five days per week for many years now. I thank all of those who give their time each week for this to happen. However, our numbers have decreased. **We need more parishioners to commit to our weekly Eucharistic Adoration.** Please consider making one hour of your week available for prayer before the Lord, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. It will not only help you to grow in your baptismal call to holiness, but also help us here at St. Peter Church to cultivate vocations to the Sacred Priesthood and Religious Life.

In His service,
Fr. Vidrine

Prayer for the Increase of Eucharistic Adoration

Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the Real Presence of Your Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We are obliged to adore Him, to give Him thanks and to make reparation for sins. We need Your peace in our hearts and among nations. We need conversion from our sins and the mercy of Your forgiveness. May we obtain this through prayer and our union with Eucharistic Lord. Please send down the Holy Spirit upon all peoples to give them the love, courage, strength and willingness to respond to the invitation to Eucharistic Adoration. We humbly beseech You to increase the number of adorers in our parish and to spread exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in parishes around the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, help us to spread the glory of Your Son through exposition of the Holy Eucharist. *Amen.*

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“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.” (Mt. 16:18)

Staff Rev. Fr. Jason Vidrine, Pastor
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Sr. Ann Arno, MSC, School Principal

Office Hours 9am - 4pm Mon - Thurs
9am - 12 noon Fridays

Holy Mass Monday No Mass
Tuesday 5.15pm
Wednesday 9.00am (*Guest Home*)
Thursday 5.15pm
Friday 8.15am
Saturday 4.00pm (*Anticipated*)
Sunday 7.00am
8.30am (*St. David*)
10.30am

Confessions Saturdays 3.00 - 3.45 pm
& 30 min before all other
Masses or by appointment

Baptism Arrangements made by
the parents with Pastor.
Godparents must be
Confirmed and practicing
Catholics.

Marriage Arrangements made by
the couple with Pastor 6
months before desired date

Anointing Emergency calls answered
immediately; call office for
Holy Communion or
Anointing of the Sick at
home or in hospital.

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Mon. 1/11 (NO MASS)

Tues. 1/12- 5:15 p.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)

Preceded by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Dec/Catholic Daughters, J.C. Broussard, Erin Krielow Lahr, Ezell & Michael Thibodeaux, Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux,

Living: Special Intention (S.T.), In Thanksgiving (S.T.)

Wed. 1/13-9:00 a.m. (GUEYDAN GUEST HOME)

(St. Hilary)

Learness Melancon (annv), Dwayne Zaunbrecher, Wilbur & Lucille Guidry, Paul O, Jr, Eula, Ronald & Sherman Trahan, Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux

Living: John Armour (B'day)

Thurs. 1/14- 5:15 p.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)

Mary G. Hardee (annv 1yr), Billy Zaunbrecher, Proford Petry, Dec/Willie Petry f'ly, Dec/Joseph Zaunbrecher f'ly, Dec/L.C. Melancon f'ly, The Holy Souls, Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux

Living: Carli & Marcus Shannon (B'day), Tagan Hair (B'day), Willie Petry f'ly, Joseph Zaunbrecher f'ly, L.C. Melancon f'ly, Conversion/Sinners, Special Intention, Special Intention (S.T.), In Thanksgiving (S.T.)

Fri. 1/15- 8:15 a.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)

Citman LeJeune, Melissa LeJeune, Guy Ledoux & Dec. f'ly, Leroy Henry, Kathy H. Mouton, Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux

Sat. 1/16- 4:00 p.m (ST. PETER CHURCH)

(Anticipated—Second Sunday of the Year)

Percy LaPoint (annv 1/17), J.C. Broussard (annv 10 yrs), M/M Guy Broussard, M/M Ozone Guidry, Michael Sztroin, Harry Jr. & Isabelle McDaniel, Frank Bourque, Leroy Henry, Kathy H. Mouton, Stacy Broussard Jr, Wilbert & Rene LeGros, Querie Richard, Tiffany Broussard, Delores Richard, Clifton Simon, Carl Sonnier, Martin & Bernice Sonnier, Ernest Hebert Sr., P.J. Broussard III, Huland Breaux, Nelis Matthews, Holy Souls In Purgatory, Julius, Ruby & Allen Arabie, George Elliott, M/M Emile Guillory, M/M Armand Arabie, M/M Theolus Simon, M/M Charley Elliott, Robert "Bruce" Broussard, Joseph & Ezia Sonnier, Fr. Alcide Sonnier, Sheldon Reese, Charlie J., Lillian & Virgil Benoit, Kurt Istre, Alicia Istre, Ralph Jannise Sr, Eula Duhon, Linda Istre, Nicholas Olivier, Sheldon Simon, M/M Jack & Ronda Lemaire, Fred Cormier, George & Loretta Dowd, Karen Woods, Clyde Reese Sr., Dec/Henry Reese Sr. fly, M/M Ovie Abshire, Billy Zaunbrecher, Proford Petry, Dec/Willie Petry f'ly, Dec/Joseph Zaunbrecher fly, Dec/L.C. Melancon fly, The Holy Souls, M/M Jack Martin, Dec/Winchester fly, M/M Sidney Lounsberry, M/M George, Barbara, Faye & Mildred Klein, M/M Wilfred Broussard Sr., Susan Earls, Robert Paul Francez, Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux, Neelis & Gladys Adams, M/M Enis Touchet, Dec/Ernest Saltzman f'ly, Erin "Krielow" Lahr, Ezell & Michael Thibodeaux, Lloyd Quartemont, Oscar, Eldie, Garland, Sarah, Michael & Ty Theriot, Mark LeBlanc, Bill & Theresa B. Fuqua, Clarence, Marie, Clarence Jr. & John A. Bertrand, Neelis & Joe Bertrand, Rodney Stelly Sr., J.D. Simon, Joseph Simon, Lela Suggs, Dollie

Brotherton, Alde & Obrey Bourque, Mark Smith, Sheldon Simon, Melvin Mouton, M/M Exavier Lemaire, Percy & Hazel Lemaire,

Living: Special Intention (C.B.), In Thanksgiving (H.K.), Special Intention (MGG), Special Intention (C.J), In Thanksgiving (C.J.), Special Intention (S.T.), Willie Petry f'ly, Joseph Zaunbrecher fly, L.C. Melancon fly, Conversion/Sinners, Special Intention, In Thanksgiving (S.T.), In Thanksgiving (H.K.)

Sun. 01/17 7: 00 a.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)

Stacy Broussard Jr., Agnes Thevis, M/M Wilbur Guidry, Dwayne Zaunbrecher, Nicholas Hensgens, Gladys & Peter Trahan, M/M C.P. Zaunbrecher, M/M Fernand Vidalier, M/M Laurence Rung, M/M Clomere Vidalier, Neelis & Joe Bertrand, M/M Joe Stelly, Cloma Stelly, M/M Freddy C. Broussard, Joseph Simon, Obrey & Alde Bourque, Rodney Stelly Sr., Ernest & Dorothy Dyson, Crip Bertrand, Aldis, Marie & Craig Broussard, Wanda Broussard, Don Linscombe, "Bee" Petry, Eddie LeJeune, Edgar Vincent, Alton Sr, Palma & Mervin Breaux, Doris Lougon, Mildred Broussard, Cassidy Elliott, Yvette Leleaux, Bennett Broussard, M/M Obrey Broussard, Myrtle Cormier, Crystal Kibodeaux, Rowan & Bubba Laseter, Frank, Ida & Larry Thompson, M/M Joe, Wilfred, Julian, Fred & Billy Zaunbrecher, M/M Nolan & Paul LeBlanc, Dec/A.J. Toups Sr. fly, Dave & R.J. Kibodeaux, Anese LeJeune, Dec/Aclan Guidry Sr. f'ly, M/M Diacles Weekly, Terry Weekly, Mary Jean Hebert, M/M Nolan & Curtis Abshire, J.C. Hebert, Allen Pego, Cynthia Alford, Rodney & Jimmy Simon, M/M Oscar Hungerford, Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Sidney, Eva, Gurthia & Joan Quebodeaux,

Living: Special Intention (MGG), Pro Populo (For the people of St. Peter Parish)

Sun. 01/17 8:30 a.m. (ST. DAVID CHAPEL)

Edmay Guidry (B'day), Curtis Landry (B'day 1/18), Gilmar Sr, Anna, Gilmar Jr, Allen & Daniel Landry, Nicole Campbell, Jerry & Claudia Lezak, Loify & Eldie Woods, Steve Reed, Guy Ledoux & Dec f'ly, Julius & Lou Trahan, Bert, Anna Mae & Johnny Darbonne, Kathy H. Mouton, Leroy Henry, Dec/Emick Melancon f'ly, Charles Hensgens Jr.

Sun. 01/17- 10:30 a.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)

Melissa LeJeune, Wilson & Oneita Marceaux, Dec/Alexon Cormier f'ly, Dec/Dupree Marceaux f'ly, Dec/M&M Leon Schexnider f'ly, Wilson & Elma Rose Smith, Helen LeBeouf, Jerry Cormier, Billy Zaunbrecher, Proford Petry, Dec/Willie Petry f'ly, Dec/Joseph Zaunbrecher, Dec/L.C. Melancon f'ly, The Holy Souls, Lawrence "Cato" Broussard, Gladys T. Adams, Jim Lemaire, Stacy Broussard Jr., Dec/V.D. Breaux Sr f'ly, Drozan, Bertha & W. J. Benoit, Curtis & Salina Venable, George Beller, Frank & Adaline dePerrodil, Minice & Hilda Foreman, M/M Placide Weekly, Duci, Steve Jr., Arnold & Theresa Meaux, Shelton Benoit, Eldie Broussard, Allanna Mayer, Warren, Lunia & Darryl LeJeune, Troy Richard, L.J. & Nolia Theriot, Phoebe Thibodeaux, Hilda R. Duhon, Telismar & Vergie Richard, Elbe Richard, Bozo & Myrna R. Kibodeaux, Betty M. Hebert, M/M Leo & Eugene Meaux, M/M Whitney & Andrus Hebert, M/M Owen & Robert Lounsberry, M/M Jimmy LeJeune, Reese, Rita, Maylen & Horace Broussard, Edward & Ina Istre, M/M Teonis, L.J. & Bobby Simon, Sean Simon, Brenda S. Bourque, Michael Sensat, Vernes, Thomas & Cason Trahan, Audley & Tim Badon, Eugene, Madeline, Ronald & Dana Broussard

Living: Shirley Petry (B'day), Willie Petry f'ly, Joseph Zaunbrecher f'ly, L.C. Melancon f'ly, Conversion/Sinners, Special Intention, V.D. Breaux Sr f'ly,

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2010

St. Peter Parish Life
Knights of Columbus
Ladies Altar Society
Catholic Daughters

Bereavement (Chairman)
(Co Chairman)

Altar Servers (Boys)
Sacristans (Girls)
Adoration Chapel
Right to Life
Cursillo (Men & Women)
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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER – JANUARY 2010

GENERAL- That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

MISSION –That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

OFFERINGS OF THE PAST WEEK

Offertory (New Years) **ST. PETER** \$1,250.00
Offertory (Epiphany Sunday) 2,822.89
Church Loan 3,091.25

ST. DAVID

\$631.00

THANK YOU!!!! PLEASE DON'T SKIP A SUNDAY DONATION; IT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND (JANUARY 9-10) IS FOR INSURANCE & MAINTENANCE.
SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND (JANUARY 23-24) IS FOR ST. PETER SCHOOL.

WE WELCOME CAIN MARCUS HIGGINBOTHAM WHO HAS ENTERED OUR CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM.

CCD PROGRAM: Class for grades 1ST- 9TH - Sun, Jan 17— St. Peter School – 9:00 a.m. followed by 10:30am Mass.
RCIA Class will be held on Thurs, Jan 28 at 6:00pm – St. Peter School.
Confirmation Class (10th grade) Wed, Jan 20 – 6:30pm – St. Peter School.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL – Adorers are needed for Mondays at 10:00-11:00 p.m., Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 a.m., 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. & 1:00 -2:00 p.m. Thursdays at 2:00-3:00 p.m. and Fridays 1:00-2:00 p.m. Please consider spending One Hour With Jesus. Call Patsy Woods at 536-6296

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL of Acadia Parish is accepting registration applications for the 2010-2011 school year on January 12 from incoming Freshmen from its feeder schools, January 13 for in-house students (grades 10,11,12), and January 14 for transfer students (all grades). In addition to a most challenging college preparatory curriculum, Note Dame offers alternatives to meet the academic needs of all of its students. Tuition assistance is available. For information contact Louissette Broussard at lbrossard@ndpios.com or 783-7143.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER MEETING—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE OLD GUEYDAN LIBRARY. WILL DISCUSS THE ST. JOSEPH ALTAR. PLEASE ATTEND!

2010 CALENDERS STILL AVAILABLE

The 2010 church calendars are still available at the entrances of the church and in the parish office. We give thanks to Matthews and Son Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our calendars.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Shanna Abshire, Wanda Abshire, Janine Allen, Peggy Arpin, Joyce Benoit, Dallas “Bubba” Bonin Jr, Donna F. Brandley, Brenda Broussard, Dwayne Broussard, Maria Broussard, Mary Ann V. Broussard, Robert Broussard, Jeanelle Campbell, Gavin Comeaux, Johnny P. David, Lauren Doucet, Mary Duhon, Barbara Duhon, Allen Ennis, Ava Dean P. Faulk, Warren Faulk, Alexis Figueroa, Joe Francis, Dave Fullerton, Linda Garrie, Marie-Reine Grondin, Bryce Hardy, Oneil Grondin, Ulbal Grondin, Myrtle Guidry, Olite Guidry, Sally Guidry, Sandra Guidry, Martha Hebert, Rayland Hebert, Raymond Hebert, Kirby Henry, Doris Hensgens, Birdie Lege Istre, Donna Istre, Lance Jolivette, Marcella Jolivette, Delsa Woods Karcher, Bob Klein, Henrietta Klein, Francis Klein, Melvin Lacombe, Katen Lacy, Gabriel W. Landry Sr, Andre LeBlanc, Linda Leger, Raymond Leger, Jeanette LeJeune, Harriet Lemaire, Deany LeMoine, Carley Marceaux, Darryl Marceaux, Mickey Marceaux, Jessie Mae Martin, Christopher Cade Mauray, Charles McDaniel Sr, Gwen McKim, Monita Meaux, Michael Menard, Daniel Petry, Stacy Philips, Dorothy Potier, Wilbert Potier, Hillman Primeaux, Russell J. Primeaux, Ian M. Richard, Wanda Richard, Beverly Roche, Larry Romaine, Carla Romero, Blaine Romero, M/M Nelson Saltzman, Doris Schexnider, Kaylie Segrera, Dwayne Sonnier, Randi Sonnier, Laura Theriot, Edith Thibodeaux, Ruby Touchet, David Trahan, Eric Trahan, June Trahan, Harris Vallo, Jessie Vidrine Sr, Riley Vincent, Morris Watson, Jerry Watts, Cathy Williams, Frankie B. Whitford, Ayden Witte, Bridget Woods, Stella Zaunbrecher, Vincent Zaunbrecher

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ST. PETER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL POSITION OPENING -- St Peter Catholic Elementary School in Gueydan, Louisiana is now accepting applications for the position of Principal to start July 16, 2010 and to continue for at least 12 months. St. Peter School is an accredited co-ed school with an enrollment of 100 students in grades Pre-K through 8. The Principal has responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the school. A strong vision of both Catholic identity and academic excellence is important as this position assists in developing long-range goals. The Principal also works in close cooperation with the Pastor of St. Peter Church and the advisory bodies of the Parish Council and the School Board.
The qualifications for the successful applicant include the following:
1- must be a practicing Catholic with a commitment to the philosophy of Catholic education
2- must hold a master’s degree in educational administration, or related field, with a minimum of five years of successful teaching and/or administrative experience
3- must meet all Diocesan and State standards for school Principals
4- must possess excellent communication skills and enthusiasm for developing and maintaining a religious oriented and a top academic school
For further information or to obtain an application, contact St. Peter School: phone/fax 337-536-7930. All completed applications must be returned to the school by **Friday, January 22, 2010**.
St. Peter Catholic School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin.
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St. Edmond Catholic Church KC Council #10293 is sponsoring it’s annual Pro-Life Walk beginning at 8:00 a.m. January 23 at St. Edmond’s Church with Bishop Michael Jarrell leading the opening prayer. There will also be reflective music. The walk will be from St. Edmond’s Church on W. Congress to St. Mary Church on Doucet Road and back to St. Edmond’s (approximately 4.4 miles). Police escort and Acadian Ambulance provided throughout the route. We will be praying the Rosary. All Christian Denominations and youth groups and families are invited to join us on January 23 to help end abortion. (Jeremiah 1:5). Call Pat LaBorde @ 298-3586 or Church office @ 981-0874 for more information.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS THIS WEEK, JANUARY 11--17

(Listed below are the priests for whom we are asked to pray daily)

- 11- Rev. Fr. Kenneth Bienvenu
- 12- Rev. Fr. Paul Bienvenu
- 13- Rev. Fr. William Blanda
- 14- Rev. Fr. Howard Blessing
- 15- Rev. Fr. Martin Borcherding
- 16- Rev. Fr. Kevin Bordelon
- 17- Rev. Fr. Francis Bourgeois

Daily prayer for Priests: *Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen*