

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

Dear friends,

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord: His manifestation to the peoples of the entire world, represented by the magi who came from the East to render homage to the newborn King. Observing the heavenly phenomena of the stars, these mysterious men had seen a new star and they recognized in it the sign of the Messiah's birth. They came before the Divine Child bearing gifts, and they bowed down in worship before Him.

This feast of the Epiphany reminds us that like the Magi, we are on a pilgrimage through life, and we must be guided by the light of Christ to reach His Eternal Life. But as Pope Benedict reminds us, "At the same time, the Epiphany shows to us God who in turn is on pilgrimage, a pilgrimage to man. There is not only the pilgrimage of man towards God; God himself has set out towards us: who is Jesus, in fact, if not God who has, so to speak, come out of himself to meet humanity? It was out of love that he made himself history in our history; out of love that he came to bring us the seed of new life (cf. Jn 3: 3-6) and sow it in the furrows of our earth so that it might sprout, flower and bear fruit." The meeting place between God and man- like the stable of Bethlehem for the Magi- is our participation in the Sacred Liturgy, and most especially, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. And if the Holy Eucharist is truly and meeting place between God and man, this has consequences for our worship and activity when we come to Holy Mass. I would like to discuss two of those:

1-The first is regarding those who depart Holy Mass immediately after receiving Holy Communion. Thankfully, this abuse hasn't been widespread, but it has happened several times recently. After Communion, each person must give thanks for the precious gift received and allow the Lord's grace to fill our souls. How tragic it is to see people leave Mass right after Holy Communion, not because of an emergency, but because they want to get out of the parking lot first or other such worldly concerns. I can only think of Judas, who as the first person ever to leave the Lord's Holy Sacrifice early. To give our Lord one hour- and most of the time less- for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is really not much of a difficulty. I wonder how these same people would feel if someone left their own home in the middle of the meal without even saying thank you. ***Unless there is an emergency or justified reason, we do not leave Holy Mass immediately after receiving His Sacred Body and Blood.***

2- A second consequence of the Holy Eucharist being a meeting between God and man is sacred silence in the church, especially after Holy Mass. I have mentioned this several times in the bulletin, but the abuse of noise in church after Mass continues. Let me remind you once again that the General Instruction of the Roman Missal makes it clear that the church is a place of prayer and thus must be guarded with sacred silence at all times. Talking in church is disrespectful of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We are in the dwelling place of God, in the Presence of God Himself in the Tabernacle. It also teaches disrespect. When children see adults talking, giggling, and laughing in church, especially before, during, and after the Holy Mass, instead of in prayer or silent meditation, it teaches them it's okay, further eroding respect for the Blessed Sacrament in the next generation. It is the Lord's house, which Jesus taught was "a house of prayer" (Mt. 21:13). After Mass, the most charitable approach is to quietly leave the main body of the church so as to facilitate the recollection of those who wish to extend their personal thanksgiving for Holy Communion. This quiet is similar to the situation before Mass begins. All actual conversation should not begin until outside. ***We do not talk in church.***

Dear brothers and sisters, on this day, we pause in spirit to contemplate the image of the adoration of the Magi. Like them, let us come before the Lord with worship and thanksgiving- not taking for granted the gift of grace He gives to us. This is done by giving Him thanks after receiving Holy Communion as well as after Holy Mass, or at least leaving the church in silence to allow others to do so.

In His Service,  
Fr. Vidrine

# St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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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)***

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**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. 1/04 (NO MASS)**  
**Tues. 1/05- 5:15 p.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)**

(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

\*Preceded by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help\*

Elia Woods (annv ¼), Neelis & Jason Woods, Guillian & Laura Pousson, Joseph Simon, Neelis & Joe Bertrand, Rodney Stelly Sr, J.D. Simon, Lela Suggs, Dollie Brotherton, Mark Smith, Obrey & Alde Bourque, 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. 1/06- 9:00 a.m. (GUEYDAN GUEST HOME)**

(Blessed Andre' Bessette)

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

**Thurs. 1/07- 5:15 p.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)**

(St. Raymond of Penafort)

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:** Jack 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. 1/08- 8:15 a.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)**

Citman LeJeune, Loify & Eldie Woods, Clifford Meaux, Melissa LeJeune, Guy Ledoux, Leroy Henry, Kathy H. Mouton, Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux

**Sat. 1/09- 4:00 p.m (ST. PETER CHURCH)**

(Anticipated—Baptism of the Lord)

Rev. Philip Luther (annv), Newman Thibodeaux, Buford Boudreaux, Wilbert Hargrave, M/M Elias Ledoux, M/M Robert & Lovelace Lemaire, Wilfred & Ruby Vincent, Edward, Roberta & Guy Ledoux, Harry Jr. & Isabelle McDaniel, Betty Dillon, M/M Ozone Guidry, J.C. Broussard, M/M Guy Broussard, Michael Sztroin, Edward, Roberta & Guy Ledoux,, Purvis Lege, M/M Mayuse & Theresa Lege, Frank Bourque, Leroy Henry, Kathy H. Mouton, Stacy Broussard Jr, Wilbert & Rene LeGros, Querie Richard, Tiffany Broussard, Delores Richard, C.C., Barbara, Bruce, Kris & Chancey Broussard, Clifton Simon, Carl Sonnier, Martin & Bernice Sonnier, Ernest Hebert Sr, P.J. Broussard III, Huland Breaux, Stanford Smith Sr., Roland & Alice Joyce LeJeune, M/M Whitney & Chester Landry, Cassidy Elliott, Nelis Matthews, Holy Souls In Purgatory, Fred Zaunbrecher, 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, Rachel Abshire, 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., Percy LaPoint, 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. 01/10 7:00 a.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)**

Burnell & Mary Hardee, Melissa LeJeune, Wilson & Oneita Marceaux, Dec/AlexonCormier f'ly, Dec/Dupree Marceaux f'ly, Dec/M&M Leon Schexnider f'ly, Wilson & Elma Rose Smith, Helen LeBeouf, Jerry Cormier, Clobule Simon, Stacy Broussard Jr., Agnes Thevis, M/M Wilbur Guidry, Dwayne Zaunbrecher, Thomas & Cason Trahan, Nicholas Hensgens, Glady & 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, Palmea & 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. 01/10 8:30 a.m. (ST. DAVID CHAPEL)**

Curtis Landry (annv 1/7), Jerry & Claudia Lezak, Gilmar Sr, Anna, Gilmar Jr, Allen & Daniel Landry, Nicole Campbell, Dec/St. David Holy Name Society, Whitney & Marie Trahan, Geraldine & Michael Vincent, Liz Levy, Louise Khoury, Dec/Charles Trahan f'ly, D.E. & Annie Mae Freeland, Dec/Victor Trahan f'ly, Dec/Alcee Savoie f'ly, Dec/Dave Freeland f'ly, Agnes Thevis, Steve Reed, Guy Ledoux, Edward & Roberta Ledoux, Julius & Lou Trahan, Bert, Anna Mae & Johnny Darbonne, Kathy H. Mouton, Leroy Henry, Dec/Emick Melancon f'ly, Charles Hensgens Jr.

**Living:** Mem/St. David Holy Name Society

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

Jason Woods, Neelis & Elia Woods, Guillian & Laura Pousson, Loify & Eldie Woods, Blaine Petry, 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:** V.D. Breaux Sr f'ly,

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 3 , 2010**

St. Peter Parish Activities

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)  
DRE  
AI-A-Non

To Participate Please Contact

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Linda Potier Cell# 652-1031  
Charlotte Mayer 536-9965  
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Patsy Woods 536-6296  
Stephanie Breaux 536-6967  
Fr. Vidrine 536-9259  
Christine Campbell 536-9258  
536-9801

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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

**ST. PETER**  
Offerstory (Christmas) \$3,840.00  
Offerstory (Holy Family Sunday) 2,812.00  
St. Peter School 778.00

ST. DAVID

\$614.00  
568.00

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

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND (JANUARY 2-3) IS FOR THE CHURCH LOAN.  
SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND (JANUARY 9-10) IS FOR INSURANCE & MAINTENANCE.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SHIRLEY THOMPSON AND NUMA MARTIN SONNIER, FOR THE REPOSE OF THEIR SOULS AND CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES.**

**CCD PROGRAM:** Class for grades 1<sup>ST</sup>- 9<sup>TH</sup> - Sun, Jan 17— St. Peter School – 9:00 a.m. followed by 10:30 a.m. Mass.  
**RCIA Class** will be held on Thurs, Jan 7 at 6:00 p.m. – St. Peter School.  
**Confirmation Class** (10<sup>th</sup> grade) Wed, Jan 6 – 6:30 p.m. – 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](mailto:lbrossard@ndpios.com) or 783-7143.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: JANUARY 10-15, 2010 !!!**

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks our Lord Jesus’ initiation into public ministry. At His baptism, Jesus is fully revealed as the Beloved Son of God. With this celebration we recommit ourselves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Initiated through our baptism we too are the Beloved of God, commissioned to proclaim Good News with our lives. 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. ***We need Priests!!***

**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, 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 Maury, 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

**THE PRO-LIFE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED TUESDAY, JAN 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:00 P.M.—ST. PETER CHURCH.**

**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.*

**St. Edmond 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. Edmonds (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.**

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

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS THIS WEEK, JANUARY 4-10**

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

- 4- Rev. Fr. Arockam Arockiam, SVD
- 8- Rev. Fr. Lloyd Benoit
- 5- Rev. Fr. Justin Arockiasamy, SVD
- 9- Rev. Fr. Paul Bergeron
- 6- Rev. Msgr. Harry Benefiel
- 10- Rev. Fr. Conley Bertrand
- 7- Rev. Fr. Herbert Bennerfield

**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*