

~ Pastor's Page ~

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

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to His company.

The Second Sunday of Advent is one big ethical imperative and all three years of the *Lectionary for Mass*, along with all the prayers for this Sunday, echo the words of John the Baptist: *Prepare the way! Make Straight the Path!*

The words of the Baptist have meaning not just for those who awaited the coming of Jesus the Messiah. They also have meaning for us who await His coming in glory at the end of time. We too must be watchful and alert, as the Lord reminded us last Sunday. The last thing we want to do is to be found sleeping when He returns in glory! So now is the acceptable time to prepare for His coming and to watch!

Today's collect has been part of the Advent Liturgy since the 9th century Gelasian Sacramentary, and some would trace it to as early as the parish Churches of Rome two hundred years earlier.

Even way back then, they heard the call of Advent to prepare their hearts by purifying them of distractions. And how many distractions we know in the weeks before Christmas! That's why we beg the Lord to let neither Christmas cards, nor Christmas gifts, nor lists, nor parties, nor worries over in-laws hinder us from the real work at hand: setting forth in haste to meet His Only-Begotten Son who is coming!

The prayer asks that God free us of every earthly distraction and just keep our eyes fixed on Christ who is coming. It reminds me of the old Gospel spiritual sung during the days of the civil rights movement. You've seen the old pictures of marchers struggling for equal rights for all persons regardless of the color of their skin. As they marched across the Edmund Pettus bridge in Montgomery, the crowds howled at them and the dogs strained at their leashes, fangs bared. I often wondered how they had the courage to go on. But like the old spiritual says, they kept their eyes on the prize:

Paul and Silas, bound in jail
Had no money for to go their bail
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on

Paul and Silas began to shout
Doors popped open, and they walked out
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on

Got my hand on the freedom plow
Wouldn't take nothing for my journey now
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on!

They kept their eyes on the prize: on Jesus, who came to set all men free! On Jesus. Nothing else could deter St Paul, St Silas or the freedom marchers from getting to see their Lord.

And the same thing should be true of us in these weeks leading up to Christmas. We can let nothing distract us, nothing hold us back from running out to welcome Jesus into our hearts. For, as the prayer reminds us, our ultimate goal is clear: through Heavenly wisdom to be admitted to the company of the Saints in Heaven.

(This reflection is by Msgr. Monsignor James Moroney of the Diocese of Worcester and Executive Secretary of the Vox Clara Committee.)

I would like to gratefully acknowledge those who donated the new Missals for use at St. Peter's/St. David's:

- Given in memory of Edward Dale Thibodeaux by Susan Thibodeaux
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Holy Mass

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

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immediately; call offic
Holy Communion or
Anointing of the Sick a
home or in hospital.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Mon 12/05 (NO MASS)
Tues 12/06- 5:15 p.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)
(St. Nicholas)

Preceded by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Billy Zaunbrecher, Proford Petry, Dec/Willie Petry f'ly, Dec/Joseph Zaunbrecher f'ly, Dec/L.C. Melancon f'ly, The Holy Souls, J.C. Broussard, Nelis Matthews, Hattie H. Matthews, Ezell & Michael Thibodeaux, Erin Krielow Lahr, Dale & Susan Thibodeaux, Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux

Living: Willie Petry f'ly, Joseph Zaunbrecher f'ly, L.C. Melancon f'ly, Conversion/Sinners, Special Intention

Wed 12/07- 8:15 a.m. (SPS MASS - ST. PETER CHURCH)
(St. Ambrose)

Allanna Mayer (annv), Billy Zaunbrecher, Proford Petry, Dec/Willie Petry f'ly, Dec/Joseph Zaunbrecher f'ly, Dec/L.C. Melancon f'ly, The Holy Souls, Karl Petry, Leroy Henry, Kathy H. Mouton, Dale & Susan Thibodeaux, Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux

Living: Barbara Luquette (B'day), Willie Petry f'ly, Joseph Zaunbrecher f'ly, L.C. Melancon f'ly, Conversion/Sinners, Special Intention

Thurs. 12/08- 7:00 a.m. (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-ST. PETER CHURCH)

Billy Zaunbrecher, Proford Petry, Dec/Willie Petry f'ly, Dec/Joseph Zaunbrecher, Dec/L.C. Melancon f'ly, The Holy Souls

Living: Willie Petry f'ly, Joseph Zaunbrecher f'ly, L.C. Melancon f'ly, Conversion/Sinners, Special Intention

Thurs. 12/08- 12:05 p.m. (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—ST. PETER CHURCH)

Dale & Susan Thibodeaux, Floyd, Eza, & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux

Living: Bonnie Sarver f'ly

Thurs. 12/08 –6:00 p.m. (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-ST. DAVID CHAPEL)

Karl Petry, Bert, Anna Mae & Johnny Darbonne

Fri. 12/09 – 9:00 a.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)

(St. Juan Diego)

Preston J.Broussard III (B'day), Preston J.Broussard Jr, Laura Broussard, Edward & Annie Walters, Rosa Belle Lemaire, Nora Olson, Saul, Harry & Olivia Smith, M/M Wilbur Guidry, Dwayne Zaunbrecher, M/M C.P.Zaunbrecher, Dale & Susan Thibodeaux, , Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux

Sat. 12/10- 4:00 p.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)

(Anticipated – Third Sunday of Advent)

Querie Richard (B'day), Nelis Matthews (B'day 12/11), Delores Richard, Hattie H. Matthews, 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, Dec/Adolph Grondin f'ly, Ella Mae Istre Vallo, Eddie J, Eda & E.J. Istre, Marie I.Lormand, Stacy Broussard Jr, Wilbert & Rena LeGros, J.C. Broussard, M/M Guy Broussard, M/M Ozone, Murphy & Jim Guidry, Michael Sztroin, Edgar & Fidelis Vincent, Marlene LeBeouf, Michael Ardoin, Jonathan Louis Bourque, Joseph Bourque, Joe & Dunice Bertrand, Joseph Simon, Neelis & Faye Bertrand, Rodney Stelly Sr, Lela Suggs, Dollie Brotherton, Mark Smith, Obrey & Alde Bourque, J.D. Simon, Shirley Thompson, Carley Marceaux, George, Lenia, Barbara, Faye, Mildred & Pat Klein, M/M Sidney Lounsberry, Robert Paul Francis, M/M Wilfred Broussard Sr, Susan Earls, Percy LaPoint, Leroy Henry, Kathy H. Mouton, M/M Owen & Robert Lounsberry, M/M Jimmy LeJeune, Rachel Abshire, Dec/M&M Dominic Abshire f'ly, Reese, Rita, Maylen, Horace & Elaine Broussard, Dec/M & M H.P. Guzardo f'ly, Dec/I.P. Saal Sr f'ly, Edward Saal Sr, James & Jimmie Monvoisin, Anthony & Florence Rizzuto, Donald Greene, Dwight Vincent, Shaun & Jasper Fontenot, Eula, Henry Sr, Henry Jr & Kevin Suire, Edward Hebert, B.D. Simon, Joseph & Elrena Courville, Israel "Toot", Sr. & Edith Simon, Larry Snell, Darleen Snell, Manson Abshire, Marcel, Rene &

Marguerite Julien, Ouida Bertrand, Kurt Istre, Charlie J., Lillian & Virgil Benoit, Alicia Istre, Billy Zaunbreche Proford Petry, Dec/Willie Petry f'ly, Dec/Joseph Zaunbrecher f'ly, Dec/L.C. Melancon f'ly, The Holy Soul Charles "Choco" McDaniel, Carl Sonnier, Martin & Bernice Sonnier, M/M Ernest Hebert, Huland Breaux, Harris & Ronda Lemaire, M/M Jack Lemaire, Fred Cormier, George & Loretta Dowd, Hazel Hungerford, Harry Jr. & Isabelle McDaniel, Betty Dillon, Frank Bourque, Sheldon Reese, Stanford Smith Sr., Clifton Simon, Holy Soul In Purgatory, Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux, Dale & Susa Thibodeaux, Neelis & Gladys Adams, M/M Enis Touchet, Dec/Ernest Saltzman f'ly, Julius, Ruby & Alle Arabie, George Elliott, M/M Emile Guillory, M/M Armand Arabie, M/M Theolus Simon, M/M Charley Elliot Emery & Velma Lafosse, Marie L Boudreaux, Robert, "Bruce" Broussard, Joseph & Ezia Sonnier, Fr. Alcide Sonnier, Ralph Jannise Sr., Eula Duhon, Linda Istre, Nicholas L Olivier, Karen Woods, Clyde Reese Sr Dec/Henry Reese Sr. fly, M/M Ovie Abshire, M/M Jack Martin, Dec/Winchester fly, Erin "Krielow" Lahr, Eze & Michael Thibodeaux, Lloyd Quartemont, Oscar, Eldie, Garland, Sarah, Michael & Ty Theriot, Francis & Sara Chatagnier, Wilton & Dora Theriot, Mark LeBlanc, Bill & Theresa B. Fuqua, Clarence, Marie, Clarence Jr. & John A. Bertrand, Melvin Mouton, M/M Exavier Lemaire, Percy & Hazel Lemaire

Living: Judy Johnson (B'day 12/11), Oscar Theriot Sr f'ly, Special Intention (J.F.), Willie Petry fly, Josep Zaunbrecher fly, L.C. Melancon fly, Conversion of Sinners, Special Intention, Special Int. (Cole Stelly), Marine of 3-2 India Co.

Sun. 12/11- 7:00 a.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)

Nolan, Mary Z. & Paul LeBlanc, Lisa S.Gaspard, Nick & Doris Hensgens, Glady & Peter Trahan, Preston Broussard Jr, Preston J. Broussard III, Laura Broussard, M/M Wilbur Guidry, Dwayne Zaunbrecher, M/M C.I Zaunbrecher, Rodney Stelly Sr, Neelis & Faye Bertrand, Joe & Dunice Bertrand, M/M Joe Stelly, Joseph Simon Cloma Stelly, M/M Freddy C. Broussard, Obrey & Alde Bourque, M/M Luke Dugas, M/M Cleophas Bertrand M/M Fernand Vidalier f'ly, M/M Laurence Rung, M/M Clomere Vidalier, Crip Bertrand, Ernest & Dorothea Dyson, Aldis, Marie & Craig Broussard, Wanda Broussard, Don Linscombe, "Bee" Petry, Eddie & Ren LeJeune, Dec/M/M Raoul Broussard f'ly, Edgar & Fidelis Vincent, Alton Sr, Palmea & Mervin Breaux, Doris Lougon, Crystal Kibodeaux, Rowan & Bubba Laseter, Shirley & Larry Thompson, Frank & Ida Thompson M/M Joe, Wilfred, Julian, Fred, Philip & Billy Zaunbrecher, 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 Nola & Curtis Abshire, J.C. Hebert, Allen Pego, Cynthia Alford, Rodney & Jimmy Simon, M/M Oscar Hungerford Sidney, Eva, Gurthia & Joan Quebodeaux

Sun 12/11 - 8:30 a.m. (ST. DAVID CHAPEL)

Ozite G. Broussard (annv 12/14), Carol Ann Standla (B'day 12/15), Dec/St. David Holy Name Society, Ka Petry, Bert, Anna Mae & Johnny Darbonne, Lennis Saltzman, Dale & Susan Thibodeaux, Nicole Campbell, Jerr & Claudia LeZak, Gilmar Sr, Anna, Gilmar Jr, Curtis, Allen & Daniel Landry, Dec/Guy Ledoux & f'ly, Gavi Overley, Carleen Overley, Roger Bourque, Steve Reed, Kathy H. Mouton, Leroy Henry, Dec/Emick Melanco f'ly, Charles Hensgens Jr.

Sun 12/11 – 10:30 a.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)

Earl Benoit, Loify & Eldie Woods, Billy Zaunbrecher, Proford Petry, Dec/Willie Petry f'ly, Dec/Josep Zaunbrecher f'ly, Dec/L.C. Melancon f'ly, The Holy Souls, Jason Woods, Neelis & Elia Woods, Guillian & Laura Pousson, Allanna Mayer, Eldie Broussard, Dorothy & Rodney Broussard, Jimmy Lemaire, Raymond & Shelton Benoit, LeRoy Petry, Loretta Manceaux, Patti Gayle, Duci, Steve Jr. Arnold & Theresa Meaux, Minic & Hilda Foreman, M/M Placide Weekly, Warren, Lunia & Darryl LeJeune, Troy Richard, L.J. & Nolia Therio 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, Edward & Ina Istre, M/M Teonis, L.J., Marilyn, & Bobby Simon, Sean Simon, Brenda S. Bourque, Michael Sensat, Vernes, Thomas & Cason Trahan, Audley & Tim Badon, Eugene, Madeline, Ronald & Dana Broussard, Gavin Overley

Living: Tessa Badeaux (Baptism), Willie Petry f'ly, Joseph Zaunbrecher f'ly, L.C. Melancon f'ly, Conversion/Sinners, Special Intention

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2011

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

Bereavement (Chairman)
Altar Servers (Boys)
Sacristans (Girls)
Adoration Chapel
Right to Life
Cursillo (Men & Women)
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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER – DECEMBER 2011

General Intention: *That the nations of the earth, through knowledge and mutual respect, may grow in harmony and peace.*

Missionary Intention: *That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that their dignity may always be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.*

OFFERINGS OF THE PAST WEEK

	<u>ST. PETER</u>	<u>ST. DAVID</u>
Offertory (Thanksgiving)	\$ 338.01	
Offertory (weekend Nov. 26-27)	2,246.00	\$ 935.50
St. Peter School	935.50	129.50

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND (DEC. 3-4) IF FOR THE CHURCH LOAN.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PAUL T. HEBERT, FOR THE REPOSE OF HIS SOUL AND CONSOLATION OF HIS FAMILY.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL: Adorers needed for Mondays 9:00 –10:00 p.m., Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.;Thursdays 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. ; Fridays 8:00 a.m.-9:0 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. –8:00 p.m.; 8:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Consider spending one hour with Jesus. Call Patsy Woods at 536-6296.

CCD CLASSES – Grades 1st through 9th will be held this Sunday, Dec 4 at 9:00 a.m. at SPS.

RCIA CLASS will be held this Sunday, Dec 4 at 9:00 a.m. until 10:20 a.m. in the SPS library.

All who are interested in becoming Catholic or knowing more about the Catholic Faith should contact Christine Campbell at 536-9258/536-6138. Adults need to bring Baptism/First Communion records.

Next CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the SPS library.

ADVENT SERIES: THE CHURCH, THE HOLY EUCHARIST, & THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Join Fr Vidrine during the next 2 weeks of Advent. As we gather, we watch a video and discuss its insights. Come to prepare for the holy feast of Christmas by re-discovering the essential gifts Christ Jesus gave us!!

Mon Dec 5 6:15-7:30pm Scott Hahn- *Paschal Sacrifice: A Heavenly Banquet for Earthly Beggars*

Thurs Dec 15 6:15-7:30pm Fr. Robert Barron- *Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God.*

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION- SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DEC 8

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered in our parish as follows:

Thurs, Dec 8 7.00am (St. Peter Church) 12.05pm (St. Peter Church) 6.00pm (St. David Chapel)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dallas Bonin, Ouida Bonin, Phil Boudreaux, Reese Breaux, Anita Broussard, Brenda Broussard, Emery & Margaret Broussard, Robert Broussard, Brianna Campbell, Loraine B. Campbell, Do Dronet, Mary Duhon, Warren Faulk, Slade Fox, Peggy Babin Gillespie, Barbara Greene, Marie Reine, Oneil, & Ulysse Grondin, Julianne Covington Guidry, Blaise Hebert, Bobby Hebert, Carmell Hebert, Martha Hebert, Nola Hebert, William Hebert, Birdie Istre, Delta Jannise, Bernadett Jolivette, Hayward Jolivette, Lance Jolivette, Lorraine Jolivette, Landon Jolivette, Marcella Jolivette, Henrietta Klein, Bernice Lee Kibodeaux, Pam Lafosse, Clarence Lege Sr, Brittney LeGros, Susa Broussard LeJeune, Willa Mae LeJeune, Harley Lemaire, Mazie Lemaire, Glenn Lougon, Chery Marceaux, Roland Marceaux, Darryl Marceaux, Blake McDaniel, Theresa McDaniel, J.E McFarland, Isabell Meaux, Cory Melebeck, Hazel Mouton, Kenneth Mouton, Ronnie Mouton, Milli Muniz, Carrie Belaire Parsley, Cherisha Pellegrin, Brynn Perrin, Caitlin Perrin, Wayne Perrin Skylar Pharris, Randy Plaisance, Hillman Primeaux, Russell J. Primeaux, Sabrina Arlene Primeaux, Wanda H. Primeaux, Eulan & Ruby Richard, Deanna Rung, Ellis Rung, Kendall Saltzman, Tamm Schexnider, Cheryl Simon, Hubert Suire, Peggy Suire, Gracie Theriot, Theresa Touchet, Lola Tullier, Lisa Venissat, Chris Ware, Edwin Woods, Charles A. Zaunbrecher, Richard Zaunbrecher, Special Intention (C.C.), Special Intention (E.B.), Special Intention (T.L.)

MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT—OUR LADY OF THE OAKS, GRAND COTEAU begins December 16 at 7:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday, December 18 at 1:00 p.m. If you wish to attend, please call any of the following: Ellis Touns at 536-6040, Young Woods 536-6296 or Daryl Marceaux 536:9867.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A DECEASED LOVED ONE, CALL THE OFFICE AT 536-9258 OR PLACE YOUR DONATION WITH NAMES OF DECEASED IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. DONATIONS WITH NAMES MUST BE TURNED IN BY MON, DEC 19th.

THE AQUINAS INSTITUTE FOR THEOLOGY and Catholic Studies offers college level courses in Scripture, Theology, and Philosophy. Spring 2012 classes beginning in January include History of Philosophy with Fr. Neil McNeill, Moral Theology with Mrs. Amy Stout, MTS, and Understanding the Sacraments with Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC. Courses can be taken either for credit or audit. Tuition is \$75 for audit or \$250 for credit. Registration ends December 9. For registration and information call 261 5550 or register on-line at www.diolaf.org/aquinasinstitute

Catholic Daughters Christmas social will be held **Tues, Dec 13th a 6:00 p.m.** at the **Creole Kitchen**. Chicken and sausage gumbo will be served. Members can bring dessert and a wrapped Christmas ornament to play game. Secret Pals will be pulled. Everyone is asked to bring a monetary donation for the Faith House.

Catholic Daughters annual Christmas tree is in the foyer of St. Peter Church for the under privilege children. Please have gifts under the tree by Wednesday, December 14th. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 5-11, 2011

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

Dec. 05 - Rev. Fr. Edward Degeyter **08 - Rev. Fr. John Deieeuw**

06 - Rev. Fr. Hebert De Launey **09 - Rev. Fr. Mark Denise**

07 - Rev. Fr. Michael Delcambre **10 - Rev. Msgr. Keith DeRouen**

11 - Rev. Fr. Scott Desormeaux

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*