

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

**O God, who see how your people  
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,  
enable us, we pray,  
to attain the joys of so great a salvation  
and to celebrate them always  
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.**

As early as the fifth century Rotulus, a scroll of prayers from Ravenna contained the prayer we pray today. It is a prayer of rejoicing, for this is Gaudete Sunday!

The prayer begins with a delightful scene. God the Father is looking at us. I remember a while back sitting in an airport waiting for a delayed connection. I amused myself by people-watching. And I wasn't disappointed, as a two year old had just discovered the delights of running, literally, from pillar to post. Each time he would reach his destination he would giggle hysterically, look back at his father, and run back to his starting point, only to laugh and laugh and begin his journey again.

But that wasn't the delight. The delight was to watch the Father, who followed his son's every step, every giggle and every move. He watched with absolute delight and unflinching love as his little son made his pilgrim journey from airport pillar to airport post.

That's how the collect begins today. God our Father sees us, he looking at us, as we faithfully await the coming of his only-begotten Son. Just as He gazed upon Mary and Joseph and the Old Testament prophets as they awaited the birth of the Messiah in Bethlehem, so he looks with love upon you and me as we wait with joyful hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in glory at the end of time!

And so we pray to him who longs for the repentance of the sinner, to enable us to “attain the joys of a salvation” which was brought to us by the birth of the Christ in Bethlehem and which will be brought to fulfillment at the end of the world in the Kingdom of heaven!

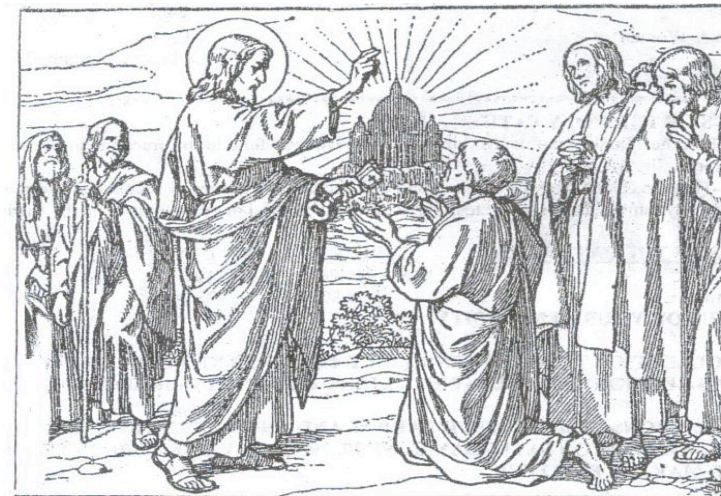
And we ask Him for one more thing: that we might celebrate this salvation. Celebrate is a funny word as we use it. We use it for festive occasions, when we sing and eat and drink and generally revel in the joys of life. It's good to celebrate! On a birthday, or a success in a friend's life, or a graduation, or a new job, or a wedding, or...anytime we experience fully how good God is to us, better than we deserve, we celebrate with glad rejoicing.

But we also celebrate at Mass, with solemn worship. It is the kind of celebration which demands the full, conscious and active participation of our whole being. It is the source and the summit of our entire lives. It is the celebration of life and of death and of everything in between....more than that, it is the celebration of the meaning of it all...for it is worship, the only reality in which everything makes real sense, the only reality in which we are what we were made to be! It is perfect joy!

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

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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)**

<b>Staff</b>	Rev. Fr. Jason Vidrine, Pastor/Principal Leon Lejeune, Deacon Effie Broussard, Secretary Anna Mae Plaisance, Bookkeeper Christine Campbell, DRE Sheldon “Pic” Broussard, Custodian	<b>Confessions</b> Saturdays 3.00 - 3.45 pm & 30 min before all other Masses or by appointment
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<b>Holy Mass</b>	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	<b>Marriage</b> Arrangements made by the couple with Pastor 6 months <u>before</u> desired date
		<b>Anointing</b> Emergency calls answered immediately; call office for Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick at home or in hospital.

## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

**Mon 12/12 (NO MASS)**

**(Our Lady of Guadalupe)**

**Tues 12/13- 5:15 p.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)**

**(St. Lucy)**

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

Phyllis Hebert (annv), Paul LeBlanc (annv), Nolan & Mary LeBlanc, 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

**Wed 12/14- 8:15 a.m. (SPS MASS - ST. PETER CHURCH)**

**(St. John)**

Karl Petry, Leroy Henry, Kathy H. Mouton, Dale & Susan Thibodeaux, Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux

**Thurs. 12/15- 5:15 p.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)**

Percy LaPoint (B'day), Edward & Annie Walters, Dale & Susan Thibodeaux, Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux

**Fri. 12/16 – 9:00 a.m. (GUEYDAN GUEST HOME)**

Guilliam Pousson (annv), Faye Bertrand (B'day), Laura Pousson, Jason Woods, Neelis & Elia Woods, Rosa Belle Lemaire, Nora Olson, Saul, Harry & Olivia Smith, Dwayne Zaunbrecher, M/M Wilbur Guidry, M/M C.P.Zaunbrecher, Dale & Susan Thibodeaux, , Floyd, Eza & Anthony Touchet, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux

**Sat. 12/17- 4:00 p.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)**

**(Anticipated – Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

Eza Touchet (B'day 12/19), Floyd & Anthony Touchet, Dale & Susan Thibodeaux, Stanley Broussard, Whitney & Helen Thibodeaux, Dec/Ernest Saltzman f'ly, M/M Enis Touchet, Neelis & Gladys Adams, Dolza Bertrand, Querie Richard, Delores Richard, Nelis Matthews, Hattie H. Matthews, 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 LeBoeuf, 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 Zaunbrecher, Proford Petry, Dec/Willie Petry f'ly, Dec/Joseph Zaunbrecher f'ly, Dec/L.C. Melancon f'ly, The Holy Souls, Charles "Choco" McDaniel, Carl Sonnier, Martin & Bernice Sonnier, M/M Ernest Hebert, Huland Breaux, Harriet & 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 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, Emery & Velma Lafosse, Marie L Boudreau 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 Ovi Abshire, M/M Jack Martin, Dec/Winchester fly, Erin "Krielow" Lahr, Ezell & Michael Thibodeaux, Lloy Quartemont, Oscar, Eldie, Garland, Sarah, Michael & Ty Theriot, Francis & Sarah 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:** Oscar Theriot Sr f'ly, Special Intention (J.F.), Willie Petry fly, Joseph Zaunbrecher fly, L.C. Melancon fly, Conversion of Sinners, Special Intention, Special Int. (Cole Stelly), Marines of 3-2 India Co.

**Sun. 12/18- 7:00 a.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)**

Sean Simon, Melissa LeJeune, Wilson & Oneita Marceaux, Dec/Alexon Cormier f'ly, Dec/Dupre Marceaux f'ly, Dec/M&M Leon Schexnider f'ly, Wilson & Elma Rose Smith, Helen LeBeouf, Jerr Cormier, Clobule & Clifton Simon, Stacy Broussard Jr, M/M Curley Broussard, Nolan, Mary Z. & Pat LeBlanc, Lisa S.Gaspard, Nick & Doris Hensgens, Gladys & Peter Trahan, Preston J. Broussard Jr, Preston Broussard III, Laura Broussard, M/M Wilbur Guidry, Dwayne Zaunbrecher, M/M C.P. Zaunbreche Rodney Stelly Sr, Neelis & Faye Bertrand, Joe & Dunice Bertrand, M/M Joe Stelly, Joseph Simon, Clom 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 & Dorothy Dyson, Aldis, Marie & Craig Broussard, Wanda Broussard, Don Linscombe, "Bee" Petry, Eddie & Rena LeJeune, Dec/M/M Raoul Broussard f'ly, Edgar & Fidelis Vincent, Alton Sr, Palmea & Mervi 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, Dav & R.J. Kibodeaux, Anese LeJeune, Dec/Aclan Guidry Sr. f'ly, M/M Diacyles Weekly, Terry Weekly, Mar Jean Hebert, M/M Nolan & Curtis Abshire, J.C. Hebert, Allen Pego, Cynthia Alford, Rodney & Jimm Simon, M/M Oscar Hungerford, Sidney, Eva, Gurthia & Joan Quebodeaux

**Sun 12/18 - 8:30 a.m. (ST. DAVID CHAPEL)**

Whitney Trahan (annv), Marie Trahan, Geraldine & Michael Vincent, D.E. & Annie Mae Freeland, Li Levy, Louise Khoury, Dec/Dave Freeland f'ly, Dec/Charles Trahan f'ly, Dec/Victor Trahan f'ly Dec/Alce Savoie f'ly, Loify & Eldie Woods, Karl Petry, Bert, Anna Mae & Johnny Darbonne, Dale & Susa Thibodeaux, Nicole Campbell, Jerry & Claudia LeZak, Gilmar Sr, Anna, Gilmar Jr, Curtis, Allen & Danic Landry, Dec/Guy Ledoux & f'ly, Gavin Overley, Carleen Overley, Roger Bourque, Steve Reed, Kathy F Mouton, Leroy Henry, Dec/Emick Melancon f'ly, Charles Hensgens Jr.

**Sun 12/18 – 10:30 a.m. (ST. PETER CHURCH)**

Paul T. Hebert, Rosa I. Schexnayder, Dec/Adolph Grondin f'ly, Corbet J. Domingues, Phyllis G. Heber Leighton Theriot, J.D. Simon, Joseph Simon, Dora & Paul Fruge, M/M Rene Trahan, M/M Oday Simon Dec/Dalls Bonin Sr f'ly, Earl Benoit, Jason Woods, Neelis & Elia Woods, Guilliam & Laura Pousson Allanna Mayer, Eldie Broussard, Dorothy & Rodney Broussard, Jimmy Lemaire, Raymond & Shelto Benoit, LeRoy Petry, Loretta Manceaux, Patti Gayle, Duci, Steve Jr. Arnold & Theresa Meaux, Minice & Hilda Foreman, M/M Placide Weekly, Warren, Lunia & Darryl LeJeune, Troy Richard, L.J. & Noli Theriot, Phoebe Thibodeaux, Hilda R. Duhon, Telismar & Vergie Richard, Elbe Richard, Bozo & Myrna F Kibodeaux, Betty M. Hebert, M/M Leo & Eugene Meaux, M/M Whitney & Andrus Hebert, Edward & In Istre, M/M Teonis, L.J., Marilyn, & Bobby Simon, Sean Simon, Brenda S. Bourque, Michael Sensa Vernes, Thomas & Cason Trahan, Audley & Tim Badon, Eugene, Madeline, Ronald & Dana Broussard Gavin Overley

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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 AI-A-Non

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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	\$ 3,885.00	\$789.00
Church Loan	2,669.00	144.32

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

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND (DEC.10-11) IS FOR INSURANCE & MAINTENANCE.**

**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.-9:00 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.

**Next CCD CLASSES** – Grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> will be held on Sunday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at SPS.

**Next RCIA CLASS** will be held on Sunday, Jan.15<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**CONFIRMATION DAY OF RECOLLECTION** on Sat, Dec 17 at 9am-1pm at St. Peter Church.

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

Join Fr Vidrine for the final Advent Catechesis. As we gather, we watch a video and discuss its insights on **Thurs, Dec 15 6:15-7:30pm** Fr. Robert Barron- *Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God.*

**Catholic Daughters Christmas social** will be held this **Tues, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Catholic Daughters have set up a Christmas tree in the foyer of St. Peter Church for the under privileged children. Please have gifts under the tree by this **Wed, December 14<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your generosity.

**ATTENTION!! AN ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE WITH VISITING PRIESTS WILL BE HELD AT ST. PETER CHURCH ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Priscilla Adams, Dallas Bonin, Ouida Bonin, Phil Boudreaux, Reese Breau, Alie Broussard, Anit Broussard, Brenda Broussard, Catie Broussard Emery & Margaret Broussard, Mary J. Broussard, Robert Broussard, Brianna Campbell, Loraine B. Campbell, Don Dronet, Mary Duhon, Warre Faulk, Slade Fox, Peggy Babin Gillespie, Barbara Greene, Marie-Reine, Oneil, & Ulysse Grondin Julianne Covington Guidry, Blaise Hebert, Bobby Hebert, Carmelle Hebert, Martha Hebert, Nol Hebert, William Hebert, Birdie Istre, Delta Jannise, Bernadette Jolivet, Hayward Jolivet, Lancel Jolivet, Lorraine Jolivet, Landon Jolivet, Marcella Jolivet, Henrietta Klein, Pam Lafosse, Clarence Lege Sr, Brittney LeGros, Susan Broussard LeJeune, Willa Mae LeJeune, Harley Lemaire, Mazie Lemaire, Glenn Lougon, Cheryl Marceaux, Roland Marceaux, Darryl Marceaux, Blak McDaniel, Theresa McDaniel, J.B. McFarland, Isabell Meaux, Cory Melebeck, Hazel Mouton, Kenneth Mouton, Ronnie Mouton, Millie Muniz, Carrie Belaire Parsley, Cherisha Pellegrin, Bryn Perrin, Caitlin Perrin, Wayne Perrin, Skylar Pharris, Randy Plaisance, Hillman Primeaux, Russell Primeaux, Sabrina Arlene Primeaux, Wanda H. Primeaux, Eulan & Ruby Richard, Leon Roy Deanna Rung, Ellis Rung, Kendall Saltzman, Tammy Schexnider, Cheryl Simon, Hubert Suire, Pegg Suire, Gracie Theriot, Theresa Touchet, Lola Tullier, Lisa Venissat, Chris Ware, Edwin Wood, 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 this Friday, 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 Toups at 536-6040, Young Woods 536-6296 or Darryl Marceaux 536:9867.

<u>Holy Mass Schedule for Christmas</u>			
Saturday	Dec. 24	4:00 p.m. (Vigil)	St. Peter Church
Saturday	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m. (Vigil)	St. David Chapel
Sunday	Dec. 25	Midnight	St. Peter Church
Sunday	Dec. 25	9:00a.m.	St. Peter Church

*\*\*Please note: there will only be one Mass on the morning of Sun Dec 25!*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP DECORATE CHURCH on Thurs, Dec 22 at 6:00 p.m.** Please offer your time in service to the Lord to help decorate His Holy dwelling for the feast of His birth.

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

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS THIS WEEK - DECEMBER 12-18, 2011**

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

Dec. 12 - Rev. Fr. Anderson De Souza, SVD	15 - Rev. Fr. Gregory Downs
13 - Rev. Fr. Ferdinand Deirrerera, SJ	16 - Rev. Fr. Wayne Duet
14 - Rev. Fr. Kenneth Domingue	17 - Rev. Fr. Willard Dugas
	18 - Rev. Fr. Edward Duhon

**Daily prayer for Priests:** *Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Help 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*