

A CATHOLIC'S GUIDE TO CHRISTMAS MASSES 2017

The 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve and Christmas falls on a Monday. So, how many Masses do I have to go to this year?

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GO TO MASS TWICE

The 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve and Christmas falls on a Monday. To fulfill both the 4th Sunday of Advent Mass obligation and the Christmas obligation you must go to two different Masses.



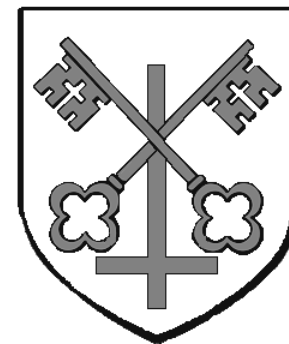
PICK ONE MASS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

You may fulfill the 4th Sunday of Advent Mass obligation on Saturday evening or Sunday at any time.



PICK ONE MASS FOR CHRISTMAS

You may fulfill the Christmas Mass obligation on Sunday evening or Monday at any time.



Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

December 10, 2017 Second Sunday in Advent

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS:

SUNDAY 4:00 PM ONLY

MONDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 A.M ST. DAVID'S

10:30 A.M. ST. PETER CHURCH

Note: There will be no 7:00 A.M. mass on Sunday

Holy Mass Schedule

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday	Noon
Thursday	5:15 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m.
(Gueydan Guest Home)	
Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
St. David	8:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday 2:45-3:45 p.m. & 30 minutes before all other Masses or by appointment.

Baptism:

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

Marriage

Arrangements made by the couple with the pastor no less than 6 months before desired date.

Anointing:

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

Office Hours:

Monday: Closed
 Tues-Thurs 8am-3pm
 Friday-8 am-Noon
 Lunch: Noon- 1pm

The Catholic Daughters will be having their annual Christmas Fundraiser to help the elderly with utilities. Christmas trees with envelopes will be at entrance of church. Envelopes are to be dropped in boxes provided during week-end masses.

**Advent Mission
 December 11, 12 & 13
 6:30 P.M. St. Peter Church**

Keep the sick and healing of our community in your prayers:

Carrie Belaire, Bruce Fruge, John D. Istre, Gracie Zaunbrecher, Curt Simon, Anita Broussard, Randy Benoit, Hubert Suire, Billy Portie, Sidonia Primeaux, Christine Campbell, Wilson & Willie Mae LeJeune, Beth Branson, Gail Smith, Tammy Broussard Cormier, Ruston Weekly, Macey Vallo, Cookie Smith, Irene Simon, Terri Guillette McBride, Julie Delgado, W.J. Jr, W.J. III, Karine, Margaret, Lance, Landon, & Raven Jollivette, Dexter & Sidney Harris, Nia Ned, Roland, Juanette, Alva Jane Richard, Kade Babineaux, Tonya Lougon, Ronald Bertrand, Dexter Harris, Kylee Ned, Wade Davis, Tina Boudreaux, Larry Geater, Ken Daugereau, Bobby dePerrodil, Tabby Broussard Benoit, DFL, Carol Badon, Tina Breaux, Roland Marceaux, Tammi Marceaux, JoAnn Martin, Marilyn Roche, Floyd Saltzman, Dolores Benoit, Ronnie M. Lemaire, Cade Guidry, Susan B. LeJeune, Wesley & Harley LeMaire, Lori Touchet, Juanita Ardoin, Dru Cormier, Kim Benoit Pesson, Daisy Mier, Kayla Heglemeyer.

Think, O God, of our friends who are ill, whom we now commend to Your compassionate regard. Comfort them upon their sickbed, and ease their suffering. We beg for deliverance, and submit that no healing is too hard for the Lord, if it be His will. We therefore pray that You bless our friends with Your loving care, renew their strength, and heal what ails them in Your loving name. Thank You, Lord.

PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that you call many worthy souls to your holy priesthood. Enlighten the Bishop and Vocation Director in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Directors in molding them, and the professors in instructing them. Lead the seminarians daily in your unerring footsteps, so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom, and heroes of sacrifice. May they be steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man, apostles of your glory, and sanctifiers of souls. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us. Amen

- December 10 Reverend Andrew Schumacher
- 11 Reverend Mr. Brent Smith
- 12 Michael Vidrine
- 13 Nicholas Ware
- 14 Reverend Mr. Kyle White
- 15 Reverend Kevin Bordelon, Director of Seminarians
- 16 Reverend Patrick Broussard, Director of Vocations

Offerings of the Past Week:	St. Peter Church	St. David's Chapel
First Collection	\$ 2836.00	\$ 771.00
Second Collection	1116.00	130.00

Second collection this week-end is for the insurance & maintenance.

<p>Perpetual Adoration</p> <p>Let us love being with the Lord! There we can speak with Him about everything. We can offer Him our petitions, our concerns, our troubles, our joys, our gratitude, our disappointments, our needs, and our aspirations. Above all we can remember to pray! "Lord send laborers into Your Harvest! Help me to be a good worker in Your vineyard!"</p>	Adorers needed for:
	Monday 3:00 p.m.
	Tuesday 9:00 p.m.
	Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
	Thursday 3:00 p.m.
	Friday 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
Friday 7:00 p.m.	
Please call church office at 536-9258 to commit spending an hour with the Lord.	

The Immaculate Conception Patroness of the United States

There is a kind of secret history of the United States of which many are not aware, the Catholic influence. There has been a significant Catholic influence all the way back to our country's founding. Several of George Washington's closest advisors were Catholic. Charles Carroll, a Catholic was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. His brother John Carroll was our Nations first Catholic Bishop, who among many other things consecrated the country to the Immaculate Conception. The mighty Mississippi was first named the River of the Immaculate Conception. There is even some evidence that George Washington received an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary the night before the famous battle of Valley Forge. Suffice it to say Mary is under appreciated as our Patroness. We have in large part forgotten the heavenly blessings that she acquired for us.

The Dogma of the Immaculate Conception was not solemnly defined by the Church until 1854, but the consecration of the United States to Mary under this title occurred in 1792. Additionally, in 1846 the Bishops of the United States gathered for a church synod, during which, they named the Immaculate Conception as the Patroness of the United States. Later the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was built in order to celebrate the dogma and our Patroness. What was the reason for such strong devotion to the Immaculate Conception before the dogma was defined?

In her book *The Spiritual Journey of George Washington*, Janice T. Connell reports the astonishing but little-known account that George Washington had some kind of vision while at Valley Forge. There is little record of it save an oral history from an eyewitness named Anthony Sherman. The account was recorded in *The National Tribune*, Volume 4, No. 12, December 1880. I think that it is notable that George Washington was known to have a relationship with the Carroll family, including the Bishop John Carroll. It gives further weight that John Carroll's first act as bishop was to consecrate the United States to the Immaculate Conception.

The Mississippi River was first discovered by the French explorer Louis Joliet, who was accompanied by the Jesuit Priest Fr. Jacques Marquette. Fr. Jacques entrusted the expedition to the Immaculate Conception, promising that if they were to find the river, he would name it in her honor. Providentially they received permission and set out on the expedition on December 8th (The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) after he had requested Our Lady's patronage. Make what you will of these events, but I believe they demonstrate deep devotion of our country to Our Lady and her deep concern for us. The Apparitions of Our Lady of America to Sister Mary Ephrem in 1938 also report this. Suffice it to say that these apparitions were approved by Sr. Mary Ephrem's Bishop at the time they occurred. In the Apparition, Mary indicated her pleasure with our devotion to her and in particular the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. She desired that we imitate her purity and promised to bless us through the grace of her Immaculate Conception.

In our days when the world seems to be constantly on the verge of disaster, and the family continues to be in crisis, ought we not turn our eyes once more to Mary the Immaculate Conception and ask for her direct intercession? Let me leave you with these words from the Apparitions of Our Lady of America. "Weep, then, dear children, weep with your mother over the sins of men," said Mary. "Intercede with me before the throne of mercy, for sin is overwhelming the world and punishment is not far away..." "It is the darkest hour, but if men will come to me, my Immaculate Heart will make it bright again with the mercy which my Son will rain down through my hands. Help me save those who will not save themselves. Help me bring once again the sunshine of God's peace upon the world."