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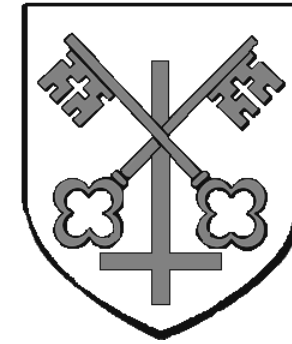
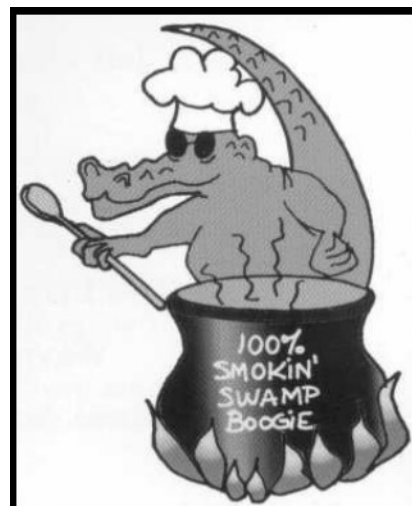
Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.-8p.m.

Friday and Saturday 7 a.m.- 9p.m.

Sunday Breakfast & Lunch Buffet

(337)-536-9904



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

Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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337-536-9258

saintpeterchurch.org

Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

February 4, 2018 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Local Lenten Mission

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in Abbeville

February 18—21 at 6 p.m.

1st night topic is "The Bible is the Living Word of God that proclaims our Salvation"

2nd night topic is "Love of Neighbor"

3rd night topic is "The Light of Christ Dispels all Darkness"

Note about Ash Wednesday:

While Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. We are **required** to fast even though it is also Valentine's Day (a secular holiday). It is possible to celebrate Valentines day the day before and keep the fast. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

6:30 A.M.—St. Peter's

5:00 P.M.—St. David's Chapel

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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

February

- 4 Alex Cormier
- 5 Randy Courville
- 6 Myles Creek
- 7 Brent Didier
- 8 Cameron Domingue
- 9 Phillip Domingue
- 10 Reverend Mr. Blake Dubroc
- 11 Casey Dugas

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*

February

- 4 Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- 5 Msgr. Paul Metrejean
- 6 Reverend Mark Miley
- 7 Reverend Thomas Montelaro
- 8 Reverend Michael Moody, SVD
- 9 Reverend Randall Moreau
- 10 Reverend Jason Mouton
- 11 Reverend Sebastian Myladiyil, SVD

Offerings of the Past Week:

	St. Peter Church	St. David's
First Collection	\$ 2031.00	\$ 525.41
Second Collection	345.07	35.00

Second Collection this week-end is for the church loan.
Bishop's Services Appeal Commitment Sunday is February 11.

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

Carol Badon	Tonya Lougon
Arline Bellard	Wayne Perrin
Tabby Broussard Benoit	Kim Benoit Pesson
Tammy Broussard Cormier	Floyd Saltzman
Martha Frederick	Hubert Suire
Kade Guidry	Martha Smith
Sandra Guidry	
Phyllis Guidry	
John D. Istre	

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

"Is not life on earth a drudgery, its days like those of a hireling?" -Job 7:1

I don't know about you, but this Sunday's first reading from Job strikes a chord with me. It is very descriptive of a man in the midst of suffering. What is unique about Job is that in the middle of his suffering he maintains a deep connection with God. At once he says that all his nights are restless and his days drudgery, in the same breath he switches to a prayer. For me, the suffering of Job catches my eye, reading his story more closely leads me to consider the presence of God in the midst of suffering.

How we deal with suffering in a way defines us. For example, some people enter into life full of joy. They get married and the joy continues, then they meet suffering and they slowly become a bitter person. Another person might meet similar circumstances, but after a time push through the pain and come to a greater wisdom. In these two examples the choices the person makes in the face of suffering defines the person. One person is defined by their pain (it makes them bitter). The other person is defined by wisdom. The suffering has made them a better person. What does God have to say about suffering?

The attitude of God towards us is steadfastly in our favor. Psalm 147 says that He, "rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the dispersed of Israel, Healing the brokenhearted, and binding up their wounds." The trouble is not whether or not God heals. The trouble is what to do in the moments when we cannot perceive the presence of God. This is the struggle of Job. He is utterly convinced of God's goodness and yet, he cannot perceive God's goodness. He has not done anything wrong and yet he sufferings. His friends all tell him that Job must have done something wrong for which God is punishing him. Job holds that he has not sinned, which he has not, and holds also to the presence of God. In the end God answers Job and Job silences his concerns in view of God's Wisdom.

During today's Gospel, Jesus performs many healings. Following this immense work Jesus rose very early in the morning to pray. Jesus lives for/with his relationship with the Father. This time in prayer is what gives Jesus the wisdom to respond to Peter who is seeking Him for further healings, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." I think the lesson from Jesus and from Job is that in the midst of suffering and trial we need to double down on our prayer. Job holds on to God despite his wife's temptation, "curse God and die." Jesus ignores the praise of the crowd and his sleepiness to rise very early in the morning to pray.

I don't know if I can tell you how to pray. However, I can witness to you the difference prayer has made in my life. You may say, "Oh, well you are a priest. Of course you pray." Do you think I was born that way? I had to learn like everyone else. It was in seminary that I decided that I needed to get up earlier to pray. I surmised that rising up early before the dawn avoids the troubles which the day will bring, but something unexpected also happened. I found that praying as soon as I got up consecrated my days to the Lord. If you had tracked me down at the time and asked me about this practice I would have found it difficult to define the results. I would have said, I know my prayer works because I know when it does not work. When I found a day that seemed to be too much I discovered that was a day that I didn't follow my normal course of prayer, or abandoned my prayer earlier than planned. In short, I found prayer as a vital means of getting through life.

As a priest my view from seminary has not changed, only deepened. Now I will say that there are many days which can seem to much. Prayer does not make these go away. Prayer sustains me through trial. God gives me grace to sustain my poor humanity which would otherwise collapse under the load. My brothers and sisters. I am happy to share this witness with you. What will you do with this knowledge? I hope that you will take a week or two and commit yourself to daily prayer or increasing the prayer that you already undertake and then examining the results. May God be with you as you meet your responsibilities with Him.

-Fr. Campeaux