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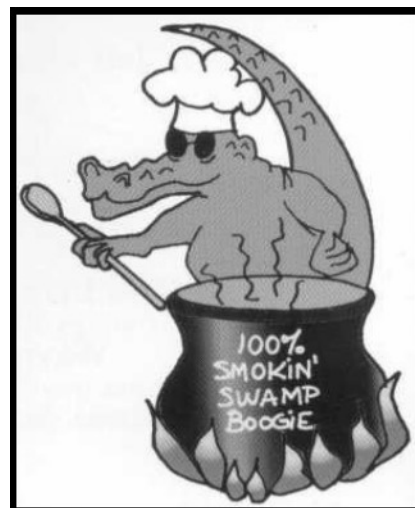
**Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner**

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

603 Main Street - (P.O. Box 28) - Gueydan, La. 70542

337-536-9258

saintpeterchurch.org

Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

**February 25, 2018 Second Sunday in Lent**

### Centennial News

**Mother Drexel**—On March 3, 1955, Mother Katharine Drexel passed away at the age of 96. She and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, which she founded would have a profound and lasting effect on the Diocese of Lafayette. With her sisters and her financial support, the diocese founded many parishes and schools, particularly for the African American Catholics in Acadiana. Her support began in New Iberia in 1917 when she donated funds for a new church, school and hall to be built. The parish was named after recently deceased brother-in-law Edward. At the time of her death, Mother Drexel was donating \$20,000 a year to schools and churches in the diocese. In 2000 she was canonized a Saint by Pope St. John Paul II.

### THE CHOICE WINE

The choice wine is a pathway to authentic marital happiness. Couples will learn how to virtually divorce-proof their marriages, experience the superabundant love and mercy of God and realize a foretaste of Paradise in their marriages and families. For a complete list of parishes participating in The Choice Wine or for more information, please visit <http://thechoicewine.org>

## 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

25 Alex Lancon

26 Reverend Mr. Korey LaVergne

27 Cade LeBlanc

28 Calvin LeMaire

1 Seth Lemaire

2 Joseph Marcantel

3 Riley Maturin

## 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

25 Reverend Neil Pettit

26 Reverend Daniel Picard

27 Reverend Mikel Polson

28 Reverend Ruben Primor

1 Pope Francis

2 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

3 Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel

### Offerings of the Past Week:

First Collection

**St. Peter Church**

\$ 2360.00

**St. David's**

\$ 747.12

Second Collection

\$ 355.45

\$ 97.00

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

Carol Badon

John D. Istre

Claude Bernard

DFL

Arline Bellard

Wilson & Willie Mae LeJeune

Tabby Broussard Benoit

Tonya Lougon

Augusta Z. Bollich

Brylee, Kylee, Nia Ned

Tammy Broussard Cormier

Wayne Perrin

Dru Cormier

Sedonia Primeaux

Jackie Z. Francois

Eula, Ruby Richard

Bruce Fruge

Floyd Saltzman

Martha Frederick

Mandred Sheetz

Hazel, Kade, Phyllis, Sandra Guidry

Martha Smith

Cecil Gremillion

Sharron Stelly

Dexter, Sydney Harris, Felicia, Karene

Hubert Suire

Margaret, Walter Jolivette, Jr & III

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.

How do we continue to enter into Lent with faith? We practice *faith*. Psalm 116 from the Second Sunday of Lent says "I believed, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted.'" This is an example of putting faith into practice. The psalmist is challenged with experience, and he relies instead on faith. He puts into action the words of God.

Lent is a time for us to renew our faith in God through renewed prayer, penance and almsgiving. These are things which we do throughout the year, but often we slowly become lax. We make excuses for ourselves and grow embittered toward others. God wants to make a new attitude for us. For ourselves, we need to learn to trust not in our own strength, but in God. The reality is that even the good that we do is affected by our sin. If we put our faith in God's strength, we do not have to be harsh with ourselves because God shares with us his own strength. He is big enough to accomplish his will through our littleness. In Lent, we are reminded that we are not the center of our prayer, nor of our lives. God is the center of our worship.

Fasting and almsgiving bolster our prayer. Through the influence of sin, we become self-centered. We come to believe falsely that our prayer is about us always living in consolation. When giving alms, we discover there are always others who suffer greater than ourselves. If you have ever met someone who is truly poor, you will discover this. The poor who I have met are generous with what they have and mindful of others' needs. For me, this is a humbling experience and a reminder of my need to grow. When we give more generously, we discover that God augments us with his own strength and allows us to share in his joy. "God loves a cheerful giver." What is needed is for us to branch outside of ourselves and see other people as God does.

When we fast, we are mitigating our sinful tendency to live for this world. People who live for food, for television, for rich food, for movies or any other creature comforts are easy to manipulate. All the devil has to do (or human persons) is to offer something with the promise of pleasure and we can be moved to sin. Fasting builds in us the virtue of temperance so that we can enjoy the creatures this world, but not live for them. Fasting also changes our perspective. We live the truth that we are dependent beings. In other words, in being reminded that we need food to live, we can reflect upon our reliance on God.

In my article from last week, I described the prayer and fasting of the Children in Fatima. What the children learned was to share in the work of redemption. Their whole lives became a share in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This is why their lives made such a huge impact on the world. It is not because the children were big, special or bright. It is that they allowed Jesus to live in them through imitation of his own life and prayer. This is an attitude that we can and should take upon ourselves.

What is most needed in the world today is reparation. Jesus is much offended by the world, but he is most offended by those who call themselves his friends, the church. We offend Jesus by our indifference and through our expectation that he should make our lives paradise on this earth. The devil succeeds and we separate ourselves from Jesus when we believe the lie that if only I had x or a little more of y I would be happy. Fasting teaches us we can be happy with less.

Reparation is the attitude that I witness the sufferings that Jesus endures, and I make them my own. Jesus says to Sister Lucia after giving her a vision of Mary's heart pierced with thorns, "Have compassion on the Heart of your most holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is **no one** to make an act of reparation to remove them."(emphasis is mine, *Fatima in Lucia's Own Words*: Sister Lucia's Memoirs, 194) The word compassion means "to suffer with." Jesus wants us to look at the heart of Mary, a heart which is full of love for Jesus and for us, but is often forgotten, rejected or even blasphemed. Does the consideration of Mary's heart bleeding move you? How about the heart of Jesus? Let us have compassion on the hearts of Jesus and Mary and become willing victims for the salvation of souls, just like Sr. Lucia of Fatima did.

Becoming a victim for God does not mean that we have to be especially harsh on ourselves or adopt outlandish penances. It just means that daily we will accept the sufferings that come our way. Through the day there will also be sufferings we earn through sin. For these, we will repent and offer Jesus our sorrow. We can make reparation for our own sins and console the heart of Jesus by accepting his mercy. The more we accept the mercy of God for our own sins and failings, the more we will learn to be merciful to others and carry out in our own hearts the dispositions of Jesus.

In this Lent let us learn to put Jesus first. I invite you to take some time this week reflecting on Jesus' love for us. Pray the sorrowful mysteries. Make the stations of the cross; read an account of the passion of Jesus in the gospel. Ask yourself, "Do I realize that Jesus willingly suffered this for me?" No one forced Jesus to suffer, as he knowingly was already aware of the times I would choose sin instead of him. If Jesus adopts this attitude for me, ought I not willingly share in His sufferings? If you need some help with this, ask Mary who stands at the foot of the Cross to help you to see her Son as she does. You can also reflect on Simon the Cyrenian who was forced to carry the cross with Jesus. At first, he rejected it, but was converted through this sharing in the Lord's suffering. May we do the same. Fr. Campeaux