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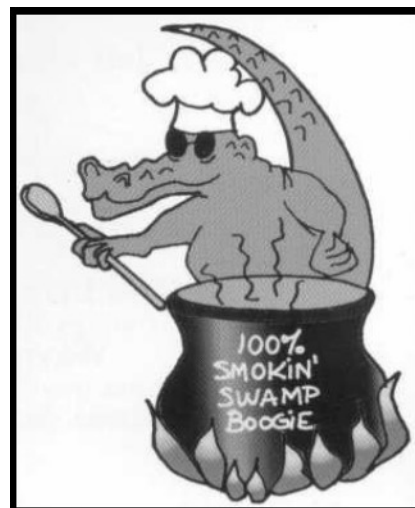
**Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner**

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 11, 2018 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

6:30 A.M.—St. Peter Church

5:00 P.M.—St. David Chapel

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### 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.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

## 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

- 11 Casey Dugas
- 12 John Dugas
- 13 Adam Fenstermaker
- 14 Andrew Furka
- 15 David Furka
- 16 Jace Gyles
- 17 Jonathan Harris

## 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

- 11 Reverend Sebastian Myladiyil, SVD
- 12 Reverend Jerome Neyrey, SJ
- 13 Reverend Leon Ngandu, SVD
- 14 Reverend James Nguyen
- 15 Reverend Thomas Nguyen
- 16 Reverend Gayle Nunez
- 17 Reverend Godwin Nzeh, CMF

### **Offerings of the Past Week:**

	<b>St. Peter Church</b>	<b>St. David's</b>
First Collection	\$ 3240.00	\$ 118.00
Second Collection	\$ 1430.00	\$ 631.00

Bishop's Services Appeal Commitment Sunday is February 11.

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

Carol Badon	Felicia, Karene, Margaret, Walter
Arline Bellard	Jolivette, Jr & III
Tabby Broussard Benoit	John D. Istre
Tammy Broussard Cormier	Tonya Lougon
Dru Cormier	Brylee, Kylee, Nia Ned
Martha Frederick	Wayne Perrin
Kade Guidry	Sedonia Primeaux
Sandra Guidry	Eula, Ruby Richard
Phyllis Guidry	Floyd Saltzman
Cecil Gremillion	David Sears
Dexter, Sydney Harris	Hubert Suire

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

## 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In these final days before Lent, I felt it good to reflect on what makes a good Lent. I do not mean which activities do we have to do. I mean some examples of results. What is the measure of a good Lent? Truly, this is an individual question, but for all a good result is personal change. If we do not change interiorly through Lent, then our exterior actions are of limited value.

For a few years, we have offered a Lenten resource called, "Best Lent Ever." The resource materials say, "Don't give up chocolate for Lent." The idea behind this is that personal change and interior conversion are what God desires rather than the heaping up of exterior practices. We need those exterior practices in order to change, but without change, they are worth little.

The gospel this Sunday presents a leper who came to Jesus begging for healing. Lepers in Jesus' time had one of the worst lots imaginable. Not only do they have the great discomfort of their illness, but they were also separated from society. They were also separated from temple worship of God. I could imagine being tempted to despair living in such a state. However, this man comes to Jesus and begs for His help. The gospel reports Jesus was, "moved with pity" and stretched out his hand to heal the man. Jesus wants to stretch out His hand to heal our infirmities also, but what are they and what prevents God's action.

I think the number one obstacle to Jesus' healing in our lives is unforgiveness. This includes unforgiveness of self. God cannot do much with us as long as we hold onto unforgiveness. The second problem is like it, faithlessness. I think by, and large we have accepted the lie that the lives we are living are as good as it gets. We don't believe that God can help our us to have greater peace. We view the world merely with human eyes, and only use human strength to counter our problems. To reference today's gospel, the leper had no human remedy for his leprosy. Without God, his situation was hopeless; therefore, he plucks up his courage and approaches Jesus. We can't hold onto the belief that our sufferings and sin define us if we want God to help. Only faith in God is sufficient motivation to come to real healing.

When it comes to Lenten practices, the number and difficulty of our practices are not as important as turning our hearts and minds to the Lord. If giving up ketchup turns our minds off of ourselves and unto God and our neighbor, then great. On the other hand, if giving up coffee makes me a grump and think about watching Netflix all day, then I am biting off more than I can chew. If we never encounter God through Lent, then we are "doing it wrong." We start with our Lenten practices, but we hope to encounter Jesus along the way. Consider the experience of the prophet Elijah in 1 Kings 19:1-18. Elijah flees Jezebel for fear because he has been overzealous. In the desert, he fasts, which God uses to prepare Elijah for an encounter with Himself. The purpose of the fast is not to be hungry. The purpose of the fast is to be ready to receive from the Lord.

What is the spiritual leprosy which afflicts us? What are the things which we desperately need help from Jesus? Are we ready to seek the help of God or are we still content to fix it on our own? These are some questions we can ask to start our Lenten journey. We can also ask, "Do I spend enough time in prayer with God each day? Do I spend any time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? What are the things which I depend on in place of God? Might a fast from these things help my walk with God? Finally, it is important to point out that fasting connected with almsgiving helps us to look outside ourselves. Witnessing the needs of our brothers and sisters and taking care of them aids our progress and "covers a multitude of sins: (1 Peter 4:8). I pray that you will have a fruitful Lent.

Fr. Campeaux