



Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

December 24, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas flowers in memory of:

- Ruston, Terry Weekly
- Buck, Ouida Campbell, Alicia, Brant Istre, Denise Hampshire, Flex Guillory, Zach Simon, Theresa, Vorice Falcon, Leo, Lillian Morvant, Chester & Yvella LeLeaux, M/M Amar, Jane, Sarah, Querie Richard, M/M Crip, Anna Mae Abshire
- Jackie Scanlan
- Arnold, Duci, Steve, Jr., Theresa Meaux
- Clalie & Wilson dePerrodil, Doreen Broussard, Anna Mae, Bert, Johnny Darbonne, Karl, Dr. Reno Petry
- B.D. & Janet Simon
- Georgia, Oday, Oge Buford, Lisa Gaspard, Larry Hayes, Virginia Guidry, Andrew & Everna Cormier
- Aurelian, Ezell, Michael Thibodeaux, Erin K. Lahr
- Larry Hayes, Georgia, Oday, Oge, Buford, Lisa Gaspard
- Ethel Leger, Sean, Zack Simon
- Ricky Roe, Roe & Leger families
- Michael, Whitney, Olidie Chiasson, Eula, Newell Hanks
- Families of Isaac Saltzman R.L. Walker Sr., Robert Trahan, Lodias Bonin. Velma Trahan, Guy, Elias, Gussie, Edward, Roberta, Lori LeDoux, Bill, Jr., Bill & Marie Greene, Romeal, Noelis Trahan, Lovelace, Robert, Lelis Lemaire, Johnny Callan
- Kaplan Flower & Gift Market

Holy Mass Schedule

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday	Noon
Thursday	5:15 p.m.
Friday	10:00 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

Catholic Daughters

are collecting donations to help the elderly with utility bills. Please place your donation in envelope located on Christmas trees in church and drop in collection or bring to church office by week-end of 12-22. If donations are made after please bring to the church office.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. Peter Church

Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass 12:00 a.m.

Christmas day at 9:00 a.m.

St. David Chapel

Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m.

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
- 23 Alex Lancon
- 24 Cole Laurents
- 25 Cade LeBlanc
- 26 Jacob LeBlanc
- 27 Brett Lee
- 28 Calvin LeMaire
- 29 Seth Lemaire

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



- December
- 23 Reverend Jerome LeDoux, SVD
- 24 Chaplain Col. Louis Ledoux
- 25 Reverend Mark Ledoux
- 26 Reverend Austin Leger
- 27 Reverend Lambertus Lein, SVD
- 28 Reverend Roland Lesseps, SJ
- 29 Reverend James Liprie, OSB

Offerings of the Past Week:
First Collection

St. Peter Church
\$ 3064.50

St. David Chapel
\$ 657.00

Please keep the sick and healing of our community in your prayers:

- Tabby B. Benoit
- Rachel Braud
- Kim Broussard
- Dallas, Dru, Kaitlyn C.
- Tammy B. Cormier
- Roxanne Dupuis
- Sr. Clairette
- Bruce Fruge
- Kade Guidry
- Bruno Istre
- John D. Istre
- Dexter, Sydnie Harris, Felicia, Karine, Lance, Landon, Margaret, Walter Jolivette, Jr., & III
- Willie Mae, Wilson LeJeune
- Jules Martin
- Mabel Martin

Joan Ogden
Sr. Louella Petry
Sidonia Primeaux
Karen Roger
Aimee Sonnier
Hubert Suire
MariAnne Vondestein
O 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.

As I reflect on Christmas, I look back on the year. There has been no shortage of significant world events, including trouble in the church. Considering our own lives, we also have our own significant events. My own consideration of these events leads me to look towards and pray for the coming of the Christ. Consider the little baby Jesus. I did not use to like to reflect on the baby Jesus. I think I did not want to consider his helplessness. Now, however, when I consider the way in which the God of heaven chose to be a poor helpless child, I am left speechless. Could I have prepared better for Christmas? Yes, I could have. Do I deserve God's gift of himself? No, but He came anyway. St. Louis de Montfort reflects with St. Augustine that the world was not worthy to receive Jesus, so God made Mary His fitting vessel for the savior. God makes a way for us; the question is how do we respond.

It is worth considering that although Jesus' birth was long awaited when He arrives few take notice. The exceptions being some poor shepherd children and a few Gentile wise men. In the world's eyes, Jesus' birth was unremarkable. He was born in a stable, poor and of little account. However, the spectacle of the God-man born in the poverty of a stable, unremarked by those who were supposed to be looking for his coming, is the mystery to marvel at. It demonstrates how much God loves us. He does not wait for a brass band in order to make an entrance into our lives. Frequently, he chooses the poorest and most humble way, even though He deserves much better. God chooses to be poor among us. Why would God do such a thing?

As we look at the infant Jesus lying in a manger, he is unable to do anything for himself. He is wrapped in swaddling clothes so that he can remain warm. He is in a stable because no one had any room for him. Literally, there was no room at the inn, but figuratively there was no room in the hearts of men. Already, the priests, scribes and other leaders of the people looked for their own political messiah, or at least God's messiah made in their own way of thinking. Is it not a marvel to consider that God came into the world despite this? St. Paul's letter to the Romans is correct, "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have gone wrong; no one does good, not even one" (Rm 3:10-12, Ps 14:2-3; Ps 53:2-3). Despite our unworthiness, God comes. In fact, God rejoices even to come in this manner because it magnifies His gift.

The shepherds who first viewed the Christ child were as surprised as anyone else. They did not expect to find anything but their sheep on that first Christmas night. They marveled in their hearts at what God had done, even though they did not fully comprehend what was happening. Let this be a lesson that God speaks more to the heart. Faith is in the heart, and their God reveals his mysteries. In a similar manner, the Three Wise Men view the Christ child. They found what they were looking for, and I imagine it was quite different than they expected. They first visited the palace of King Herod, thinking, "surely the newly born king was there." However, he was not. Herod, also surprised by Jesus' birth, though only of his own temporal power. He views Jesus as a threat. Jesus, a little baby, causes fear in a great King surrounded by guards. The words of Psalm 53:5 are well reflected in him, "[they] tremble with fear—without cause for fear" (grail psalter). What differentiates the Three Wisemen from King Herod is their humility. When they find their understanding of the new king is limited, they humble themselves to receive what God has made. God changes the hearts of the Three Wise Men through their experience, and they return to their country by a new way (cf. Mt 2:12). How do we respond to the Lord?

In every way, the glory and mystery of Christmas is the Lord's. The question is not about if the Lord is worthy or even if we are (we are not). The question is how will we respond to this event. Will we be afraid like Herod without cause for fear? Will we ponder the message of the angels like the shepherds? Perhaps we shall be changed like the Wisemen and go home by a different path. Christ comes whether or not we await Him or receive Him. Would that we all open our hearts and receive what God has done.

Monday **12-24** **4:00 P.M.** **St. Peter Church**

Mass Intention: Joseph "Boatner" Hebert

Also remembered: Elvina, Kerney Istre, Rod Stelly, Danny, Lee Louvier, Huland, Rachel Breaux. Joseph "Buster" LaPointe, Buford, Dorothy Marceaux, Dane Broussard, Citman, Melissa, Nelson, Rodney LeJeune, Jr., Sr., Ray Lee, Wilma Myers, Janet Simon, Mary Jane Weekly, Carol Badon, Michael, Olidia, Whitney Chiasson, Eulalie, Newell Hanks, Brenda Bertrand, Jackie Scanlan, Rod Boudreaux, Ruston, Terry Weekly, M/M Guy, J.C. Broussard, Chester, Jim, Louise (AOD 12/27), Murphy, Ozone Guidry, Kurt Istre, Oneil Simon, Michael Sztroin, deceased Vance Benoit, Alexon Cormier families, Jerry, Cormier, M/M Elly Fusilier, Freddie, Helen LeBeouf, Darrell, Wilson, Oneita Marceaux, dec Dupree, Marceaux family, deceased Leon Schexnider family, Wilson & Edma Rose Smith.

Mass Intention: Guy LeDoux and deceased family **6:00 P.M.** **St. David**

Also remembered: Velma B. Trahan, Olite, Uland Guidry

Tuesday **12-25** **Midnight** **St. Peter Church**

Mass Intention: Parishioners of St. Peter Church

Mass Intention: Liv/dec priests, religious, sick, dying **9:00 A.M.** **St. Peter Church**

Wednesday **12-26** **Noon** **St. Peter Church**

Thursday **12-27** **5:15 P.M.** **St. Peter Church**

Mass Intention: Brenda Bertrand

Also remembered: Jackie Scanlan

Friday **12-28** **10:00 A.M.** **Gueydan Memorial**

Mass Intention: Dwayne, Wayne, C.P. Zaunbrecher families, Lucille, Wilbur Guidry,

Also remembered: Lydia Deshotels (BD) **Continued on back page**

Christ is Born

Merry Christmas

New Year Mass Schedule

12-31 St. David 4:00 p.m.

St. Peter 6:30 p.m.

1-1 St. Peter 9:00 a.m.

The church office will be closed

Monday, December 24 &

Tuesday, December 25



Ladies Altar Society Members:

**Membership dues of \$10.00
(correction from last week) are used
for mass intentions for the
living and deceased of the Ladies
Altar Society throughout the year.
Please try to pay dues soon.**

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Saturday

12-29

4:00 P.M.

St. Peter Church

Mass Intention: Rod Boudreaux, Ruston, Terry Weekly

Also remembered:

- Dunice, T-Joe, Brenda, Faye, Neelis Bertrand, Anastasie, JD, Joseph Simon, James Smith family, Rodney Stelly, Jr. & Sr., Lela Suggs, Father Donald Theriot
- Arnold, Duci, Steve, Jr., Theresa Meaux
- Allie, Carl Hoffpauir, Ronnie Lougon, Zach Simon
- Francis & Sarah Chatagnier, Dora, Eldie, Garland, Michael, Oscar Sr., Sarah, Ty & Wilton

Theriot, Lloyd Quartermont, Living: Oscar Theriot, Sr., Family

- Deceased Vance Benoit family, deceased Alexon Cormier family, Jerry Cormier, M/M Elly Fuselier, Freddie, Helen LeBeouf, Melisa LeJeune, Darrell, Wilson & Oneita Dupree Marceaux family, Deceased Leon Schexnider family, Caina, Martha, Elma, Wilson Smith
- Art Hargrave, Dutch, Hazel Harrington, Byron, Carley Marceaux, Brent, Laura Suire

Sunday

12-30

7:00 A.M.

St. Peter Church

Mass Intention: Lester Potier

Also remembered:

- Huland, Rachel Breaux
- Andrew, Everna Cormier
- Dwayne, Wayne, C.P. Zaunbrecher families, Lucille, Wilbur Guidry
- Kathryn M. Hatch, Nolan Leblanc Family, Dorothy Z, Ellis Troups, Joseph Zaunbrecher Family
- Carol Badon
- Joseph "Buster", Wanda LaPointe, Buford, Dorothy Marceaux
- Ethel Lege, Sean Simon
- Jackie Scanlan
- Marlene B. LeBoeuf, Jonathan Louis, Joseph Bourque

- Crip, Edith Bertrand, BB, Evelyn Breaux, Aldis, Marie, Bernice, Jane, Clevenis, Eriste, Craig, Brenda, Robert P., Wanda, Wilfred "Blanc" Broussard, Joe Gaspard, Johnnie B. Hebert, Ryan Henry, Ruby, Wallace Istre, Donald, Shawn Linscomb, Jules, Wayne Martin, Albay, Anite Thibodeaux
- M/M Wilfred Broussard, Sr., Marvin Compton, Susan Earls, In Memory of Jude Fluitt, Robert Paul Francez, Barbara, Bob, Faye, Francis, George, Henrietta, Jim, Lenia, Mildred, Pat Klein, Cathy Langley, Betty, Percy LaPointe, M/M Sidney Lounsberry, Floyd Saltzman, Carrie Walpole
- Julia, Sheldon Simon

8:30 A.M.

St. David Chapel

Mass Intention: Karl, Dr. Reno Petry, Anna Mae, Bert, Johnny Darbonne

Also remembered: Velma B. Trahan, Guy LeDoux deceased family, Olite, Uland Guidry, Guy LeDoux & deceased family

Mass Intention:

Parishioners of St. Peter Church

10:30 A.M. St. Peter Church