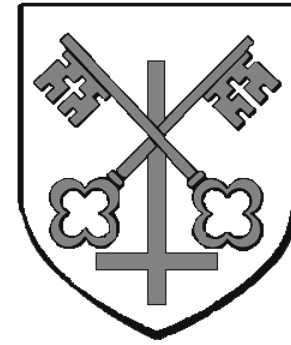




Catholic Daughters
are collecting donations to help
the elderly with utility bills.
Please place your donation in
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December 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas flowers in memory of:

Ruston, Terry Weekly	Reno Petry
Buck, Ouida Campbell, Alicia, Brant Istre, Denise Hampshire, Flex Guillory, Zach Simon, The- resa, Vorice Falcon, Leo, Lillian Morvant, Chester & Yvella	B.D. & Janet Simon Georgia, Oday, Oge Buford, Lisa Gaspard, Larry Hayes Virginia Guidry, Andrew & Everna Cormier
LeLeaux, M/M Amar, Jane, Sa- rah , Querie Richard, M/M Crip, Anna Mae Abshire	Aurelian, Ezell, Michael Thibodeaux, Erin K. Lahr
Jackie Scanlan	Larry Hayes, Georgia, Oday, Oge, Buford, Lisa Gaspard
Arnold, Duci, Steve, Jr., Theresa Meaux	Ethel Leger, Sean, Zack Simon
Clalie & Wilson dePerrodil, Doreen Broussard, Anna Mae, Bert, Johnny Darbonne, Karl, Dr.	Ricky Roe, Roe & Leger families

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.

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

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
- 16 Evan Hebert
- 17 Reverend Mr. Sal Istre
- 18 Luke Johnson
- 19 Andrew Killeen
- 20 Luke Kirk
- 21 Hayden Lacour
- 22 Joshua LaFleur

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
- 16 Reverend Oneil Landry
- 17 Reverend Charles Langlois
- 18 Reverend Msgr. H.A. Larrouque, JCD
- 19 Reverend Korey LaVergne
- 20 Reverend Bernard Lebiedz, OSB
- 21 Reverend Clyde LeBlanc, SJ
- 22 Reverend Steven LeBlanc

“The desert and the parched land will exult” – Is 35:1

Dear Parishioners,

I remember a time in seminary before the new translation of the Roman Missal when I was looking at the Latin of the prayers. It struck me how much expectation was in them, culminating in the liturgy of Christmas Midnight mass. I had my own longings at the time. It was my sixth or seventh year in seminary, and I was longing for the coming of Christ in Christmas. I think at the time I was discouraged by school and other difficulties in life. It was a consolation for me to experience in the church's liturgy that we light a candle and look for Christ to dispel the darkness. I went to Christmas Midnight mass for the first time that year. I was struck by the light. Not literally the light of the candles, but what their light represented. In the midst of a world darkened by sin, the light of Christ comes; little, poor, unexpected, but with great hope. Even if you don't attend Midnight mass, you can still anticipate the coming of Christ into your hearts.

This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent also called “Gaudete Sunday” from the Latin entrance antiphon. In English, the antiphon begins, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice.” What are we rejoicing in? We rejoice because of Christ, our hope, is so close we can almost feel him. That is the blessing of doing our best to live Advent rather than non-stop ‘Christmas’ from Thanksgiving until December 25. It is difficult, but to the degree that we embrace the Church's celebration of Advent rather than mere shopping and good feelings, we open ourselves to the Spirit of God. Unlike the spirit of the world, the Spirit of God refreshes us leaving us hopeful, renewed. It is never too late, but it does take effort.

This Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to synchronize our efforts to welcome Christ with Mary. Remember that before the Annunciation, she awaited with expectation the coming of the Christ. After the Annunciation, she was more expectant and hopeful. If you can, try to imagine Mary's disposition in waiting for Jesus' birth. She knows that Jesus is coming, but she does not know all that God has planned for His birth. What was Mary's prayer in her nine months of pregnancy with Jesus? One of her prayers we do know. “Be it done unto me according to thy word.” These words, however, were not something static to be said and then forgotten, but to be lived, lived in expectation of what God is accomplishing. With this understanding, I think we can imagine the kind of anxious but hopeful preparations Mary took.

Brothers and sisters, let us not think as we make our own preparations that sufferings separate us from Mary and Joseph. Remember that just as they finished their preparations and were expecting to receive the infant Jesus at home, they were forced to abandon their preparations. Can you imagine? You have been entrusted with the Son of God, and now you don't even have a home to offer him. Not only do you not have a home, but only a stable. The miracle is that is just what God chose for himself, a humble stable. What is also marvelous is the love with which Mary and Joseph prepared that stable. It was a suffering to abandon their home so lovingly prepared for Jesus, but it was their joy to make what they were given a loving place to receive our redeemer. This is no merely human effort, but a response to God's divine grace in the moment. Let us also respond to God's grace for us in this moment as we prepare in these last days before Christmas. Fr. Campeaux

Offerings of the Past Week:	St. Peter Church	St. David Chapel
First Collection	\$ 1794.27	\$ 351.00
Second Collection	1148.00	72.00

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
- John D. Istre
- Dexter, Sydnie Harris, Felicia, Karine, Lance, Landon, Margaret, Walter Jolivette, Jr., & III
- Willie Mae, Wilson LeJeune
- Jules Martin
- Mabel Martin
- Sr. Louella Petry

- Sidonia Primeaux
- 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. Thank you Lord

Tuesday 12-18 5:15 P.M. St. Peter Church
Mass Intention: Kathryn Tyler Hatch (BD)

Wednesday 12-19 Noon St. Peter Church
Mass Intention: M/M Guy, J.C. Broussard, Chester, Jim, Louise, Murphy, Ozone Guidry (AOD 12/20), Kurt Istre, Michael Sztroin

Thursday 12-20 5:15 P.M. St. Peter Church
Mass Intention: Brenda Bertrand

Friday 12-21 10:00 A.M. Gueydan Memorial Guest Home
Mass Intention: Dwayne, Wayne, C.P. Zaunbrecher families, Lucille, Wilbur Guidry,

Saturday 12-22 4:00 P.M. St. Peter Church

Mass Intention: Art Hargrave, Dutch, Hazel Harrington, Byron, Carley Marceaux, Brent, Laura Suire

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
- Rod Boudreaux, Ruston, Terry Weekly
- Francis & Sarah Chatagnier, Dora, Eldie, Gar-

land, Michael, Oscar Sr., Sarah, Ty & Wilton Theriot, Lloyd Quartermont, Living: Oscar Theriot, Sr., Family

- 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
- Alva Jane, M/M Amar Richard

Sunday 12-23 7:00 A.M. St. Peter Church

Mass Intention: 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

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 Touns, Joseph Zaunbrecher Family
- Carol Badon
- Joseph "Buster", Wanda LaPointe, Buford, Dorothy Marceaux

- 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
- Ethel Lege, Sean Simon
- Lester Potier
- Jackie Scanlan
- Buck, Ouida Campbell, Rene' Decuir, Denise Hampshire, Alicia, Brant Istre, Josh Sonnier, Ruston Weekly, **Living:** Rocky Campbell (BD), In thanksgiving to Blessed Mother, Sr. Clairette, Arline Bellard

8:30 A.M. St. David Chapel

Mass Intention: Emick, Helen "Sis" Melancon, Nellie, Thomas, Willie Petry

Also remembered: Karl, Dr. Reno Petry, Anna Mae, Bert, Johnny Darbonne, Velma B. Trahan, Guy LeDoux deceased family, Olite, Uland Guidry, Buck, Ouida Campbell (Wed anniversary), Alicia, Brant Istre, Denise Trosclair Hampshire, Zach Simon, Flex Guillory **Living:** Sr. Clairette, Special Int., Rocky Campbell (BDAY),

Mass Intention: Parishioners of St. Peter Church **10:30 A.M. St. Peter Church**

Perpetual Adoration

Let us love being with the Lord! There we can speak with Him about everything. We can offer Him our petitions, or 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!"

Adorers for adoration needed for:

Friday 8:00 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

Please call Andrea Robinson at 223-0640 to commit spending an hour with the Lord or to change your time.

ADVENT MISSION

The Little Friars and

Little Nuns of

Jesus and Mary

Will present our

Advent Mission

December 17-19

At 6:00 p.m.

at St. Peter Church



**Every Parish
of the Diocese of Lafayette**

1st & 3rd Wednesday in Advent

6:30-8:00 pm

December 5 and December 19

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The church will be decorated for Christmas after 10:30 mass on December 23. If you can volunteer your time, it would be greatly appreciated.

Ladies Altar Society Members:

Membership dues of \$5.00 are used for mass intentions for the living and deceased of the Ladies Altar Society throughout the year. Please try to pay dues soon.

Donations for Christmas flowers are now being accepted

