

# Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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February 23, 2020 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Ash Wednesday

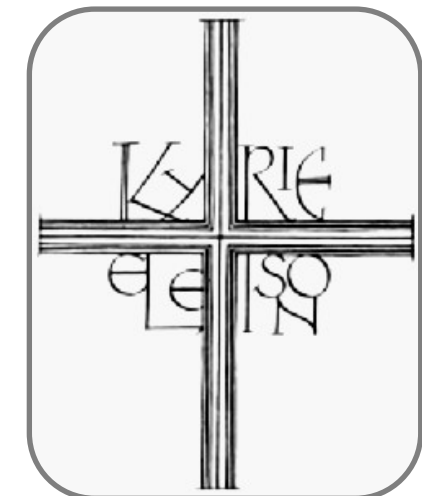
February 26, 2020

St. Peter Church

6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

St. David Chapel

5:00 p.m.



Church office will close

Tuesday, February 25

For Mardi Gras

### 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

## Elliott's

1106 Lyons Point Hwy.  
Morse, Louisiana

337-783-5240



## Slaughter House

**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  
 23. Casey Dugas  
 24. John Dugas  
 25. Tre' Fontenet  
 26. Andrew Furka  
 27. David Furka  
 28. Jace Gyles  
 29. 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  
 23. Reverend Gregory Downs  
 24. Reverend Blake Dubroc  
 25. Reverend Wayne Duet  
 26. Reverend Willard Dugas  
 27. Reverend Edward Duhon  
 28. Reverend Jacob DuMont, LC  
 29. Reverend Nicholas DuPre'

**Deeper Disciples of the Lord**

This Sunday, we continue with Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In this section, he offers another set of antitheses, "You have heard it said...I say to you..." Through these antitheses, Jesus challenges our mindset for serving God. It was equally challenging for Jesus' first century listeners. It is challenging for us both because it requires letting go of mindsets that feel justified. For example, if someone is mean, we should be able to be mean back.

The selection of the Sermon on the Mount begins, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'" We are perhaps very familiar with this phrase. I remember hearing it when I was young. We like something about it. Something in our fallen humanity enjoys getting even. Therefore, we interpret the word as to say get all that you can from your enemy. However, this law from the Old Testament was intended to limit retribution. The punishment had to fit the crime, so to speak. Jesus, in the Gospel, however, goes far beyond the Old Testament requirement. He seems to suggest we subject ourselves to further abuse when, in fact, he does not.

Jesus does not suggest that we cannot defend ourselves nor that we remain in an abusive situation. Consider what the Sermon on the Mount has pointed us to previously. The fulfillment of the law, also to the heart of the law. The heart of the law here is to have a radically different attitude. It is an attitude that embraces suffering. This attitude is fulfilled in Jesus, not only bearing but embracing the cross. We are called to love the cross for the sake of our enemies, a tall order for sure, but there is a hidden fruit. If we accept this attitude, it often has a positive effect on our enemies so that they may change. What Jesus requires also has an effect on us. When we embrace the cross, we still suffer, but we break the power of the suffering. It is no longer, so oppresses of our spirit. This attitude is further fulfilled in the second antithesis from the gospel.

Jesus continues, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Jesus is effectively asking us to take on his own attitude. Do we not harm Jesus through our sin? What does he do in response? He loves us to the point of death. He prays for us so that we can be children of God. Jesus is asking us to give to others what he has given us.

The demands of the Gospel are radical. However, we need to take them in the context that God is asking us to do for others what he does for us. Jesus loves us despite our sin. We offend Jesus greatly. We go so far as committing sacrilege or blasphemy against Him, yet Jesus does not try to get even. Instead, he suffers further for our sake. When we accuse God, He offers to suffer the pain we believe unjustly imposed upon us. Experiencing this radical love of God is the only thing that inspires us to follow these radical commands of the Gospel.

What are we to do? First, we need to acknowledge how we fail to do what Jesus requests in the gospel. Do we hate our enemies? Do we will their destruction? Do I hate or resist the cross? With this knowledge, we need to pray and ask God, "Why do I feel this way?" If we reflect on the cause of these imperfect attitudes, then we can invite Jesus to heal them. For example, if I believe I need to get even with my enemy because nothing will ever be the same, but Jesus demonstrates to me that what I have in Him is greater than what I lost. Would having more in Jesus than what I lost not undercut the previous attitude? I pray that we all discover this. Let us together then turn to Mary, who at the cross adopted this attitude to us, who cost her Jesus. She does not despise us. She loves us as precious children in need of a mother's love. Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

-Fr. Corey Campeaux

**Offerings of the past week:**

	<b>St. Peter Church</b>	<b>St. David Chapel</b>
First collection:	\$ 1703.00	\$ 540.00
Second Collection:	418.00	43.00

Collection for Ash Wednesday is for Catholic Charities of Acadiana

**Please pray for the following:**

- Tabby Broussard Benoit  
 Anita Broussard  
 Fannie, Stacy Broussard  
 Dallas, Dru, Kaitlyn C.  
 Tammy Broussard Cormier  
 Rose Crochet  
 Lucille Gautreaux  
 Kade Guidry  
 Dexter, Sydne Harris  
 Carley James  
 Felicia, Karine, Lance, Landon, Margaret,  
 Walter Jolivet, Jr., III  
 Willie Mae, Wilson LeJeune  
 Ariel Luchin  
 Jules Martin  
 Mabel Martin  
 Willie Martin  
 Shaydon Naquin  
 Kilee Ned  
 Billy Portie  
 Sidonia Primeaux  
 Aimee Sonnier

- Hubert Suire  
 Mary Theriot & baby  
 Macy Vallo  
 Trent, MariAnne Vondenstein  
 Leslie Watson



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



## Faith Renewal

A Faith Renewal Retreat's purpose is to "Renew" our Faith in God as an individual, and as a part of the community of the Body of Christ. When Bishop Sam Jacobs (ret.) was pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel, he began the "Awakening Retreats" for college students. He later adapted the weekends for adults when he was pastor at St. Mary of the Lake in Grand Lake.

Faith Renewal weekends welcome all adults including couples, as well as single men and women who are at least 18 years of age and out of high school. We also welcome men and women of other faiths. The weekend is Catholic, but all are invited, and treated with respect and understanding.

As in many retreats such as Cursillo, silent retreats, and ACTS, there are presentations on a number of subjects given by clergy as well as lay people. There are opportunities to participate in the Sacraments. We also enjoy good fellowship, music, and fun on a Faith Renewal Weekend. Because our staffers open up their homes for the weekends, we are able to hold down the cost of the weekend for new candidates. We ask for a small donation if the person can afford it, but all are welcome regardless of ability to pay.

For more information, contact Grayson or Clarissa Benoit at 337-368-6953/337-523-8049

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MARCH 13-15, 2020 IN KAPLAN

APRIL 17-19, 2020 IN LAKE ARTHUR

### Rosary Times

Saturday March 7 at St. Peter  
at 3:20 p.m.

Sunday March 8 at St. David  
at 7:50 a.m.

Sunday March 8 @ St. Peter  
at 9:50 a.m.



### February 23

There is no space where God is not; space does not exist apart from Him. He is in heaven, in hell, beyond the seas; dwelling in all things and enveloping all. Thus He embraces, and is embraced by, the universe, confined to no part of it but pervading all.

- Pope St. Hilary (315-368), Feast Day February 28

### Perpetual Adoration

In union with Christ's passion, we offer up as sacrifice upon the fleshy altars of our hearts all that we lack. In return we receive from on high the fullness of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist, and we see the Word become flesh in our own lives.



### Adorers for perpetual adoration needed

Monday 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

"Come to me, all you that labor, and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

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