



Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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November 15, 2020 Thirty-Third Sunday

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



CCD Classes begin
November 15 @
St. Peter School

Registration is still open with a
late fee

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

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.



November
 15. Pier Zeringue
 16. Dylan Allen
 17. Reed Bellingham
 18. Haden Coleman
 19. Myles Creek
 20. Gabe Dowden
 21. Reverend Mr. Casey Dugas

November
 15. Reverend Joel Faulk
 16. Reverend Emmanuel Fernandez
 17. Reverend Thomas Finley
 18. Reverend Sam Fontana
 19. Reverend Abelardo Gabriel, SVD
 20. Reverend William Gearheard
 21. Reverend Taj Glodd

Offerings

St. Peter
 St. David

First Collection

\$ 4763.00
 \$ 280.00

Second Collection

\$ 1030.00
 \$ 35.00

Please pray for the following:

Cindy, Larry Benoit
 Tabby Broussard Benoit
 Dallas, Dru, Kaitlyn C.
 Tammy Broussard Cormier
 Jessica V. Fluitt
 Earline Hardee
 Dexter, Sydne Harris
 Felicia, Karina, Lance, Landon, Margaret,
 Walter Joliette, Jr., III
 Willie Mae, Wilson LeJeune
 Alexis, Donald "Bubba", Henry LeMaire
 Wayne LeMaire
 Mabel Martin
 Chris, Kilee Ned
 Sidonia Primeaux
 Trudy Schexnider
 Aimee Sonnier
 Hubert Suire
 Macy Vallo
 Cena Mae, Floyd Zaunbrecher



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

Life after Death

I wanted to take a moment in the month of November to talk about life after death. Last week I spoke about judgment. This Sunday I don't want to speak about judgement per se, but about the state of a soul after death. My purpose is to clear up some misunderstandings we have adopted from paranormal TV shows which are now popular. My other reason is some false beliefs we hold can negatively affect our grieving and our relationship with God.

When we die, we do not become an angel. Angels are a completely different type of creature than we. We are a creature which is composed of matter (our bodies) and soul. Note we are not souls trapped in a body or bodies only, but a combination of body and soul. For this reason when we die and our soul separates from our bodies we are in an unnatural state. God sustains us as a soul so that we can still function until such a time as we experienced the resurrection of the body. We believe (as stated in the creed) that one day we will all be resurrected as Jesus was and have a glorified body, like Jesus after the resurrection and different than the ones we now have. On the other hand, angels never have bodies. They are created by God as pure spirits. You can think of them as pure intellect, an intellect without a body which is able to interact with the world.

Second, sometimes people say when someone dies God needs another angel in heaven. First of all, as discussed above we do not become angels. Second, there is a problem with this statement that is not apparent. I don't mean to dispute anyone's experience. I only want to share my reflection on Theology and my pastoral experience. The consequence of saying that "God wanted another angel in heaven," is that we are saying also that God willed the death of our loved one." This is false, "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the death of the living." (Wisdom 1:13). Death is a consequence of sin. We die as a result of 'natural causes' (a consequence of sin) or by accident (a consequence of human choices). God does not will our death, but what is true is that he brings good out of it in the same way that the death of Jesus on the cross becomes our salvation. That God does this is a miracle of his providence. Please note that in the middle of crisis this doesn't help save that we can state with certainty that God is at work. God will see me through this trial and God will accomplish good.

There is today much talk about ghosts. This can be a complicated topic so I will limit my discussion. First, let's revisit where souls go. When someone dies, their soul separates from the body and they go to judgment before God. Following judgment they are destined for Heaven or hell and they either go to hell, purgatory (on the way to heaven) or Heaven. These are not places in the strict sense (as in below the earth's surface or in the sky). Souls in hell are eternally separated from God. Souls in Heaven live in the presence of God. Souls in purgatory are in an intermediary state where they are purified in order to enter God's presence in Heaven.

We learn from the lives of the saints, that souls in purgatory sometimes inhabit the earth. For example, Padre Pio relates how the soul of a deceased monk appeared to him. The soul related he was sentenced to spend his purgatory in that cell until a faithful monk came to inhabit it. Doubtless, he prayed for each monk who came to live there until Padre Pio came and he was released. Souls in purgatory want and need our prayers. If they make themselves known to us, that is usually why. A simple way this occurs is we think of a loved one that died out of the blue. This can mean that they are reminding us to pray for them. God wills that we intercede for the souls in purgatory. Souls in purgatory in turn pray for us on earth. They know our need. St. John Vianney relates that if we prayed for the Holy Souls...."

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The focus on Ghosts as in paranormal shows is unhelpful and even dangerous. Theologically, a ghost could be a soul in purgatory trying to get our attention to pray for them. It could also be a devil or a soul in hell that come to torment us. This topic could merit a whole other article. For now I want to suffice it to say that a soul in purgatory would not give in to our curiosity. When we treat ghosts as is done in TV shows, we invite interactions with evil. While God does not allow the summoning of the dead (necromancy), there is no salvation apart from God, so there is no rest for souls by communicating with them, burning sage (witchcraft) or other new age practices.

How can we legitimately commune with our loved ones. Any time we go to mass we are united with the whole church including the faithfully departed. We can commune with souls, when we think of them, we can pray for them. The souls in purgatory are aware of our prayers and grateful. We can commend ourselves to God for them. Sometimes God allows the souls to make themselves known to us so that we can pray for them, or that we can know something about their state in Heaven. The key here is that God mediates the interaction. Second, there is never in such an interaction, doom, gloom and despair. If we are filled with fear these other emotions there is a good chance that we may not be dealing with the Holy Souls and we should pray.

Tuesday	11-17	5:15 p.m.	St. Peter Church
Mass Intention:	Betty, Inez, Toby Breaux, Dorothy, Rodney, Sanette Broussard, Marie Chastant		
Wednesday	11-18	Noon	St. Peter Church
Mass Intention:	Kalix Broussard, Billy, Josie Duhon, Bill Jr., Marie, William Greene, Sr., Elias, Edward, Gussie, Guy, Lori, Roberta LeDoux, Lelia, Lovelace, Robert, LeMaire, Belle, Nick Noel, Noelie, Romeal Trahan		
Thursday	11-19	5:15 p.m.	St. Peter Church
Mass Intention:	Jackie Scanlan (AOD 2 years)		
Friday	11-20	10:00 a.m.	St. Peter Church
Mass Intention:	Dwayne, Wayne, C.P. Zaunbrecher families, Lucille, Wilbur Guidry		
Saturday	11-21	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter Church
Mass Intentions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arnold, Duci, Steve, Jr., Theresa Meaux • Irvin, M/M Wilfred Broussard, Sr., Marvin Compton, Susan Earls, Jude Fluitt, Robert Paul Francez, Barbara, Faye, Francis, George, Henrietta, Jim, Lenia, Mildred, Bob, Pat Klein, Cathy Langley Betty, Percy LaPoint, M/M Sidney Lounsberry, Carrie Walpole • Joseph "Buster", Wanda, Kathleen LaPointe, Ryan (Bubba) Laseter, Buford, Dorothy Marceaux, Agnes Suire, Lola Tuiller • Kathryn M. Hatch, Nolan LeBlanc family, Dorothy, Ellis Troups family, Joseph Zaunbrecher family • Renee' Benoit • Priscilla "Titter" Carlson • Deceased Vance Benoit family, deceased Alexon Cormier family, Jerry Cormier, M/M Elly Fuselier, Freddie, Helen LeBeouf, Melissa LeJeune, Darrell, Wilson, Oneita Marceaux, deceased Dupree Marceaux family, deceased Leon Schexnider family, Caina, Martha, Elma, Wilson Smith • Cynthia Gaspard • Evelyn Landry • Dwayne, Wayne, C.P. Zaunbrecher families, Lucille, Wilbur Guidry • Carole Badon • Henry Suire, Sr. (BD 11/22) • Carleen Overley (BD 11/22) • Olidia, Michael, Whitney Chiasson, Eulalie, Newell Hanks 		
Sunday	11-22	7:00 a.m.	St. Peter Church
Mass Intention:	Mildred "Millie" Vincent		
Mass Intention:		8:30 a.m.	St. David Chapel
	Anna Mae, Bert, Johnny Darbonne, Karl, Dr. Reno Petry		
Mass Intention:		10:30 a.m.	St. Peter Church
	Parishioners of St. Peter Church		

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Jules C. Martin and
Stephen Hebert

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their **souls** and the **souls** of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

World Day of the Poor

Sunday 15 November 2020

In his message for the fourth World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis writes that ‘keeping our gaze fixed on the poor is difficult’, but that it is ‘more necessary than ever if we are to give proper direction to our personal life and the life of society.’ He draws on the Book of Sirach as a guide for reflection and action following the pandemic. ‘Now is a good time to recover the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world’, he says. ‘Until we revive our sense of responsibility for our neighbor and for every person, grave economic, financial and political crises will continue.’

November 15

We ought to speak, shout out against injustices, with confidence and without fear. We proclaim the principles of the Church, the reign of love, without forgetting that it is also a reign of justice.

- Blessed Miguel Pro (1891-1927), Jesuit Priest, Martyr, Beatified November 25