



Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

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

December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday

Christmas Flowers



Donations may be made in memory of your loved one by dropping the donation in a separate envelope in the collection. Donations may also be brought to the office or dropped in the mail slot.

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Peter Church
Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. & Midnight
Christmas Day 9:00 a.m.

St. David Chapel
Christmas Eve 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

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

- 6. Bret Lee
- 7. Calvin LeMaire
- 8. Reverend Mr. Seth Lemaiire
- 9. Joseph Marcantel
- 10. Riley Maturin
- 11. Stephen Melancon
- Brian Nguyen

December

- 6. Reverend Gregory Heslip, LC
- 7. Reverend Matthew Higginbotham
- 8. Reverend Godwin Imoru
- 9. Reverend Sal Istre
- 10. Very Reverend Thomas James, SVD
- 11. Reverend Johnathan Janise
- 12. Reverend Rofinus Jas, SVD

Offerings

St. Peter

St. David

Second collection next week is for insurance and maintenance.

First Collection

\$ 2171.00

\$ 193.00

Second Collection

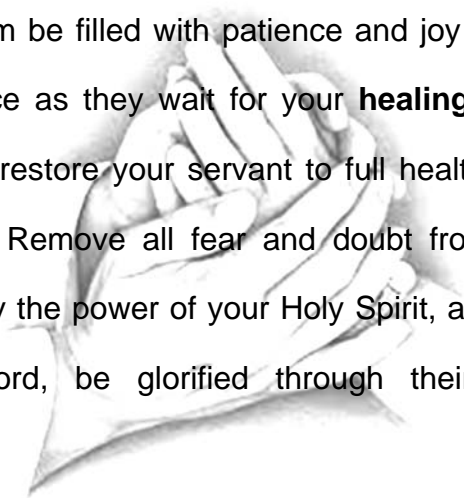
\$ 469.00

\$ 37.00

Please pray for the following:

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

Let them be filled with patience and joy in your presence as they wait for your **healing** touch. Please restore your servant to full health, dear Father. Remove all fear and doubt from their heart by the power of your Holy Spirit, and may you, Lord, be glorified through their lives, Amen.



“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 at Christmas. I think at the time I was discouraged by school and other difficulties in life. It was a consolation for me to see 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 candlelight, but what it represents and I received in the liturgy. In the midst of a world darkened by sin, the light of Christ comes; little, poor, unexpected, but with great hope. Through the coming of Christ at Christmas, we can still anticipate the coming of Christ into our hearts even in the midst of a confused, troubled world.

This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, is 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 waiting for Jesus’ birth. She knows that it is coming, but she does not know all that God has planned. What was Mary’s prayer in the nine months of pregnancy with Jesus? One prayer we know. “Be it done unto to me according to thy word.” These words 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 it 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 to us in this moment as we prepare for Christmas.

-Fr. Corey Campeaux

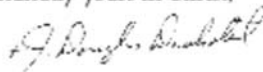


"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me." Philippians 4:13

In Humble Gratitude

In honor of the 100th Anniversary in 2018 of the Diocese of Lafayette, families from St. Peter the Apostle Church parish generously participated in a historic Centennial Campaign: *Building our Future Together*. Your parish's involvement signaled its solidarity with our Catholic ancestors who sacrificed mightily to ensure a lasting presence for our faith and for our places of worship. Amidst the challenges of 2020, this kinship with those who sacrificed in the past is even more evident. Parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle Church joined thousands of Catholics across the Diocese of Lafayette to ensure a bright future for our diocesan faith community through continued contributions to the Centennial Campaign. At the mid-point of this campaign, I am happy to report that contributions have already activated the Priests' Retirement Trust so it can begin to provide for the health and housing needs of our "Silver Shepherds". The other causes within the Centennial Campaign are on track at 70% of the established targets. I am grateful for your loyal support and your commitment to the future of this Diocese and your church parish. May God continue to bless each of you, this parish and the entire Diocese of Lafayette family. Thank you for your devotion to preserving the legacy of our Catholic faith. With every good wish, I am,

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Bishop of Lafayette

LOCAL PARISH INITIATIVES	\$9,171,879
SEMINARIAN EDUCATION	\$7,872,423
PRIEST RETIREMENT	\$6,872,423
CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTERS	\$3,751,803
CATHOLIC OUTREACH & SERVICES	\$3,398,855

Parish Centennial Total

(as of October 2020)

**ST. PETER THE APOSTLE
CHURCH**

Goal:

\$215,000.00

Pledged to Date:

\$77,975.00

Families Participating
60

Centennial Campaign Diocesan Wide Results

Pledges:

\$43,002,003

Funded to Date:

\$31,067,383

Centennial Campaign: Building Our Future Together runs through 2022.

Questions: Call 337.261.5656

For more information, please visit <http://diolaf.org/centennial-campaign>

Parish # 737

Tuesday Mass Intention:	12-15 Jerry Bourque (AOD 12-14) 1 year	5:30 p.m.	St. Peter Church
Wednesday Mass Intention:	12-16 Dwayne, Wayne, C.P. Zaunbrecher families, Lucille, Wilbur Guidry	Noon	St. Peter Church
Thursday Mass Intention:	12-17 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, Noelle, Romeal Trahan	5:15 p.m.	St. Peter Church
Friday Mass Intention:	12-18 Betty, Inex, Toby Breaux, Dorothy, Rodney, Sanette Broussard, Marie Chastant, Freddie, Eugenia (Jane) Broussard, Senua, Rose Labry, Fr. Lloyd Hebert	10:00 a.m.	St. Peter Church
Saturday Mass Intentions:	12-19 <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 Touns 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• Dwayne, Wayne, C.P. Zaunbrecher families, Lucille, Wilbur Guidry• Anna Mae, Bert, Johnny Darbonne, Karl, Dr. Reno Petry• Evelyn Landry• Leona Bertrand• Theresa, Vorice Cormier, Cynthia Gaspard, Sr. Clairette Grondin, Denise Hampshire, Clay Miller, Eulan, Jane, Mary, Querie Richard and deceased members of Richard/Cormier families, Zach Simon, special intention• Dorothy, Rodney, Sanette Broussard, Betty, Inez, Toby Breaux, Freddie, Eugenia (Jane) Broussard, Marie Chastant, Senua, Rose Labry, Fr. Lloyd Hebert• Hillman Primeaux• Ozone, (AOD 12-20), Chester, Jim, Louise, Murphy Guidry, Irene G., O'Neil Simon, Michael Sztroin, J.C. Broussard	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter Church
Sunday Mass Intention:	12-20 Carole Badon	7:00 a.m.	St. Peter Church
Mass Intention:	William Hardee, Logan LeMaire	8:30 a.m.	St. David Chapel
Mass Intention:	Parishioners of St. Peter Church	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter Church

St. Peter the Apostle

Advent Mission

December 15-18, 2020

6:00-7:00 p.m.

"The Light Is On For You" Begins December 2

On all the Wednesdays of Advent, from 6:30-8 p.m. all church parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette will be open for individual confession. Please make plans to come on Advent Wednesdays (December 2, 9 and 16) and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

This outreach is called "The Light is On For You," and is an effort on the part of the diocese to highlight the importance of the Sacrament of Confession in the life of Catholics and to make it as easy as possible for every Catholic to come or to return to this great source of God's mercy and healing love.

The Catholic Daughters

Are collecting funds to help the elderly of our community with their utility bills. If you would like to participate, take an envelope from the Christmas tree and place your donation in the collection or bring to the church office. Trees are located at the church entrances.



What is Gaudete Sunday?

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent, which is a joyous celebration, although it takes place in the usually penitential period. It is the mid-point break from the austere practices to rejoice in the nearness of Jesus' return. Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season when the priest normally wears purple vestments. But, Gaudete Sunday, is past the midpoint of Advent, so the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides worshippers with encouragement to continue their spiritual preparation, especially prayer and fasting, for Christmas. For the same reason of lightening the mood, the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored.

December 13

The more humble a man is, the better he knows himself and, therefore, the better he knows God. The more he knows God, the better he loves Him...thus by humility, he obtains more charity and by having more charity, he obtains more humility.

- Blessed Anthony Grassi (1592-1671), Priest, Feast Day December 18