



Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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



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

- 20. Haden Coleman
- 21. Myles Creek
- 22. Gabe Dowden
- 23. Reverend Mr. Casey Dugas
- 24. John Dugas
- 25. Tre' Fontenot
- 26. David Furka

December

- 20. Reverend Clifton Labbe, SVD
- 21. Reverend Donavan Labbe'
- 22. Reverend Paul La Fleur
- 23. Reverend Jeremy Lambert, LC
- 24. Reverend Keith Landry
- 25. Reverend Oneil Landry
- 26. Reverend Charles Langlois

Offerings

St. Peter
St. David
Retired Religious

First Collection

\$ 1110.00
\$ 297.30
\$ 140.00

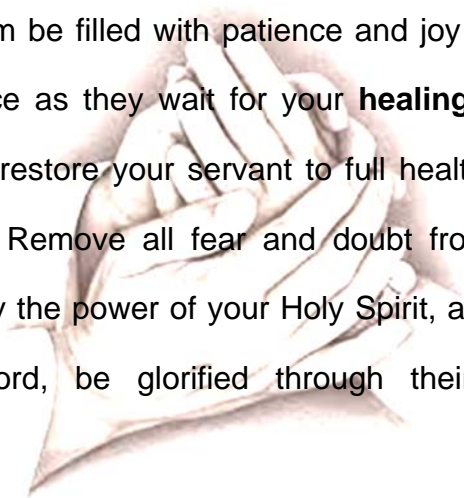
Second Collection

\$ 639.00
\$ 10.00

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
Craig, Kim LeBlanc
Willie Mae, Wilson LeJeune
Wayne LeMaire
Mabel Martin
Chris, Kilee Ned
Sidonia Primeaux
Trudy Schexnider
Aimee Sonnier
Hubert Suire
Macey 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.



Approaching Christmas

As I reflect on Christmas, I look back on the year. There has been no shortage of significant world events, whether good or bad. Considering my own life, there have been many difficult and good things also. Mindful of how little I was able to prepare, I consider the little baby Jesus. I did not used to like to reflect on the baby Jesus. I think I did not like to consider his helplessness. Now, however, when I consider how the God of heaven chose to be a poor helpless child, I am 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. I think this is the heart of what I marvel at this year when I consider Jesus' birth in poor and lowly circumstances. He lowered himself to embrace such a condition to save me from mine.

It is worth considering that although Jesus' birth was long awaited. However, when He arrives few take notice except some poor shepherd children and some Gentile wisemen. In the world's eyes, Jesus' birth was unremarkable. He was born in a stable, but the very 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 just 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 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 there 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. They are changed by the Lord, 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 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.
Fr. Campeaux

Christmas Flowers

In Memory of:

- 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
- Dr. & Mrs. Logan Gardiner, Aurelian, Ezell, Michael A. Thibodeaux, Erin Ezell Krielow Lahr
- B.D., Janet Simon
- Renee' Benoit
- Tuffy Benoit, Dane Broussard, Dolores Hebert, Melissa, Patricia, Rodney LeJeune, Jr., & Sr., Ray Lee Myers
- Dorene Broussard, Wilson, Clalie dePerrodil, Peter P. Trahan
- Virginia Guidry, Andrew, Everna Cormier
- Dwayne, Wayne, C.P. Zaunbrecher families, Lucille, Wilbur Guidry
- Percy Petry family
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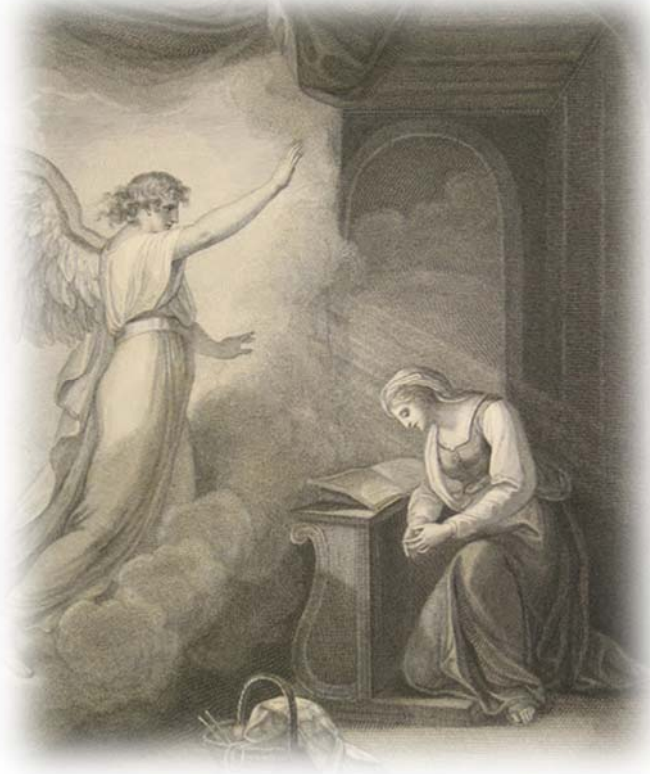
Tuesday	12-22	5:15 p.m.	St. Peter Church
Mass Intention:	Dwayne, Wayne, C.P. Zaunbrecher families, Lucille, Wilbur Guidry		
Wednesday	12-23	Noon	St. Peter Church
Mass Intention:	Lee "Jap" LeMaire (AOD)		
Thursday	12-24	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter Church
Mass Intention:	Dwayne, Wayne, C.P. Zaunbrecher families, Lucille, Wilbur Guidry, Freddie, Helen LeBeouf, Melissa LeJeune, Darrell, Wilson, Oneita Marceaux, deceased Dupree Marceaux family, deceased Leon Schexnider family, Caina, Martha, Elma, Wilson Smith, Evelyn Landry, 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, Priscilla "Titter" Carlson, Cynthia Gaspard, Danny, Lee "Shorty", Louvier, Charles Menard, Renee' Benoit, Anna Mae, Bert, Johnny Darbonne, Karl, Dr. Reno Petry, Michael, Whitney, Olidia Chiasson, Newell, Eulalie Hanks, Carole Badon, <i>Living:</i> Craig, Kim LeBlanc, Mitzi Louvier		
Thursday	12-24	6:00 p.m.	St. David Chapel
Mass Intention:	William Hardee, Logan LeMaire		
Midnight Mass Intention:	Parishioners of St. Peter Church		
Friday	12-25	9:00 a.m.	St. Peter Church
Mass Intention:	Betty, Inex, Toby Breaux, Dorothy, Rodney, Sanette Broussard, Marie Chastant, Freddie, Eugenia (Jane) Broussard, Senua, Rose Labry, Fr. Lloyd Hebert, Carley Marceaux, Carleen, Irene Overlay, Violet Meaux, Helen, Jim, Richard Hardy, Ellis, John D., Lorena Istre, Robert Ortego,		

Saturday	12-26	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter Church
Mass Intentions:			

- 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 Toups 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
- 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, Alicia Istre, Buck, Quida Campbell, Dallas Guidry
- Dorothy, Rodney, Sanette Broussard, Betty, Inez, Toby Breaux, Freddie, Eugenia (Jane) Broussard, Marie Chastant, Senua, Rose Labry, Fr. Lloyd Hebert
- Hillman Primeaux
- Carole Badon
- Crip, Edith Bertrand, B.B., 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, Jo Ann, Jules, Jules C., Wayne Martin, Albay, Anite Thibodeaux
- Michel Ardoin, Jerry, Joseph, Jonathan Louis, Marlene B. LeBoeuf
- J.C. Broussard, Irene G., O'Neil Simon, Michael Sztrouin, Chester, Jim, Louise (AOD 12/27), Murphy Ozone Guidry

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Sunday	12-27	7:00 a.m.	St. Peter Church
Mass Intention:	Ladies Altar Society living and deceased		
		8:30 a.m.	St. David Chapel
Mass Intention:	Evelyn Landry		
Parishioners of St. Peter Church		10:30 p.m.	St. Peter Church



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.

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.

The church will be decorated for Christmas, Wednesday, December 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Please come to help and if you have anything you feel may be used for decorating please bring it.

December 20

Better that only a few Catholics should be left, staunch and sincere in their religion, than that they should, remaining many, desire as it were, to be in collusion with the Church's enemies and in conformity with the open foes of our faith.

- St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597), Church Doctor, Patron of the Catholic Press, Feast Day December 21