



Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Schedule

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday	Noon
Thursday	5:15 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.
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



“We are not what we do. We are not what we have. We are not what others think of us. Coming home is claiming the truth. I am the beloved child of a loving Creator. We no longer have to beg for permission from the world to exist.”

Henri Nouwen

Prayer for the Victims of Violence

Loving God, you are the author and sustainer of our lives. You know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the brokenhearted. Hear your people who cry out to you in their need; strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness. We pray today for those who have died because of violence, of terrorism. Draw them to yourself; let your face shine upon them. May they be greeted with choirs of angels and experience your eternal peace and joy. Be near to all those who have been touched by violence: those who have been hurt, lost their loved ones or lost their sense of security. Be for them a steady comfort and safe resting place. Soften the hearts and steady of the minds of those who would do violence to others. May hate be replaced with love, violence with peace and darkness with your light. 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.

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

Offerings

St. Peter
St. David

First Collection

\$ 1360.00
\$ 321.25

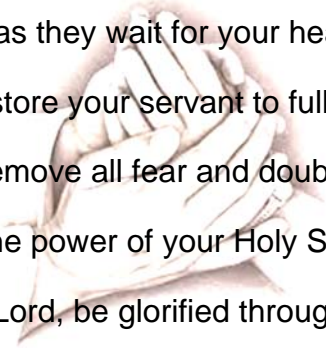
Second Collection

\$ 245.00
\$ 5.00

Please pray for the following:

Cindy, Larry Benoit
Tabby Broussard Benoit
Effie Broussard
Dallas, Dru, Kaitlyn C.
Tammy Broussard Cormier
Earline Hardee
Dexter, Sydne Harris
Felicia, Karina, Lance, Landon, Margaret,
Walter Joliette, Jr., III
Willie Mae, Wilson LeJeune
Wayne LeMaire
Mabel Martin
Chris, Kilee Ned
Sidonia Primeaux
Trudy Schexnider
Aimee Sonnier
Mabel Walker

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.



How do we become free from anxieties? This is a perennial question of humanity. Who does not want to live without problems? To pursue this goal, we do all sorts of things, but do we ever achieve it. More and more people look to the government to solve our problems, but that is not a viable solution. St. Paul says that the answer is to be all for the Lord. If that is true, why is it so difficult for us to pursue the Lord instead of a carefree life?

One of the results of the original sin was the loss of faith in God. After the fall, we measure problems by our ability to solve them without reference to God. Try as we might, we can not do so, even if we can appear to do so briefly. The real solution requires faith, and it requires sacrifice. God called Adam to put his life on the line for Eve. Adam failed to do this, but Jesus did not. The way Jesus shows us seems futile and is not, whereas the world is accustomed to a way that appears to be the solution, but in fact is not.

The people in Jesus' day were constantly amazed at what Jesus said and did. They were especially amazed that he taught "as one who had authority, and not as the scribes." Jesus' authority comes from the Father. Jesus does not grasp His authority but receives it and exercises it coming from the Father. This is opposition from the way the world approaches power and authority. Accordingly, the people are amazed at Jesus' teaching.

In the gospel today, Jesus' words have power. They have such power that all are astonished. What is this, but the call of God? They did not receive a mere human word but the word and the calling of God. This word rose up in their hearts so that the people figuratively said. "What is it?" "What is the authority of his words that affects us so?"

Jesus' words also provoked a response from the devils. Sometimes they speak in a way that appears to support God's plan in identifying Jesus as the "Holy One of God." Jesus, however, silences them. The coming of Jesus threatens them. God has come to break the reign of sin. He has come to set us free. The devil and his minions seek to manipulate us to serve their ends because their time is short.

One perennial trick of the devil is to move us to false worship or to twist God's words. One example is seeking pleasure above all things. The twisting of scripture is to use scripture to approve of our deviant behavior. Another tactic of the devil is to frighten us. This is his most used tactic. If we are afraid, we don't think clearly, and if we remain in fear, we don't turn to God for his help. The devil knows that we are not helpless. He works to keep us in fear so that he can manipulate us into doing what he desires without fear of being cast out. The devil uses a show of force to suggest he has the power to overthrow God. The devil likewise suggests that our death is meaningless and that God does not care.

Jesus suffered His passion and died to free us from our fear of death. Jesus shows us the way. He radically abandons himself to the Father, far exceeding the abandonment required of us. He does this to show the way of God. Jesus suffered the worst possible version of what we are afraid of so that through Him, we learn that God does not abandon us. Through faith in Jesus, we can conquer the fear of death.

There is no quick answer to how we grow in Faith of Jesus' saving sacrifice for us. It is a lifelong journey, but meditating on the passion is a good start. The more we appreciate Jesus' sacrifice for us, the more effect it will have on us. If we are not at all familiar with what Jesus does for us, then we will have little confidence in his help.

As we begin to approach the holy season of Lent, let us all take time to meditate on the passion. A good start is to spend Friday's reflection on the passion. The tradition of abstaining from meat of Friday's was a reflection of Jesus' denying the flesh. Likewise, fasting or other penances on Friday are participation in Jesus' passion. It is seeing with love what Jesus does and desiring to give something back. I believe if we do this, we will come to know Jesus more intimately, and we will be less afraid.

The King's Authority: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

[Deuteronomy 18:15–20](#)

[Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9](#)

[1 Corinthians 7:32–35](#)

[Mark 1:21–28](#)

Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion—asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan (see [John 12:31](#)).

Notice that today's events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation (see [Exodus 20:8–11](#); [31:12–17](#)), and His deliverance of His covenant people, Israel, from slavery (see [Deuteronomy 6:12–15](#)).

On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil.

“With an unclean spirit” is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons (see [Mark 3:22](#)).

The demons' question: “What have you to do with us?” is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment (see [Judges 11:12](#); [1 Kings 17:18](#)).

And as God by His Word “rebuked” the forces of chaos in creating the world (see [Psalms 104:7](#); [Job 26:10–12](#)), and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus (see [Psalm 106:9](#)), Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons (see [Mark 4:39](#); [Zechariah 3:2](#)).

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading (see [Acts 3:22](#)). Though He has authority over heaven and earth (see [Daniel 7:14, 27](#); [Revelation 12:10](#)), He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Epistle (see [Exodus 31:12](#)).

In this liturgy, we hear His voice and “see” His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.



ST BRIGID OF KILDARE

February 1

Brigid of Kildare, known as Muire na nGael (Mary of the Irish) is the secondary patron national saint of Ireland. She lived from approximately 451 to 525 AD. Born of a court-official father and slave mother, she is credited as being Ireland's first nun, founding several monasteries, and with being generous and compassionate, and a peace-maker. There are many legends about her care for people and the earth, working with cows, milking, making butter, brewing, carrying a torch, weaving crosses from rushes, spreading a miraculous cloak, etc.

Brigid is the **patron saint** for babies; blacksmiths; boatmen; cattle; chicken farmers; children whose parents are not married; dairymaids; dairy workers; fugitives; infants; mariners; midwives; milk maids; poultry raisers; printing presses; sailors; scholars; travelers; watermen; creativity scholars and poets.



February 7

I, Stephen, renounce the devil and all his pomps, and offer myself to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the one true God in three Persons." - St. Stephen Muret (1046-1124) Patron of the unrecognized, Feast Day February 8