

Tuesday 12/21 5:15 p.m. St. Peter Church  
 Intention: Mabel Walker  
 Wednesday 12/22 Noon St. Peter Church  
 Intention: June Trahan  
 Thursday 12/23 5:15 p.m. St. Peter Church  
 Intention: Jap (AOD), Pat LeMaire  
 Friday 12/24 10:00 a.m. Gueydan Memorial Guest Home  
 Intention: June Trahan  
 Intentions: 4:00 p.m. St. Peter Church

- Allen, Allanna Mayer
- Peter Paul, Neal Trahan
- Renee' Benoit
- 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
- Dunice, T-Joe, Brenda, Faye, Neelis Bertrand, Anastasie, JD, Joseph Simon, James Smith family, Rodney Stelly, Jr. & Sr., Lela Suggs, Father Donald Theriot
- Dwayne, Linda, Wayne, C.P. Zaunbrecher families, Lucille, Wilbur Guidry
- Kathryn M. Hatch, Nolan LeBlanc family, Dorothy, Ellis Troups family, Joseph Zaunbrecher family
- J.C. Broussard, Chester, Jim, Louise H (AOD 12/27), Murphy, Ozone Guidry, Irene G, O'Neil Simon, Michael Sztroin
- Arnold, Duci, Steve, Jr., Theresa Meaux
- Helen, Jim, Richard Hardy, Ellis, John D., Lorena Istre, Robert Ortego
- Mazie, Lee "Jap", Patrick LeMaire, Clyde, Sr., Lorena Reese, Karen Woods
- 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, Floyd Saltzman, Carrie Walpole
- Floyd Zaunbrecher

Intention: Pro Populo 6:00 p.m. St. David Chapel

Saturday 12/25 7:00 a.m. St. Peter Church

- Jackie Scanlan
- Carol Badon
- Dunice, T-Joe, Brenda, Faye, Neelis Bertrand, Anastasie, JD, Joseph Simon, James Smith family, Rodney Stelly, Jr. & Sr., Lela Suggs, Father Donald Theriot
- Henry Suire, Jr., Sr., Eula, Hubert (AOD), Kevin, Belle Suire, Millard, Lucille Miller

- 9:00 a.m. St. Peter Church
- Joseph "Buster", Wanda, Kathleen LaPointe, Ryan (Bubba) Laseter, Buford, Dorothy Marceaux, Agnes, Hubert Suire, Lola Tuiller
  - Michael Ardoin, Jonathan Louis, Jerry, Joseph Bourque, Marlene B. LeBoeuf
  - Rose, Walter Crochet
  - R.L. Walker, Sr. (AOD)
  - Darryl Campbell, Sr., Macey Vallo, Emery, Margaret Broussard, Curlene Adams, Penny Hebert, Alicia, Brant Istre, Buck, Ouida Campbell, all living members
  - Tabby Benoit & family, Tammy Cormier & family, Aimee Sonnier
  - Ludring, Mickey Plaisnace

Sunday 12/26 7:00 a.m. St. Peter Church

Intention: Linda G. Zaunbrecher (BD)

8:30 a.m. St. David Chapel  
 Intention: William Hardee, Logan LeMaire, Evelyn Landry, Mary Anne Hargrave, Guy LeDoux and deceased family, Wayne LeMaire, Emick, Helen "Sis" Melancon, Nellie, Thomas, Willie Petry, Brad Schexnider, Velma Trahan, Anna Mae, Bert, Johnny Darbonne, Karl, Dr. Reno Petry, Mabel Walker

Intention: Pro Populo 10:30 a.m. St. Peter Church



### 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.  
 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. Check with priest **BEFORE** any plans are made.

### Anointing:

Emergency calls are answered immediately; call office for Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

### Office Hours:

Monday: Closed  
 Tues-Thurs 8am-3pm  
 Friday-8 am-Noon  
 Lunch: Noon- 1pm

# Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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 Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

December 19, 2021  
 Fourth Sunday in Advent

### Christmas flowers in memory of:

Renee' Benoit	Karl, Dr. Reno Petry
Arnold, Duci, Steve, Jr, Theresa Meaux	Matthews, Portie families
Jackie Scanlan	B.D., Janet Simon
Percy Petry family	Irvin, M/M Wilfred Broussard, Sr.,
Lozan Louvierre family	Marvin Compton, Susan Earls, Jude
Virginia Guidry, Andrew, Everna Cormier	Fluitt, Robert, Paul Francez, Barbara,
Joseph Boatner Hebert	Faye, Francis, George, Henrietta,
Peter Paul, Neal Trahan	Jim, Lenia, Mildred, Bob, Pat Klein,
Edward A. Freeland	Cathy Langley, Betty, Percy LaPoint,
Anna Mae, Bert Johnny Darbonne,	M/M Sidney Lounsberry, Floyd
	Saltzman, Carrie Walpole
	B.D., Janet Simon

### The Nativity of The Lord & The Solemnity of the Holy Family

We will go to Mass *twice* this weekend to fulfill our Christmas obligation as well as our Sunday obligation

Pick one Mass for the <b>Nativity of the Lord</b>	Pick a different Mass for the <b>Solemnity of the Holy Family</b>
Friday, December 24, 4 pm St. Peter	
Friday, December 24, 6 pm St. David	
Saturday, December 25, 7 am, 9 am at St. Peter	Sunday, December 26 7:00 am St. Peter 8:30 @ St. David 10:30 St.. Peter

Please help decorate the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 23 at 9 am. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Gracious and loving God, we thank your for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. **Amen**

26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Reverend Gregory Usselman, LC	Reverend Jason Vidrine	Reverend Richard Vidrine	Very Rev Thomas Voorhies, VF	Reverend Thomas Vu	Reverend Augustine Wall, SVD	Pope Francis

**PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS**

Oh God, hear our prayers for the men you have chosen to follow in your Son's footsteps. Teach them humility and fidelity to unselfishly help others. May their devotion to Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Vocations increase, enabling them to do your will. Strengthen their prayer life that they may grow spiritually without worldly distractions. Give them courage and perseverance in their studies. May the Holy Spirit lighten their struggles with their vocations, until they know the job of being a priest. We Ask this through Christ your Son. **Amen**

26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Reverend Mr. Alex Lancon	Jacob LeBlanc	Stephen Melancon	Michael Vidrine	Reverend Mr. Nicholas Ware	Cole Zaunbrecher	Reverend Blake Dubroc

The Virgin is with child, and shall bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel.

**Pray for healing of the sick**



Tabby Broussard Benoit  
 Sandy Breaux  
 Tammy Broussard Cormier  
 Joseph Eaglin, Jr.  
 Earline Hardee  
 Cameryn Cornelius, Felicia, Karine, Lance, Landon,  
 Margaret, Walter, Jr & Walter Jolivette, III, Kylee,  
 Brylee Ned  
 Sidonia Primeaux  
 Kerney Saltzman  
 Aimee Sonnier

**First Collection**

St. Peter \$ 2057.00  
 St. David \$ 441.85

**Second Collection**

St. Peter \$1162.00  
 St. David \$ 61.00

God, I know You have the power to restore us to good health. I ask You to work such a miracle now. You already know the details of the situation over which I pray. I await Your healing with much hope. At the same time, however, I pray for the faith and trust to accept Your will in this situation. If You choose not to heal this physical affliction, help me to remain faithful to You, even as I question Your actions and do not understand them. Enable me to trust Your judgement in this and in all things. Do not allow the sickness of the body to weaken my spirit. It is the health of our spirit, Lord, which is most important. Amen.

**Reflecting on Christmas**

Reflecting on Christmas, I look back on the year. There is no shortage of significant world events inside and outside the church. Coronavirus still is something we daily contend with. People disagree greatly about how we should handle it. Rumors of war bubble up in different parts of the world. There have been riots and civil unrest. It is easy to feel helpless, like we are watching a bad movie and want to change the channel. While we can not just change the channel we can ponder the meaning of Christmas in the helpless baby Jesus.

I never liked contemplating the baby Jesus or the child Jesus. I did not think there was anything to consider about Jesus' childhood except my favorite Christmas song as a boy, "the Little drummer boy." Now I find it very fruitful to consider the helplessness Jesus embraced in being poor helpless baby. Not only did Jesus become this, but He did so in a world which was not prepared for Him nor did it want Him. Jesus came anyway. What a miracle.

It is worth considering that although Jesus' birth was long-awaited, when He arrived few took notice. The only exceptions were the shepherds who witnessed the baby Jesus and latter the Wise-men. Jesus was born in a stable amount the animals. There was nothing that seemed remarkable about his birth. The real gift and mystery is that God chose to be born in poverty, unremarked by this who were supposed to be looking for Him. Jesus was born without any pomp and circumstance. He choose the most poor and humble way to be born. God 'deserved' better, but He came this way to share in our human condition.

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 political messiah, or at least a messiah made in their own way of thinking. They were not interested in a poor Christ who makes His dwelling among us. But doing this they miss the real marvel of our salvation.

Isn't it a marvel to consider that Jesus was born despite the world being unprepared? It shows His outrageous generosity. Considering the unremarked way Jesus was born, St. Paul seems 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). Despite our unworthiness, Jesus came and was born. He delights to come in a poor and unexpected manner.

The few shepherds who were favored to witness the Christ-child were as suppressed as anyone else. They did not expect to find anything but their sheep on that first Christmas night. As shepherds they were kind of outcast, and usually unable to keep some of their religious duties due to the nature of their work. They hardly then expected to be the ones who witness Christ's birth. They could not have perceived the full wonder of the moment, but how much wonder must they have felt. The little drummer boy does capture the moment. He is in the presence of a mystery grander than himself and offers the only gift He has, himself and his music. It was the right response.

Like when Jesus was born in history, in our day God also comes in little and unexpected ways. Are we prepared to meet him? No, but we can take solace in the face that he comes anyway for love of us. Let us in this moment abandon how we think things should be, and accept what God is doing in our midst. This is the safest and best way, for who can expect the ways of God? How will we respond to the Gift of God present in a small helpless child? 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