



Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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January 23, 2022

Third 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. 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

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist:

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Why does Jesus give himself to us as food and drink?

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. God's whole plan for our salvation is directed to our participation in the life of the Trinity, the communion of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our sharing in this life begins with our Baptism, when by the power of the Holy Spirit we are joined to Christ, thus becoming adopted sons and daughters of the Father. It is strengthened and increased in Confirmation. It is nourished and deepened through our participation in the Eucharist. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). In being united to the humanity of Christ we are at the same time united to his divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the source of life. "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me" (Jn 6:57). By being united to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we are drawn up into the eternal relationship of love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As Jesus is the eternal Son of God by nature, so we become sons and daughters of God by adoption through the sacrament of Baptism. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (Chrismation), we are temples of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us, and by his indwelling we are made holy by the gift of sanctifying grace. The ultimate promise of the Gospel is that we will share in the life of the Holy Trinity. The Fathers of the Church called this participation **in** the divine life "divinization" (*theosis*). In this we see that God does not merely send us good things from on high; instead, we are brought up into the inner life of God, the communion among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the celebration of the Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving") we give praise and glory to God for this sublime gift.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you 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**

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Very Reverend Chester Arceneaux, VF	Reverend Michael Arnaud	Reverend Emmanuel Awe, SSJ	Reverend Matthew Barzare	Reverend Hebert Bennerfield	Reverend Lloyd Benoit	Reverend C. Paul Bergeron

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**

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Daniel Johnson	Reverend Mr. Alex Lancon	Jacob LeBlanc	Stephen Melancon	Michael Vidrine	Reverend Mr. Nicholas Ware	Cole Zaunbrecher

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CHURCH REPAIRS NEEDED:

Let the enemy rage at the gate; let him knock, pound, scream, howl; let him do his worst. We know for certain that he cannot enter our soul except by the door of our consent.

- Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622), Bishop & Doctor, Feast Day January 24

- Stain underneath of front drive ceiling and front door handles
- Repair brick and mortar to outside of church and reseal
- Re-stripe parking lot

Pray for healing of the sick

Cindy, Larry Benoit
Tabby Broussard Benoit
Sandy Breaux
Angela Daniels Chambless
Tammy Broussard Cormier
Kaitlyn, Kameryn Cornelious
Mona, Robert Guidry
Earline Hardee
Belinda Meyer
Felicia, Karine, Lance, Landon, Margaret, Walter, Jr
& Walter Jolivette, III, Kylee, Brylee Ned
Sidonia Primeaux
Aimee Sonnier
Jerry Wilson

First Collection

St. Peter \$ 2058.00

St. David \$ 172.00

Thank you for your donations!

Keep them coming!

Second collection this weekend is for the Church in Latin America.

Almighty God, as we ask your help for our brothers and sisters who are ill, we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place. May your love touch others through us, and may I help all people to live in peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In this Sunday's First reading we encounter the people of Jerusalem returning from exile to a city in ruins. They live in a constant state of readiness to meet any enemies coming against the city. Nehemiah returns with aid from the Persians to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Today's reading is a celebration of the feast of Booths at the completion of the walls surrounding the city. It is a session that our security comes from God, and that our identity, even in crisis, comes from divine worship.

When the people celebrate a liturgy of the word for the feast of Booths after rebuilding the walls, they have lived in exile so long few still speak Hebrew. Accordingly, after lengthy sections of the scriptures are read in Hebrew, they are explained by the clergy. It is not difficult to see parallels to the modern liturgy of the word (reading of scripture followed by explanation by a homilist). What is new to us is the response of the people who are deeply moved by the celebration.

When the people hear the word of God at the rebuilt walls of Jerusalem, they have some renewed hope but they are beaten people. You can imagine the thinking of the people. In a way the celebration is strange. It has been a long time. The language is little understood. There are the stories and celebrations the people do remember, and some distant hope in God for the future. Then when the word of God is explained to them the people are deeply moved. The people were struck with the fulfillment of prophecy. They are sad because they understand they have not kept God's word and their exile came as a result. Their tears are like that of children who understand not only that they have done wrong, but also the consequences that occurred because of their actions.

Nehemiah and Ezra the priest encourage the people. "Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord is your strength!" (Nehemiah 8:10). We have sinned and done evil in the sight of God, but we cannot restore ourselves. We rejoice not in what we have done or failed to do. We rejoice in the fact that we are defined more by God's word than our sins. We rejoice in the mercy that if we repent, turn from our sinful ways and cry out to God he will hear us. The only obstacle to God's mercy and forgiveness is our refusal to seek it.

It is incredible to observe that our identity is fundamentally in worship of God. We encounter who we really are not so much asking, "God please come fix the problem we have caused." Rather, we observe God is Lord in the midst of our troubles. In other words, when we worship God first, everything is in order. When we leave Him things begin to fall apart until we repent and return to Him. This is true of the people of Israel, and it is true of us.

Turning to the gospel Jesus announces "good news to the poor." The good news is for those who remain little in God's sight, when we allow God to be Lord over us. The result is hope beyond our expectation. We have tried many solutions to our problems throughout the ages. These never pan out. Often they make things much worse. However, when we return to God conscious of our sin we find help that we did not expect.

I for one retain my hope in the Lord. I do not expect anyone or anything else to save us. It is true some people may align more or less with God's plan, but ultimately our salvation comes from the Lord. He is our shelter and refuge. It is an act of strength to humble ourselves before Him, whereas, it is weakness to try to keep our course without him.

As we celebrate the Word of God this Sunday I want to conclude with words from the Second Book of Chronicles (7:14). It references how to return to God in the midst of tribulations. "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." May the word of God wash over us and inspire true repentance in our hearts.

Fr. Campeaux

Tuesday Intention:	01/25 Special intention	5:15 p.m.	St. Peter Church
Wednesday Intention:	01/26	Noon	St. Peter Church
Thursday Intention:	01/27 M/M Olidia Bertrand, William Hardee, Logan, M/M Manuel LeMaire	5:15 p.m.	St. Peter Church
Friday	01/28	10:00 a.m.	Gueydan Memorial Guest Home

Saturday 01/29 4:00 p.m. St. Peter Church
Intentions:

- Carol Badon
- Renee' Benoit
- 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
- Dwayne, Linda, Wayne, C.P. Zaunbrecher families, Lucille, Wilbur Guidry
- Dorene Broussard, Anne, Clalie, Wilson dePerrodil, Neal, Peter Paul Trahan
- Kathryn M. Hatch, Nolan LeBlanc family, Dorothy, Ellis Toups family, Joseph Zaunbrecher family
- 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
- Joseph "Buster", Wanda, Kathleen LaPointe, Ryan (Bubba) Laseter, Buford, Dorothy Marceaux, Agnes, Hubert Suire, Lola Tuiller
- Arnold, Duci, Steve, Jr., Theresa Meaux
- Dunice , T-Joe, Brenda, Faye, Neelis Bertrand, Anastasie, JD, Joseph Simon, James Smith family, Rodney Stelly, Jr. & Sr., Lela Suggs, Father Donald Theriot
- Floyd Zaunbrecher
- Sidonia Primeaux (BD)
- Edward A. Freeland (BD 1/24)
- Ludring, Mickey Plaisance

Sunday Intention:	01/30 Gloria Gendron (AOD)	7:00 a.m.	St. Peter Church
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8:30 a.m. St. David Church

Intention: William Hardee, Logan LeMaire, Evelyn Landry, Mary Anne Hargrave, Guy LeDoux and deceased family, Patrick, Wayne Lemaire, Emick, Helen "Sis" Melancon, Nellie, Thomas, Willie Petry, Bradley Schexnider, Velma Trahan, Anna Mae, Bert, Johnny Darbonne, Karl, Dr. Reno Petry, Erin, Preston Greene, Lou, Vincent Habetz

Intention:	Pro Populo	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter Church
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THE FATIMA ROSARY
Saturday January 29 at noon
City Hall Park
To end abortion

