



# Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

## 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

## Thanks to all who helped decorate The church.

## The decorations will be taken down on Tuesday, January 10 @ 9:30 am

## Please help if can

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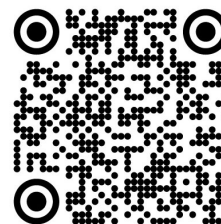
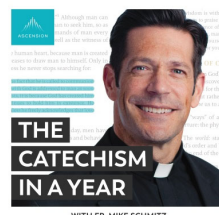
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### Prayer for Priests

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.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pope Francis	Pope Emeritus Benedict	Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel	Bishop Emeritus Jarrell	Reverend Thomas James, SVD	Reverend Johnathan Janise	Reverend Standley Jawa SVD

### 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.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Reverend Blake Dubroc Director	Seminary Faculty, Parents	William Hebert	Caleb Henry	Eric Hernandez	Michael Johnson	Jacob LeBlanc

### Pray for healing of the sick

Larry, Cindy Benoit  
 Tabby Broussard Benoit  
 Randy Broussard  
 Tammy B. Cormier  
 Kaitlyn, Kameryn Cornelious  
 Angela Daniels  
 Lori, Joe Dudoit  
 Dylan, Erin, Gracie Greene  
 Mona, Robert Guidry  
 Buster Hardee  
 Felicia, Karine, Lance, Landon, Margaret, Raven, Riley Jolivette, Alton, Kylee, Baylie Ned  
 Glasha LaPointe  
 Chuck Martin  
 Kevin Matthews  
 Billy Portie  
 J.W. Primeaux  
 Sidonia Primeaux  
 Clyde Reese  
 Aimee Sonnier  
 Lonnie Vincent  
 Jerry Wilson

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend Your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones. Shield Your joyous ones. And for all Your love's sake. Amen

### First Collection

St. Peter \$ 3974.33  
 St. David \$ 693.69  
 The second collection next weekend is for insurance and maintenance.



### January 1

Everyone who breathes, high and low, educated and ignorant, young and old, man and woman, has a mission, has a work.

- St. John Neumann (1811-1860), Patron of Catholic Education, Feast Day January 5

## Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family is a reminder to us of God's plan for the family. The Holy Family is not called holy because they are without difficulty. They are holy because they are perfect in love. They follow through with the plan of God. Joseph and Mary participate with Jesus in the redemption of the family. We are also meant by God to participate in the redemption of the family. It requires love and sacrifice. They are an example for us and a reminder that such a life is possible with God's help.

Why do families more frequently fall apart or suffer grievous injury in these times more than any other? It is not because the plan of God has changed or the promises made at a wedding are invalid. It is rather that selfishness has replaced love. Sin has choked off love so that it no longer reproduces itself as it once did.

In the beginning, when God created Adam and Eve, there was no selfish love, only mutual self-giving love. When Adam failed in his God-given responsibility and Eve usurped her God-given role, the original makeup of the family was destroyed. However, God provides for a return to what he originally envisioned for the family.

In *Redemptoris Custos*, Pope St. John Paul II wrote:

Whereas Adam and Eve were the source of evil, which was unleashed on the world, Joseph and Mary are the summit from which holiness spreads all over the earth. The Savior began the work of salvation by this virginal and holy union, wherein is manifested his all-powerful will to purify and sanctify the family - that sanctuary of love and cradle of life. (*Redemptoris Custos* on August 15th, 1989, No. 7)

According to John Paul II, we can see through the Holy Family the undoing of the sin which reaps destruction upon families. Where do we see this redemption? We see it through the self-donation in each of the members.

It is well to reflect first upon St. Joseph. As the foster father of Jesus, he is the one who begins all of the action of the family. God even affords Joseph a certain role in the formation of the family. God requests the "Yes" of Joseph to begin the life of the Holy Family when he accepts Mary and Jesus into his home. He "adopts" Jesus taking the role of foster father or custodian. In doing this, Joseph humbles his pride to accept the plan of God. He also opens his heart to Jesus out of love. So often, children are considered to be a right belonging to parents. Joseph, on the contrary, views Jesus as a gift. Throughout his life, Joseph suffers the brunt of many things so that the family does not have to. For example, in Egypt, he bears the sorrow of finding work in a foreign land so that Mary and Jesus can have stability. There were no doubt many times when he had to humble himself with only a meager offering for the family. The one thing which sustained him was his great trust in God, who called him to stand in this role.

Mary has a role in the Holy Family, which cannot be considered apart from Joseph. Despite having superior holiness, Mary never lorded herself over Joseph. She contents herself to wait for the direction he gives to the Holy Family. It is not that Mary does not contribute, but that she does not overstep her husband in doing so. Consider the example of Joseph bringing home a meager offering for food one evening. She does not berate Joseph for not having a better offering. She accepts with love his offering, and she makes it better. What mother does not have a special touch which she adds to family meals? This is her contribution to the action of Joseph; through it, the meager offering of Joseph is perfected. It may still be meager, but it is enjoyable.

Jesus is not absent from the work of the Holy Family, but his role is as a child and not as a parent. God willed that he should require the care of a mother and father. The love of Mary and Joseph would be wasted if there were no one to receive it. Jesus humbles himself to receive what his mother and father provide. It is not always the best or what is desirable, but he receives it with love. He does not complain but gives thanks. Through what he receives, he grows in wisdom and stature according to his age. In other words, by the will of God, the actions of Joseph and Mary are a necessary part of the formation of Jesus.

There is a great deal more for us to consider about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It is my hope that this article affords each of us the opportunity to consider the Holy Family in a new way. I pray that it also helps us to consider Joseph. As we try to find our way in our families, let us never fail to look to the Holy Family for example and help.

-Fr. Campeaux

Tuesday	01/03	5:15 pm	St. Peter Church
Wednesday	01/04	Noon	St. Peter Church
Intention:	Natalie R. Istre		
Thursday	01/05	5:15 pm	St. Peter Church
Friday	01/06	10:00 am	Gueydan Memorial
<b>First Friday</b>		<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Peter Church</b>

<b>First Saturday</b>	<b>01/07</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>St. Peter Church</b>
Saturday		4:00 pm	St. Peter Church
Intentions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renee' Benoit.</li> <li>• Kathryn M. Hatch; Nolan LeBlanc family; Dorothy &amp; Ellis Toups family; Joseph Zaunbrecher family.</li> <li>• Joseph "Buster", Wanda &amp; Kathleen LaPointe; Ryan (Bubba) Lasseter; Buford &amp; Dorothy Marceaux; Agnes &amp; Hubert Suire; Lola Tuiller.</li> <li>• Dorene Broussard; Anne, Clalie &amp; Wilson dePerrodil; Neal &amp; Peter Paul Trahan.</li> <li>• Arnold, Duci, Steve, Jr., &amp; Theresa Meaux, Jules E. Meaux.</li> <li>• Dunice, T-Joe, Brenda, Faye &amp; Neelis Bertrand; Anastasie, JD &amp; Joseph Simon; James Smith family; Rodney Stelly, Jr. &amp; Sr.; Lela Suggs; Father Donald Theriot; <b>living:</b> Chandra, Blake LeBeouf (BD'S); Kreslyn LeMaire (BD 1/2).</li> <li>• Floyd Zaunbrecher; Charlotte Z Detraz</li> <li>• Vera Barr; A.J., Elodie, Feregus, Martha, Sandy &amp; Ulgare Benoit; Charles Skaggs.</li> <li>• Eulan &amp; Ruby Richard; Richard &amp; Cormier deceased family; Ouida, Buck &amp; Darryl Campbell; Alicia &amp; Brant Istre; Cynthia Gaspard; Macey Vallo; Flex Guillory; Zach Simon; special intention; <b>living:</b> Nick Richard (BD 1/11).</li> <li>• Rodney J. Broussard.</li> <li>• Carolyn Z. Guidry; Lori LeDoux.</li> <li>• Joseph B. Hebert; Mark Anthony LeBlanc; Rufus J. Thibodeaux.</li> <li>• Rodney J. Broussard.</li> <li>• Bishop George V. Murry.</li> </ul>		

Sunday	01/08	7:00 am	St. Peter Church
Intention:	Carolyn Z. Guidry; Lori LeDoux		
		8:30 am	St. David Chapel
Intention:	William Hardee; Logan LeMaire; Evelyn Landry; Mary Anne Hargrave; Patrick & Wayne Lemaire; Emick & Helen "Sis" Melancon; Nellie, Thomas & Willie Petry, Bradley Schexnider; Velma Trahan; Anna Mae, Bert & Johnny Darbonne; Karl & Dr. Reno Petry; Earline Hardee; Erin & Preston Greene, Lou & Vincent Habetz; Hubert, Velta & Kenneth Gaspard; Melissa LeJeune; Guy LeDoux & deceased family; Tawana Vaughn; June S. Trahan; Nancy Trahan.		
Intention:	Pro Populo	10:30 am	St. Peter Church

