



Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

September 17, 2023
Twenty-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. 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

PRAYER FOR RAIN
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O Mighty God,
Your fingerprints are scattered
across all of creation. Through each
thing You have created, You show
Your glory. Your caring and gentle
nature are on display for all to see
and experience. You open the
heavens and bring the waters down
from above. Lord, this very day we
ask that You open the flood gates.
Bring down nourishing rains, that
the land may be quenched and
bring forth much fruit.

Amen.

ConnectUs

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.

17 Rev. Msgr. H. A. Larroque, JCL	18 Fr. Korey Lavergne	19 Fr. Clyde Leblanc, SJ	20 Fr. Steven Leblanc	21 Fr. Mark Patrick Ledoux	22 Fr. Seth Lemaire, JCL	23 Fr. Jaime Lorenzo, LC
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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.

17 Caleb Henry	18 Eric Hernandez	19 Michael Johnson	20 Bret Lee	21 Christopher Lee	22 Stephen Melancon	23 Giovanni Ranzino
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Pray for healing of the sick

Larry, Cindy Benoit
 Tabby Broussard Benoit
 Angie Beton
 Randy Broussard
 Angela Chambless
 Tammy B. Cormier
 Kaitlyn, Kameryn Cornelious
 Cathy Gautreaux
 Buster Hardee
 Ryan Jeske
 Bernadette Jolivette
 Felicia, Karine, Lance, Landon, Margaret, Raven, Riley,
 Walter Jolivette, III Alton, Kylee, Baylie, Nancy Ned
 Haven Lyons
 Chuck Martin
 Kevin Matthews
 Blake Potier
 Sidonia Primeaux
 Aimee Sonnier
 Myra Streeter
 Wells Kevin Zaunbrecher

Almighty and Eternal God,
 You are the everlasting health of those who believe in
 You. Hear us for Your sick servant (N...) for whom we
 implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being
 restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You
 in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

First Collection

St. Peter \$ 2587.00

St. David \$ 463.50

Second Collection

St. Peter \$ 1285.00

\$ 75.00

Second collection this weekend is for
 Bishop's Services Appeal.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of
 Clyde Reese
 &
 Mason Roy
 Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord
 & let perpetual light shine upon them

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. -Sirach 27:30

Anger and the struggle to forgive has been a part of human life since the very beginning of human life after the fall of Man. Alexander Pope once said, "To err is Human; to Forgive, Divine." This should be evident. We make mistakes all the time. We make errors in judgment, don't have all the facts or err in our judgment in other ways. I think we acknowledge the fact that we are imperfect, but frequently we use it as an excuse rather than a need for God. I think we also forget or don't know that forgiveness is an example of God's divine life living in us. God wants to fill us with his divine life, but we need to forgive in order to receive it.

I once read an article that suggested that the modern people believe that if you feel strongly about something, then you must be correct. When we trust our anger to be an infallible moral compass we accomplish only destruction; including our own lives. There are things in the world worth being angry about, but these are ultimately because God's law is transgressed, not because of our feelings about them. Remember that "To err is human," and we are often angry about the wrong things. At other times our anger is excessive. We need God's light in order to be angry about the correct things. We further need God's help if we want things to be corrected for the better.

What is forgiveness? Why is it Divine? Why would anyone ever choose to forgive? Perhaps we would forgive because someone shows real remorse. The only true moral absolute which commands us to forgive is God. The world passes out forgiveness in an inconsistent manner. God commands us to forgive always. Why should we observe this command of God? For myself, because God has forgiven me. I realize that the things I am angry about I have often done myself. I forgive because God loves me enough to forgive me my transgressions. I forgive because God loves the other person I am angry with. I forgive because I want to offer God something back for the endless forgiveness he offers me. I believe forgiveness is divine because 1) God commands us to do so, and 2) because He makes it possible for us to do so. For me, the *Our Father* teaches about how God makes forgiveness possible.

We often fail to forgive because we mistakenly believe that the only way to protect ourselves from future hurt is to hold on to our anger. Is it possible for any man to guarantee himself never to be hurt again? Many have tried, none have succeeded. Consider instead the following petition from the *Our Father*, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." We ask God not to leave us to a fruitless situation, but instead to deliver us from evil. In other words, we can be slandered, wronged, even murdered, but in the end God always has the last word. He restores to us what was stolen. God is the final assurance that forgiveness is justified. He delivers us from ultimate evil. We feel like anger will protect us from future hurt, but often what it does is extend hurt to others. God, on the other hand, can deliver us from death as he did with Jesus who died innocently for our sake. God backs us up and repays us in the end for whatever we suffer for the sake of his name.

In the Gospel, Peter asks how often he must forgive, "as many as seven times?" The phrasing of Peter's question reflects the modern limitation of forgiveness. Forgiveness is only maybe for those who are deserving. Jesus responds to Peter (following a more literal translation of the Greek) to forgive seven times seventy times or 490. That is quite often. Clearly, we are instructed to forgive over and over again trusting that God will bring about the ultimate reconciliation of all. "To err is human to forgive divine." When you feel anger, consider yourself. Are you without sin? Are you without fault? Are you ever wrong in your judgment? Then consider God. How might God see the situation. Invite him to provide his perspective. If you need to cool off to do this, then do so. I will conclude with another scripture. "For the wrath of man does not accomplish the righteousness of God" (James 1:20). If we want the best outcome, then we need the help of God more than our unbridled anger.

Fr. Campeaux

Tuesday:	09/19	5:15 pm	St. Peter Church
Wednesday	09/20	Noon	St. Peter Church
Thursday	09/21	5:15 pm	St. Peter Church
Intentions:	All the Holy Souls in purgatory; Angie Boudreaux; Betty, Inez & Toby Breaux; Dorothy, Eugenia (Jane), Freddie, Rodney, Sanette & Taylon Broussard; Marie Chastant; Fr. Floyd Hebert; Rose & Senua Labry; Mae & Julius Plaisance; Manson Saltzman. Jane, Nelis Harold & Hattie Matthews; Becky Young; living: Billy & Laurel Portie; Kevin Matthews. David Hennessey (BD)		
Friday	9/22	10:00 am	Gueydan Memorial Guest Home
Intention:	Jane, Nelis Harold & Hattie Matthews; Becky Young; living: Billy & Laurel Portie; Kevin Matthews.		
Saturday	09/23	4:00 pm	St. Peter Church
Intentions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol Badon. • Renee' Benoit. • Dorene & Dorothy Broussard; Anne, Clalie & Wilson dePerrodil; Neal & Peter Paul Trahan. • Kathryn M. Hatch, Nolan LeBlanc family, Dorothy, Ellis Troups family, Joseph Zaunbrecher family. • Irvin, M/M Wilfred Broussard, Sr.; Wilfred Broussard, Jr.; Marvin Compton; Susan Earls; Jude Fluitt; Robert Paul Francez; Barbara, Faye, Francis, George, Henrietta, Jim, Lenia, Mildred, Bob & Pat, Wilbur Klein; Cathy & Stan Langley; Betty & Percy LaPoint; M/M Sidney Lounsberry; Floyd Saltzman; Carrie Walpole. • Joseph "Buster", Wanda & Kathleen LaPointe; Ryan (Bubba) Lasseter; Buford & Dorothy Marceaux; Agnes & Hubert Suire; Lola Tuiller. • Arnold, Ducey Steve, Jr., & Theresa Meaux, Jules E. 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; Charlotte Z. Detraz; Donald "Butch" Vidalier. • Andrus Roche. • Ellen Hargrave • 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. • Crip, Edith Bertrand; B.B., J.W., Evelyn Breaux; Aldis, Marie, Bernice, Jane, Clevenis, Eriste, Craig, Brenda, Robert P., Rodney J., 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. • Joseph B Hebert, Theresa Fuqua • Kaitlin Venissat; Bessie, Larius Hebert. • John Hair; Paul, Kathryn, Mary & Nolan LeBlanc; M/M L.C. Melancon families; Proford, Shirley, LeRoy, Loretta, Zenith, Thomas, Percy, Bubba, Nellie & Willie Petry; Bill, Billy, Mary & Joseph Zaunbrecher. • Willie Martin (AOD 9/18). 		

Sunday	09/24	7:00 am	St. Peter Church
Intention:	Ulyssee Guidry (AOD 10/01)		
		8:30 am	St. David Chapel
Intention:	Emery, & Evelyn Dupuis; William Hardee; Logan LeMaire; Evelyn Landry; Mary Anne Hargrave; Ann Henry; 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:	10:30 am	St. Peter Church	