



Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Reminder for First Communicants

First Reconciliation is Saturday,
April 27 @ 9 am

First Holy Communion is Sunday,
April 28 @ 10:30 Mass



Mother's Day Sweet Sale By Catholic Daughters

May 11, 2024 @
Campbell's Grocery
8-5 or until sold out

IMPORTANT

The church's web address is changing to:
spcgueydan.org

Everyone Has a Divine Vocation

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit."



~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II

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.

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Reverend Andrew Kileen	Reverend Mark Kramer, SJ	Reverend Clifton Labbe, SVD	Reverend Donovan Labbe	Reverend Paul Lafleu	Reverend Jeremy Lambert, LC	Reverend Alex Lancon

Prayer for Seminarians

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that you call many worthy souls to your holy priesthood.

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Stephen Melancon	Diego Padilla	Miguel Pagan	Giovanni Ranzino	Braden Scalise	Logan Simon	Eli Weil

Pray for healing of the sick

Tessa Badeaux
 Cindy, Larry Benoit
 Tabby B. Benoit
 Garrett Broussard
 Pete Broussard
 Kara Citron
 Angela Chambless
 Tammy B. Cormier
 Lisa Hargrave
 Patrick Hardy
 Tracy G Hebert
 James Hebert
 Janet Hebert
 Andi Z. Herpin
 Andrew (Bruce) Huntley
 Ryan Jeske
 Bernadette Jolivette
 Irving LeBeouf, Sr.
 Ashlynn Lemaire
 Tegan Love
 Haven Lyons
 Chuck Martin
 Fisher Melder
 Blake Potier
 Sidonia Primeaux
 Cassandra Reed
 Woodrow Sarver
 Anderson Smith, Sr.
 Aimee Sonnier
 Wells Kevin Zaunbrecher
 Felicia, Karine, Lance, Landon, Margaret, Raven, Riley; Walter Jolivette III,
 Alton, Kylee, Baylie, Nancy Ned

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.

Adorers are needed for
 Wednesday @ 10 am
 Fridays @ 11:00 am
 Please contact the coordinator at 337-223-0640 if you can fill this time slot.

First Collection:
 St. Peter \$ 2664.00
 St. David \$ 460.00
Second Collection:
 St. Peter \$ 887.00
 St. David \$ 98.00

Good Shepherd Sunday

"I am the Good Shepherd," Jesus says in the gospel reading this Sunday. This Sunday is known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of this reading. It is a day when we pray for vocations to the priesthood, for priests and other vocations. What is the priesthood? St. John Vianney says that "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus." This is because of Jesus more than the priesthood. The priesthood does not belong to us, it belongs to Jesus, and we participate through Him. Good Shepherd Sunday is a reminder of God's gift to us of the priesthood and, the need to pray for good priests.

Who is a priest? We can see a glimmer of who a priest is through the Apostles receiving Jesus for 40 days. They fear. They were afraid of their sin. However, they came to know redemption. They came to know Jesus on a more intimate level and that He saved them. It was this experience of Jesus and not knowledge of the scriptures that brought about a change in the Apostles. In fact, Jesus had to open the scriptures for the Apostles to understand. Before the experience of God, they were closed to the authentic interpretation of scripture regarding the Messiah. All Christians are dependent upon God. We should say this even more of priests because of the exalted nature of a priest's vocation. It is not possible for a priest to fulfill his vocation by human means alone. If a priest depended on human means alone, he would be in danger of eternal damnation. "To whom much is given much is expected" (cf Luke 12:48).

Throughout her various apparitions, Mary reminds us to pray for priests. She also reminds us to pray for the Holy Father. One reason is that we require priests for the sacraments. We require priests to have the Holy Mass. We require priests to reach the level of sanctity God desires for us. Priests may help us get to heaven, but priests need our prayers too. They have grown up in the same culture and corruption as the rest of us. If we want God to renew the priesthood (I do), then we must offer prayer and sacrifice for priests. This includes especially priests we think are not up to the task.

Praying for priests can be difficult. So many priests have unfortunately wounded others. Sometimes this is through simple human failings, and sometimes through grave sin. I have my own share of such experiences. What moves me are two experiences. First a time when I prayed for a priest who scandalized me. The more I prayed for him the greater peace I felt. This priest has since died, and I still pray for him. I also ask God to allow him for help in my priesthood now in ways he was unable to because of his humanity when I was in the seminary. The second story that helps me pray for the church and for priests is the image of Peter admitting his denial of Jesus to Mary. There is a beautiful painting of it which I will never forget. Mary had a right to respond to Peter with anger. She had no sin, and yet she chose compassion in imitation of Jesus. Let us all pray to Mary and St. Joseph to learn how to intercede for the Church and receive healing for the wounds we have received, and the Church has received.

Priests and bishops need our prayers, but they can be held to account at the same time. We can respect their priesthood more than they do. Once in seminary I was unjustly scolded publicly by a priest. I could have been devastated or responded in anger. I prayed silently and God gave me the grace to forgive and remain in peace. I still pray for that priest today. Once, as a priest I was on the other side. A person felt offended by me when I had given them a sacrament. They were kind enough to point this out to me privately. I am grateful that they did so I could be aware of my offense and change. I cannot change the whole church or the hierarchy. I can change myself and offer prayer and sacrifice for the church.

The Easter season is a reminder that we are a people who live by faith. God even uses evil which we cannot avoid to serve our good. For example, the apostles were unjustly persecuted after the death of Jesus. When the Jewish officials put St. James the major to death it served to spread Christianity as Christians departed Jerusalem. This also had the effect of sparing Christians from the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. The martyrdom of St. James was evil, but God brought about good through it. Using our faith helps us to discern how to respond to the evils we encounter, and how to cooperate with God when we are unable to dislodge evil through our human efforts alone. We must learn to seek God in our circumstances and let the light of faith illuminate our lives.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday let us consider the mystery of God in the priesthood. Let us pray not only for vocations, but for a renewal in the priesthood. Let us ask God to reveal to us priests who live in a manner like Jesus. Let us remember the example of Holy Priests who have died and ask for their intercession for the church today. Let us also pray for priests who have died and were not stellar priests. This does good for their souls and the church today. I will leave you with one quote which summarizes why we need to pray for holiness in the priesthood. Once the devil said through a possessed person that "If there were three such priests as [St. John Vianney] my kingdom would be ruined." Would that we have three such priests. Would that we all, priests and people, fast and pray for such a mystery to be realized.

Tuesday	04/23	5:15 pm	St. Peter Church
Intention:	Joe, Dunice Bertrand; William Hardee; Emma, Logan, Manuel LeMaire.		
Wednesday	04/24	Noon	St. Peter Church
Intention:	Black Broussard, Stephen Rue, Chad Thibodeaux Living: Lydia Thibodeaux		
Thursday	04/25	5:15 pm	St. Peter Church
Intention:	Hazel Guidry (BD)		
Friday	04/26	10:00 am	Gueydan Memorial Guest Home
Intention:	Nelis, Jane, Harold, Hattie Matthews, Living: Laurel, Billy Portie, Kevin Matthews, Poor Souls in Purgatory		

Saturday	04/27	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 Touns family, Joseph Zaunbrecher family • Irvin, M/M Wilfred Broussard, Jr. Sr., Marvin Compton, Susan Earls, Jude Fluitt, Robert Paul Francez, Barbara, Faye, Francis, George, Henrietta, Jim, Lenia, Mildred, Bob, Pat & Wilbur 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, JE 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" Vidali • Clyde Reese • Marshall Allen Frick • 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. 		

Sunday	04/28	7:00 am	St. Peter Church
Intention:	Bernadean Leger, Jessie & Roger Bourque		
		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; Vernis "Slim" Leger; Baby Marshall Allen Frick.		
Intention:	Pro Populo	10:30	St. Peter Church

April 21

Teach me to seek You, and reveal Yourself to me as I seek, because I can neither seek You if You do not teach me how, nor find You unless You reveal Yourself.

- St Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109) Archbishop of Canterbury, Feast Day April 21