



Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

June 30, 2024
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Schedule

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| 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

First Friday Mass on July 5 At 6 pm

And First Saturday Mass

July 6 at 10 am

LET AMERICA LOVE ITS STARS AND STRIPES!

But let us also realize that America will conquer by other stars and other stripes than those on our flag, namely, **by the stars and stripes of Christ**, by Whose stars we are illumined and by Whose stripes we are healed. We pray, too, that His Mother, who stood at the foot of the Cross, may intercede to her Divine Son, that our world may receive Him before it lies in ruins. "If God is with us, who can be against us?"

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen
From his book *Life Is Worth Living*

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The church office will be closed July 4.

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.

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| 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Reverend | Pope | Most | Bishop Em. | Reverend | Reverend | Very Rev. |
| William | Francis | Reverend J. | Michael | Bryce | Gregory | Brent |
| Schambough | | Deshotel, DD | Jarrell | Sibley | Simien | Smith, VF |

Pray 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.

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| Seth | Reverend | Seminary | John | Brother John | Bro Francis | | Hebert |
| Dupre | Black Dubroc | Faculty, | Michael | Paul | Xavier | | |
| | | Benefactors | Fruge, Jr. | Fruge | Gyles | | |

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
 Patrick Hardy
 Lloyd Hargrave
 Lisa Hargrave
 Sydney Harris
 Tracy G Hebert
 James Hebert
 Andrew (Brucie) Huntley
 Ryan Jeske
 Bernadette Jolivette
 Ryan LeBlanc
 Raylan LeBleu, Jr.
 Tegan Love
 Haven Lyons
 Chuck Martin
 John Martin
 Fisher Melder
 Blake Potier
 Sidonia Primeaux
 Cassandra Reed
 Woodrow Sarver
 Colt Simon
 Anderson Smith, Sr.
 Aimee Sonnier
 Fr. Clint Trahan
 Wells Kevin Zaunbrecher
 Felicia, Karine, Lance, Landon, Margaret,
 Raven, Riley; Walter Jolivette III,
 Alton, Kylee, Baylie, Nancy, Nia 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.

July 7
 "Almighty God, give me wisdom to perceive You, intelligence to understand You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You and life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."
 - Benedict of Nursia (480-547), Monk, Patron of Europe, Feast Day July 11

First Collection:
 St. Peter \$ 1682.00
 St. David \$ 440.00
Second collection this weekend is for Peter's Pence.

The Value and Meaning of Human Suffering

“God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living”. Wisdom 1:13

One of the most difficult problems we encounter in the world is the problem of suffering. We ask, “Why is there suffering in the world?” The problem seems to be compounded when we recall that God is good. “How can a good God permit suffering?” About suffering St. Pope John Paul II says the following:

The answer which comes through this sharing, by way of the interior encounter with the Master, is in itself something more than the mere abstract answer to the question about the meaning of suffering. For it is above all a call. It is a vocation. Christ does not explain in the abstract the reasons for suffering, but before all else He says: “Follow me!” Come! Take part through your suffering in this work of saving the world, a salvation achieved through my suffering! -Salvifici Doloris #26

There is no quick answer to suffering. God's response can be explained in part that He chose to bear all our human sufferings in Himself.

The origin of human suffering is from sin not from God. When God created man, He created us and all of creation good without the suffering we now know. Death and suffering came because of sin. However, God was not idle or uncaring when this occurred. The devil incurred a curse upon himself as a result of his treachery. For man, suffering was a necessary consequence of our choice. For his part, God announced a plan for our salvation. He already had in mind a solution which includes taking our suffering upon Himself. God works to restore what was lost in the fall. Are we willing to accept his help?

I have found that the most convincing argument against human suffering is the passion death and resurrection of Jesus. That Jesus, who is God and man, suffers is more significant than we often think. Consider that God in Himself cannot suffer. He is immaterial. He has no matter with which to suffer. When God takes on a human nature in Jesus, He takes upon Himself the ability to suffer and to die. Because Jesus is both God and man, nothing He does is without significance. Every action of God has an infinite value. Therefore the suffering of Jesus has infinite value and purpose. The suffering of God is redemptive. If God, who does not suffer, chooses to take a human nature in order to suffer all human misery, what does this say about suffering? Are not our sufferings affected by this choice of God?

Jesus demonstrates that God can transform suffering through His own suffering and death. The crucifixion of Jesus is both the greatest crime of all time and the greatest gift. God the Father used the death of Jesus to bring about the greatest good and to demonstrate that he can use our sufferings. Faith is required to embrace this truth that through Jesus there is more to suffering than we perceive. Faith is necessary for the same reason that a son must trust his father to benefit from any treatment that his father offers. As Pope St. John Paul II says, “Christ does not explain in the abstract the reasons for suffering, but before all else He says: “Follow me! Come!” Any good parent accompanies their child through whatever sufferings life presents them, but God chooses to experience our sufferings Himself. He says to us “Come follow me.” because he has both gone before us through suffering and he experiences it in us now.

God's will is ultimately for our healing. This healing is for eternal life, but he desires to lessen our sufferings in this life as well. In this Sunday's gospel, two people are healed who have little hope (Mk 5:21-43). The first is a woman who has been suffering for 12 years. No doctors could help her. They only increased her suffering. Despite all her suffering and pain, the woman musters enough faith to believe in God's healing will for her. She approaches Jesus with faith and is healed. Secondly, we encounter a synagogue official named Jairus. His daughter is at the point of death. While Jesus is journeying with him to help, Jairus's daughter dies. The crowd says to Jairus not to trouble Jesus further, however, Jesus says to Jairus “Do not be afraid; just have faith.” To the world and even to Jairus all is lost. She is already dead. There is no hope. However, as Jairus discovers, there is always hope with God. Despite his fears, Jairus has faith in Jesus, who heals his daughter.

My brothers and sisters, suffering is a difficult subject. The Church describes it as a mystery. There is not a kind of mathematical answer to it as we might like, but there is one who wants to accompany us through our sufferings. Ought we not to accept his offer? Through all of life's miseries let us hold onto our faith like Jairus. Mother Mary, you who endured the suffering and death of Jesus while trusting in the Father's plan, pray for us who suffer through this valley of tears. Pray for us that like you, we might not only persevere in our faith but discover that it was not unfounded.

-Fr. Campeaux

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| Tuesday | 07/02 | 5:15 pm | St. Peter Church |
| Wednesday | 07/03 | Noon | St. Peter Church |
| Intention: | Virgie B. Stelly | | |
| Thursday | 07/04 | 5:15 pm | St. Peter Church |
| Intention: | Cathy Langley Klein (AOD 07/03), living, deceased members of Charlie & Lillian Benoit, Curtis, Stuna Breaux families, MiMi, Deborah, Barbra Benoit, conversion for all political leaders, Woodrow, Donna Sarver, special intentions. | | |
| Friday | 07/05 | 10:00 am | Gueydan Memorial Guest Home |
| Intention: | Jane, Nelis, Harold, Hattie Matthews and Becky Young, Living Billy and Laurel Portie | | |

First Friday **6:00 pm** **St. Peter Church**

First Saturday **10:00 am** **St. Peter Church**
Intention: **Carolyn Z. Guidry; Lori A. LeDoux**

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| Saturday | 07/06 | 4:00 pm | St. Peter Church |
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Intentions:

- Carol Badon
- Renee' Benoit, Loretta, Burnie Benoit, Holy Souls in purgatory.
- Dorene & Dorothy 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, 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" Vidalier.
- Clyde Reese
- Marshall Allen Frick
- Bryan Faulk
- 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.
- Deceased Vance Benoit family; deceased Alexon Cormier family; Jerry Cormier; M/M Elly Fuselier; Freddie & Helen LeBeouf; Melissa LeJeune; Darrell, Wilda, Wilson & Oneita Marceaux; deceased Dupree Marceaux family; deceased Leon Schexnider family; Caina, Martha, Elma & Wilson Smith.
- Tabatha B. Benoit, Tamatha B. Cormier, Aimee N. Sonnier, Garrett Broussard, Kara Citron.
- Rodney LeJeune, Jr., & Sr., Ray Lee Myers, III, Melissa LeJeune, Dane Broussard.
- Randy, Dane, Sydney, Tiffany Broussard, Dolores Trahan.
- Anna Lee Saltzman
- Joe, Nell, Many, Lisa, Luke, Emma, Lance, Ginger Robinson, Monti & Judy McAnear

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| Sunday | 07/07 | 7:00 am | St. Peter Church |
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Intention: Clara Monceaux Dugas

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| 8:30 am | St. David Chapel |
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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.

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| Intention: | Pro Populo | 10:30 am | St. Peter Church |
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