



Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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 Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

December 1, 2024
 First Sunday of Advent

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

St. Peter the Apostle Advent Mission
FEATURING PADRE MARTIN SCOTT

The Greatest Gift: 'Our Lord's Divine Mercy'
 "Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."
 (Diary 699) Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska



Schedule of Events

Monday, December 9th Inspirational Mission Talk 6:00-8:00 PM

Tuesday, December 10th Inspirational Mission Talk 6:00-8:00 PM

Wednesday, December 11th Inspirational Mission Talk, Benediction and Healing Service 6:00-8:30 PM

For more information about the Advent Mission, call the church office.
 To learn about Padre Martin Scott and his community, visit divinemercycorp.org

Immaculate Conception this year IS a Holy Day of Obligation

Weekend Mass Schedule
 (Note Mass times and changes to help fulfill BOTH your weekend and Holy Day of obligations by choosing two masses.)

Second Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 7, 2024
 St. Peter Church ~ 4:00 PM (Anticipated)

Sunday, December 8, 2024
 St. Peter Church ~ 7:00 AM
 St. David Church ~ 8:30 AM
 Sunday Evening Mass
 St. Peter Church ~ 4:00 PM

Immaculate Conception
 (Holy Day of Obligation)
Monday, December 9, 2024
 St. Peter Church ~ 6:30 AM

Immaculate Conception this year IS a Holy Day of Obligation. Here's a helpful checklist to fulfill both obligations in 2024.

First Obligation SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Choose One Mass:	Second Obligation IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Choose a Different Mass:
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, December 7th Anticipated Mass Second Sunday of Advent	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, December 8th Sunday Evening Mass Second Sunday of Advent
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, December 8th Sunday Morning Mass Second Sunday of Advent	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday, December 9th Holy Day Morning Mass Immaculate Conception
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, December 8th Sunday Evening Mass Second Sunday of Advent	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday, December 9th Holy Day Evening Mass Immaculate Conception

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
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1ST ANNUAL



Saint Nicholas Yuletide

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6, 2024
(SAINT NICHOLAS FEAST DAY)
5:30PM-8:00PM

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SAINT PETER'S CAFETERIA AND COURTYARD

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS!
FUN FOR ALL AGES! COOKIES, HOT COCOA, KIDS ST. NICK
CRAFTS, PICTURES WITH ST. NICHOLAS, AND A LITTLE
HOLIDAY SHOPPING!



WANT TO SELL YOUR HOMEMADE GOODS,
MERCHANDISE, OR CRAFTS?

VENDOR BOOTHS
AVAILABLE \$15 A BOOTH



“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah”.

As we begin the holy season of Advent we read from Jeremiah who announces the coming of the Lord. In Jeremiah's time salvation seemed beyond all hope. Despite this Jeremiah prophesied that God would cause a branch to spring forth from David. This was not a hope that anyone could see. God would have to provide something beyond our imagination, and he did in the birth of Jesus. Through Advent we also await the coming of Christ the Lord and hope we can hardly imagine.

I have observed increasingly that people live without hope. People doubt who they can trust. They have been burnt by priests and politicians alike. This leads us to feel hopeless, to feel that nothing can change, and nothing will change. We are Christians. We hope differently, but our hope does not come from the mere fact we have been baptized. Christian hope is realized through our relationship with God. We realize our hope as we read the scriptures and see how God is always faithful despite human sinfulness. God is faithful and brings hope to our hopeless situations.

It is frustrating to hope living in the world. We are often disappointed. Even some of Jesus' disciples were disappointed when he died (Lk 24:21). Jesus had to remind them that the source of their hope was in the Lord. He explained that all that He (the messiah) suffered was both necessary and prophesied. You might imagine that they would not enjoy such a message, but it made their hearts burn with desire. Only God engenders such hope. Advent is about experiencing this kind of hope which is surprising and which drives us on with new fervor.

There is no easy way to prepare for Christmas. The world is opposed to Christ. The world is primarily interested in the commerce Christmas engenders and the happy feelings Christmas movies and music produce. These are good feelings, but they are not lasting. What God desires for us is much deeper, but it requires work. It also requires trust in him.

The first thing needed to celebrate Advent is hope. Hope that God can save our world, hope that God has solutions to the problems we are facing, hope that there is nothing which can escape God's notice. Granted it is a struggle sometimes to believe this, but so was it for those who hoped in the Messiah in the time of Jesus. They waited with hope beyond what their circumstances merited.

One time tested way to prepare for advent is to prepare your body and soul for Christmas. Today it is common to celebrate throughout the month of December and then cease all celebrations on December 25th. Who are we really celebrating if we quit our celebrations the moment Jesus is born. I remember when my nephew was born. We were eagerly waiting for the day, but we did not celebrate before. We celebrated in the days after his birth. Before we planned and made preparations. In Advent we seek to do the same.

What preparations can we make for Christ? We can fast and do penance. All we need are some small manageable things which cause us to remember God. We can also like children count down the days to Christmas. You can reflect on the readings from Mass and the prayers at Mass. These reflect the nature of Advent. Many families use Advent wreaths as a means to pray with their family each day of Advent.

Let's spend some time getting acquainted during Advent with our needfulness. Consider what God wants to change in us (have you asked Him?). Let us also consider what little small things we can do to prepare for God. We need not be extravagant. Think of the little drummer boy and bring Jesus little things you can manage with great love. You can even pray with that song. St Therese embodies this kind of spirituality; she even had her conversion on Christmas day. You might read a book about her spirituality or her own autobiography, *Story of a Soul*.

Whatever you do for Advent leave space for God to surprise you. Our God is a God of surprises. He likes to show up when we least expect and brings hope unlooked for. There are little and big Christmas miracles for all of us. Let us prepare through quiet prayer and expectation.

Tuesday	12/03	5:15 pm	St. Peter Church
Intention: Virgie B. Stelly			
Wednesday	12/04	Noon	St. Peter Church
Intention: Joe, Dunice Bertrand; William Hardee; Emma, Logan, Manuel LeMaire;			
Thursday	12/05	5:15 pm	St. Peter Church
Intention: Ellen Hargrave			
Friday	12/06	10:00 am	Gueydan Memorial Guest Home
Intention: Matthews & Portie families; Living: Laurel, Billy Portie & Kevin Matthews			
First Friday (NOTE TIME CHANGE)		5:00 pm	St. Peter Church

First Saturday	12/07	10:00 am	St. Peter Church
Saturday		4:00 pm	St. Peter Church

Intentions:

- Carol Badon
- Renee' Benoit
- Dorene & Dorothy Broussard, Anne, Clalie, Wilson dePerrodil, Neal, Peter Paul, Mark Trahan.
- Kathryn M. Hatch, Nolan LeBlanc family, Dorothy, Ellis Toups family, Joseph Zaunbrecher family
- Irvin, M/M Wilfred Broussard, Sr., Christie, 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) Laseter, Buford, Dorothy Marceaux, Agnes, Hubert Suire, Lola Tuiller.
- Arnold, Duci, Steve, Jr., Theresa, JE & Walter Meaux.
- Dunice, T-Joe, Brenda, Faye, Neelis Bertrand, Anastasie, JD, Joseph Simon, James Smith family, Rodney Stelly, Jr. & Sr., Lela Suggs, Father Donald Theriot; *Living:* Colt LeMaire (BD 12/03)
- Floyd Zaunbrecher; Charlotte Z Detraz; Donald "Butch" Vidalier.
- Clyde Reese
- Marshall Allen Frick
- Bryan Faulk
- Christie Broussard
- Stephen LeJeune, Jr.
- Margie Humble Dorcheus, Mark Marceaux
- Dane Broussard; Mitzi Fruge; Charity, Patricia & Rodney LeJeune Jr., Sr., Ray Lee Myers, III; Agnes Fruge; Ematile David.
- 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.
- Ellen Hargrave

Sunday	12/08	7:00 am	St. Peter Church
Intention: 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.			

		8:30 am	St. David Chapel
Intention: Emery & Evelyn Dupuis; William Hardee, Logan LeMaire; Evelyn, Winston 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; Christie Broussard; Winston Landry, Mark Trahan.			

Intention:	Pro Populo	4:00 pm	St. Peter Church
Monday	12/09	6:30 am	St. Peter Church
Intention: J.B. McFarlain			