



# Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

December 22, 2024  
Fourth 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



**WE DID IT!!!!**  
**Our goal for I Give Catholic was reached!**  
**\$10,132.00**  
**Thank you to all who contributed**  
**You are appreciated**

**The church will be decorated on Sunday, December 22 after  
the 10:30 Mass. Men are needed to help put up the big  
Christmas trees. Please try to help.**

## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

### **St. Peter Church**

Christmas Eve at 4 and 9 pm  
Christmas Day at 8:30 am

### **St. David Chapel**

Christmas Eve at 5:30 pm

## **The Knights of Columbus**

are collecting money to help  
pay utilities for those in need.  
Christmas trees with envelopes  
are located at all entrances of  
the church. You may place your  
donation in the envelope and put  
in the collection.

## Christmas flowers in memory :

Isaac Saltzman family  
RL and Mabel Walker  
Ann Henry  
Velma & Robert Trahan dec  
Brad Schexnider  
Lodias Bonin fly  
Guy, Lori, Edward, Roberta, Elias, Gussie LeDoux  
Bill and Earline, Lovelace, Marie Greene  
Romeal & Noelle Trahan  
Lovelace Lemaire  
Robert & Lelia Lemaire  
Elias, Gussie LeDoux  
Johnny Callahan  
Wayne, Pat Lemaire  
Joyce Perrin

June Trahan  
Nancy Trahan  
Winson Landry  
Clyde Reese  
Jackie Scanlan  
Rene Benoit  
Arnold, Duci, Steve, Jr. Theresa, JE, Meaux  
Peter Paul, Neal, Mark Trahan  
Virginia Guidry  
Andrew Everna Cormier  
Blaine, Patrick Petry  
Uric, Gary Hargrave  
Melissa LeJeune  
Marshall Frick  
Klein, Lounsberry, Broussard families

### First Collection

St. Peter: \$ 2180.00  
St. David: \$ 481.53

### Pray for healing of the sick:

Leeward Abshire  
Raymond Benoit Jr.  
Ryan Broussard, Karene, Roberta Broussard  
Angela Chambless  
Gene & Glenda Dickerson  
Doug Douget  
Dorothy Begnaud  
Lorraine Hardy  
Lisa, Laura Hargrave  
Ellisyn, Emersyn, Addisyn, Sydney, Dexter Harris  
Lee Henry  
Ryan Jeske  
Irving LeBeouf  
Lil Rob Lounsberry  
Tegan Love  
Sidonia Primeaux  
Cassandra Reed  
Woodrow, Donna Sarver  
David Sears  
Bobbie Trahan  
Felicia, Karine, Lance, Landon, Margaret, Raven,  
Riley; Walter Jolivette III,  
Alton, Kylee, Baylie, Nancy, Nia Ned  
Sandra Verret



“Each new life, no matter how brief,  
forever changes the world.” - Unknown  
Please pray for the family of  
Wells Kevin Zaunbrecher

## Reaching Towards Christmas

As we reach the fourth Sunday of Advent our time before Christmas grows short. Have you prepared? Are you ready to receive Christ? If not know that the world was also not ready when Jesus was born. There was, “no room at the Inn.” Even Mary and Joseph encountered difficulty. They obviously prepared, but had to leave many of these preparations because of the census. Fortunately for us, God does not wait for us to be worthy in order to act. This is at the heart of the mystery of Christmas.

Perhaps you have seen the movie *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. It has recently been remade by the creator of the Chosen series. In the family a church is putting on a Christmas pageant, but an unlikely family, the Herdman’s, decides to take part in the pageant. They are not well-regarded by anyone. People think that they will be the ruination of the pageant. However, in the end their unlikeliness brings forward the message of Christmas in ways the people did not imagine. God’s use of unlikely means is at the heart of the mystery and message of Christmas.

Advent is about preparing for Christ, but no matter what we do God is always going to outpace our preparations. Thankfully, this is part of the plan also. The Holy Family prepared, their preparations were largely undone by the census. The priests and leaders did not await or prepare for Jesus, God made it known through the Angel at Christmas and prophetically through the three wisemen. The shepherds in the field were not thought worthy to receive the King, nor the messiah, yet it was they who first received the good news of Jesus’ birth. God’s way is not our way and it is both surprising and wonderful to behold.

In these last hours of Advent we can still prepare our hearts. The shepherds in the field had no time to prepare. They were in the midst of their work in the fields. Shepherd’s were poorly thought of because their work often rendered them ritually impure and unable to participate in the regular religious life of Israel. Despite this, the angel of the Lord appeared to them announcing “good news of a great joy” that Jesus was born. Is it the way that most people would have chosen? No, but like the Herdman’s, it makes God present like no other way would. God’s way is not our way.

Even if we are not prepared, we can come with humility like the shepherds who found their way by the light of the angels who rested upon the place singing, “Glory to God in the highest...”(Lk 2:14). It was there in a manger they beheld the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. It must have been much to their surprise that he would be born in such lowly estate. Truly, would anyone but the poor shepherds have been able to receive the poor Christ child that first Christmas night?

We expect God to follow worldly expectations, like the people in the *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and so we often miss the glory and mystery of God. I don’t think it is wrong that we look for the Christ child in the palace of the king like the Three Wisemen. However, those who lack the humility to adapt like the Wisemen will miss His coming. Herod could not perceive the meaning of the poor Christ child and so he sought to destroy him. Imagine the surprise he would have had if he could for a moment see the plan of Jesus to save even Herod. The people in the movie were not prepared to see Christ in the Herdman’s, but in the end the shock of how they fittingly portrayed Christmas helped them to see it in a way they could never see before. This is the mystery and the glory of Christmas that God takes on and uses human means despite ourselves.

My brothers and sisters. The mystery of Christmas is truly beyond us, and yet it is at the same time made accessible to us. Left to ourselves we would never be able to see, but God wills to use human means that are understandable to us if only we have humility, if we can lay down our pride and preconceived notions. Christ’s coming is for all, from the highest kings to the poorest poor. We need only respond to the message of the angel sent to announce to us Christ the Lord.

Fr. Campeaux

Tuesday 12/24 4:00 pm St. Peter Church  
Intention: Clyde Reese, Hazel Guidry, Margie Humble Dorcheus, Mark Marceaux, Bryan Faulk, Christie Broussard, Rodney J. Broussard, Dunice, T-Joe, Brenda, Faye (BD 12/16) Neelis Bertrand, Anastasie, JD, Joseph Simon, James Smith family, Rodney Stelly, Jr. & Sr., Lela Suggs, Father Donald Theriot, Lydia Deshotels (BD 12/28)

5:30 pm St. David Chapel  
Intention: Joe, Dunice Bertrand; William Hardee; Emma, Logan, Manuel LeMaire.

Intention: Pro Populo 9:00 pm St. Peter Church

Wednesday 12/25 8:30 am St. Peter Church  
Intention: J.B. McFarlain, Marshal Frick, Ellen Hargrave, Kevin, Belle Eula, Henry Suire, Jr. & Sr., Lucilla, Millard Miller, Audrey Johnson, Denis, Michael Broussard

Thursday 12/26 5:15 pm St. Peter Church  
Intention: Joe, Dunice Bertrand; William Hardee, Emma, Logan, Manuel LeMaire; deceased, living family members of Charlie, Lillian, Curtis, Stuna Breaux families, Barbra, Debbie Benoit, Connie Dommert, Theresa, James Miller, conversion of all political leaders, souls in purgatory, Woodrow, Donna Sarver

Friday 12/27 10:00 am Gueydan Memorial Guest Home  
Intention: Matthews, Portie families, **Living**: Laurel, Billy Portie, Kevin Matthews

Saturday 12/28 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
- Floyd Zaunbrecher; Charlotte Z Detraz; Donald "Butch" Vidalier.
- Clyde Reese
- Marshall Allen Frick
- Bryan Faulk
- Stephen LeJeune, Jr.
- Margie Humble Dorcheus, Mark Marceaux
- Wesley LeMaire, Sr.

Sunday 12/29 7:00 am St. Peter Church

Intention: Ellen Hargrave 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 10:30 am St. Peter Church