



# Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

## 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



## New Year's Schedule

### St. Peter Church

New Year's Eve 6:30 pm  
New Year's Day 9:00 am

### St. David Chapel

New Year's Eve 4:00 pm

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.

22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Reverend Garrett McIntyre	Reverend Glenn Meaux	Reverend Aaron Melancon	Reverend Bill John Melancon	Reverend Andre Metrejean	Reverend Mark Miley	Reverend Thomas Montelaro

God our Father, from eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race. Pour forth, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon our families, that vocations to the priesthood be multiplied. Lord Jesus, give us holy priests: To offer up the sacrifice of the Mass; To lead the little ones to you: To strengthen the faith of the believers; To preach the Gospel to all peoples; To bring forgiveness to sinners; To feed souls the Bread of Life; To comfort the suffering and dying, and to spread Your kingdom in our midst. Mary, Mother of our High Priest, pray for us and obtain for us an increase of holy priests for the Diocese of Lafayette. Amen.

22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Miguel Pagan	Anthony Phillips	Eric Quebedeaux	Giovanni Ranzino	Braden Scalisi	Eli Weil	Cole Zaubrecher



**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 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

**First Collection**

St. Peter: \$ \$3229.00  
 St. David: \$ 538.00

**Christmas**

St. Peter \$ 3245.00  
 St. David \$ 258.00

CCC 336. From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by [the angels'] watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.

## Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family is a reminder to us of God's plan for the Family. The Holy Family is not called Holy because they are without difficulty. They are Holy because of Jesus and they are perfect in love. They follow through with the plan of God. Joseph and Mary participate with Jesus in the redemption of the Family. We are also meant by God to participate in the redemption of the family. It requires love and sacrifice. With God's help it is entirely possible

Why do families more frequently fall apart or suffer previous injury in these times? It is not because the plan of God has changed or the promises made at a wedding are invalid. It is rather that selfishness has replaced love. Our hearts have grown cold. We have forgotten or never experienced the meaning of love. Sin has so choked off love that it no longer reproduces itself in society as readily as it once did.

In the beginning when God created Adam and Eve there was no selfish love, only mutual self-giving love. When Adam failed in his God-given responsibility and Eve usurped her God-given role the original makeup of the family was destroyed. However, God provided for a return to what he originally envisioned for the family. In *Redemptoris Custos* Pope St. John Paul II wrote:

Whereas Adam and Eve were the source of evil, which was unleashed on the world, Joseph and Mary are the summit from which holiness spreads all over the earth. The Savior began the work of salvation by this virginal and holy union, wherein is manifested his all-powerful will to purify and sanctify the family - that sanctuary of love and cradle of life." (St. John Paul II in his Apostolic Exhortation 'Redemptoris Custos' on August 15th, 1989, No. 7).

According to John Paul II, we can see through the Holy Family the undoing of the sin which reaps so much destruction upon families. Where do we see this redemption? We see it through the self-donation in each of the members of the Holy Family

It is well to reflect first upon St. Joseph. As the foster father of Jesus he is the one who begins all of the action of the family. God even affords Joseph a certain role in the formation of the Family. God requests the "Yes" of Joseph to begin the life of the Holy Family when he accepts Mary and Jesus into his home. He "adopts" Jesus taking the role of foster father or custodian. In doing this Joseph humbles his pride to accept the plan of God. He also opens his heart to Jesus out of love. So often we consider parents 'rights' to the exclusion of 'children's rights'. Joseph on the contrary, views Jesus as a gift. Throughout his life, Joseph suffers many things so that the family does not have to. For example, in Egypt he bears the sorrow of finding work in a foreign land so that Mary and Jesus can have stability. There were no doubt many times when he had to humble himself with only a meager offering for the family. He found sustenance in his confidence in God and his love for Jesus and Mary.

Mary has a role in the Holy Family which cannot be considered apart from Joseph. Despite having superior holiness, Mary never lorded herself over Joseph. She contents herself to wait for the direction Joseph gives to the Holy Family. It is not that Mary does not contribute, but she does not overstep her husband in doing so. Consider the example of Joseph bringing home a meager offering for food one evening. Mary does not berate Joseph for not finding something better. She accepts with love his offering and she makes it better. What mother does not have a special touch which she adds to family meals. This is Mary's contribution to the action of Joseph. She perfects Joseph's offering.

Jesus is not absent from the work of the Holy Family, but his role is as a child and not as a parent. God willed that Jesus should require the care of a mother and father. The love of Mary and Joseph would be wasted if there were no one to receive it. Jesus humbles himself to receive what His mother and father provide. It is not always the best or what is desirable, but he receives it with love. He does not complain, but gives thanks. Through what he receives he grows in wisdom and stature according to His age. In other words, by the will of God the actions of Joseph and Mary are a necessary part of the formation of Jesus.

There is a great deal more for us to consider about Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is my hope that this article affords each of us the opportunity to consider the Holy Family in a new way. I pray that it helps us realize that, with God, holiness is possible and that God desires each of our families to participate in it. As we each struggle to see this fulfilled, let us earnestly request the intercession of the Holy Family.

Tuesday 12/31 4:00 pm St. David Chapel  
 Intention: Pro Populo  
 6:30 pm St. Peter Church  
 Intention: Rodney J. Broussard  
 Wednesday 01/01 8:30 am St. Peter Church  
 Intention: **Living:** Chandra LeBeouf (BD)  
 Thursday 01/02 5:15 pm St. Peter Church  
 Intention: Deceased and living family members of Charlie, Lillian, Curtis, Stuna Breaux, Barbra, Debbie Benoit, Connie Dommert, Theresa, James Miller, conversion of all political leaders, souls in Purgatory, Woodrow, Donna Sarver.  
**First Friday** 01/03 10:00 am Gueydan Memorial Guest Home  
 6:00 pm St. Peter Church

**First Saturday** 01/04 10:00 am St. Peter church  
 Intention: Carolyn Z. Guidry, Lori Ledoux  
 Saturday 4:00 pm St. Peter Church  
 Intentions:  
 • Dorene & Dorothy Broussard, Anne, Clalie, Wilson dePerrodil, Neal, Peter Paul, Mark Trahan.  
 • Kathryn M. Hatch, Nolan LeBlanc family, Dorothy, Ellis Troups 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.  
 • Arnold, Duci, Steve, Jr., Theresa, JE & Walter Meaux.  
 • Clyde Reese  
 • Bryan Faulk  
 • 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.  
 • Natalie Broussard (BD)

**Living Roberta Broussard int**

Sunday 01/05 7:00 am St. Peter Church  
 Intention: Jackie Scanlan  
 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; Marshall Allen Frick; Christie Broussard; Winston Landry, Mark Trahan.  
 Intention: Pro Populo 10:30 am St. Peter Church

**Available Adoration Hours**

"Come to a quiet place and I will give you rest." Mark 6:31

Wednesday @ 10 am  
 Thursday @ 5 pm  
 Friday @ 11 am

**December 28**

Who shall resist Anti-Christ when he comes if we show such patience towards the vices and crimes of his precursors? By such leniency, we encourage kings to become tyrants and tempt them to withdraw every privilege and all jurisdiction from the Churches.

- Thomas Becket (1118-1170), Martyr, Bishop, Feast Day December 29