



Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

December 15, 2024
Third 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

Every Parish of the Diocese of Lafayette

Wednesdays in Advent 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

December 4, December 11 and December 18, 2024



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

A huge thank you to all the those who helped with our St. Nicholas Yuletide celebration. It was a resounding success! We raised \$1100!



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.

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Reverend Garrett McIntype	Very Rev Msgr W. Curtis Mallet	Rev Edwan "Mannie" Manuel	Rev Arockia Sebastian Mariasusai	Reverend Charles "Billy" Massie	Reverend Suresh Mathangi	Reverend Kenneth Mayne

God our Father, from eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the Hight 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.

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Michael Johnson	Drew Landry	Bret Lee	Christopher Lee	Isaac LeJeune	Ian McElwee	Stephen Melancon

Pray for healing of the sick:

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

Christmas flower donations are now being accepted. You may drop the donation at the office in the drop slot at the front door after regular office hours or in the collection in a separate envelope clearly marked as Christmas flower donation. Your generosity is appreciated!

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

First Collection

St. Peter: \$ 1935.00
St. David: \$ 402.00

Second Collection:

St. Peter \$ 986.00
St. David \$ 109.00

The second collection this week end is for insurance and maintenance.

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.

Rejoice in the Lord Always

The theme of the third Sunday of Advent each year is to rejoice. What do we rejoice in? We are called to act on the hope which we have found in waiting eagerly for the Lord. This hope does not come from our circumstances, it comes from the Lord. This is the beauty and the joy of believing. God gives us what the world cannot. Christians can rejoice always, even in the midst of suffering.

As Christians, we can hope that God takes part in our lives no matter how difficult they become. In fact, often we experience God more when we suffer than when we are blessed. This is because when we are often more open to God because we know that we need Him. Mary for example saw many distressing things in the people of Israel and in the world, but she did not despair. She prayed for the coming of the Messiah.

St. Louis de Montfort said citing St. Augustin that the world was not worthy to receive Jesus (True Devotion to Mary §16). Many of the Jews stopped looking for God's promised Messiah and instead sought to make their own. There were many false messiahs who preceded Jesus. The world was not worthy or ready to receive Jesus, so God made Mary in order that the world receive Jesus through Mary. Mary was God's chosen instrument for this. It is true God saved her from original sin from before her birth, but He also chose her for her great humility (True Devotion §16). She did not think that the world would be saved through her prayers, but through the providence of God, in whom she placed all her trust.

Advent is about putting into practice the hope that we have found. It does not necessarily mean that our circumstances have changed, but our hearts know more than our intellect does. An example of this are Simeon and Ana who encounter the child Jesus in the temple. There was not a neon sign indicating that Jesus was the Christ child, but their faith recognized what their eyes did not. Likewise, as we draw near to the coming of Jesus the faith in our hearts discerns more than we can determine with our intellect alone. I am reminded of the character of the Fox in the novel The Little Prince who said, "it is only the heart that can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye." It is that way in truth. What is most essential is visible to those who have faith.

I am hopeful for the future because I know the Lord. I know what He has done for me, and I know what He has historically done for his people. He is the source of my hope. Some people's hope darkens as the world does. My hope grows because I do not sense the world ending, but the nearing of the Lord to save us. He alone has the solutions to our most pressing problems. I am eager to see it because our need is great, and our Lord's mercy is greater.

At the beginning of Advent, I suggested that we needed to allow ourselves to become aware of our needfulness. This helps us to open our hearts and cry out to the Lord to save us. It is what Mary did, even though she had no sin. It is the activity of faith within us.

In the book of Revelation, the martyrs groan in anticipation of the final victory of God. They wonder how long, and God consols them and assures them. God does this in us also if we only turn to him. That's all we need to do is express our need. Let us in these last days of Advent continue to express our need. "God save us for we have sinned against you." "God save us we are lost without you." "God save me, I've been trying to do it, and I haven't the strength." "God save the world it is lost, and I can't imagine how it can change, but I've heard you can do it." Pray in these or similar words which touch your own heart.

God is not moved to obliterate us because of our sins. He does not need to punish us; our sin contains the punishment in itself. When he saw the world was not worthy or ready to receive Jesus, God sent Him anyway. It was not the time or the way we would have chosen, but it is God's way. What God is prepared to do for us is more than we can ask or imagine, but if we pray with Mary and Joseph for the coming of the Lord then we will glimpse it when we least expect it.

Fr. Campeaux

Tuesday 12/17 5:15 pm St. Peter Church
 Intention: Joe, Dunice Bertrand; William Hardee; Emma, Logan, Manuel LeMaire.
 Wednesday 12/18 Noon St. Peter Church
 Intention: Katheleen, Harold Robinson, Joseph Boatner Hebert
 Thursday 12/19 5:15 pm St. Peter Church
 Intention: Joe, Dunice Bertrand; William Hardee; Emma, Logan, Manuel LeMaire.
 Friday 12/20 10:00 am Gueydan Memorial Guest Home
 Intention: Matthews, Portie families, **Living:** Laurel, Billy Portie, Kevin Matthews

Saturday 12/21 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" Vidaliere.
- Clyde Reese, Pat LeMaire (BD 12-22), Lee "Jap" LeMaire (AOD 12-23)
- Marshall Allen Frick
- Bryan Faulk
- Christie Broussard
- Stephen LeJeune, Jr.
- Margie Humble Dorcheus, Mark Marceaux
- 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 (AOD 12/19)
- 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.

Sunday 12/22 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

Fatima rosary December 21 at noon
at City Hall

