



# Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

March 16, 2025  
Second Sunday of Lent

## 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

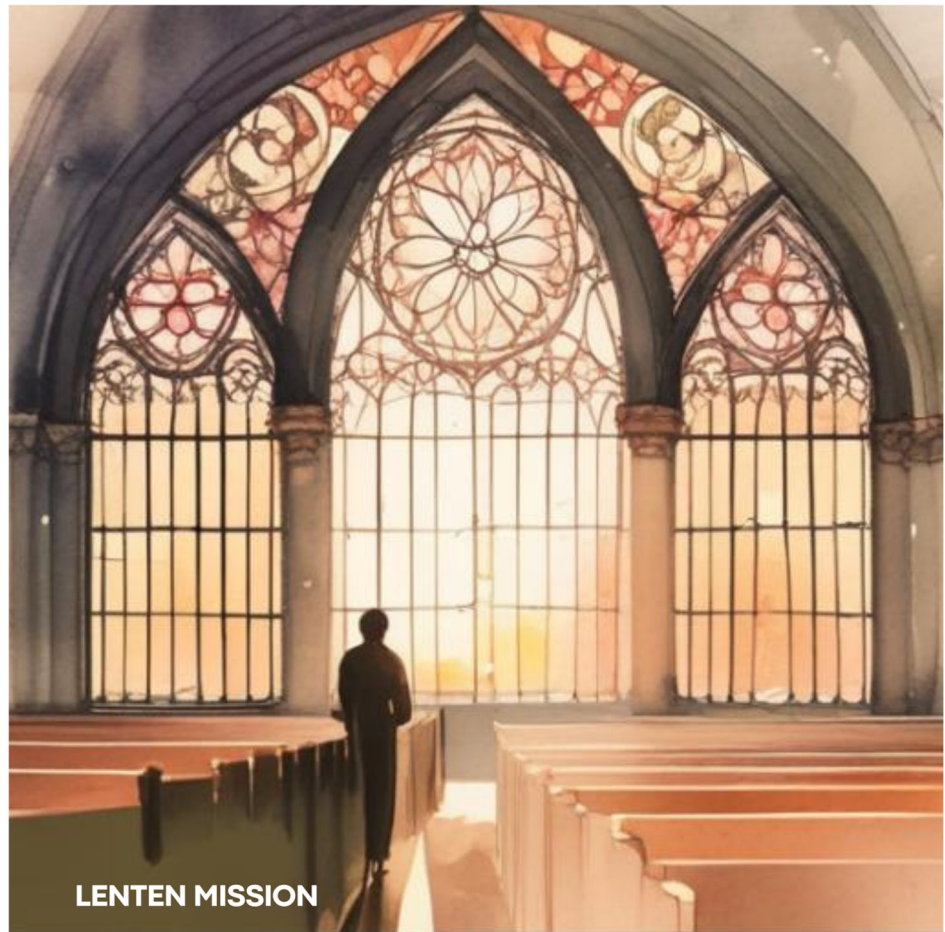
Arrangements made by the  
couple with the pastor no  
less than 6 months **before**  
desired date. Check with  
priest **BEFORE** any plans  
are made.

## 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



## Growing in Intimacy with the Holy Spirit

Featuring Deacon Billy  
Vincent and Fr. Mark Miley  
April 8, 9 - 6:00 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.

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Reverend Henry Paul Antony HGN	Very Rev Chester Arceneax	Reverend Michael Arnaud	Reverend Singarayar Arockiam	Reverend Justing Arockiasamy	Reverend Matthew Barzare	Rev Reed Michael Bellingham

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.

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Reid Bourgeois	Nicholas Broussard	Den Ricky Castaneda	Haden Coleman	Sebastian Cramer	Carter Domingue	Seth Dupre

**Pray for healing of the sick:**

Maurice Benoit, Jr.  
 Tabby B. Benoit  
 Ryan Broussard  
 Karene Broussard  
 Roberta Broussard  
 Angela Chambless  
 Tammy B. Cormier  
 Gene & Glenda Dickerson  
 Doug Douget  
 Dorothy Begnaud  
 Dwight Hardee  
 Lorraine Hardy  
 Lisa Hargrave  
 Ellisyn, Emersyn, Addisyn, Sydney, Dexter Harris  
 Lee Henry  
 Tam Saltzman  
 Ryan Jeske  
 Monique Langlinois  
 Irving LeBeouf  
 Tegan Love  
 Robert Mire and family  
 Sidonia Primeaux  
 Greg, Donna Reech  
 Cassandra Reed  
 Amy Sonnier  
 Josie, Lillie, Daniel Tran  
 Felicia, Karine, Lance, Landon, Margaret, Raven,  
 Riley; Walter Jolivette III,  
 Alton, Kylee, Baylie, Nancy, Nia Ned  
 Sandra Verret  
 Naomi Wilson

The Fatima Rosary  
 March 29 at noon  
 At the City Hall park

St. Peter  
 First Collection \$ 2529.00  
 Second Collection \$ 1028.00  
 St. David  
 First Collection \$ 382.00  
 Second Collection \$ 91.00  
 Second collection this weekend is for the  
 Bishop's Services Appeal

A volunteer is needed for scheduling holy hours for adoration. The duties involve monitoring hours that need to be filled and the contact person to fill hours. Please prayerfully consider volunteering and contact the church office.

## The nature of Suffering and God's desire to bless

“...I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you” Genesis 12:2

God wants to bless us. He desires to bless us from the very beginning. The trouble is whether we trust God enough to allow him to bless us or if we interfere. Too often we want God's blessing without a relationship with God. There is no way to have God's blessing without God. Original sin nourishes this attitude of distrust within us. It is what necessitates the cross. Jesus has to demonstrate the futility of this view and the trustworthiness of God's love. Without suffering, we could never truly love, nor be loved by God.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain and is transfigured before them. The three apostles see a vision of Jesus in glory speaking with Moses and Elijah. What is notable is that Peter says, “it is good that we are here.” He hardly knows what he is saying, but it is good. Being in the presence of God is always good. The presence of God changes every circumstance. However, it requires faith in God. From the midst of the cloud, God said to the apostles. “This is my beloved son...listen to him.” Faith in Jesus is required. The apostles fell down in fear until Jesus spoke to them. Likewise, through the storms of life, it is faith in Jesus which gives us the strength to stand.

Some people say that suffering is a hard fact of life. This is meant to say that suffering is meaningless and we should just get over it. Who can just get over suffering? Christians are to endure suffering bravely and with faith, but their suffering is not trivial or meaningless. St. Paul tells us “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel.” He says this so that we can also be sharers in God's glory. The world says to avoid suffering at all costs. Jesus invites us to follow God even if it means suffering. In the process, we learn that God is our strength, even in the midst of suffering. This is a truth which opens to us glory in heaven.

The anatomy of suffering is a heart constricted. Our hearts constrict in fear because we are afraid that what the world says is true, that suffering alone is our lot. Throughout Lent, we are invited to confront this lie that we are made for suffering and pain. We are to consider the example of Jesus whose trust in God was not in vain. Jesus' life demonstrates that suffering has immense value for the salvation of the world.

A wise priest said to me once that in the midst of suffering the call is to say FIAT. Fiat is the response of Mary to the angel Gabriel. It means let it be done unto me [according to your will.] Fiat takes some of the sting away from suffering because we place ourselves in God's hands. The same priest taught me that through his experience the pain always lessened when amid the storms of life when he had said fiat. This is no easy task, and I do not wish to trivialize anyone's pain. Rather, I want to point out there is a way through suffering which is good for our souls.

Throughout Lent Jesus goes before us. He offers teaching, yes, but more importantly, he suffers. Jesus suffers more than any human being, even Mary. Jesus receives every human suffering so that in every difficulty we can know Jesus goes before us. We also can know that because of what Jesus did, the nature of suffering is changed forever. It cannot be meaningless. It has eternal value in the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Uniting our suffering to Jesus' on the cross is the way we tap into this great gift.

My brothers and sisters, we all sin and we all suffer. Jesus offers us a new way. It is the only way. Many or all of us have tried other ways. They lead us nowhere or bring us back to Jesus. The question before us is whether or not we will follow Him.

Fr. Campeaux

Tuesday	03/18	5:15 pm	St. Peter Church
Intention:	Joseph Simon (AOD)		
Wednesday	03/19	Noon	St. Peter Church
Intention:	Katheleen, Harold Robinson, Joseph Boatner Hebert		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>03/20</b>	<b>6:30 am</b>	<b>St. Peter Church</b>
Intention:	Margie Dorcheus		
Friday	03/21	10:00 am	Gueydan Memorial Guest Home
Intention:	Faye Bertrand (AOD)		
<b>Way of the Cross</b>		<b>noon</b>	<b>St. Peter Church</b>
<b>Mass and Way of the Cross</b>		<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>St. David Chapel</b>
Saturday	03/22	4:00 pm	St. Peter Church
Intentions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carol Badon</li> <li>• Renee' Benoit</li> <li>• Dorene &amp; Dorothy Broussard, Anne, Clalie, Wilson dePerrodil, Neal, Peter Paul, Mark Trahan.</li> <li>• Kathryn M. Hatch, Mary, Nolan LeBlanc family, Dorothy, Ellis Toups family, Joseph Zaunbrecher family, William "Bill", Nona, Billy Zaunbrecher</li> <li>• 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 &amp; Wilbur Klein, Cathy, Stan Langley Betty, Percy LaPoint, M/M Sidney Lounsberry, Floyd Saltzman, Carrie Walpole</li> <li>• Arnold, Duci, Steve, Jr., Theresa, JE &amp; Walter Meaux</li> <li>• Crip (BD 3/28), Edith Bertrand; B.B., J.W., Evelyn Breaux; Aldis (AOD 3/3), Marie, Bernice, Jane, Clevenis, Eriste (AOD 3/23) 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</li> <li>• Clyde Reese</li> <li>• Grace Touchet</li> <li>• Ellen Hargrave</li> <li>• Mike, Dot Sztroin</li> <li>• Living: Tabatha B. Benoit, Tamatha B. Cormier, Aimee Sonnier, Roberta Broussard</li> </ul>		
Sunday	03/23	7:00 am	St. Peter Church
Intention: Carol Badon		8:30 am	St. David Chapel
Intention:	Emery & Evelyn Dupuis; William Hardee, Logan LeMaire; Evelyn, Winston Landry; Mary Ann 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, EA Freeland		
Intention: Pro Populo		10:30 am	St. Peter Church

## March 2025

– Lent encompasses virtually the whole month of March this year. It is a penitential season in which we aim to overcome our worldly tendencies and strengthen our spiritual lives. Greater devotion to the sacramentals this month will dispose us to receive the immense graces of our Sunday Mass attendance.