



# Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Corey Campeaux-Pastor

May 18, 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

## 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

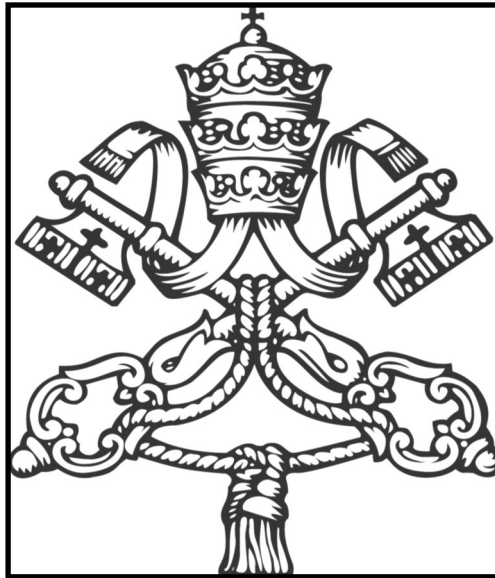
Arrangements made by the  
couple with the pastor no  
less than 6 months **before**  
desired date. Check with  
priest **BEFORE** any plans  
are made.

## 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



Pray for

**POPE LEO IV**

## Capital Campaign Balance

As of May 15  
The balance owed for  
Capital Campaign is  
**\$4772.00**

**We are in the homestretch!  
Thanks be to God and all the  
generous donors!**

Could you use some help hearing better during Mass? We have an app for that. Your phone can connect to the church wi-fi and connect directly to your headphones or hearing aids if you wear them. Please come by the office for help connecting and let's start hearing what's going on during Mass!

**With sincere gratitude and  
appreciation, thank you to  
everyone who helped with  
our successful fundraiser.**

## Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life.

In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by the Church; they are needed by souls; they are needed for the work of redemption.

Please pray for:

### **Priests:**

Reverend Gilbert Dutel  
Reverend Darren Eldridge  
Reverend Peter Emusa  
Reverend Cyprian Eze  
Reverend Richard Fabre  
Reverend James Falon, SSJ  
Reverend Joel Faulk

### **Seminarians:**

Roy Bertrand IV  
Bennett Bodin  
Reid Bourgeois  
Nicholas Broussard  
Deacon Ricky Castandeda  
Haden Coleman  
Sebastian Cramer

### **St. Peter**

First Collection \$ 2695.00  
Second Collection \$ 833.00

### **St. David**

First Collection \$ 520.00  
Second Collection \$ 261.00  
Second collection next week end is for Bishop's Services Appeal

Please pray for the repose of

Paul Richard

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon him

## Pray for healing of the sick:

Danny Abshire  
Kaleb Beard  
Dorothy, Robert Begnaud  
Maurice Benoit, Jr.  
Tabby B. Benoit  
Charles Breaux  
Roberta Broussard  
Christine Campbell  
Angela Chambless  
Tammy B. Cormier  
Dana Guidry  
Dwight Hardee  
Lorraine, Larry Hardy  
Lisa Hargrave  
Johnny Johnson  
Lil Rob Lounsberry  
Ellisyn, Emersyn, Addisyn, Sydney, Dexter Harris  
Tam Saltzman  
Ryan Jeske  
Monique Langlinais  
Angie Lemaire  
Irving LeBeouf  
Beverly Lougon  
Julie, Percy Lougon  
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 Jolivet III,  
Alton, Kylee, Baylie, Nancy, Nia Ned  
Sandra, Millard Verret  
Naomi Wilson

**Vacation Bible school is June 9-13.**  
**More details are forthcoming!**

***“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships  
to enter the kingdom of God.” Acts 14:22***

St. Paul says in the first reading that it is necessary to suffer to enter into the Kingdom of God. It would seem that Paul is saying that God wants us to suffer. That is not the case. For one thing, people who are not Christians also suffer. The difference is that Christians suffer with hope because of Jesus. Who in your life wants to suffer when they could avoid it? Jesus could have avoided all of his sufferings, but he chose not to. Jesus' choice to suffer willingly for our sake is what changes everything.

Why is there suffering in the world? This is a difficult question to answer. The simple theological answer is because of sin. It was our choice to sin, and our choice brought with it the consequence of suffering and death. This was not God's choice nor his creation, but rather a distortion of his creation. We struggle with this answer for the same reason we sinned in the first place. The devil convinced us that God does not want what is good for us. However, God knows our weaknesses and sent His son to suffer all the things that we do in order to demonstrate God's faithfulness to us. We avoid what is difficult, thinking it best. Jesus chooses to endure many difficulties, including suffering and death for our sake even though he does not have to. Despite his suffering, Jesus lived the fullest possible life. He shows us the way to God through His fidelity to the Father. At the pinnacle of this witness is Jesus' trust in God the Father despite facing death, and that God the Father did not abandon Him.

We rarely consider the positive effects of Jesus' suffering. If God himself chose to suffer, does that not affect the nature of suffering? Think of it this way. If God chose to suffer, there must be some hidden goodness? God demonstrates his ability to make good come from suffering through Jesus' suffering and death. Consequently, all suffering is changed through Jesus' own suffering. When we suffer with Jesus, our suffering can take part in Jesus' saving sacrifice. Jesus says through his suffering, “Behold I make all things new.” With Jesus, our own suffering can make things new.

How can we live the truth about God and suffering in our lives? First, we can pray to experience God in the midst of suffering. We all suffer. Do we cry out to God in our need? When we cry out to God in our need, do we really believe that he will answer? Sometimes God answers, but we do not recognize his answer for what it is. For example, in an extreme situation, we do not seem to be getting a response. However, we have a peace that comes over us. Does the peace come from the material circumstances? Probably not. If we are greatly distressed, is it likely that the peace came from ourselves? Again, probably not. God gives us the gift of himself, and he helps us. He meets us in our suffering and does not run from it.

My brothers and sisters, the problem of suffering is a difficult mystery to endure. Let us pray that we all become aware of God's presence in our lives so that we may already know how to trust and correspond with him before suffering enters our lives. When it does, may Mary lead us as she did the apostle John at the foot of the Cross.

Fr. Campeaux

Tuesday	05/20	5:15 pm	St. Peter Church
Intention:	Winston, Nancy Howell, Vic, Barbara Miller, Keith Kuffler		
Wednesday	05/21	Noon	St. Peter Church
Thursday	05/22	5:15 pm	St. Peter Church
Intention:	Leonard Snoddy (BD 5-23)		
Friday	05/23	10:00 am	Gueydan Memorial Guest Home
Intention:	Grace Touchet (BD 5/24)		

Saturday	05/24	4:00 pm	St. Peter Church
Intentions:			

- Carol Badon
- Renee' Benoit
- Dorene & Dorothy Broussard, Anne, Clalie, Wilson dePerrodil, Neal, Peter Paul, Mark Trahan.
- 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
- Kathryn M. Hatch, Mary, Nolan LeBlanc family, Dorothy, Ellis Touns family, Joseph Zaunbrecher family, William "Bill", Nona, Billy Zaunbrecher
- Arnold, Duci, Steve, Jr., Theresa, JE & Walter Meaux
- 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, Becky Smith Vondenstein
- Clyde Reese
- Floyd Zaunbrecher, Charlotte Detraz, Christy Broussard
- Ellen Hargrave
- Mike, Dot Sztroin
- Ouida Martin
- Ronnie Mouton, Carole, Chad Marceaux, deceased members of Marceaux family, Mary Joy Rizzuto, Birdie, Wilfred Guidry
- Joe, Nell, Many (BD), Lisa, Luke, Emma, Lance, Ginger
- Hazel, Ted, Ronnie, Mae Guidry, Bonnie, Oran, Jared, Joshua LeJeune, Rebecca McDaniels, Leonard, Wesley Snoddy, Aaron Wilkins

Sunday	05/25	7:00 am	St. Peter Church
Intention:	Jackie Scanlan		

	8:30 am	St. David Chapel
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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
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May 18, Pope Saint John I

O Blessed Father, Saint John I (d. 526) was a pope given difficult tasks by the ruler of Italy, and he tried hard to serve both his Church and his king in a holy manner. He successfully negotiated with the enemy to prevent war, and he reconciled the Western and Eastern Churches, but the paranoid king imprisoned him and starved him to death. I request his prayers concerning the people who make my life difficult, especially those who hold positions of authority over me. Teach me how to serve humbly, avoid arguments, and accept mistreatments with courage and dignity. Help me to carry my crosses. Saint John I, pray for us. Amen.