



Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND

This weekend is the BSA Commitment Weekend, our opportunity to put our faith in to action by pledging our support to the 2026 Bishop's Services Appeal: *"Holding the Faith: Decades of Prayer & Service."*

Please join your fellow parishioners in making a gift that sustains the essential ministries and life - changing services of the Diocese of Lafayette, placing our bead of support in our unbroken circle of faith and love for our neighbors. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or commitment to this year's Bishop's Services Appeal


Ash
Wednesday

**MASS
SCHEDULE**

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

St. Peter- 6:30AM

St. David Chapel- 5:00PM

St. Peter- 6:30PM



ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Prayer for the Sick

Almighty and Eternal God, the everlasting salvation of them that believe, hear us on behalf of Thy sick servant, N.N., for whom we implore the aid of Thy pitying mercy, that, with his/her bodily health restored, s/he may render thanks to Thee in Thy Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kaleb Beard, Juanette Belaire, Bobbie Benoit, Cindy, Larry Benoit, Tabby B. Benoit, Charles Breaux, Roberta Broussard, Christine Campbell, Theresa Campbell, Angela Chambless, Tammy B. Cormier, Wade James Cormier, Mona Dennis, Rita Reese Duhon, Darlene Dupree, Joyce Freeland, Carlen Gaspard, Mona Guidry, Buster Hardee, Foreman family, special intention; Dwight Hardee, Ellisyn, Emersyn, Addisyn, Sydney, Dexter Harris, Angie Lemaire, Irving LeBeouf, Beverly Lougon, Julie, Percy Lougon, Tegan Love, Clayton Petry, Amy Sonnier, Felicia, Karine, Lance, Landon, Margaret, Raven, Riley; Walter Jolivette III, Alton, Kylee, Baylie, Nancy, Nia Ned, Riley; Walter Jolivette III, Millard, Sandra Verret, Hermann Wiggins, Naomi Wilson, Patsy Woods, Peyton Woods, Laura Zaunbrecher.



Laura Belle Woods Zaunbrecher

William "Billy" James Baker Jr.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



February 1, 2026

St. Peter Church

First Collection \$ 2629.00

St. David

First Collection \$ 491.00

Thank you for your generosity.

The second collection this weekend is for Bishop's Services appeal

Prayer for Priests

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.

Priests:

02/08 Reverend Stanley Jawa, SVD
02/09 Reverend Joseph Kikandi, SSJ
02/10 Reverend Andrew Killeen
02/11 Reverend Clifton Labbe, SVD
02/12 Reverend Donovan Labbe
02/13 Reverend Paul Lafleur
02/14 Reverend Alex Lancon

Seminarians:

02/08 Giovanni Ranzino
02/09 Nolan Savoy
02/10 Braden Scalisi
02/11 Zachary Schnaars
02/12 Thor Steward
02/13 Augustin Tarazona
02/14 Mica Thomas

Please pray for Seminarians:

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, lead our seminarians in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice. Teach them generosity and detachment from worldly goods; but above all, teach them to know You and to love You, the One and Only Eternal Priest. Amen

ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA



We do not know the original name of the women who became St. Josephine Bakhita.

She was born to an affluent family in Darfur, Sudan, in 1868. But their status was not enough to protect them from slave raiders: in 1874 her older sister was kidnapped and sold into slavery, and in 1876 when she was about seven years old, Bakhita suffered the same fate. The name “Bakhita,” meaning “fortunate” in Arabic, was given to her by these kidnappers.

She was sold as a slave at least five times, to sometimes-cruel masters. The final sale was to Callisto Legnani, a consular official in Khartoum. This man was well-disposed towards her, and would have taken her back to her own village. But she was so young when she was kidnapped that she could not remember where she had come from. Because of this, he still kept her in a state of slavery, even though this was now illegal in both Sudan and Italy. Eventually, he gifted her to, Augusto Michieli, an Italian merchant who took her to Italy to care for his daughters. In Venice, Bakhita took Michieli’s daughter to a school run by religious sisters from the Canossian order. It was here that she first learned about Jesus and the Catholic faith.

Eventually Michieli was recalled to Africa. He wanted to take Bakhita with him, but she refused to leave, and with support from the Canossian sisters and the patriarch of Venice, she was able to take her case to court. She was declared a free woman, because her enslavement had been illegal since it started.

She became a Catholic and was given the name, Josephine in 1890, and joined the Daughters of Charity of Canossa (ie a Canossian nun) in 1896. She was a member of their community in Italy for over 40 years, dedicating her life to comforting the poor and suffering.

In 1910 the sisters asked her to tell story of deliverance from slavery, so it could be preserved as a testament to her strength and grace.

She died in Italy in 1947, aged 78 years.

St. Josephine Bakhita was beatified in 1992 and declared a saint in 2000 and her feast day is 8 February: she is the patron Saint of Sudan and of the victims of slavery and human trafficking. Her feast day became the first international day for prayer and reflection on human trafficking, in 2015.

On February 8, people all over the world are encouraged to participate in prayer services to create greater awareness about human trafficking, and through prayer. Ideally these services should include the experiences of people, like Josephine Bakhita who that have suffered from human trafficking, and also to comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors.

Saturday - February 7

4:00 pm Mass - St. Peter Church

Intentions:

- Carol Badon
- Renee' Benoit, **Living:** Burnie, Loretta Benoit
- Dorene & Dorothy Broussard, Anne, Clalie, Wilson dePerrodil, Neal, Peter Paul, Mark Trahan.
- Ellen Hargrave
- 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
- Irvin, Christie, M/M Wilfred Broussard, Jr., Sr., 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, Bill Underwood, Ruth Wallace, Carrie Walpole
- Mike, Dot Sztroin; M/M Ozone Guidry
- Clyde Reese & family
- Paul, Troy Richard
- Steve Meaux
- **Living:** Kiley Sonnier (BD)
- Carolyn Z. Guidry, Lori A. LeDoux
- **Living:** Christine Campbell (BD)
- Ouida Martin, Carly, Byron, Edison Marceaux, Colby Robin

Sunday - February 8

7:00 am Mass - St. Peter Church

Intention: Kathryn M. Hatch, Mary, Nolan LeBlanc family, Dorothy, Ellis Toups family, Joseph Zaunbrecher family, William "Bill", Nona, Billy Zaunbrecher

8:30 am Mass - St. David Chapel

Intention: William Hardee, Logan LeMaire; Wayne Lemaire; Erin, Preston Greene; Lou, Vincent Habetz; Bradley Schexnider; Velma Trahan family; Guy LeDoux & family; Karl, Dr. Reno Petry; Bert, Anna Mae, Johnny Darbonne, Kenneth, Hubert, Velta Gaspard

10:30 am Mass - St. Peter Church

Intention: Pro Populo

Monday - February 9 - No Mass

Tuesday - February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin

5:15 pm Mass - St. Peter Chapel

Intention: Joseph Simon and family

Wednesday - February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

Noon - St. Peter Chapel

Intention: Harold, Katheleen Robinson; Joseph Boatner Hebert

Thursday - February 12

5:15 pm Mass-St. Peter Chapel

Intention: Jamie Gayle, Larry Geater (AOD 2/13)

Friday - February 13

10:00 am Mass - Gueydan Memorial Guest Home

Intention: Sidonia Primeaux