



# Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Holy Mass Schedule

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| 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.<br>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

## *The Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary*



Not a Holy Day  
of obligation as it falls  
on Saturday this year.  
Therefore, attendance of  
this Mass is optional.  
Attendance of this Mass does  
not fulfill the Sunday obligation

**Saturday, August 15**  
**Mass at 8:00 am (St. Peter's Chapel)**



ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## How to bless your children as they begin school:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Pray with Them—Out Loud
3. Bless Them with Holy Water
4. Give Them a Sacramental to Wear or Carry
5. Teach Them Short Spiritual Weapons: give your child a few phrases they can say during the day when afraid, tempted, or lonely:  
"Jesus, I trust in You", "Saint Michael the Archangel, defend me."
6. Encourage Kindness and Courage
7. Pray for Them Throughout the Day

May God bless all students and teachers as they begin a new school year.



## Prayer for the Sick

O Lord, my God, Please give me the grace to maintain my hope in you through all of life's changes and to taste and see your goodness. I praise you for the gifts you have showered on me for so many years. Help me find joy in a renewed strength of spirit. Please bless me with good health, and inspire me to be a good example to others. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Robert Begnaud, Juanette Belaire, Bobbie Benoit, Cindy, Larry Benoit, Tabby B. Benoit, Angie Benton, Charles Breaux, Roberta Broussard, Christine Campbell, Angela Chambless, Mona Dennis, Rita Reese Duhon, Lori Fotier, Joyce Freeland, Beau Fromenthal, Carlen Gaspard, Karen Green, Dana Guidry, Mona Guidry, Buster, Angie Hardee, Foreman family, special intention; Dwight Hardee, Tina Higgins, Patrick Hardy, Ellissyn, Emersyn, Addisyn, Sydney, Dexter Harris, Scott, Tanna Harrington, Irving LeBeouf, Billy Ray, Jenny LeBlanc, Charlette Libersat, Carla Louchin, Beverly Lougon, Julie, Percy Lougon, Tegan Love, Beth Miller, Laurie Mouton, Clayton Petry, Mindy Price Potier, Lona Richard, Nell & Joe Robinson, Amiee Sonnier, Felicia, Karine, Lance, Landon, Margaret, Raven, Riley; Walter Jolivet III, Alton, Kylee, Baylie, Nancy, Nia Ned, Riley; Barbara Martin, Kevin Moreaux, Felix Mouton, Darron Simon, Devin, Lily Simon, Emily Stubbs, Millan, Shea Theriot, Millard, Sandra Verret, Naomi Wilson, Ivy Woods

August 1, 2026 Collection

### St. Peter Church

First Collection \$ 2978.00

### St. David

First Collection \$ 535.00

Second collection next week-end is for Bishop's Services Appeal



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. **Amen**

### Pray for Priests

08/09 Reverend James Fallon, SSJ  
 08/10 Reverend Joel Faulk  
 08/11 Reverend Emmanuel Fernandez  
 08/12 Reverend Samuel Fontana  
 08/13 Reverend John Paul Fruge, CJC  
 08/14 Reverend David James Furka  
 08/15 Reverend Abelardo Gabriel, SVD

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### Pray for Seminarians

08/09 Zachary Schnaars  
 08/10 Eli Simmons  
 08/11 Thor Stewart  
 08/12 Agustin Tarazona  
 08/13 Micah Thomas  
 08/14 Eli Weil  
 08/15 Matthew Authement

## A Stewardship Parish Is More Than Stewards in a Parish

A stewardship parish is marked by a culture that recognizes God's gifts in its people, receives them with gratitude, and actively encourages those gifts to be shared in love of God and neighbor.

This vision is not new. St. John Chrysostom, writing in the fourth century, speaks directly to this responsibility when he teaches:

*"The most basic task of church leadership is to discern the spiritual gifts of those entrusted to its care and to encourage those gifts to be used for the good of all. Only a person who can discern the gifts of others and can humbly rejoice at the flourishing of those gifts is fit to lead the Church" (Six Books on the Priesthood).*

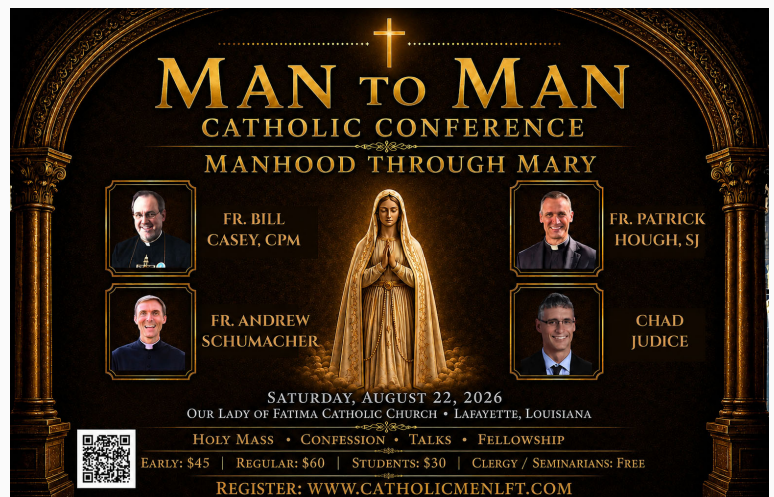
Without that discernment, and without that joy, authentic ecclesial leadership falters.

The structures of a stewardship parish exist precisely to serve this pastoral goal. Without intentionality, parish life can easily drift into patterns that are unhelpful and even harmful. Cliques of "haves" and "have-nots" form, informal "insiders" and "outsiders" emerge, and participation becomes limited to those who already know where they belong. Over time, unity is quietly sacrificed for convenience, and giftedness goes unnoticed, not because people are unwilling, but because no clear invitation has been extended.

The Stewardship Way of Life stands in contrast to this drift. It is meant to expand parish life, not narrow it; to call forth the giftedness of every individual, not merely a familiar few. Stewardship, rightly understood, is deeply inclusive. It presumes that every baptized person has something to offer and that the parish has a responsibility to help each person discover where and how that gift can be shared.

It is impossible to actively join in the celebration of the Mass  
and not have our hearts filled with gratitude.

For this reason, stewardship cannot remain vague or merely implied. It must be clearly articulated, intentionally organized, and faithfully sustained. The Stewardship Way of Life begins by grounding all parish life in discipleship and gratitude, recognizing that stewardship is first a response to God's abundant gifts, not a strategy for meeting parish needs.



**Saturday - August 8, 2026 - Saint Dominic, Priest**

**4:00 pm Mass - St. Peter's Church**

- Carol Badon
- Renee' Benoit, *Living*: Burnie, Loretta Benoit
- Kathryn M. Hatch, Mary, Nolan LeBlanc family, Dorothy, Ellis Touns family, Joseph Zaunbrecher family, William "Bill", Nona, Billy Zaunbrecher
- Dorene & Dorothy Broussard, Anne, Clalie, Wilson dePerrodil, Neal, Peter Paul, Mark Trahan.
- Ellen Hargrave
- 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
- Tammy Broussard Cormier, *Living*: Maurice Benoit, Jr. & Tabby Broussard Benoit, Aimee Sonnier, Roberta S. Broussard
- David Fruge, Melissa, Pat, Rodney LeJeune Jr., Sr., Ray Lee Myer
- Rebecca McDaniels, Aaron Wilkins, Hank Baskett, Bonnie, Oran, Jeanette, Jared, Joshua LeJeune; Leonard, Wesley, James, Virginia, Eddie Snoddy
- Paul, Troy Richard
- Laura Zaunbrecher
- Wallace, Josephine, Kenny Broussard
- Wade J., Andrew, Everna Cormier, Melvin, Hazel Mouton

**Sunday - August 9, 2026**

**7:00 am Mass - St. Peter's Church**

**Intention:** Deceased Vance Benoit family; deceased Alexon Cormier family; Jerry Cormier; M/M Elly Fuselier; Freddie & Helen LeBeouf; Melissa LeJeune; Alex, Darrell, Wilda, Wilson & Oneita Marceaux; deceased Dupree Marceaux family; deceased Leon Schexnider family; Caina, Martha, Elma & Wilson Smith, Becky Smith Vondenstein

**8:30 am Mass - St. David's Chapel**

**Intention:** Marshall Frick, William Hardee, Melissa LeJeune, Logan LeMaire; Wayne Lemaire; James Meyer; Erin, Preston Greene; Lou, Vincent Habetz; Helen "Sis", Emick Melancon; Thomas, Willie, Nellie, J.C. Petry; Bradley Schexnider; Velma Trahan family; June Trahan, EA Freeland, Jeb Callahan, Carolyn, Avert Guidry; Guy LeDoux & family; Karl, Dr. Reno Petry; Bert, Anna Mae, Johnny Darbonne, Kenneth, Hubert, Velta Gaspard

**10:30 am Mass - St. Peter's Church Intention:** Pro Populo (for the people)

**Monday - August 10, 2026 - Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday - August 11, 2026 - Saint Clare, Virgin**

**5:15 pm Mass - St. Peter's Chapel**

**Intention:** Laura Zaunbrecher

**Wednesday - August 12, 2026 - Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious**

**Noon Mass - St. Peter's Chapel**

**Intention:** Aivery Lege

**Thursday - August 13, 2026 - Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs**

**5:15 pm Mass - St. Peter's Chapel**

**Intention:** Linus Broussard; Joseph Simon and family; Sandra Guidry (8/13); Mae Bell Maxile (AOD)

**Friday - August 14, 2026 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

**10:00 am Mass - Gueydan Memorial Guest Home**

**Intention:** Zora, Wilfred Woods