



# St. Peter Parish

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*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

*December 28th, 2025*

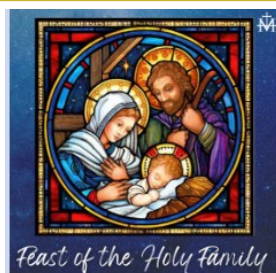
## CLERGY

*VERY REV. DANIEL BROUILLETTE, VF, PASTOR*  
*PAROCHIAL VICAR FR. CUONG TRAN*  
*DEACON DENNIS ADAMS*  
*DEACON BRIAN MCKNIGHT*  
*DEACON FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ (CHICHI)*  
*DEACON EDWARD RUDIGER (EDDIE)*

**RECTORY OFFICE** - 125 E. 19TH AVE., COVINGTON, LA  
 MON- THURS: 8AM - 4PM, FRIDAY: 8AM - NOON  
 CLOSED FOR HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION & HOLIDAYS

## SAINT PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

130 E. TEMPERANCE ST. COVINGTON, LA 70433  
 985-892-1831, MICHAEL KRAUS, PRINCIPAL



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

31st - Rectory & Offices closed - New Years Holiday  
 Reopen on Monday January 5th  
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - A Holy Day of  
 Obligation. Vigil Mass at 4pm

### JANUARY

1st - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - A Holy Day of  
 Obligation. Mass times are 8AM and 10AM  
 \*\*NO 6:30AM or 7PM Mass

9th - 11th - St. Peter Young Adults Winter Retreat  
 Register by January 7th.

12th - Lord Teach Me to Pray - Part 1 with Judy Moody  
 9:30am in Ministry Center

13th - Fiat Friends - A Catholic Book Study for Mothers and  
Mothers-to-be - 7pm to 9pm in the Upper Room

15th - Lord Teach Me to Pray - Part 1 with Char Young  
 5pm in the Ministry Center

17th - 18th - Women's New Life Center Baby Bottle Drive

19th - Lord, Teach Me to Pray—Men's Part 1 Group  
 6:30pm in the Youth House

24th - 25th - Return Baby Bottles

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday.....8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
 Monday & Saturday.....8:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday - Friday.....6:30a.m. & 8:30 a.m.

*Holy Day of Obligation Schedule*  
*Vigil 4pm - 6:30am, 8:30am & 7pm*

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday.....4:00-4:50 p.m.  
 Monday - Saturday.....8:00-8:20 a.m.  
 Saturday.....3:00-3:50 p.m.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays..... 7:45-8:30 a.m.  
 and by appointment at the Rectory

RECTORY MAIN NUMBER.....985-892-2422

Joan Schaff - Parish Admin/Bulletin Editor.....ext#3000  
 Tom Fisher - Bookkeeper.....ext #3001

## DIRECTOR OF PARISH MINISTRY & LITURGY

Anne Simpson.....ext #3011 or 985-893-2535

## DIRECTOR OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Brenda Ortiz.....ext #3008 or 985-892-9353

## MEDIA COORDINATOR

Jenny Schexnaydre .....ext #3009 or 985-892-2568

## DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Karista Filopoulos Douzat.....985-893-2535

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sarah Crawford.....985-893-2535

## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ellen Frederick DRE .....ext #3014 or 985-893-2446  
 Stacie Reynolds - Confirmation.....ext #3016 or 892-8994

## FACILITIES MANAGER

Joey Scuderi .....ext #3010 or 985-893-2047

## YOUTH MINISTRY

ROCK (Jr High), CYO (High School) & Young Adults:  
 Ashley Gervais/Stacie Reynolds .....ext #3016 or 892-8994

## SACRISTAN

Kathleen Montgomery.....985-892-2422

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL.....985-892-2422

OCIA & OCIC - .....ocia@stpeterparish.com

ST. PETER Charities .....ext#3015 985-214-8618

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, SACRAMENT OF  
 MARRIAGE & FUNERALS.....Call Rectory in advance

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 27th - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**4:00 PM Vigil Mass**— Bekka Barattini (L-BD), LCpl Justin McLeese, Sharon Vercellotti, Sr. Theresa Berlin (L), Charles & LeMarie, Althea & Tony Chimento (L), Jim McPeck, Roy & Rose Rester, Dave & Merle Meyer, William Meredith, Seth Alexander, Jack Viera, Blake Cordes Denis Paul Beck, III (L), Sharon Stanley, Charles & Rose Weigel, CJ & Beverly Damico, Rudy & June Trosclair, Pat Cullen, Mark Periand, Hoyt Smith, Kim Babcock, Fr. Cuong Tran (L), Diane Stein & Family (L)

### Sunday, December 28th - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**8:00 AM** - James Porter, Sam Latino, Sr., Ann Simoneaux Ensley, Al Baker & Family, The Meredith Family (L&D), Thew Stewart Family (L&D), Fr. Bru (L), Deaconm Brian KcKnight & Family (L), Deacon Eddie Rudiger & Family (L) Deacon ChiChi Rodrigue & Family (L), Ronald Paul Johnson, William Burton, Michael Guma

**9:30 AM** Parishioners of St. Peter Parish

**11:30 AM** Sr. Theresa Berlin (L)

**5:00 PM** Frank & Maud Albenia & Family (L&D)

### Monday, December 29th – 5th Day Within the Octave of the

#### Nativity of the Lord

**8:30 AM** Eric Hoffman

### Tuesday, December 30th – 6th Day within the Octave of the

#### Nativity of the Lord

**6:30 AM** R. Noble Salter

**8:30 AM** Sharon Vercellotti

### Wednesday, December 31st – 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**6:30 AM** Ronald A. Hardey

**8:30 AM** Gary Graves Sr.

**4:00 PM** - Sharon Stanley

### Thursday, January 1st – Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

**8:00 AM** Steven Talbot

**10:00 AM** I.J. LeRoux

### Friday, January 2nd – Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Docors of the Church

**6:30 AM** Val & Joni Schaff, IV (L)

**8:30 AM** Robert Kline, Jr.

### Saturday, January 3rd – Christmas Weekday

**8:30 AM** Poor Souls in Purgatory

## Mass Readings

Pray daily with the Sacred Scriptures.  
Scan the code to access the daily readings.



Scan the QR Code for readings.

## *This week's Mother Mary, Sanctuary & Adoration Chapel Lamps burn for....*

### Mother Mary Lamps



*In Honor of  
Elizabeth Namie (L)*

### Sanctuary Lamp



*In Memorial of  
Dewey Dale Matranga*



### The Adoration Chapel Lamps

*In Memorial of  
Poor Souls in Purgatory*



### Blessed Mother Flowers

*In Memory of Ada & Earl Pradat and  
Marjorie & Gerald Reed from Patricia & Chris Reed*



## **Parish Stewardship Report**

*Parishioners, your generous support is received with much appreciation.*

**Contributions in Church, ACH and Online  
Week ending December 21st, 2025**



***Due to the Rectory and Office(s)  
closure during the Christmas  
Holiday, totals will be  
announced in the next bulletin.***

- If you are receiving Offering Envelopes and you are no longer using them, please let us know.
- If you are not using Offering Envelopes and know your envelope number, please write the number in the memo line on your check.
- If you do not know your envelope number please contact the Bookkeeper. Thank you for your assistance.



St. Peter Parish offers  
**Online GIVING**  
Thank you for your support!

## **Monthly Prayer Intention for December: For Christians in areas of conflict**



Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope. Amen



***Please pray for sick relatives, friends,  
the Prayer Blanket recipients, those  
hospitalized and homebound in our  
St. Peter Parish and those that have  
been called to "Active Duty."***



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### *The Epiphany of the Lord Year A*

#### Vigil Mass January 3rd

4pm—Fr. Cuong / Dcn ChiChi

#### Sunday, January 4th

8am—Fr. Bru / Dcn ChiChi

9:30am—Fr. Cuong / Dcn Eddie

11:30am—Fr. Cuong / Dcn Eddie

5:00pm - Fr. Luxbacher / Dcn Eddie

## WEDDING BANNS

Please pray for those entering the  
Sacrament of Marriage



*Lindsay Mathis*

&

*Ryan Matherne*



## Committed Adorers & Prayer Partners Needed for the Adoration Chapel



Sunday: 1pm(PN), & 6pm(PN)

Wednesday: 11pm(PN)

Friday: 9am(PN), 2pm(PN), 4pm(PN),  
5pm (PN), 6pm(PN), & 7pm (PN)

Sat: 6am(PN), \*11am, 1pm(PN), 3pm(PN)  
4pm(PN), 5pm(PN), & 7pm (PN)

(\* Most Urgent need) (PN-partner needed)

For more information call the Parish Rectory @  
985-892-2422 or email rectory@stpeterparish.com

## *Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God*

### MASS TIMES

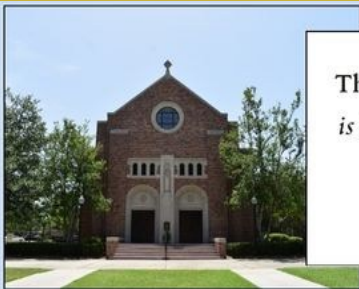
#### WEDNESDAY

**DECEMBER 31ST - 4PM VIGIL MASS**

#### THURSDAY

**JANUARY 1ST - 8:00AM & 10:00AM**

**\*NO 6:30AM MASS OR 7PM MASS**



The mission of St. Peter Parish  
is to glorify God and sanctify His  
people through worship,  
evangelization, and service.

### *Did you know?*

St. Peter Parish has a new  
Vegetable Garden Ministry,  
to help supply the Little  
Light Food Pantry!



What a great way to  
provide fresh produce!

We are looking for  
volunteers to help as  
backup waterers!



Contact Mary Catherine Frances at  
mcfrancesrd@gmail.com



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## Epiphany House Blessing

Pick up blessed chalk after all Masses



### Lord Teach Me To Pray PART I

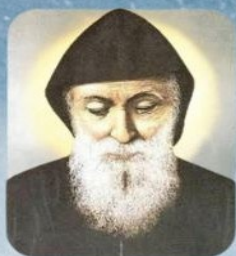
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- 12 Sessions, St. Peter Parish Ministry Center



## Covington Maronite Mass Winter Schedule

January 18 2:00

February 15 2:00

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH  
125 EAST 19<sup>TH</sup> AVE  
COVINGTON, LA



# St. Peter Young Adults Winter Retreat

January 9 - 11, 2026  
@Bogue Chitto State Park



Life gets busy! Come away to the woods for rest. Retreat will focus on time for prayer, silence, leisure & small teachings to help you reflect & reset in the New Year.

**Friday 5PM - Sunday 10AM** | **Register by January 7th**

For more info: [youngadults1825@stpeterparish.com](mailto:youngadults1825@stpeterparish.com)



## Saint Peter Music Ministry

PATRONS NEEDED

### Support Our Music Program

Saint Peter Music Ministry has long upheld the sacred standards of music required for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We endeavor to grow the excellence and beauty of our music program in service of the liturgy with the addition of full-time staffed professional musicians.



## \$100,000

Financial goal will

- hire a full-time organist
- employ our current music director, Karista Filopoulos, full-time
- contract additional section leaders and instrumentalists

The music ministry is seeking patrons to help our music program grow and flourish. Would you consider supporting this specific cause?

### DONATE HERE →

Checks can be brought to the Rectory. Please note "music ministry" in the memo to ensure these funds are ONLY used for this purpose.



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[music@stpeterparish.com](mailto:music@stpeterparish.com) 985-893-2535





## Christmas Poinsettia Memorials



Please remember the following:

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cucchero, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. John Bayham, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. John Everard  
David Zaffuto, Sr.  
P.J. & Betty Swett  
Harry, Yvonne & Roy Aucoin  
Dale Webre  
Mildred & Claude Romagasa  
David & Wendy Sliman  
Bob & Doris Romagasa  
Anton & Adelia Patrick & Family  
Mercedes & George Roussel  
Sam Latino, Sr.  
Peter & Iris Latino  
Peter Latino, Jr.  
Aloysius & Alvis Dargis  
Denise Majewsla  
Jacqueline Brouillette  
Becky Besnard  
Matthew DeCarlo  
Blossom & Malcolm Barberot, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Brouillette, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. James C. Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Desdier, Sr.  
Wayne Desdier  
Margaret Rosanna Fanning  
William Gerard Richardson, Jr.  
Randy Hansford Spring  
Margaret Gallagher Duplantis  
Rev William McGough  
James & Constance Porche  
Constance Frey Boudreaux  
James, Jim & Jeffery McKnight



## Christmas Poinsettia Memorials



Please remember the following:

James Frey  
Susan Ensley  
Henry Simoneaux  
Ann Simoneaux Ensley  
Sanley E. LeBlanc, Jr.  
George Hagardorn  
Jeanette Hagardorn  
Guy & Annie Comeaux  
Guy Comeaux, Jr.  
Stanley & Dot Robert  
Jim, Lee & Doug Womack  
Josephine & Philip Culotta  
John Tortorich  
Conrad Lambert  
Kathy Warren  
Scott Ward  
Christopher Ward  
Kenneth Clayton  
Ross Leitz  
The Rudiger Family  
The Grass Family  
The Bonck Family  
The Meyer Family  
The Vignes Family  
Earl Felix Theriot  
Christiane Martzell  
Nan Smythe  
Margaret & Squeaky LeCorgne  
Patsy & Charlie Early  
Frank & Maud Albena  
Claud & Helen Caskey  
Henrietta Montero  
Val & Edith Schaff, III  
Janet Ely





**ST. PETER CHARITIES**  
LITTLE LIGHT FOOD PANTRY

CANNED TUNA  
CANNED CHICKEN  
1-2 LB BAG DRY BEANS  
1-2 LB BAG RICE

10-16 OZ PEANUT BUTTER  
18-20 OZ JELLY  
24 OZ SPAGHETTI SAUCE

DONATIONS CAN BE PUT IN THE LLFP BOX IN THE BACK OF CHURCH OR BROUGHT TO THE RECTORY OFFICE

PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES

**LITTLE LIGHT FOOD PANTRY**  
ST. PETER PARISH MINISTRY CENTER  
128 EAST 19TH AVENUE

**SERVING OUR COMMUNITY THURSDAYS**

**1 PM - 4 PM**

[stpetercharities@stpeterparish.com](mailto:stpetercharities@stpeterparish.com)  
Need Assistance? 985-214-8618



Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Seeking to be the best man you can be? Come join us! We welcome newcomers and we welcome you back if you have been away for a while.

**Next Meeting Date: January 21st, 22nd & 23rd**

**Wed @ 6-7 pm** in the School Cafeteria **OR**  
**Thurs @ 5:45 - 7:15 am** in St Mary's Hall  
**OR Virtual Zoom on Fri @ 7:15-8:00 am**

For more info please call: Thad Ackel 504-352-4401 and Justin O'Rourke 504-452-4141



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!**

**120 BAGS WERE DISTRIBUTED**  
**65 TURKEYS WERE DISTRIBUTED**

**ST. PETER MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

All men of the parish are invited to the Men's Association monthly meeting. Questions?

**Meets Monthly on the 3rd Tues @ 7:00pm**  
**Ministry Center - (128 E. 19th Ave)**

Contact Eric Carter at 985.807.4997.

**The Men of St. Joseph**

An hour of prayer and consideration of the readings for the upcoming Sunday liturgy.

All men of the parish are invited to attend.

**Meets weekly on Tuesdays @ 6:30am**  
**Ministry Center (128 E 19th Ave)**

Contact: Matt Hardey 985-373-3950 or [hardey@me.com](mailto:hardey@me.com)

The Knights of Columbus #1209 is offering free reconditioned PC's. The PC's are loaded with a full office suite package and a variety of other free open-source software. Useful for work or school. Includes monitor, keyboard, mouse and wireless connection. All machines are wiped 3x, destroying all data before being loaded with Unix-based software applications. The computers are available for pickup call Jack Porter at 404-661-8925.

If you would like to donate old units also, contact Jack Porter. Thank you for your donations.

**Lectio Divina Prayer Group**

A traditional Catholic practice of praying with the Holy Scriptures. We meet in the Ministry Center **every other Friday** from 9:30am til 11am. All are welcome to join us as we pray.

**Next Mtg: January**

For details contact: Helene @ 1-662-312-4544

**Young at Heart**

Spiritual, Service & Social for 55+ yrs

**Next Mtg - February 5th @ 6pm—SMH**

For more info contact Susan & Charles Furlan at [furlancharles@yahoo.com](mailto:furlancharles@yahoo.com)

**FIAT FRIENDS**

**A Catholic Book Study for Mothers and Mothers-to-be**

*You are invited to journey with us as we strive to understand, embrace, and live our vocation of motherhood.*

**THIS PRESENT PARADISE**  
A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY WITH ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY  
CLAIRE DWYER

Decades before Vatican II called for the sanctification of the laity, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity prophetically claimed that holiness is not exclusively the domain of priests and nuns but is truly for everyone, even you!

In this tender yet powerful book, author Claire Dwyer takes you on a spiritual journey with this little-known but fast-ascending saint.

The purpose of your life is not something to discover in the remote future. You can begin to live your ultimate end union with the Trinity right now in the secret center of your heart, where the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit already dwell. St. Elizabeth of the Trinity has revealed the way.

Read this book, and you will see with new eyes that your eternal destiny is already living within you, in this present paradise.

*Join us as we learn about God's wonderful plan for the vocation of Catholic Motherhood.*

**Dates:** Tuesdays: January 13 through May 12, 2026.

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Place:** The Upper Room at St. Peter Parish, 318 S. Jefferson Avenue, Covington.

Please register by filling out the form below and returning it to St. Peter Catholic Church Rectory with payment of \$20, made payable to St. Peter Catholic Church. Fee includes the book, which can be picked up at the rectory. Scholarships are available.

Contact Beth Montelepre at [beth@montelepre.com](mailto:beth@montelepre.com) or 504-220-4626 for more information.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: Cash: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check: # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(For office use only)  
Fiat Friends Spring 2026 Registration received by: \_\_\_\_\_



# Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Interested in becoming Catholic?  
Need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation?

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
No Gathering until January 7th, 2026

For more information, email [ocia@stpeterparish.com](mailto:ocia@stpeterparish.com)  
or call (985) 892-2422



Visit our website: <https://stpeterparish.com/ocia>



## St. Peter Catholic Church Baptismal Seminar

Held on third Wednesday of the month  
Next Baptism Seminar is on:

**Wednesday, January 21st, 2025**

at the Upper Room @ 6:00pm  
318 S. Jefferson Ave, Covington

Please email us at [baptism@stpeterparish.com](mailto:baptism@stpeterparish.com) if you plan to attend.  
Information at [stpeterparish.com/baptism](http://stpeterparish.com/baptism)

### Rosa Mystica Prayer Group for Priests

Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle join us  
on Monday mornings @ 10:30am by the  
Blessed Mother Statue. For more information  
contact Cindy Garrett @ 985-892-6381



### "The Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer"

join us on Tuesday from 3:00-3:45pm in church.



### Our Lady Queen of Peace Rosary Group

Join us on Fridays at 9:00am in the front of  
Mother Mary Statue in church  
May God Bless America



### Patriotic Rosary for Peace for our Country

Join us on Fridays at 3:00pm  
in the Ministry Center  
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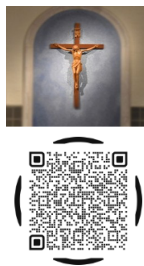
### Volunteer Opportunities

"Unlock your gifts" to build up His  
Kingdom. Volunteering opportunities  
available at St. Peter Catholic Church



### New Parishioner Registration

Welcome to St. Peter Parish! You are invited to  
register as a New Parishioner by using our  
online form or you may visit the Parish Office  
during our regular business hours of Mon-Thurs  
from 8a-4p and Fri from 8am-12noon.



### France

13 Days

Paris • Normandy • Rouen • Lisieux • Caen  
Omaha Beach • Mont Saint-Michel • Pontmain  
Alençon • Bourges • Nevers  
Paray-le Monial • Villefranche-sur-Saône  
Lyons • Beaune • Dijon

Entrusting all our  
trips to the Maternal  
Care of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary



Pilgrimages for Catholics and people of all faiths

#### Trip Includes

- Flights from anywhere in the United States and flights between countries as per your itinerary. (all necessary flights on your trip are included)
- Daily Mass will be scheduled.
- Airport taxes, security fees & fuel surcharges saving you an average of \$400-\$600!
- Transfers as per itinerary.
- 4 or 5 star hotels in downtown areas.
- Transportation with luxury bus.
- All breakfasts and all dinners. Wine included with all dinners.
- All tips to driver, hotel, and tour guide. If you feel that the tour guide did a great job, offering them extra tips is greatly appreciated.
- Guided tours and tour fees ~ Our tour guides are very caring, licensed, and well educated. Many of our guides have their PhDs.
- Luggage handling (1 suitcase and 1 carry-on per person)
- Single Supplement if a passenger wants a guaranteed room of their own, they have to pay \$1300. for a single supplement. As long as the passenger is willing to room with someone and allows us to provide them with a roommate, the single supplement does not apply.
- Remember: Our trips are not more expensive during high season ~ Passengers will never be expected to pay extra for anything while on the trip.

Travel with  
**Fr. Cuong Tran**  
May 4-16, 2026

**Cost: \$5,999.00**

(Airfare included from anywhere in the U.S.)  
Please reference trip #1283 when registering



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LEAVE A LEGACY OF FAITH  
PLEASE REMEMBER  
ST PETER PARISH IN YOUR WILL



For a full bulletin visit us  
online or on our app.







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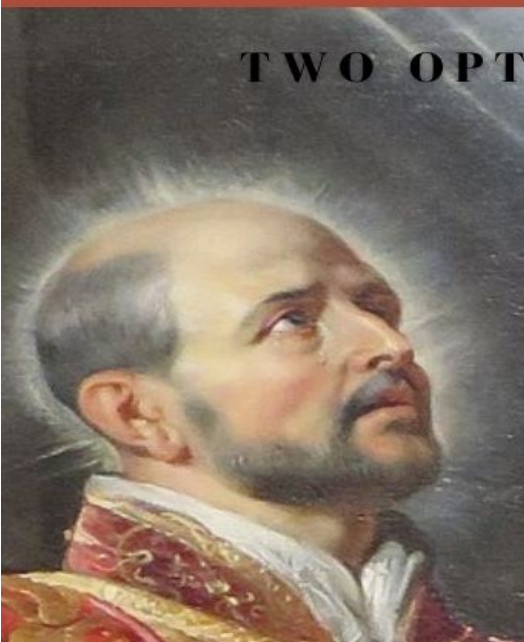
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## France

13 Days

Paris • Normandy • Rouen • Lisieux • Caen  
Omaha Beach • Mont Saint-Michel • Pontmain  
Alençon • Bourges • Nevers  
Paray-le Monial • Villefranche-sur-Saône  
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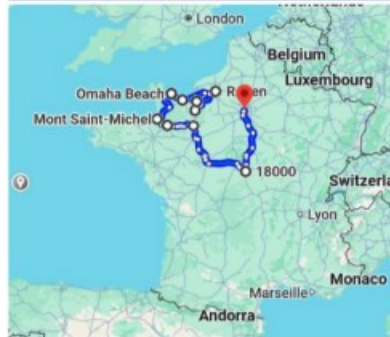
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- Transfers as per itinerary.
- 4 or 5 star hotels in downtown areas.
- Transportation with luxury bus.
- All breakfasts and all dinners. Wine included with all dinners.
- All tips to driver, hotel, and tour guide. If you feel that the tour guide did a great job, offering them extra tips is greatly appreciated.
- Guided tours and tour fees ~ Our tour guides are very caring, licensed, and well educated. Many of our guides have their PhDs.
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## Trip Itinerary

**Day 1:** Fly from U.S.A. to Paris.

**Day 2:** Arrive at Paris CDG early. Set off directly for Normandy (c. 2 hrs). Visit to Rouen cathedral with Mass there or at another central church like St Joan of Arc (she was martyred in the market square in 1431). Then onward to hotel (2 hrs) for dinner and overnight in Caen.



**Day 3:** Leave (1 hr) for full day in Lisieux for places associated with St Thérèse (Les Buissonnets, Carmel a.m., Basilica p.m.) with lunch break and Mass. Return to same hotel.

**Day 4:** Private Mass at Visitation Convent, Caen, c. 10 a.m. and visit to tomb of Servant of God Leonie Martin, the only sister of St Thérèse not to join the Carmelites. Walk to church of Saint Etienne and tomb of William the Conqueror. Lunch break. Continue (1 hr) to American cemetery, D Day visitor center and Omaha Beach. Leave by 4:30 to Mont Saint Michel for dinner and overnight (2 hrs).



**Day 5:** Morning at Mont St Michel, surrounded by the sea. Shuttle bus to gates, ascend (300 steps!) to abbey, tour including private Mass. Early lunch break. Shuttle back. Leave parking lot by 1 p.m. for Our Lady of Hope, Pontmain (1 hr). Continue to Alençon (1 ½ hr) for dinner and overnight.

**Day 6:** Private Mass at the chapel attached to the home of Sts Louis and Zélie Martin, St Thérèse's parents, tour of the house, walk to basilica where the Martins were married and Thérèse was baptized. Leave c. 11:30 for Tours (2 hrs). Lunch stop. Brief visit to basilica of Saint Martin of Tours. Continue to Bourges (2 hrs) for dinner and overnight. Possible evening visit of Bourges cathedral.



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## Trip Itinerary

### Hotels



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**Day 7:** Leave Bourges for Nevers (1 hr). Mass and visit to the Sanctuary of St Bernadette. Lunch. Continue to Paray le Monial (1 ½ hr) to visit the basilica and the sanctuary of St Margaret Mary and the Sacred Heart. Continue to Villefranche-sur-Saône (just over 1 hr) for dinner and overnight.

**Day 8:** Visit to basilica and house of St John Vianney. Pilgrims Mass at 11 a.m. in modern church. Continue (1 hr) for lunch and visit to basilica of Fourvière, Lyon. Take funicular to Rue St Jean and cathedral. Meet bus to return to Villefranche (1 hr) for dinner and second overnight.

**Day 9:** Leave c. 9:30 for church of St Philibert, Tournus (1 hr) (visit and possible private Mass). Continue to Beaune (1 hr) for lunch and shopping. Continue to Dijon (1 hr) on D974 Burgundy wine route for dinner and overnight. Alternative possibility of evening Mass at Dijon cathedral.

**Day 10:** Leave for Abbey of Saint Joesph at Flavigny-sur-Ozerain (1 hr). Brief tour, then join monks for Sung Mass at 11:10. Continue to Chablis (1 hr) with lunch stop. Tour of one of the many vineyards/wineries. Continue by 4:30 to Paris (2 ½ hr) for dinner and overnight.

**Day 11:** Mass at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (St Catherine Labouré) or the nearby chapel where St Vincent de Paul is buried. See the beautiful sites of the Hotel des Invalides, the Eiffel Tower, Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe

and the restored Notre Dame cathedral. Dinner and overnight in Paris.



**Day 12:** Visit the Louvre to see the Mona Lisa. After lunch, visit the basilica of Sacre Coeur (Mass) and see the artists along Montmartre. Mass at Sacre Coeur. Dinner and overnight in Paris.



**Day 13:** Fly back home.

**Please note:** We do our best to ensure that all sites listed in this itinerary will be seen. However, due to scheduling conflicts, or other circumstances beyond our control, sites may be visited on a different day than listed. If this happens it will also necessitate a change in the restaurant for dinner. However, we will never sacrifice the quality of the meal, all restaurants will meet Proximo Travel's very high standards. Since we have several different trip configurations touring at the same time it is likely that groups on different tours will be combined when their itineraries overlap in certain areas.

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# THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

*WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?*

## PRAYER SUGGESTION

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 and  
holiness of your Son, Jesus,  
the Eternal High Priest.  
May their lives be pleasing to  
you. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen (With ecclesiastical approval)

Mass  
Rosary  
Fasting  
Day Offering  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Offering of Sufferings  
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Or whatever the Lord  
inspires you to offer Him

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**January 2026**

| Sunday                     | Monday | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday | Thursday                    | Friday                         | Saturday                      |    |                          |    |                               |    |                                |    |
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|                            |        |   |           | Seminarian Robert Morton    | 1 Rev. Emile G. "Buddy" Noel * | 2 Rev. John Perino *          | 3  |                          |    |                               |    |                                |    |
| Rev. David M. Ducote *     | 4      | Rev. John Timothy Watson, C.Ss.R. (3rd) | 5         | Seminarian Timothy Ngo      | 6                              | Seminarian Luke Champagne     | 7  | Seminarian Caleb Butler  | 8  | Seminarian Andrew Heck        | 9  | Rev. Vincent H. Phan *         | 10 |
| Seminarian Andrew Fourcade | 11     | Rev. Jerome Aubert, O.S.B. *            | 12        | Seminarian Gerald Permenter | 13                             | Rev. James Nguyen Bach (15th) | 14 | Rev. Colm John Cahill *  | 15 | Rev. Cletus Orji (15th)       | 16 | Rev. Walter J. Austin *        | 17 |
| Seminarian Matthias Burns  | 18     | Rev. James Martin Nobles, O.P. *        | 19        | Rev. Stephen Dardis *       | 20                             | Seminarian Peter Vale         | 21 | Seminarian Brett Barrios | 22 | Rev. Michael Mitchell *       | 23 | Seminarian Joseph Ky Thanh Bui | 24 |
| Seminarian William Sigl    | 25     | Rev. Joseph Man Tran *                  | 26        | Rev. Sampson Abdulai *      | 27                             | Rev. George Ssebadduka *      | 28 | Seminarian James Vu      | 29 | Seminarian Simon Peter Kagimu | 30 | Rev. Thomas J. Stehlik, C.M. * | 31 |

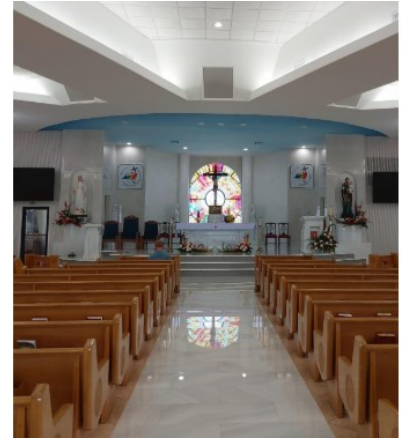


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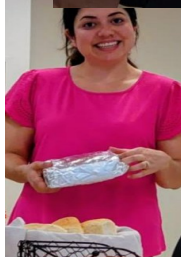
## YAH Pilgrimage to Votive



## Culinary Excursion to Walk Ons



## YAH Celebrates Thanksgiving





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NOVEMBER 2025



### Pope Leo XIV's November Prayer Intention: For the Prevention of Suicide

In The Pope Video for November, the Holy Father asks us to pray for those who are struggling with thoughts of suicide. He reminds us that all of us are vulnerable and that Christian communities must be welcoming, open to listening, and full of hope.



## BEARERS & BUILDERS OF HOPE

Silent Women's Retreat  
with Sr. Judy Gomila, MSC  
January 16-18, 2026



Explore the varied ways that we, people of faith, continue to choose to be bearers and builders of HOPE. On both mountain top days and in valley experiences, we follow the footsteps of Christ, our HOPE.

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## Bearers and Builders of Hope - Silent Retreat for Women at The Cenacle on the Lake

A silent retreat for women will be offered at the Cenacle on the Lake on January 16-18, 2026, featuring Sr. Judy Gomila, MSC. Please register at [neworleansretreats.com](http://neworleansretreats.com) or by calling 504-267-9604. [See attached flyer.](#)

## The Road to Emmaus



St. Dominic Men's Emmaus Retreat  
Registration Form  
based on the Gospel of Luke (24:13-35)  
"The Road to Emmaus"

As two disciples talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scripture to us?" Luke 24:15-16, 30-32

All MEN, parishioners and non-parishioners, age 18 and over are invited to walk with Jesus on the Road to Emmaus during a weekend retreat. Make plans and sign up now!

Next Retreat: Friday, Jan 30-Sunday, Feb 1

Starts: 4:00 PM. on Friday at St. Dominic Church, 775 Harrison Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70124

Ends: After 5:30 PM. Mass on Sunday back at St. Dominic Church.

Retreat location: W. J. Kelley Retreat Center, Bay St. Louis, MS (transportation to and from the retreat house is provided and is part of the retreat. Please do not plan to arrive at the retreat house without prior arrangements).

Registration Fee: \* \$205; checks payable to: St. Dominic Church Men's Emmaus Retreat. (Scholarships available, if needed)

Registration: Complete the information below along with the payment to: St. Dominic Church Emmaus Retreat Ministry, 775 Harrison Ave, New Orleans, LA 70124 OR Text a picture of the completed registration form and Zelle payment to [sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com](mailto:sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com) include in Zelle memo: your name and Jan. 2026 Retreat

Additional Info: Norm Modere (504) 481-0411, Colin Tauli (504) 494-4511 or Rick Valade (504) 655-8932

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**St. Louis Cathedral Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve**  
Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2025  
5 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

**Christmas Day**  
Thursday, Dec. 24, 2025  
8 am Vigil Mass  
10 am Mass  
12:30 pm Mass  
4 pm Mass  
7 pm Mass

**Christmas Day**  
Friday, Dec. 25, 2025  
8 am Mass  
10 am Mass  
12:30 pm Mass  
4 pm Mass  
7 pm Mass

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While you sip on these seminarian-made cocktails, enjoy live music, delicious food, exciting door prizes, and a special selection of drinks from the Rector himself. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind opportunity to support the seminary in a lively and memorable way! Individual tickets are \$60, with a discounted price of \$40 for young adults ages 21-35. [Click the blue button below to purchase tickets!](#)

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## Transitional Diaconate Ordination Saturday

This Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. four seminarians will be ordained as transitional deacons during a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gregory Aymond at the St. Louis Cathedral. Please continue to pray for Brett Barrios, Joseph Ky Thanh Bui, William Sigi and James Vu as well as Allan Musosi Temberi for the Archdiocese of Toronto as they prepare for ordination. All are welcome to attend the Mass.



### MEET THE DEACONS Brett Barrios

I had been working in the service industry for about 15 years. I really enjoyed taking care of people and making new friends through the years. Several years ago, I decided to pursue a new path in life. I was looking for something new. After feeling this way for a while, I knew what I wanted to do. I decided to become a deacon. I was inspired by the life of St. Paul and the apostles. I was inspired by the life of St. Paul and the apostles. I was inspired by the life of St. Paul and the apostles.



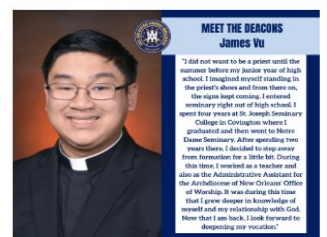
### MEET THE DEACONS Joseph Bui

My discernment to the priesthood has been a gradual and silent journey. During my time in high school, I felt a calling to my heart that God wanted me to follow Him. When I came to the USA to pursue my Master's degree in Educational Administration, I felt disoriented with my career path as a teacher, and I struggled with my own life. I prayed for clarity and eventually I heard God's call with great peace and happiness. After three years, I heard the Lord's voice and guided me on this path. To be honest, this was not easy. I have fallen, but the Lord has raised me up and has been patient with me. Finally, I said, "Yes" to the Lord and, "Here I am with you, Lord!"



### MEET THE DEACONS William Sigi

I have had the call to consider priesthood since I was 17 while attending Archbishop Rummel High School. But as we all know, life happens. One thing I do know is that God is patient as well as persistent, so at the age of 54, after being accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, I happily gave up my employees and individual benefits insurance practice of 20 years to do the will of the Father.



### MEET THE DEACONS James Vu

"I did not want to be a priest until the summer before my senior year of high school. I imagined myself standing in the priest's shoes and from there on, the quest kept coming. I entered seminary right out of high school. I spent four years at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington where I graduated and then went to Notre Dame Seminary. After spending two years there, I decided to stay away from formation for a little bit. During this time, I worked as a teacher and also as the Administrative Assistant for the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Worship. It was during this time that I grew deeper in knowledge of myself and my relationship with God. Now that I am back, I look forward to deepening my vocation."





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### Red Bird Ministries

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Contact Jewell Bayhi for more information at 985-778-6277.

Sing to Mary and about Her!

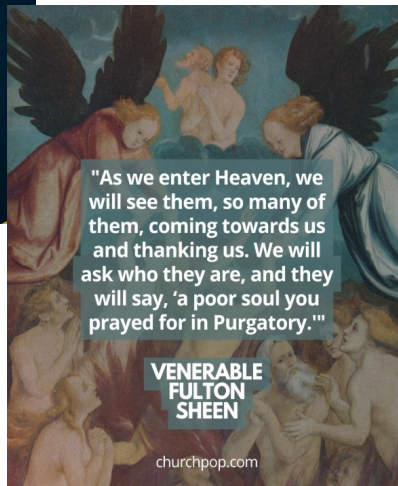
So many beautiful songs have been written about the Blessed Virgin Mary. Sing them along with us.

Sing to Mary and about Her!

## YOU WERE MADE FOR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

"It is Jesus you seek when you dream of **happiness**; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who **urges** you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle..." (August 19, 2000)

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"As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say, 'a poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory.'"

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## Catholic Mass Etiquette

A few weeks ago, during Mass, the people in the pew behind me would not stop talking. They chatted away throughout the whole celebration. Needless to say, it was driving me crazy. I was getting more and more aggravated mostly because I was struggling to keep my own children quiet and they were setting a horrible example. I was just about to say something (possibly in an angry tone) when I came to the realization that they weren't Catholic. Not that it should be an excuse, but it is entirely possible that they just did not know the proper etiquette for Mass. How would they know if they had never been to a Catholic Mass before?

As Catholics, we joyfully welcome people of all faiths and backgrounds to attend our liturgy and participate in our worship, but there are a few guidelines that might be helpful for a visitor to be conscious of. These guidelines are intended to help you understand how to best respect the sacredness of the Catholic Mass and respect the beliefs of others.

[Read \(And Print!\) The Entire List HERE!](#)



## [Making Jesus Weep with Joy: How Christmas Music Can Become a Powerful Encounter with Christ](#)

By Mat Burkepile, Monday, December 22, 2025 6:50 PM

## [Why Do Catholics Celebrate Christmas Mass at Midnight? The Beautiful History of an Ancient Tradition](#)

By Caroline Perkins, Monday, December 22, 2025 3:59 PM

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## [The Meanings of 11 Christmas Words You Never Quite Understood](#)

By The Editors, Saturday, December 20, 2025 9:00 AM

## [Father Mike Schmitz Reveals His List of Best & Worst Christmas Songs of All Time](#)

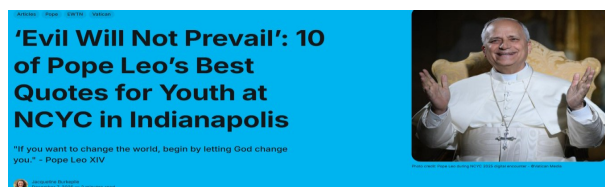
By Caroline Perkins, Friday, December 19, 2025 4:35 PM

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## [5,000 Drones Create Image of the Holy Family in Stunning Sky Display](#)

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## A Catholic Guide To Living The Liturgical Year

We've created a Liturgical Living Guide to make it just a little easier for you to start living in accordance with the Church's calendar and rhythms of life. Since we begin the new liturgical year with the Season of Advent, we'll start our Guide there too. This Guide is best viewed as a catalog with clickable links. Find that [HERE](#).

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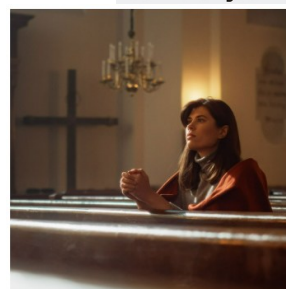
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