

St. Peter Catholic Community

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Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday 8 am to 4 pm

Friday 8 am to 12 pm

Saturday and Sunday Closed



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Masses

Weekends

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 am

Weekdays

Monday ~ Friday 6:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation As Announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm
(any time by appointment)

Devotions

Perpetual Novena OLPH

..... Tuesday, immediately following 6:30 am mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Wednesday of the month 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Baptisms

Celebrated on the last Sunday of the month. Please call the parish office to make an appointment. Attendance at the parish Baptismal Seminar is required by appointment, prior to the celebration of the Sacrament.

Marriages

All couples planning to be married must call the parish office at least 6 months before their intended wedding date. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required.

Hospital / Shut-in

Please call the rectory/parish office to notify the priest if a parishioner is in the hospital or is homebound and needs Communion at home.

Welcome New Comers

Please stop by the parish office to register.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor – Rev. John Marse

Principal - Mrs. Marie Comeaux

Administrative Assistant – Mrs. Angie Robertson

Secretary - Mrs. Lela Rushing

Youth Ministry – Miss Mary Kay Vicknair

Elementary CCD – Mrs. Suzanne Remondet

Cemetery – Mr. Guy Landry

Mission Statement

St. Peter Catholic Community demonstrates the Good News of Jesus Christ through the use of our time, talents and treasure.



MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Missalettes for the month of May

In memory of **Shane Sr. & David Weber**
 From **Family**

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week

In memory of **Brad Audiffred**
 From **Family**

Missalettes (for the month) (\$100)

The Sanctuary Lamp (\$25)

The Altar Bread & Wine (\$50)

Altar Flowers Call the Parish Office for details.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Month of May 2024	Weekly	Month to Date
Monthly Goal		\$ 36,061.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 8,322.00	
Weekly Collection May 11/12	\$ 4,196.00	\$ 9,897.00
Ahead/ Behind	\$ 4,126.00	\$ 26,164.00
Misc. dep. (candles, masses, funerals, etc.)		\$ 2,025.00
		\$ 24,139.00
Second Collections Building Fund	\$ 2,444.00	
Loan Balance 4/30/24		
(unpaid assessments 2011)		\$ 181,275.80

We are truly grateful for your offering. Thank you and God bless you.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK and our elderly, homebound and nursing home parishioners, especially: Ruby Acosta, Wayne Acosta, Beckham Adams, Rhett Aubert, Ryan Aubert, Sylvia Babin, Diamond Bailey, Herman Bailey Jr., Gwen Becnel, Evan Brady, Totsy Brady, Tracy Brady, Leo Breaux, Diana Brown, Freddie Lee Brown, Audrey Cambre, Hilary Cambre II, Anniston James Cancienne, Joy Cantrelle, Hayden Cashio, Cleveland Clement, Missy Cortez, John Cox, Myrna L. Cox, Freddie Dufrene, David Duhé, Janet Duhé, Terri Duhé, Kelly Fox, Bryan Fuller, Magda Guillot, Anne Marie Delery Helmke, Alex Hill, Jennifer Howe, Debbie Hymel, Patricia Jacob, Terry Jacob, Brodey Johnson, Cindy Johnson, Gloria Keating, Cheryl Keller, Irene Landry, Dionne Lapeyrolerie, Carol LeBlanc, Maddox Louque, Phyllis R. Madere, Betty Marse, Christian Marse, Faye C. Marse, Eugene Millet, Marie H. Millet, Emma Mury, Barbara Oubre, Oren J. Oubre, Jonathan Perret, Ralph Remondet, Rebecca Roccaforte, Audrey Roussel, Marjorie S. Roussel, Myrza "Nookie" Ruiz, Michael Scallan, Jeffrey Schexnayder, Bobby Scioneaux, David Scioneaux, Lawrence Simoneaux, Kathleen A. Smith, Kenny Songy, Robert St. Germain, Loretta Folse Stein, Chris Terrio, Debra Terrio, James Terrio, Steven "Dukie" Tregre, Tricia Tregre, C.J. Trosclair, Carol Trosclair, Eddie Trosclair, Betty Vicknair, Cynthia Vicknair, Ida Vicknair, Jim Vicknair, Leslie Vicknair, Linda Vicknair, Yvonne Vicknair, Michael Watts, Fé-Fé Weber, Geraldine Weber, Sandra Weber, Betty Webre, Jeffrey Williams, Rosalie Williams

To add a name to our prayer list please call the rectory at 985-536-2887.

At rest in Christ

Roy M. Bakewell, Jr.

We ask your prayers for the repose of his soul and that his family and friends may be strengthened by their faith and consoled by their hope in eternal life.



St. Peter School

A Ministry of St. Peter Catholic Community
 Reserve, Louisiana



ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS:

- ... May 20 5th & 6th Grade Study Guides sent home
- ... May 22 Kindergarten last day of school
- ... May 23 Kindergarten Graduation, 9:00 am, in Church
- ... Reception following at school
- ... May 24 No bus service, Middle School Exams (ELA)
- ... Spirit Dress Day
- ... May 27 No bus service, Middle School Exams (Science & Religion)
- ... May 28 No bus service, Middle School Exams (Math & Social Studies)
- ... PreK 2, 3 & 4 last day of school
- ... May 29-31 No bus service
- ... May 31 Last Day of School (Awards Ceremony & School Mass),
- ... 9:00am
- ... Early Dismissal, 10:30 am

For more information on what's going on at St. Peter School, visit their website at <http://www.stpeterreserve.org>.



Join us in celebrating Sister Mary Joel's 90th Birthday on Saturday May 25th. It will start with mass at 5:00 pm and there will be a reception to follow at the KC Hall. Let's come

together to honor and express our gratitude for Sister Mary Joel's dedication to St. Peter School for many years, as a teacher, principal from 1967 - 1973 and then returned to the classroom, 1973 - 1975.



Family of the Month for May 2024 is
 Gail & Richard Maus Sr.
 Knight of the Month for May 2024 is
 Brandon Maus.

Pentecost Sunday

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER CHURCH

Visit us on our website at <http://www.st-peter-reserve.org>

SUNDAY, MAY 19 (PENTECOST SUNDAY)

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Mass, 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Pastoral Solidarity Fund in Africa



Monday, May 20 (Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church)

Mass, 6:30 am

Tuesday, May 21 (St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions)

Mass, 6:30 am

Rosary, 9:00 am

Mass Intentions deadline for Sat, May 25 - Fri, May 31, noon

Wednesday, May 22 (Weekday)

Mass, 6:30 am & 8:15 am (School Mass)

Thursday, May 23 (Weekday)

Mass, 6:30 am

Kindergarten Graduation, 9:00 am, in Church

Msrgr Eyraud Auxiliary meeting, 11:00 am, Frenier Landing

Friday, May 24 (Weekday)

Mass, 6:30 am

Saturday, May 25 (Weekday)

Confessions, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Vigil Mass of Sunday, 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 26 (HOLY TRINITY)

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Mass, 8:00 am & 11:00 am



Ministers' Schedule Holy TrinityMay 25/26

	5:00 pm Vigil	8:00 am	11:00 am
Lector	Paula Maurin	Natalie Klibert	Volunteer
Ministers	Gerald Marse Gloria Donaldson	Christine Duhé Doug Triche	Celeste Toups Rachel Triche

Youth Ministry Pentecost.....May 19

Team 1	11:00 am
Lector	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Houston Remondet, Jr.
Baskets Choir Side	Benjamin Duhé
Baskets Other Side	Kasey Bourgeois
Baskets Front	Kenley Simon
Gifts	Ava Klibert

Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor. Mother Theresa

Dear Parishioners,

The season of Easter concludes today with the Solemnity of **Pentecost**. On Pentecost, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. The descent of the Holy Spirit marks the beginning of the Church. As a community of faith, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to "go out into the world to proclaim the Gospel message."



The second collection this weekend is for the Church in Africa.

On Saturday, May 25th, Sister Mary Joel, O.P., will be here at St. Peter to celebrate her 90th birthday. She will join us at the 5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass. There will be a reception in the KC Hall following the Mass. St. Peter holds a special place in Sister's heart. She spent nine years at St. Peter School as a teacher and principal. Through her years here, she has maintained lasting friendship with many parishioners. She was my 7th grade Social Studies teacher and became the principal in my 8th grade year. I pray that God will continue to bless Sister Mary Joel, O.P. as she celebrates her birthday with her St. Peter Family.

There will be a **special collection the weekend of June 8th- 9th for a new air conditioner**. The outside unit near the cry room was replaced a few years ago. Now, it's time to replace the inside unit. The cost is approximately \$30,000. Once we have reached \$15,000, we will order the unit. I ask for your support with purchasing this new unit. The summer months are getting hotter, and we need all a/c's to be in tip-top shape to cool off the church.

Have a Blessed Week!

Fr. John



Moving Mary

The Mary Statues Schedule:

	5:00 pm MASS	8:00 am MASS	11:00 am MASS	Weekday MASS
05/19/24	Joycelyn Perret	Ovidio Martinez	Tyranika Williams	Sheldon Vice
05/26/24	Paula Roussel	Lori Hattala	Gerda Vicknair	Robert Beadle



Saturday, May 18 (Vigil of Sunday)

5:00 pm Brad Audiffred; Richard & Elsie D'Arensborg; Alcee & Ida Giroir; Gloria M. Triche; Shirley Abadie, Harry Abadie Jr & David Montz; Frances Guidry Sr; Courtney Guidry; Mike Thames; David Guidry; Norris & Pauline Stein; Nolan Landeche Jr; R. J. & Inez Berthelot St. Germain & Family; Audrey Feucht Boé; Dennis Vollenweider; Dean Torres; Shelly B. St. Amant; C. F. Landry & Michael Landry; Maria Wisniowiecki

SUNDAY, MAY 19 (PENTECOST SUNDAY)

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

8:00 am Vicknair Family Intentions; E. J. Aucoin; Carl Leslie Levet; Doris Beadle; Gloria Aucoin; Norman & Doris Weber; Philip Weber; Lillie Cashio; Fred & Jessica Bourgeois; David Weber & Shane Weber Sr; Vance, Beverly & Kirt Robertson; Sidney & Alisca Brack Family; Mederic & Marie Vicknair Family; Leroy & Delores Brock Family; Wilson Vicknair; David Scioneaux Jr; Karen K. V. Weber; Joy E. Hotard; Kim Cox; William Cox; Henry & Anna Lee Cox; Carol & Lloyd Frederiksen; Special Intention (SR); Joseph T. Garbin; Jo Ann Levet; Joyce W. Graugnard; Phil Breaux; Raymond Galatas; Clarence H. Howes; John Sr. & Joan Brady; Ronnie Cassagne; E. P. Millet Jr (Class of '63); Dominican Sisters Jubilarians; Myrtle T. Aucoin

11:00 am *Parishioners*

Monday, May 20 (the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church)

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34

6:30 am Horace & Anne Cieutat

Tuesday, May 21 (Weekday)

Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

6:30 am Kade & Colby Boudreaux

Wednesday, May 22 (Weekday)

Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40

6:30 am Rosie Monica

8:15 am St. Peter School Students, Faculty & Staff

Thursday, May 23 (Weekday)

Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

6:30 am Jo Ann Levet

Friday, May 24 (Weekday)

Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12

6:30 am Greg Entremont

Saturday, May 25 (Weekday)

Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16

No Mass or Communion Service

May 2024

*“For I know the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a
future full of hope.” Jeremiah 29:11*

(New American Bible for Catholics)

Dear St. Hubert and St. Peter Parishioners,

At this time when our Archdiocese of New Orleans has gone through its reorganization on different levels and has made its decisions regarding parish restructuring, both the St. Hubert and the St. Peter parishioners would benefit from looking again to our immediate neighbors to our west and to review the parish changes that the Diocese of Baton Rouge made around the year 1997, namely at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Gramercy, at St. Joseph’s in Paulina, and at St. Michael the Archangel in Convent, all in St. James civil parish. Although each is still a distinct parish, they share a pastor, a central business/administrative office, and a weekday Mass chapel. Since the last three items just listed are part of what is going to happen with St. Hubert’s and St. Peter’s, I think it is wise for us to look at that cluster model that has been in place for over 25 years now. Are St. Hubert’s in Garyville and St. Peter’s in Reserve so vastly different from the three above-named parishes? Catholic church parishes are all different in various ways; however, the similarities among these five parishes are quite evident and easily seen.

If the Diocese of Baton Rouge decided to cluster these three parishes and followed through with that decision, why is it so surprising that something quite similar is happening ten miles or so downriver? The Archdiocese of New Orleans has prescribed that one Sunday Mass is to be celebrated at St. Hubert’s each weekend, and that directive has not been given for any of the other parishes involved in the upcoming merges. Archbishop Aymond could have decided differently about having the one Mass at St. Hubert’s, but he didn’t. How many Masses on the weekend does St. Michael’s in Convent, a very historic parish and church, have? One Sunday Mass – case in point – and all the weekday Masses in East St. James parish are at one location: the Our Lady of Prompt Succor Chapel in Lutchet. Some parishioners of East Bank St. James Parish still may not like it, but it’s being done, and the Sacraments and Masses are readily available to those who truly want to practice and live out their Catholic faith – with the larger faith community in mind, rather than individual agendas and wants. It’s right under our noses, literally next door, and it might not be a perfect arrangement, but it seems to be working for those who see the bigger picture and the reality of the present demographics of our area. Why not for us in St. John civil parish, where our demographics are close to the same as those of St. James? And let us remember: nothing is perfect in this world, and we as followers and believers in Jesus should not have to be told that. I know well that some people may be sick and tired of hearing about the “parish cluster example” upriver in St. James Parish East Bank, yet the Diocese of Baton Rouge did the same thing with the equally historic church parishes of West Bank St. James Parish as well. We are not alone in these changes, and change brings growth if community needs are placed before individual wants.

I myself have been heavily involved in the viability study of St. Gertrude Parish in Des Allemands in St. Charles Parish, in our own St. John-St. Charles Deanery, since Hurricane Ida did major damage to St. Gertrude’s where I am, at this writing, still the pastor until July 1, 2024.

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Our neighbor, St. John the Baptist Parish in Paradis, just four miles away, also sustained damage, but only about half as much as St. Gertrude's. The archdiocese prescribed that these two parishes merge, choose a new name for the merged parish, and start anew at the Paradis site because the St. Gertrude/Des Allemands site was too heavily damaged. So as of July 1, 2024, St. Gertrude the Great Parish in Des Allemands and St. John the Baptist Parish in Paradis will no longer exist, and the new parish of St. Michael the Archangel will begin on the Paradis campus. It has been quite emotional, stressful, discouraging, and other upsetting and unsettling feelings for St. Gertrude parishioners who must abandon their beloved church campus altogether, yet the transition has begun, and my current St. Gertrude parishioners are adapting well to the upcoming changes that they are deciding upon together in this merging/transition process. So again, I am well aware of and currently involved in the process of parish merging. Even though St. Peter's will absorb the parochial territory of St. Hubert's, again, a Sunday Mass will be celebrated in the St. Hubert church per the directive of the archbishop. The needed changes involved in the amalgamation of St. Hubert's and St. Peter's will take place after careful thought, parishioner input, and prudent planning and decision-making on my part as pastor. In short, we will transition as a united church parish family as gradually as possible so that all are informed, included, and not rushed into the changes. It's a gift that a Mass will still be celebrated each Sunday at St. Hubert's – the St. Gertrude parishioners would have liked to have been given one Sunday Mass at their site, but that's not God's plan for St. Gertrude's. So let us literally "count our blessing" for St. Hubert's.

I hope that all of us who love St. Hubert's and St. Peter's may also love God enough to change, grow, and adapt in the practice of our Catholic faith. Let's certainly not lose our faith over this. Let's let our faith, our hope, and most importantly, our love, bring this to a reality that will benefit all of us. None of us has a crystal ball, and we can't predict the future, but optimism, faith, hope, and love will surely bring about better results than pessimism, pettiness, and a lack of faith, hope, and love. We Catholics of Garyville and Reserve have a rich history of strong faith – now is the time for us to put that faith into action and trust that God is going to give us a "future full of hope" as the prophet Jeremiah proclaims to us.

Sincerely yours in Christ and His Holy Mother,

Fr. Ray A. Hymel

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