

St. Peter Catholic Community

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ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

1550 HWY 44

RESERVE, LA 70084

Parish Staff

Pastor – Rev. Ray Hymel

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Principal - Mrs. Marie Comeaux

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Youth Ministry –
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Mrs. Suzanne Remondet

Cemetery – Mr. Guy Landry

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Masses

Weekends

Saturday Vigil @ St. Peter4:00 pm

Sunday @ St. Peter 8:00 & 11:00 am

Sunday @ St. Hubert 9:30 am

Weekdays

Monday ~ Friday @ St. Peter 6:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation @ St. Peter As Announced
Sacrament of Reconciliation @ St Peter

Saturday 2:00 - 3:30 pm or by appointment

Devotions

Perpetual Novena OLPH, .@ St. Peter—Tuesday, following 6:30 am mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament .@ St. Peter. ... 1st
Wednesday of the month 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

1st Friday of the Month @ St Hubert - following mass 8:00 am—Holy Hour
with Exposition and Benediction

Adoration @ St Hubert 3rd Thursday of the Month 3:00 pm—7:00 pm



ST. HUBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

176 ANTHONY F. MONICA STREET

GARYVILLE, LA 70051

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.



MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Missalettes for the month of December

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

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week - St. Peter

In memory of **Edna, Daniel & Loretta Melancon**
From **Kathleen & Suzanne**

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week - St. Hubert

In memory of **Fred DeFrancesch**

The Altar Bread & Wine for this week

In memory of **Brad Audiffred & Edna, Daniel & Loretta Melancon.**

From **Kathleen**

The Blessed Mother Candle for this week - St. Hubert

In memory of **Phyllis Himel**

A Memorial Donation has been received

In memory of **Wade Trosclair**

Missalettes (for the month) (\$100)

The Sanctuary Lamp (\$25)

The Altar Bread & Wine (\$50)

Altar Flowers Call the Parish Office for details.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

	December 14/15	Month of December
Weekly Collection December 2024	\$ 6,967.00	\$ 21,212.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	\$ 364.00
Building Maintenance Fund		\$ 1,679.00
Thanksgiving		\$ 596.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,716.00	\$ 2,113.00
Total for Month		\$ 25,964.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 359.00	\$ 1,619.00

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



Office closed Thursday, December 19 - Wednesday, January 1, returning on Thursday, January 2

At rest in Christ

Myrza "Nookie" Roussel Ruiz

We ask your prayers for the repose of her soul and that her 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:

...Dec. 23-Jan. 3 Christmas/New Year's Holidays
...Jan. 6 School commences from holiday break
...Jan. 7 2nd Quarter Report Cards (K - 7th Grade)
...Jan. 10 2nd Quarter Ram's Excellence

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

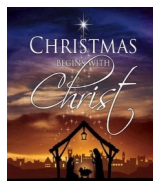


Rosary Armada

Wednesday, 12/25/24, 9:00 am,
St. Hubert Church

HOLY DAYS - SCHEDULE OF MASSES

CHRISTMAS



Tues, Dec. 24.....Vigil of Christmas, 4:00 pm
St. Peter & St. Hubert

Wed, Dec. 25.....8:00 am - St. Peter
10:00 am - St. Peter & St. Hubert



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Tues, Dec. 31..... 4:00 pm - St. Peter

Wed, Jan. 1..... 9:00 am - St. Peter

Confessions:

Monday December 23 - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, December 24 - 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Father Ray and the Parish Staff wish each of you a holy Christmas Season filled with the blessings of joy & peace.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 (4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Mass at St. Peter, 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Mass at St. Hubert, 9:30 am



Monday, December 23 (Advent Weekday)

Office Closed Dec. 23 - Jan. 1

Mass, 6:30 am

Confessions, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, December 24 (Advent Weekday)

Mass, 6:30 am

Rosary, 9:00 am

Confessions, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Vigil Mass of Christmas, 4:00 pm, St. Peter & St. Hubert

Christmas Collection

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 (NATIVITY OF THE LORD) (CHRISTMAS)

Mass, 8:00 am, St. Peter

10:00 am, St. Peter & St. Hubert

Christmas Collection

Rosary Armada, 9:00 am, St. Hubert



Thursday, December 26 (St. Stephen, First Martyr)

Mass, 6:30 am

Confessions, 7:15 am - 8:00 am

Friday, December 27 (St. John, Apostle & Evangelist)

Mass, 6:30 am

Saturday, December 28 (Holy Innocents)

Confessions, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Vigil Mass of Sunday, 4:00 pm

Special Collection - A/C Fund

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 (HOLY FAMILY)

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

Mass at St. Peter, 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Mass at St. Hubert, 9:30 am

Special Collection - A/C Fund



Ministers' Schedule Holy Family.....December 28/29

St. Peter	4:00 pm Vigil	8:00 am	11:00 am
Lector	Kim Scioneaux	Bryan Oubre	Volunteer
Ministers	Peggy Bienvenu Gerald Marse	Patricia Broussard Cheryl Monica	Celeste Toups Lori Remondet
St. Hubert	9:30 am		
Lector	Trudy Torres	Ministers	Cindy Monica Nancy Ocmand

Youth Ministry Advent IV.....December 22

Team 1	11:00 am
Altar Servers	Drew Aucoin, Carson Becnel
Baskets Choir Side	Miley LaBranche
Baskets Other Side	Chance Mollere, Cannon Mistretta
Baskets Front	Colton Hymel, Evan Guidry
Gifts	Dalton St. Pierre, Davis St. Pierre

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned in an earlier article, Advent of 2023 was exactly three weeks long, the shortest possible time for this liturgical season since Christmas Day was on a Monday. If 2024 was not a leap year, Christmas 2024 would be on a Tuesday, still shortening the Fourth Week of Advent significantly. Yet we will celebrate Christmas 2024 on Wednesday, December 25, and this same sequence of days and dates will repeat every six or seven years. Yet the season of Advent is more than just a four-week time on a physical calendar – it is a time that we are called to observe and not just “slough-off” or “brush-off” because “we have Christmas to prepare for!” I know well that physical preparation for Christmas is important for individuals, families, our church parish family, and friends, but a spiritual preparation and observance can’t be just thrown to the side, because, for us Catholics, doing that is totally “missing the point.” And what point is that? Well, for one, we can’t get sucked into the majority of the Christian world view that the celebration of Christmas is one or two days at the most. The liturgical Christmas season for the Catholic Church is sometimes half as long as Advent: from the evening of December 24 until well into January, ending on the evening of the Baptism of the Lord – after the Epiphany, traditionally the “Twelfth Day of Christmas.” So, if we literally “do the math,” we literally can and should celebrate Christmas for almost two full weeks after December 25. Don’t hold your breath and wait to see if the rest of the world does that, because they won’t. But did Jesus ever say for us to just “go with the flow?” No, I don’t think so, and our faithfulness to the observance of our Catholic traditions are certainly more important than being like the rest of the world.

**Pastor's
Corner**

Fr. Ray



Moving Mary

The Mary Statues Schedule:

	4:00 pm MASS	8:00 am MASS	9:30 am SH MASS	11:00 am MASS	Weekday MASS
12/22/24	Irene Weber	Toni Duhé	Jaycee Bennett	Brooke & Whitney Hines	Robert Becnel
12/29/24	Judy Haydel	Bryan Oubre	Cindy Monica	Julie Cox	Christine Duhé

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 21 (Vigil of Sunday)

4:00 pm Pauline Delaneuville; Richard & Elsie D'Arensbourg; Alcee & Ida Giroir; Yvonne C. Bourgeois; Felicia Miller Richard; Shirley Abadie, Harry Abadie Jr & David Montz; Frances Guidry Sr; Courtney Guidry; Mike Thames; David Guidry; Melvin Haydel; Michael R. Breaud; Lt. Col. Joseph A. Lucia III; Anthony & Marie Michel & Alvin Michel; Antoine & Rowena Duhé; Wayne Applewhite; William Galatas Jr & Michael Oubre Sr; E. P. Millet Jr; Heather Landry; Shelly B. St. Amant; Dean Torres; R. J. & Inez Berthelot St. Germain & Family; Gray & Glenda L. Reynolds; C. F. Landry & Michael Landry

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 (FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

8:00 am E. J. Aucoin; Yolande M. Landry; Lester & Evelyn Scioneaux; Gloria Aucoin; Norman & Doris Weber; Philip Weber; Lillie Cashio; Fred & Jessica Bourgeois; David Weber & Shane Weber Sr; Vance, Beverly & Kirt Robertson; George & Shirley Cancienne; Joy E. Hotard; Kim Cox; William Cox; Henry & Anna Lee Cox; Paul Oncale; Helen & Whitney Borne; Special Intention (SR); Debbie Lafitte; Ronald M. Falgoust; Yvette L. Dornier; Ronnie Cassagne; Clarence H. Howes; Healing of Cancer; David Duhé; Nolan Landeche Jr; Eleanore Schexnayder Hofmann; Alma Schexnayder Martin; Sandy M. Weber; Marie H. & Earl "Mac" Millet; Mass of Thanksgiving (DW)

9:30 am ST. HUBERT CHURCH

Ethel Trosclair; Junius Roussel Jr; Kierston Roussel; Paula Roussel; Mazie R. Edwards; Gary Roussel Sr; Marilyn Chase; Nelwyn & Willie LeBoeuf; O'Neil & Phyllis Himel; Sal & Sue Arello; Randy Himel; M/M O'Neil Aucoin; M/M Edwin Molaison; Vita Monica; Anna Monica; Priest Father Anton Rauscher S. J.; Lynn Bourgeois

11:00 am *Parishioners*

Monday, December 23 (Late Advent Weekday)

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

6:30 am Mike Duhé & Dale "Bubba" Boudreaux

Tuesday, December 24 (Late Advent Weekday)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

6:30 am Karen Vicknair

4:00 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas

Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

Parishioners - St. Peter Church & St. Hubert Church

Wednesday, December 25 (THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD)

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

8:00 am **See Back of Page**

10:00 am Priest's Intention- SP, **See Back of Page -SH**

Thursday, December 26 (St. Stephen, The First Martyr)

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

6:30 am Horace & Anne Cieutat & Russell & Eleanor Emerson

Friday, December 27 (St. John, Apostle & Evangelist)

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

6:30 am Greg Entremont

Saturday, DECEMBER 28 (The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)

1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

No Mass or Communion Service

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, December 25 (THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD)

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

9:00 am Herman Sr & Elsie Schexnayer; Marie Eve, Sidney & Callan Jacob; Haydel & Leeanna Waguespack; E. J. Aucoin; E. P. Aucoin Famly; M/M Emile Hotard & Son; Ozeme Hotard Family; A. T. Perilloux Family; Cyp. Blanchard Family; F. Aucoin Family; A. T., Isma & Janet Becnel; Clay, Pauline & Harold Delaneuville; Brad Audiffred; Edna, Daniel & Loretta Melancon; Marie & Albert Audiffred Sr; Georgette & August Brady; Elphege Martin Family; Edward Martin Family; Nicholas Dendinger; Lorraine Louque; Lester & Evelyn Scioneaux; L. T. John Scioneaux Jr; Donald & Roline Heltz Sr; Gloria M. Triche; Alvin Stein; M/M Eluce Stein; Gladys Stein; Josephine Stein; Thérèse Stein; Jeanette Stein; Mary Ann Stein; Louis "Chal" Clement; Simone J. Clement; Marie Gay Clement; Curtis Turner Jr; Yvonne C. Bourgeois; Ernest & Ludivine Cambre; Paul & Martha Bourgeois & Family; Greg Entremont; Joy & Chin Clement; Jody Richardson; Yvonne & Walter Weber; René L. & Cecile Vice; Rick, Gladys & Carol Boudreaux; Leo Vice Family; Adrian Triche Family; Gloria Aucoin; Rowena Aucoin; Charles Aucoin Sr; Norman & Doris Weber; Philip Weber; Lillie Cashio; Fred & Jessica Bourgeois; David Weber & Shane Weber Sr; Vance, Beverly & Kirt Robertson; Bernadette V. Lambert; Maurice & Denise Lambert; Clifford Fauchaux; Joey Poirrier Jr; J. P. "Blossom" & Shirley Rushing; Felix "Joe" Jacob Jr; Herman & Ashley Aubert; Albin, Bertha & Barbara Aubert; Christian, Anna & Chris Martinez; M/M Jules Poché; Ethel Mae Trosclair; Ernest J. Landry; M/M Edward J. Remondet & Sidney; M/M Ernest M. Landry; A. J. Triche; M/M Linden Oubre Sr; Bubby, Mary, Matt & Hank; Phyllis & Daniel Hymel Sr; Rupert "Mickey" & Leah C. Warner; Theodore & Gustina "Gussie" Webre; Nelson & Norma Haydel; Alvin & Alice Triche; Edwina & Oliver Oubre Jr; Felicien & Ceria Vicknair; Webby Gautreaux Jr; Harold "Monty" Montegut Jr; Bernadette & Claude Ocmand; Lena & Carl Montz Sr; George & Shirley Cancienne; Floyd F. Brown; Sidney & Alisca Brack Family; Mederic & Marie Vicknair Family; Leroy & Delores Brock Family; Wilson Vicknair; David Scioneaux Jr; Karen K. V. Weber; Geraldine T. Oubre; Joy E. Hotard; Allen J. Vicknair; Cecile Cooper; Julie Roussel; Paul Roussel Sr; Sr. Lorraine Torres, O. P.; J. LeBrun & Marilyn T. Maurin; Debbie Labat; Rosie Monica; David DeSilvey; William "Billy" Perret Jr; Ernest, Doris & Karen Vicknair; Victor Mury; M/M Julin Mury & Family; M/M Lionel Fauchaux & Family; Barnette & Kitty Borne; Antoine & Rowena Duhé; Wayne Applewhite; Carol & Lloyd Frederiksen; Peter & Rose, Peter & Winnie, Paul & Joyce, Louis & Ida, John Paul, John Gary, Colette & John B. Kunkel IV; Kade & Colby Boudreaux; Timothy M. & Beatrice R. Hymel; Albin & Anne Hymel; Denis & Ida Remondet; Eugenie Remondet; Lucien Cambre; Don Cambre; Horace & Anne Cieutat; Russell & Eleanor Emerson; Olga & John Porteous; Armand Brady; Joe Thompson; Rita & Louis Roussel; Edwin "Doc" Acosta; Audrey Terrio; Lawrence & Edna Mae Duhé; Ambroise & Bernadette Duhé; Lynn & Clementine Ockman; James "Poncho" Duhé; Shelly St. Amant; Joyce Graugnard; Jo Ann Levet; Joseph T. Garbin; Heather Landry; Justin J. Stein; Sophie Stein Hotard; Byron Millet Sr; Dustin Root; Theresa Lambert; Donna Terrio; Joan & John Brady Sr; Russell Guidry; John & Elma Falgoust; Johnny & Tyler Falgoust; Sophie & Louis Falgoust; Grace & Willis Falgoust; Jeanne & Elmer Cassagne; Dennis Cascio; Ronnie Cassagne; Leda Mae & Leo Steib; E. P. Millet Jr; Myrtle T. Aucoin; Joe Calcagno; Holston David Millet; Helen & Whitney Borne; Maisie Abadie; Special Intention (SR); Reed Gautreau; Kathy Duhon; O. J. & Rosetta Trosclair; Betty & Edwin "Shot" Scioneaux; Deceased Members of the Duhé & Hymel Families; Shirley Duhé; Yvette L. Dornier; Randy Himel; Dean Torres; Odell & Earline Weber; Lorraine & Lenny Pyne; Edmond & Sylvia Torres; R. J. & Inez Berthelot St. Germain & Family; Robert Cambre; Gray & Glenda L. Reynolds; Emile DeLaneuville Sr; Carl Vicknair Sr; C. F. Landry & Michael Landry; Theresa S. Triche Tanguis & Roland A. Triche; Ruby H. Aubert Vicknair & Claude Aubert Sr; Etienne Millet Sr & Lucille K. Millet; Peter & Joseph Brady; Garland Remondet Sr & Ruby Remondet; Mary Ann Brady; P. J. Brady; Milton & Sylvia Brady; Mona Brady; Rose Ann Brady; Janice Brady; Evariste Duhé & Family; Harvey Remondet & Family; Burt Cashio; Audrey Feucht Boé; M/M Raoul Boé; Dennis Vollenweider; M/M E. P. Feucht Jr; Thelma Tassin; Marian & Oscar Entremont; Arthur Entremont Family; Robert Roussel Family; Elvest & Rose Trosclair; Anicet & Euphemie Trosclair; Clement & Regina Hymel; Phyllis T. Hedding & Edna Mae Triche; Clarence H. Howes; Klebert & Ida Z. Barré; Clifford C. & Magdalena Howes; Dr. Randolph Howes; Mary Lee, Evelyn, Joseph & Lawrence Jr Simoneaux; Irene, Gustav, Blanche & Paul Hebert; Sherman, Harry, Antoine, Evela & Gabriel Simoneaux; Mary Catherine & Carol Keller; Rosemary Deslatte; Clifton & Norma Deslatte; David Duhé; Eleanore S. Hofmann; Brent & Mary Cicet; Jeanne & Elmer Cassagne; Pelham & Laverne Delaneuville; Artur Hirt Family; John J. Braun Family; Gerald Smith Family; Steve McCombs; Billy & Joyce Lindsay; Eleanor Kinchen; Thelma & Ray Gillman; Leon & Emily C. Guidry; Marie H. & Earl "Mac" Millet; Melvin Haydel; Ferdinand & Marie Opaterny; Julianne Pipal; Houston, Marie & David Montz; Armand & Ricky Oubre; Ben & Belle Elfer; Harold, Judy & Paul LaFountain; Patsy R. Torres; Ethel T. Torres; Ernest J. Torres; Ellis & Marilyn Torres

10:00 am ST. HUBERT CHURCH

Paul E. Trosclair Sr; Ethel Trosclair; M/M John Williams & Family; Frank & Frances Roccaforte; O'Neil & Phyllis Himel; Randy Himel; Vita Monica; Anthony Monica; Fano Monica; Anna Monica; M/M O'Neil Aucoin; Billy & Jerry Luminais; Kate & Lawrence Perilloux; Gwen, William & Edna Miano; Chester & Ethel Louque; Donna Terrio; Nelwyn Jacob; Glen Keating; Frank & Elsie Cambre; Paul, Mickey & Joyce Oncale; M/M Louis Duhé; Gloria Loupe; Kevin Miano; Joseph, Marie, Norman Paul & Bobby Ory; Burton Cashio; Nollie & Carol Elfer; Lynn Bourgeois; Louis R. Monica; Victor & Agnes Miano

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK and our elderly, homebound and nursing home parishioners, especially: Harry Abadie, Betty Acosta, John Acosta, Ruby Acosta, Tommy Acosta, Beckham Adams, Louis Alphonse, Elise Amedee, Laura Amedee, Lisa Angelle, Janie Aubert, Rhett Aubert, Ryan Aubert, Tony Aucoin, Sylvia Babin, Diamond Bailey, Herman Bailey Jr., Gwen Becnel, Fr. Bill Blank, Aimee Bourgeois, Jeanne Bourgeois, Marietta Bourgeois, Robin Bourgeois, Evan Brady, Totsy Brady, Tracy Brady, Leo Breaux, Diana Brown, Freddie Lee Brown, Joyce & Larry Brown, Kynlee Bueche, Audrey Cambre, Hilary Cambre II, James Cambre, Anniston James Cancienne, Joy Cantrelle, Hayden Cashio, Reily Cleveland, Henry Champagne Sr, Cleveland Clement, Pamela Corbett, Missy Cortez, John Cox, Myrna L. Cox, Ronnie Delbasty, Kathleen Deroche, E.J. Doming, Mac Donaldson, Freddie Dufrene, Donna Duhé, Galen Duhé, Janet Duhé, Manton "Slim" Duhé, Roxanne & Harris Paul Duhé, Terri Duhé, Marti Eastridge, Baby Adeline Fey, Kenny Fife, Kelly Fox, Michelle Freeman, Louis Frey, Bryan Fuller, Lucien J. Gauff Jr, Amelia Gautreau, Alisha Griffin, Magda Guillot, Kay Hardy, Marcy Harrington, Anne Marie Delery Helmke, Chris Heltz, Alex Hill, O'Neil Himel Jr, Jennifer Howe, Debbie Hymel, Malcolm Jacob, Patricia Jacob, Terry Jacob, Brodey Johnson, Cindy Johnson, Nikki Jouty, Gloria Keating, Cheryl Keller, Gerald Keller, Sidney Kilburn III, Gregg Kruse, Penny Labranche, Braylee Lambert, Irene Landry, Dionne Lapeyrolerie, Carol LeBlanc, Joanna LeBlanc, Brady LeBoeuf, Cecil LeBouef, Justin Lopez, Maddox Louque, Marty Louque, Richard Louque Sr; Yvonne Louque, Christy Elfer Lowe, Jenny Torres Madere, Phyllis R. Madere, Joey Mancuso, Rebecca James Marcantel, Betty Marse, Christian Marse, Faye C. Marse, Mary Falgoust Martin, Blake Maus, Richard Maus, Brandy McGovern, Audrey Millet, Janice Millet, Joy Monica, Joycelyn Monica, Tony Monica, Jimmy Murray, Emma Mury, Debra Monica Naquin, Stephen Ocmand, Barbara Oubre, Oren J. Oubre, Yvette Oubre, Casey Papenburg, Katherine Pelham, Jonathan Perret, Lanelle Perrilloux, Johnny Perque, Ralph Remondet, Skylar Reno, Janice Roccaforte, Rebecca Roccaforte, Audrey Roussel, Danny Roussel, Marjorie S. Roussel, Odile Ryan, Michael Scallan, Jeffrey Schexnayder, Audrey "Tee" Schutz, Carl Schutz Sr; Bobby Scioneaux, David Scioneaux, Kathleen A. Smith, Kenny Songy, Robert St. Germain, Gary St. Martin, Scolastie St. Pierre, Loretta Folse Stein, Kathleen & R.W. Stoker, Dale Tamplain, Lois Tamplain, Ricky Tamplain, Debra Terrio, James Terrio, Eldon "Peewee" Tregre, Steven "Dukie" Tregre, Todd Tregre, Tricia Tregre, C.J. Trosclair, Carol Trosclair, Eddie Trosclair, Betty Vicknair, Cynthia Vicknair, Dodi Vicknair, Ida Vicknair, Jim Vicknair, Leslie Vicknair, Linda Vicknair, Penny Vicknair, Yvonne Vicknair, Margaret Volion, Michael Watts, Fé-Fé Weber, Geraldine Weber, Betty Webre, Jeffrey Williams, Rosalie Williams, Ranney Wilson

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



December 22, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Ask a child, “Where is God?” and you’ll likely receive a variety of responses: “in heaven,” “in church,” “everywhere” and “in my heart” are all conceivable answers from a child’s lips. But the one we most easily write off as silly or sentimental is one that the saints would urge us to revisit more seriously: God is indeed “in my heart” – that is, he is present in our souls! This is true not only when we receive him in Holy Communion, and not only because he is “everywhere,” but because we possess *sanctifying grace*. Grace is *divine life* – God’s life – and if we are “in a state of grace” (that is, we have brought any mortal sins to confession), we have this life within us! Our model for becoming aware of this wonderful gift is our Blessed Mother, whose example in today’s Gospel teaches us to love, reverence, and obey God within us. Setting out “in haste” to serve her aged cousin, Mary carried God in her womb. We can imagine the love and joy with which she carried him. At every moment, God is present in us, too (not physically, but by grace) and we should strive to recognize and love him who has made our hearts his dwelling place.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The events of today’s Gospel suggest that Jesus’ presence in Mary is not *for* Mary alone. Prompted by love, she made the arduous journey to visit Elizabeth – itself an act of charity. But Mary brought more than her services and support to Elizabeth during a potentially difficult pregnancy; she brought God himself! Mary was so conscious of God within her that even her words, flowing from a heart burning with his love, carried a special power; at Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth was “filled with the Holy Spirit” and John the Baptist “leaped for joy.” As we become increasingly aware of God dwelling in our souls, we, too, become “Christ-bearers” to others. By being lovingly attentive to our Divine Guest, our words and actions become means by which he can act on the hearts of those we encounter each day.

SING

*O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flee away*

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