

# STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Mass Schedule:

**Monday:** 12:10pm

**Tuesday & Thursday:** 8:30am

**Wednesday & Friday:** 6:30am

**First Saturday:** 8:30am

**Saturday:** 4:00pm

**Sunday:** 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am & 5:00pm

## Confessions:

15 minutes before each Mass

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm & by appointment

**Ask and you will receive;  
seek and you will find;  
knock and the door  
will be opened to you.**

**LUKE 11:9**

## Staff

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### Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday

8:30am-12:00pm,  
1:00pm-4:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-12:00pm

### Adoration Chapel:

Mon-Fri. after morning  
Mass until 5pm.

**Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
JULY 28, 2019**

### ASKING FOR HELP

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.

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### Eucharistic Ministers to the Shut-In's

Please bring the Pyx and the Burses you are borrowing from the church back. It makes it difficult for people who do not own a Pyx or a Burse to bring communion to the people they serve to. Several are missing so PLEASE return them to the church if you have one.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

### Prayer for Those Hoping to Conceive or Adopt a Child

#### **PSALM 145:13-21**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works.  
The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.  
The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.  
The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him, he hears their cry and saves them.  
The Lord keeps all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.  
May my mouth speak the praise of the Lord, and may all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

#### **PRAYER**

God our Creator,  
by your love the world is filled with life,  
through your generosity one generation gives life to another,  
and so are your wonders told and your praises sung.  
We look to you in our love and in our need:  
may it be your will that we bear (adopt) a child to share our home and faith.  
Loving God, be close to us  
as we pray to love and do your will.  
You are our God, nourishing us forever and ever.  
R/. Amen

~from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

## SAVE THE DATE

On November 16<sup>th</sup> will be the Sts. Peter and Paul School Gala! The Vermillionaire band, a nine piece band who plays 70's, 80's, 90's and '00's music, will be playing for the Gala. Please keep an eye out on the bulletin and for further information to be announced!

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, July 29 @ 12:10pm:

Eloi Comeaux, Jr., Francis T. Resweber (Ann), Lost Souls

### Tuesday, July 30 @ 8:30am:

Lynn Poirrier, Sr., Mable Lantier (L)(HBD), Laura Guillot (L)(HBD), Lost Souls, Michael O'Neil Mouton

### Wednesday, July 31 @ 6:30am:

Connor Benoit (L)(HBD), Douglas Lee (L)(HBD), Carl Guidroz (L)(HBD), Eva & Geoffrey Richard (L)(Ann), John Tanner (L)(HBD), Lost Souls, Thanks for Divine Mercy

### Thursday, August 1 @ 8:30am:

Loney J. Hebert, M/M Raymond Broussard, Vicente Tien Nguyen, Anna Vo, Joseph Hung Nguyen

### Friday, August 2 @ 6:30am:

M/M John Alex Prejean, Donald Smith, Marlene Prejean (L)(HBD), In Thanksgiving to Our Lord of Fatima, Fr. Michael Richard (L), Souls in Purgatory, M/M Larry Hebert, M/M Earl Tanner, Sr., John The Baptist Mao Nguyen, Peter Quong Vo, Maria Trang Doan

### Saturday, August 3 @ 4:00pm:

Mary Ann Dugas, Joe & Hilda Peschier & Suzanne, Louis & Jeanne Prejean & Michael, David L. "Boo" Prejean, Marilyn Arton, Eva Sonnier, Harry Leger, M/M E.J. Mouton Family, John Wade Mouton, M/M Ozere Domingue Family, Joseph Thibodeaux, Dupre Hebert, John Allen Prejean, Adley & Beverly Scrantz, Sybil Alleman, Helen C. Perot, DFM of M/M Dudley Landry, Lee & Ida Bergeron, Fr. Eric Middlecamp, Emetile & Edward Bourque, Forrest Blanchard (Ann), Pearly Bourque, M/M Paul Brown, Vicente Tommy Doan, Lost Souls, Joseph Hau Dinh

### Sunday, August 4 @ 6:30am:

For the People

### Sunday, August 4 @ 8:00am:

Oran Menard, Becky Rabalais, Maria Thai, Francis & Ellen Resweber, Spiritual Healing, Dustin Wiltz

### Sunday, August 4 @ 10:00am:

Deanna Sonnier, M/M Adrian Vega, Rayford Domingue, Jessie Naquin, Sylvia Comeaux, Louis Bearb, Donna Gilbert, Ted Derise, Sr., Rosemaria Reyes-Silva

### Sunday, August 4 @ 5:00pm:

Lost Souls, In Thanksgiving, Vicente Thomas Doan

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostela, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized. In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

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## Prayer to St. Joseph after the Rosary

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

## A Prayer for Gratitude

*"I will thank you forever, because of what you have done."*

**Psalm 52:9A**

I turned to you, Lord, and you answered me. Though I was fearful, you came to my aid. You showed me you are a God of goodness. You are bringing about healing in my body, and I thank you. Because of you, I am getting stronger and more whole. You have provided for me, and I feel so very blessed. You are a God who keeps your promises. How grateful I am for all you have done for me! I am filled with joy because of your care for me. I know that I could not have made it without your help. With gratitude, I praise your name, and I will trust in you always.

## Prayer for our Holy Father

O God, Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, look with favor upon Your servant, Pope Francis, whom You have appointed pastor of Your Church. Grant that by word and example he may assist those whom he serves, so that the shepherd and the flock entrusted to his care may together attain everlasting life. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

## Prayer

O Lord, who taught Monica to persevere for the good of her family, help me to be a better parent to my children. Help me to have patience with them when they misbehave and give me the strength to guide them gently to the right path. Permit me always to forgive their misdeeds and keep me from speaking harshly or punishing unwisely. Please help me to be a beacon of goodness for them as they grow to adulthood and to be a good example to them in all that I say and do. **AMEN.**

## Eucharistic Ministers for August 3/4

**4:00pm:** Glenn Landry, JoAnn & Dn. Tanner

**6:30am:** Louise Credeur, Teri Faul, Lan Thi Nguyen

**8:00am:** Steve Hebert, Melanie Martin,  
Carral Menard, Vernon Romero

**10:00am:** Rachel & Gary Kimble, Eric Stromer

**5:00pm:** Danielle & Jerome Babineaux, Brice Boone

## Readers for August 3/4

**4:00pm:** Shirley Boutte

**6:30am:** Glenn Faul

**8:00am:** Kelly Wahl

**10:00am:** Audrey Breaux

**5:00pm:** Paula Pearson & Lauren Franques

## Altar Servers for August 3/4

**4:00pm:** LaBron & Tourean Campbell, Damon Apple, Payton Daigle

**6:30am:** Mary-Ester LeBlanc

**8:00am:** Cameron Domingue, Rylie Domingue, Blair & Lily Luneau,  
Olivia Suire

**10:00am:** Annell Greer, Ruby Thibodeaux, Brenna Armbruster,  
Ada Daniels

**5:00pm:** Skye Williams, Cole Hebert, Taylor Hebert

## A Prayer for Priests By St. Therese of Lisieux

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

## Pray for the Priest and the Seminarians

**July 28:** Rev. Gregory Heslip, LC & Michael Vidrine

**July 29:** Rev. Matthew Higginbotham & Nicholas Ware

**July 30:** Rev. Godwin Imory & Pier Zeringue

**July 31:** Rev. Thomas Hames, SVD & Dylan Allen

**August 1:** Pope Francis & Rev. Kevin Bordelon

**August 2:** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI & Rev. Patrick Broussard

**August 3:** Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel & Seminary Faculty,  
Parents and Benefactors of Seminarians

# What is *lectio divina*?

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

1. The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.
2. The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.
3. The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.
4. Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

## Sacramental Information & New Parishioners

**Baptism:** Expectant parents, who are parishioners, should contact the office four to six (4 - 6) months before the birth of the child.

**Marriage:** Couples planning marriage need to make an appointment with the pastor at least six months before the intended wedding date to begin the preparation process. A wedding date cannot be scheduled without approval of the pastor.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the office to schedule an appointment, home or nursing home visit, and, if death is imminent, contact the office for immediate action.

**First Communion and Confirmation:** Contact the Elementary DRE or High School DRE respectively.

**Holy Communion for the Homebound:** Contact the parish office to request a visit. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or receiving Confirmation as an adult, or if you simply want to learn more about your faith, contact the office to inquire about RCIA. "Jesus said to them, 'Come, and you will see'" (John 1:39).

**New Parishioner Forms** are found in church and on our website (Policies and Forms, Census Form) and should be submitted to the office.

**Parishioner Funeral:** When a parishioner passes away we ask that you please contact the parish office first before going to the Funeral Home. Fr. Mark would like to set up an appointment with the family of the deceased.

**Collection: \$11,368.00**

**Maintenance Fund: \$3,962.00**

**WEEKLY EXPENSES: \$17,000**

**MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$68,000**

**Collections for the weekend of:**

**July 28: Weekly**

**August 4: Church Debt**

**Please consider putting Sts. Peter & Paul  
Church and School in your will**

## Weekly Calendar

**Monday, July 29, 2019:** St. Martha

**Tuesday, July 30, 2019:** St. Peter Chrysologus:

Rosary in the Cry Room at 9am; CLJ in CCD Bldg. at 9:30am

**Wednesday, July 31, 2019:** St. Ignatius of

Loyola; Prayer group in Cry Room at 10am; CLJ in CCD Bldg. at 6:30pm

**Thursday, August 1, 2019:**St. Alphonsus

Liguori

**Friday, August 2, 2019:** St. Eusebius of  
Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard; First Friday;

Pro– Life Rosary at 5:40am

**Saturday, August 3, 2019:** Blessed Virgin

Mary; First Saturday; Pro– Life Rosary at 7:40am

**Sunday, August 4, 2019:** Eighteenth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Announcements

**RCIA will be available every Thursday from 6:15pm-7:30pm in the parish hall.**

**For more information contact the parish office.**

### **PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON**

(Please clip and pray daily during this hurricane season)  
O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awaken from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this sea and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

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+Maurice Schexnayder

Bishop of Lafayette in Louisiana

Diocese of Lafayette 2006

## **Vocations Box**

What is the Vocations box you ask? It's very simple. We are asking you to sign up for **ONE WEEK**. Each day during the week, you and your family pray together for our religious vocations. Pray for the Priest, Deacons, Sisters, Bishops, and so on. There are prayers in the box that you can pray but it is not necessary to use those, you can say any prayer you would like for the intentions to the religious life. It can be five minutes long or it can be longer. It's up to you.

This week the sanctuary lights burn for:

**Church:** Jacob Viator

**Chapel:** Lost Souls

# Frequently Asked Questions about the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Why does Mary have a special role in helping us?

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved.

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed."<sup>33</sup> The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

## How does our veneration of Mary and the saints relate to our worship of God?

The honor we give to God alone is properly called adoration, the highest honor we can give. The honor we give to Mary and the saints is called veneration. Proper veneration of the saints does not interfere with the worship due to God, but rather fosters it. "Our communion with those in heaven, provided that it is understood in the fuller light of faith according to its genuine nature, in no way weakens, but conversely, more thoroughly enriches the lateritic worship we give to God the Father, through Christ, in the Spirit." With this understanding, we see that proper veneration of Mary does not detract from worship of God. Even as the Mother of the Savior, Mary has a place that is in every way subordinate to and dependent upon that of her Son, who is the one mediator between God and humanity. The maternal role that Mary fulfills toward us as Mother of the Church "in no wise obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows His power."

The Second Vatican Council explained very clearly that Mary can be said to fulfill a mediating role only in a secondary and derivative manner:

For no creature could ever be counted as equal with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer. Just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways both by the ministers and by the faithful, and as the one goodness of God is really communicated in different ways to His creatures, so also the unique mediation of the Redeemer does not exclude but rather gives rise to a manifold cooperation which is but a sharing in this one source.

What Mary does for the salvation of the human family does not come from her own power, but from a gift of divine grace that is bestowed on her through her Son. All the salvific influence that she bestows on us is produced "not from some inner necessity, but from the divine pleasure. It flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on His mediation, depends entirely on it and draws all its power from it."<sup>38</sup> Mary in no way replaces Christ. Rather, her role is to bring us to Christ, as is illustrated in Mary's admonition at the wedding feast of Cana, "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:5).

## Beatification & Canonization

The process of declaring one a saint in the Catholic Church is called canonization. The canonization process is a canonical (Church law) procedure by which the Church through the Pope solemnly declares a Catholic to be united with God in heaven, an intercessory to God on behalf of the living, and worthy of public and universal veneration.

A cause of canonization examines a person's life and death to determine if they were either martyred or lived a virtuous life. Every cause of canonization has two phases: the diocesan and Roman phase. The diocese responsible for opening a cause is the diocese in which the person died/was martyred. The diocese, religious order, association or lay person(s) requesting (petitioning) for the cause asks the diocesan bishop, through a person known as the postulator to open an investigation into the martyrdom or life of the person.

The diocesan bishop investigates how the person lived a heroic virtuous life, exemplifying the virtues of faith, hope and love through the calling of witnesses and the theological examination of the candidates' writings. If the cause is based on martyrdom, the diocesan bishop investigates the circumstances surrounding the alleged martyrdom, which is also done through the calling of witnesses to the martyrdom and the examination of the candidates' life.

Once the diocesan investigation is complete, the documentation (evidence) that has been collected is sent to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints and the Roman phase begins. The first step in the Roman phase is the examination of the diocesan documentation. If the congregation's theologians find the documentation convincing, it is sent for review by the cardinal and bishop members of the congregation. If they also find the documentation favorable, it is sent to the pope. With the pope's approval a decree is issued stating that the person lived a virtuous life thereby conferring the title "Venerable" on the person.

The next step in the process is being named "Blessed." For beatification, a miracle must be attributed to the Venerable. The miracle is verified through an examination by a team of medical experts and theologians. The three traditional standards for judging the authenticity of a miracle are: complete – meaning a total healing of the disease, it is not enough for the person to "just" feel better; instantaneous – meaning the healing occurred all at once and not over the course of several days or months; and durable – meaning the person remains permanently free from the illness that afflicted them. Once the miracle has been verified, the pope issues a decree declaring the miracle and the person receives the title of "Blessed." The pope can dispense, though he does not always do so, from the requirement of a miracle for the beatification of a martyr.

A second miracle must be attributed to the Blessed in order for him or her to be canonized a saint. A proven miracle is required, even for martyrs, for canonization. The verification of the second miracle follows the same procedure as the first. Once the person is declared a saint, he or she is worthy of universal veneration by the Church.

There are many steps to be named a saint in the Church and the canonization process is lengthy and detailed. This process ensures that the role models held up as witnesses to Christ and the Gospel as worthy of our emulation.

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