

December 3,
2017

STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

1st Sunday
in Advent

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ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2017 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OH, THAT YOU WOULD REND THE HEAVENS AND COME DOWN,
WITH THE MOUNTAINS QUAKING BEFORE YOU,
WHILE YOU WROUGHT AWESOME DEEDS WE COULD NOT HOPE FOR,
SUCH AS THEY HAD NOT HEARD OF FROM OF OLD.

~ Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

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Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs.
8:30am-12pm,
1-4pm; Fri.
8:30am-12pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon-Fri after
morning Mass
until 5pm in

Daily reflections,
practices & prayers
for advent 2017

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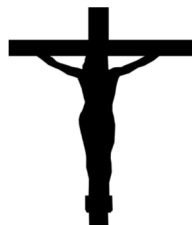
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MASS TIMES | Sat (anticipated Sun):
4pm | Sun: 6:30, 8, and 10am, and
5pm Mon: 12:10pm | Tues, Thurs, First
Sat: 8:30am | Wed, Fri: 6:30 am



CONFESSION TIMES | Sat 3:00-3:45pm |
Sun 6:00-6:15am, 7:30-7:45am 9:15-
9:45am, & 4:15-4:45pm | 30 min before
weekday Mass & by personal appt.

Daily Reflections , Practices & Prayers for Advent 2017

Watching in Order to Respond

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." **Mark 13:33**

At the beginning of Advent each year, we hear—from different gospels—the same message: be prepared; be watchful; be alert; stay awake; be vigilant. What are we watching for? Anything and everything, because God comes to us at any moment—at all moments—of our lives.

Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM, Served as a chaplain to the New York City Fire Department. On September 11, 2001, Father Mychal rushed to the scene of the World Trade Center attacks. After administering the sacrament of the sick to a firefighter, Father Mychal was hit by debris and killed. He is the first officially recorded fatality following the attack.

Throughout his life and ministry, Fr. Mychal was alert to God in many places and many people. His prayer illustrates his openness, his alertness, his watchfulness, to finding and responding to God anywhere and everywhere.

Daily Practice: Begin an Advent Journal. At the end of each day, write about where you experienced God that day and what helped you to be alert so that you didn't miss God's presence.

Advent Prayer: *Lord, take me where you want me to go' let me meet who you want me to meet; tell me what you want me to say, and keep me out of your way.* **Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM**

Something New Every Day

"Be alert! You do not know when..." **Mark 13:33**

My Friend Joey once described his life to me at "same old, same old."

"It's just like throwing old shoes into a box," he said, "One thing after another. Nothing ever changed."

We can't say that about Christianity. If we experience religion as just rules, rituals, and recitations of the same old doctrines, Advent is a time to wake up. Our religion is ongoing interaction with God. "Be alert!" We "do not know when" God is going to show us something new, as something new of us, or give us new insight into what he has said. Our God is a living God. We are always waiting for God's next move.

"Advent" means "coming," or "arrival." It is a time to live in conscious expectancy. It reminds us to live our whole lives consciously dealing with the living God. If we ever think we "know our religion," we don't understand what it is. Jesus says, "See, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

Daily Practice: Expect God to show you something new every day. Look for it. At night, as what is might have been.

Advent Prayer: *Pray all day: Lord, make me turn to you; let me see your face. Show me what you are doing, what you are offering, what you are asking.*

Keeping God at Arm's Length

Scripture: why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? (Isa 63:17)

Reflection: it's funny how we humans can find ways to blame God for everything, even our own indifference. "Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways..." we hear in today's first reading. Even when we harden our hearts and distance ourselves from God, we act as though God should be chasing us down, making us stay, like petulant children who need to be forced to obey our parents. But that is not how God's love works. God also gives us free will and allows us to make our own choices, even if the choice is to keep him at arm's length.

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Today's as we begin our Advent journey, we have a chance to start over, to reflect on the ways we have pushed God away. "Be watchful! Be alert!" the Gospel of Mark reminds us, making clear that we need to get our spiritual house in order. Now is the time. This is our season. God has not abandoned us in the desert or left us to wander without guide. He waits, patiently, for us to choose him willingly, for us to recognize that when we find ourselves lost and faltering it is because we have abandoned God, not the other way around. On this first day of Advent, we have a choice, as we do everyday, every moment. Do we plan to go it alone, or will we anchor ourselves to the One who will never leave us?

Meditation: Stop everything you are doing and think about the last few months of your life. Were there times when you felt the way the people of Israel did in the reading from Isaiah? Have you felt abandoned by God, adrift in the chaos of life? Now reflect on your spiritual journey. Did the time you felt alone coincide with the times you didn't make time for prayer, didn't make time for God? Today, as we take the first step our path through Advent, let us recommit ourselves to being alert to the Lord moving through our days, even when we are going in the wrong direction.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we know that we are not always attentive to you or grateful for the ways you give meaning to our days. Help us to remember that you will never leave us to wander this life lost and alone. You are there. Always.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Virgin Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, from the time of her conception in her mother's womb, she was free from the stain of the original sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve. This is a singular privilege of Mary Most Holy, applicable to no other human being.

By disobeying God's command to refrain from eating of the tree of knowledge, Adam and Eve forfeited their original holiness, their innocence and integrity (Genesis 2-3).

They lost sanctifying grace, and human nature became "wounded". Whereas before original sin our nature's lower powers, passions and instincts were easily ruled by reason and the spirit, after original sin these same powers, passions and instincts became weakened and rebellious (CCC 396-309).

Because Adam and Eve were the "seed" of the great human tree, every human being's nature is tainted in that seed, although without personal guilt.

But it was only right that one human creature, the one chosen to be the New Ark of the Covenant, the tabernacle of the living God, should be sinless from the start.

Two passages in Scriptures support this claim:

Genesis 3:15 and **Luke 1:28**.

Genesis 3:15 mentions that "enmity" would be placed between the serpent and "the Woman". Sin of any kind is subjection to Satan, and if "the Woman", interpreted by the Church as Mary, was to have nothing in common with him, she had to be sinless.

In **Luke 1:28**, the angel calls Mary "full of Grace" pointing to the fact that she had never lacked grace.

Throughout the centuries, several were the antagonists and protagonists of this doctrine. There were saints and sages on both sides of the debate. In the thirteenth century, Venerable Duns Scotus was one of the most brilliant advocates of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. His is the beautiful argument that if Our Lord Jesus, as God, was capable of exempting his Mother from the original stain, He would certainly, as a loving Son, have done it.





In 1598 Pope St. Pius V included the feast of the Immaculate Conception in the Roman breviary. In 1846 the Sixth Provincial Council of Baltimore declared Mary Immaculate patroness of the United States.

But it was only in 1854 that Blessed Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed, as Church Dogma, the doctrine that Mary was, indeed, exempt from original sin and immaculately conceived.

In 1858 in Lourdes, in the final apparition to young Bernadette Soubirous, Our Lady electrified the world when she said, "**I am the Immaculate Conception**", thus echoing Blessed Pius IX's infallible declaration.



Parish Announcements & Contact Information

-  **Holy Hours Needed for our Adoration Chapel:** We need one more person for Friday 4-5 pm. Call Sadie Boudreaux at (337) 356-5388 to sign up or for more information.
-  **Parish Library:** We are going to reopen the Library in the new part of the church hall on Tuesday nights from 4:30-7:30 pm, when elementary CCD has class.
-  **Volunteers for Pastoral Care.:** Southwest Regional Hospital is looking for volunteers to bring Communion, pray with, encourage, uplift and support patients. They are looking for someone Sunday through Saturday for 2 hours. Please contact Monica Guidry at 337-289-7130. Leave a message with your phone number.
-  **RCIA** is offered for adults seeking to become Catholic, or adult Catholics seeking to receive First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or have their civil marriage blessed by God's Church. It is also available to adult Catholics who simply want to continue learning about their faith. Beginning September 14, RCIA will be available every Thursday from 6:15pm-7:30pm in the parish office. For more information contact the parish office.

Flowers for the Sanctuary: If you would like to buy some flowers for the Sanctuary in memory of a loved one, please fill out and mail to the Church office or drop it in the collection.

Your Name: _____

In Memory, In Honor, or in Thanksgiving for: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$100

Phone Number: _____

Christmas Poinsettias and Candles may be purchased in Memory of or in Honor of a loved one. **Poinsettias** are **\$25 each**; **Candles** are **\$15 each**. We also have our live Christmas tree that can be purchased, totaled at **\$400**, in memory of a loved one. All will be placed in Church during the Christmas Season. **Deadline is December 18,2017. Please come into the Church office to make your purchase.** Thank you!

Please remember to pray for those in our parish who are sick and suffering.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY!

Collection for Nov. 19: \$12,556.61

Maintenance Fund: \$3,317.83

Thanksgiving Collection: \$1,110.00

Collection for Nov. 26: \$12,677.27

WEEKLY EXPENSES: \$17,000 MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$68,000

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

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Looking ahead to Christmas and New Year's

Planning ahead for the Christmas season means taking time to go to Confession. "The Light is On For You" Confessions are on **Wednesday Dec. 6, Dec. 13, and Dec. 20**, from **6:30-8:00pm**. Please use the front entrance of the Church. Confessions are also available before each Mass or by appointment.

Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

Dec. 7: Anticipated Mass at 5:30pm

Dec. 8: 6:30am Mass

8:30am: School Mass

12:10pm Mass

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Dec. 23: Anticipated Mass for Sunday at 4:00pm

Dec. 24: 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am **ONLY No 5:00pm Mass**

Anticipated Mass at 4:00pm for Christmas

Dec. 25: 8:00am & 10am Mass **ONLY** (office and adoration chapel will be closed)

NO Mass on Dec. 26 (office and adoration chapel will be closed)

You do have to go to Mass Twice

New Year's Mass Schedule

Dec. 30: Anticipated Mass at 4:00pm

NO Anticipated Mass on Dec. 31, Mass times are 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am **No 5:00 Mass**

No anticipated Mass on Dec. 31 for New Year's

Dispensed as a Holy Day, but it would be a good way to start your New Year

Jan 1: 8 & 10am Mass **ONLY** (office and adoration chapel will be closed)

Christmas Mass Guide 2017

Option #1: Saturday evening PLUS Sunday Morning

Option #2: Saturday evening PLUS Monday

Option #3: Sunday PLUS Sunday Evening

Option #4: Sunday PLUS Monday

Option #5: Sunday Evening PLUS Monday

Our Catholic School News

Fr. Mark Derise, Chancellor

Sts. Peter and Paul School

Dr. Robert Richard, Principal

Jim Andrepont, Advisory Council Chair

Come Home for Christmas 5K Race/Walk – Join us on Saturday, December 9th in the church parking lot for this jolly good time. Registration is online at cajuntiming.com.

Acadian Village – The school choir will be performing at the Acadian Village Christmas Program on December 5th.

Stations of Christmas – The annual performance will take place on Wednesday, December 20th at 6pm in the cafeteria.




Enrollment/Admissions Information – Parents wishing to schedule tours for the 2018-2019 school year are welcome to call the front office. We also welcome transfer students throughout the year. If you are interested in scheduling a tour, please contact Renee Ory at 337.504.3400 or email at rory@sts-peter-paul.org.

Visit them: 1301 Old Spanish Trail, Scott, LA 70583 | Call them(337) 504-340 Fax them: (337) 504-4995



Contact or Visit Them On-line: www.sts-peter-paul.org | Email: info@sts-peter-paul.org | Follow Them on Social Media!

Diocesan Announcements

-  **RUNNIN' REVS vs. SLAMMIN' SEMS BASKETBALL GAME** will be held at Cathedral-Carmel in the gym at 6:30pm on Wednesday December 27,2017.
-  **Companions Along the Journey** is a bereavement support group meeting at the Church hall on December 14; from 6:30-8:30.
-  **Scared Order of the Diaconate** for Blake Dubroc will be held at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on December 16, 2017 at 10am. Light reception to follow.

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.

-St. Therese of Lisieux

Dec. 3	Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel	&	Seth Lemaire
Dec. 4	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jerrell	&	Joseph Marcantel
Dec. 5	Rev. Joshua Guillory, JCL	&	Riley Maturin
Dec. 6	Rev. Jude Halphen	&	Scott Mitchell
Dec. 7	Rev. Brian Harrington	&	Rev. Mr. Stephen Pellessire
Dec. 8	Msgr. Russell Harrington	&	Rev. Mr. Ben Pitre
Dec. 9	Rev. David Hebert	&	Connor Poirrier

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Staff

Monica Laperous, Secretary & Bookkeeper \ Janet Hebert & Beth Duplechin, DRE 1st-8th
Nicole Habetz, Bulletin Editor & DRE 9th-11th \ Yvette Weber Broussard, Choir Director

Sacramental Information & New Parishioners

Baptism: Expectant parents 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 immanent, 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.

Weekly Parish Calendar & Daily Mass Readings

SUN 3

Come, Lord Jesus Bible Study, 6pm
in CCD Bldg.

AA, 8pm in Room 11

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Psalm 80

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

MON 4

St. John Damascene

Is 2:1-5

Ps 122:1-9

Mt 8:5-11

TUES 5

Rosary in church cry room, 9am

Rosary in French at 8:00am

CLJ Bible Study, 9:30am in CCD Bldg

AA, 7pm in Room 11

Elementary CCD:1st-4th 5:30-6:30pm 5th-8th 7-8pm

Is 11:1-10

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Lk 10:21-24

WED 6

Prayer group in church cry
room 10am

Choir Practice 6-7:30

CLJ Bible Study, 6:30pm in CCD
Bldg.

AA, 8pm in Room 11

Light is on for you 6-8:30pm

St. Nicholas

Is 25:6-10a

Ps 23:1-6

THURS 7

AA, 7pm in Room 11

No 8:30 Mass

Anticipated Mass at 5:30pm for
the Immaculate Conception

*St. Ambrose;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day*

Is 26:1-6

Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRI 8

AA, 8pm in Room 11

6:30am Mass

8:30 School Mass at
school

12:10 Mass

Immaculate Conception

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Ps 98:1-4

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

SAT 9

AA, 7pm in Room 11

Sts. Peter and Paul 5K
Race in the parking lot
7-10:30am

*St. Juan Diego
Cuauhtlatoatzin*

Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Ps 147:1-6

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Offered For:

Saturday, December 2 @ 4:00pm: Dupre Hebert, Marie-Louise Stoute, M/M Louis C. Prejean & Michael, M/M Joe Peschier & Suzanne, John B Sonnier Family, Bertha Sonnier, Emetile D. Bourque & Edward Bourque SR. Family, David L. "Boo" Prejean, Adley & Beverly Scrantz, Millie Domingue, Marilyn Arton, Agnes Granger, Gene & Louis Provost, Charlie Provost, Waver & Sosthene Guidry, Carl Guidry, Claude Chastant, Andrew Pasek, Kimberly Miller, Helen (L) & Donald T. Boudreaux Special Intention, Joe (D) & Belle Alleman, Myrtle Breaux, Johnny Leger

Sunday, December 3 @ 6:30am: For the People

Sunday, December 3 @ 8:00am: Audrey Menard, Joseph Doucet, Chris Tanner (L), Clifton Robin, Priscilla D. Duplechin, Maria Nguyen, Francis & Ellen Resweber, Spiritual Healing

Sunday, December 3 @ 10:00am: Rayford G. Domingue, Deanna Sonnier, Adrine & Eulalia Vega, Paul SR & Clarine Martin, Lelia Doucet, Lee & Ida Bergeron, M/M Loray Dugas & Al, Flora Trahan Family, Sidney Trahan, Lena McBride Weaver, Sylvia Comeaux

Sunday, December 3 @ 5:00pm: Carroll & Shirley Lavergne

Monday, December 4 @ 12:10pm: Noelie & Nick Provost, Warren Romero

Tuesday, December 5 @ 8:30am: Gerry "Buck" Ransonet, Ben (Ann) & Annie Guilbeaux, Susan B. DeShazo Fly Special Intention

Wednesday, December 6 @ 6:30am: To Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 7 @ 8:30am: Earl Tanner, JR (L)

Friday, December 8 @ 6:30am: Mollie Domingue, Joseph Nguyen

Friday, December 8 @ 12:10pm: Rusty Provost (L), Verna Castille

Dec. 9/10 Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and Altar Servers

Masses	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Altar Servers
Sat. Dec. 9 @ 4pm	Carolyn Prejean, Chris Duplechin, Dn. Tanner	John Prejean	Jackson Andrepoint, Damon Apple, Emilie Leblanc, Jackson Lasteapes
Sun. Dec. 10			
6:30am	Louise Credeur, Dn. Tanner	Rene Mouton	Adrienne Hendrix, Mary-Ester Leblanc
8am	Eric Stromer, Karen Molbert, Vernon Romero, Karen Bienvenue, Dn. Tanner	Al & Monica Laperous	Addie Hodge, Conner Benoit, Madison Lenox, Lily Luneau
10am	Ken & Penny Gennuso, Becky Breaux	Mary Harrison	Cade Cormier, Mitchell Touchet, Jaxon Cho, Alex Hebert
5pm	Mark & Trina Habetz, Jerry Hovatter	Mary Calais	Emilie Comeaux, Emma Mistic, Ellen Faye Thibodeaux, Skye Williams, Cole Hebert

***Please remember:** if you are unable to attend your scheduled Mass, you are responsible for finding a substitute

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