

December
17, 2017

STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

3rd Sunday
in Advent

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Mon.-Thurs.
8:30am-12pm,
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until 5pm in
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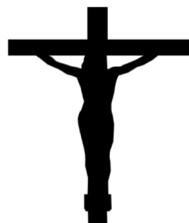
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5pm Mon: 12:10pm | Tues, Thurs, First
Sat: 8:30am | Wed, Fri: 6:30 am



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

Generating Joy

"He has sent me to bring good news..." Isaiah 61:1

An anthropologist proposed a game to a group of African Children. Placing a basket of fruit near a tree, he told them that whoever got there first would win the sweetest fruits. Taking each other's hands, they ran and then sat together enjoying their treats. When he asked then why they has ran that when one of them could have had all the fruits, they said, "*Ubuntu* (I am because we are); how can one of us be happy if all others are sad?

Today is *Gaudete* (Rejoice!) Sunday. Often on this Sunday we reflect on the joy in our lives; we should! Yet what does Scripture tell us about joy? Today, Isaiah says that we have been sent to bring good news: we have been sent to *share* joy. The best way to live a joy-filled life is not to go in search of it, not to pursue more things to bring us joy, but to bring joy to others. Frederick William Faber (Catholic theologian and hymn writer) said, "There are souls in this world who have the gift of finding joy everywhere, and leaving it behind then when they go."

Daily Practice: Decide upon one thing you could do (perhaps anonymously) to bring joy to someone this week.

Advent Prayer: *God of exuberant joy, deepen your joy in me, nudging me to share a joy-filled attitude.*

Christianity Is Joy

"I rejoice heartily in the Lord, In my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with the robe of salvation" Isaiah 61:10

Since childhood, I have loved the Salve Regina ("Hail Holy Queen"). Except of the words "mourning and weeping in this valley of tears," which seems a little one-sided. And the Bible backs me up: in the New Revised Standard Version, "rejoice" appears 143 time vs. 43 for "mourn."

Christianity is joy. After love, joy is the second "fruit of the Holy Spirit," meaning that if we are living a Christian life, joy should be a proof of it.

But joy is compatible with pain. Joy is not just a feeling: it is a deep happiness, based on what we know. Jesus on the cross had joy, because he knew he was saving the world. But he did not feel it.

Our joy comes from knowing the mystery of our relationship with the Three Persons of God. God is the Father. The Son lives in our bodies. The Holy Spirit infuses us with "love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control" (Galatians 5:22)

Christianity lifts us up from the level of "religion"- doctrines laws and practices- into the mystery of relationship (through interaction) with Father, Son, and Spirit. That is joy.

Ultimately, it is the only joy we can unconditionally count on.

Daily Practice: Whenever you feel sad, remember three reasons for joy.

Advent Prayer: *My spirit rejoiced in God my Savior.*

Little Things Mean a Lot

Scripture: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5:16-17)

Reflection: Reading St. Paul's instructions in today's second reading sounds a little like Mission Impossible, not to mention a wee bit Pollyannaish. "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." the reality is more like this: Rejoice when something good happens. Pray when we need something. (I'm assuming I'm not the only one who falls into those bad habits.) So how do we incorporate there somewhat challenging practices into our completely challenging lives? It's actually not complicated or time-intensive. It can begin with one simple practice: gratitude.

You've probably heard spiritual gurus and self-help experts touting the power of a gratitude journal. There's a reason. It works. Writing down things for which we are grateful every day begin to change our perspective and our lives, and it's just a short leap from daily gratitude to ceaseless prayer. When we begin to count our blessings, we become more thankful for what we have and more aware of what others don't have. Suddenly our ordinary moments are ripe for prayer. In line at the grocery store, in the waiting room at the doctor's office, sitting in traffic- all of it is an opportunity for grace to enter in and for our lives to become a prayer. We don't have to say nonstop Our Fathers, although that is an option. What we need to do is recognize the miracles in the mundane, the divine in the everyday, and realize there is always reason and give thanks.

Meditation: Begin a gratitude journal and try to note three things for which you are grateful. See if you can keep it up every day from not until Christmas, maybe beyond if you like the practice. The items don't have to be seemingly insignificant but important to you (watching the first snowfall of the season). When you do find yourself in a situation that starts to deplete you, find something to be grateful for. Begin to weave prayer into every day activities- your morning commute, washing the dishes, walking the dog. Start with thank you and work your way up from there.

Prayer: O God, how great thou art! Although we don't always show it, we always know it, and we are grateful for the many blessings you have bestowed on us. Give us the grace to recognize and rejoice in your unending goodness.

Are You Too Busy?

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, “We cannot stop Christians from going to church. We cannot stop them from reading their Bibles and coming to know the truth. We cannot stop them from having an intimate relationship with the One they call the Savior. As you know, once they develop this relationship with Jesus Christ, our power over them is broken. We should let them go to worship in their churches and go about their church activities, but we must also find a way to steal their time so that their relationship with Jesus Christ and with the Church may weaken. This is my proposal. I want you, all of you, to distract them in any way possible from Christ and keep them from communicating with him.”

“How shall we do this?” the demons shouted. “Keep them BUSY! BUSY in the least important, most non-essential affairs of life and employ different schemes to occupy their minds,” he answered. “tempt them to spend money, spend more money, and spend even more money. Convince them that they want and need every creature comfort the world has to offer. Then have them so deep in debt that they must borrow and owe, borrow and owe. Persuade wives to work away from their families for long hours and their husbands do the same. Have them work for six and seven days a week, ten to twelve hours a day, so that they can afford their empty lifestyles. Keep parents from having any time for their children; convince them that other people will care for their children or that they can care for themselves. Make parents believe that it is material happiness their children want instead of their love and affection. As their families begin to fragment, their homes will soon offer no escape from the pressures of work!”

“Over-stimulate their minds and keep them preoccupied so that they are unable to hear the still, small voice of conscience calling them to live simply. Crowd their minds with noise: entice them to play music and news or chat on their cell phones while driving, keep their televisions, computers, video and disc players running constantly in their homes; wherever they go let the constant worldly music and noise jam their minds and keep them from thinking of Christ. Fill their homes and tables with worldly magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with constant information, news reports twenty-four hours a day. Distract their driving moments with advertising and that will perpetuate their false hopes.”

“Keep the beautiful young models in the public eye so that spouses will think only of outward beauty. Husbands will become dissatisfied with their wives and wives with their husbands. Tire them out with so much activity that spouses have no energy to share love with each other. If one spouse will not give to the other love, they will begin to look elsewhere! Let their children have a Santa Claus and presents that will turn their attention away from the true meaning of Christmas. Let the Easter Bunny and candy replace the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and have them forget his power over sin and death. Let their recreations be excessive and expensive. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, concerts and movies. Have them return from their vacations exhausted, angry and broke. Keep them too busy to enjoy the beauty of nature, the company of their families, have them forget about the simplicity of life and the security of home and family.

“When they go to church, let them leave with troubled consciences and cause them to despair of God’s mercy. They will try to do so much good, with very good intentions, but will feel guilty asking God for help. Let them crowd their lives with numerous good causes, but also have them relying on their own strength. Soon they will sacrifice their families and their spiritual and physical health for the good of the cause. Keep them so busy that they know no peace! It will work,” he said with a laugh and a grin, “it will work!” The demons then went eagerly tempting the Christian faithful who gave in and became too busy for God, family, or neighbor. And soon, there was no peace.

What good is it, Jesus asks, if a man were to gain the whole world but lose his life in the process? If your life is reflected in this story, then do not be too busy to make a change and reevaluate your priorities. Take time to enjoy the blessings of faith, family, and friends before they’re gone.

Parish Announcements & Contact Information

-  **Holy Hours Needed** for our Adoration Chapel: We need 2 people on 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.
-  **The Prophets - Video Bible Study:** The prophets...they afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God. Their prophetic words speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom. Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Scott will begin *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy* on Monday, January 15th from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.. This 10-week course will include a video presentation by Thomas Smith followed by group discussions. The cost for the study materials is \$27.00 per set. Interested persons should sign up and pay by December 29, 2017, so that materials can be purchased. This can be done in person at the rectory or by mail (attn: Monica, Prophets). If you already have the materials, please sign up anyway (no fee).
-  **Safe Environment Video** will be shown to all Elementary classes on January 16th. It will be at the same time as the regular scheduled class. Parents are welcomed to attend. The topic for 1st through 4th grade is "I am the boss of my body." 5th through 8th grade topic is "7 ways to block a cyber bully."
-  **Safe Environment Video** will be shown to all the Faith Formation students on January 21st. It will be a normal Formation night with small groups following the video. Parents are welcome to attend, the topic is on dating.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

Collection from Dec.3rd: \$14,328.58

Church Renovations: \$6,009.42

Immaculate Conception: \$2,658.92

Collection from Dec.10th: \$11,184.78

WEEKLY EXPENSES: \$17,000

MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$68,000

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

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.

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)

Masses	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Altar Servers
Mon, Dec.25			
6:30am	NO 6:30am Mass	NO 6:30am Mass	NO 6:30am Mass
8am	Karen Bienveneue, Charles Trahan, Charlie Frederick, Joe & Elsie Smith	Cindy Leblanc	Addie Hodge, Conner Benoit, Madison Lenox, Lily Luneau
10am	Glen Harrington, Debbie Boudreaux, Deena Campbell	Lee Boudreaux	Brenna Armbruster, Riley Wickman, Hayden Vice, Megan Whittington
5pm	NO 5pm Mass	NO 5pm Mass	NO 5pm Mass

Our Catholic School News

Fr. Mark Derise, Chancellor

Sts. Peter and Paul School

Dr. Robert Richard, Principal

Jim Andrepont, Advisory Council Chair

LEF Nominees – Congratulations to the following educators for being nominees for the Outstanding Educator for the Lafayette Education Foundation: Katelyn Abshire, Lacie Barilleaux, Celeste Bergeron, Claire Bernard, Renee Broussard, Nicole Copeland, Michelle Gauthier, Casey Giglio, Leslie Gossen, Christine McCleary, Cassidy Richard, Hilary Wynn

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

Admissions Information – Applications for new students for the 2018-2019 school year will open on Monday, January 8, 2018. Please access the application through our website at www.sts-peter-paul.org. Parents wishing to schedule tours for the 2018-2019 school year are welcome to call the front office. If you are interested in scheduling a tour, please contact Renee Ory at 337.504.3400 or email at rorry@sts-peter-paul.org.

Christmas/New Year Holiday - School will dismiss at 11:00am on Friday, December 22 and will resume on Monday, January 8, 2018.

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

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. 17	Rev. Johnathan Janise	&	Parents, Benefactors and Seminary Faculty of
Dec. 18	Rev. Rofinus Jas, SVD	&	Reed Bellingham
Dec. 19	Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD	&	Donald Bernard
Dec. 20	Rev. Raymond Jones, SVD	&	Brother John Joseph, CJC (Payton Bourque)
Dec. 21	Rev. Ryszard Kalinowski, SVD	&	Joseph Boustany
Dec. 22	Rev. Andreas Kedati, SVD	&	Alex Cormier
Dec. 23	Rev. Steven Kimmons, SJ	&	Randy Courville

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 17

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

AA, 8pm in Room 11

NO FAITH FORMATION

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

MON 18

Jer 23:5-8

Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19

Mt 1:18-25

TUES 19

Rosary in church cry room, 9am

CLJ Bible Study, 9:30am in CCD Bldg

AA, 7pm in Room 11

NO ELEMENTARY CCD

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

Lk 1:5-25

WED 20

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

Senior Bingo at 9:30am in the
church hall. **Lunch will be
provided**

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6

Lk 1:26-38

THURS 21

AA, 7pm in Room 11

School Mass at 8:30am

St. Peter Canisius

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21

Lk 1:39-45

FRI 22

AA, 8pm in Room 11

1 Sm 1:24-28

1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd

Lk 1:46-56

SAT 23

AA, 7pm in Room 11

Anticipated Mass at
4pm

St. John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14

Lk 1:57-66

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Offered For:

Saturday, December 16 @ 4:00pm: Mrs. Eloi Comeaux, Sr. Eloi Comeaux, Jr. Dupre Hebert, Mary Ann Dugas (HB)(L), Larry P. Comeaux, Emetile D. Bourque & Edward Bourque Sr. David "Boo" Prejean, Adley & Beverly Scantz, Rita S. Prejean (HBD) Mollie Domingue, Chester & Helen Duhon, Cindy Labbe, Ben & Annie (Ann) Guilbeaux, Robert & Gertilee Williams, Wanda Hebert, Agnes Granger, Claude Chastant, Joe (D) & Belle Alleman, Myrtle Breaux, Carl Guidry, Waver & Sosthene Guidry, Charlie Provost, Georgine & Louis Provost, Sybil Alleman

Sunday, December 17 @ 6:30am: For the People

Sunday, December 17 @ 8:00am: Audrey Menard, Catholic Daughters, Francis & Ellen Resweber, Spiritual Healing, M/M Camille Delhomme, M/M Wilfred Hebert & Woodley, M/M Jack Tanner & Walter, M/M George Griggs, Sr. M/M Larry Hebert, Sensat Come Lord Jesus Group, Lucy B. Guidry, M/M Charles Guidry, Sharron Benoit

Sunday, December 17 @ 10:00am: Rayford G. Domingue, Deanna Sonnier, Dol & Don Montoucet (Dol 8th D. Ann), Adrian & Eulalie Vega, Paul Sr & Clarine Martin, Lelia Doucet, Preston Royer, Joseph Doucet, Gene & Louis Provost, Charlie Provost, Waver & Sosthene Guidry, Carl Guidry, Mr. & Mrs. Percy Mouton, Eunice Mire, Gussie Bringol, Lena McBride Weaver, Sylvia Comeaux

Sunday, December 17 @ 5:00pm: Carroll & Shirley Lavergne

Monday, December 18 @ 12:10pm: Allen Laughlin

Tuesday, December 19 @ 8:30am: Leta Mae Broussard, Frances Duhon FLY Special Intention, Lee Martin Sr.

Wednesday, December 20 @ 6:30am: Alex Lantier FLY, Cathleen B. Holloway, J.B Richard (Ann)

Thursday, December 21 @ 8:30am: Thanks to St. Rita, Stephen Walters

Friday, December 22 @ 6:30am: Mollie Domingue, Jane Boudreaux (Ann), Allen Lloyd Laughlin, Mrs. Murphy "Nannie" Broussard, Stephen Walters, Madge Madona (L) (90th Birthday)

Dec. 23/24 Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and Altar Servers

Masses	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Altar Servers
Sat. Dec. 16 @ 4pm	Danny Hollier, Danny Hollier Jr, Becky Daigle	Jay Cormier	Blake Broussard, Luke Broussard, Grant Duplechin, Camille Swilley, Myah Hebert
Sun. Dec. 17	6:30am Steve & Jean Provost	Georgie Mouton	Adrienne Hendrix, Mary-Ester Leblanc
8am	Carral Menard, Steve Hebert, Vernon Romero, Meredith Breaux, Eric Stromer	Troy Bergeron	Abigail Mahne, Cooper Bellard, Kaiton Hayes
10am	Jeanie Sullivan, Sharon Ferguson, Dn. Tanner	Stephen Ferguson	Jake Domingue, Elise Hebert, Jacob Sonnier, Keely Winn
4pm	Trina Habetz, Danielle Babineaux Dn. Tanner	JoAnn Tanner	Nicholas Mire, Seth Trahan, Andrew Devalcourt, Elias Bernard

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

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