



St. Peter Parish

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-Sunday of the Word of God

January 21st, 2024

CLERGY-

Rev. Fr. Daniel Brouillette, Pastor

Rev. Fr. Chinedu Daniel Okafor, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Dennis Adams, Deacon Brian McKnight

Deacon Francisco Rodriguez (ChiChi)

RECTORY OFFICE—125 E. 19th Ave., Covington, LA

Mon- Thurs: 8am -4pm, Friday: 8am - Noon

Closed for Holy Days of Obligation & Holidays

SAINT PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

130 E. Temperance St. Covington, LA 70433

985-892-1831, Michael Kraus, Principal

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 p.m.

Sunday.....8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Monday & Saturday.....8:30 a.m.

Tuesday - Friday.....6:30a.m. & 8:30 a.m.

Youth Mass 5:00 p.m. last Sunday of the month

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday.....4:00-4:50 p.m.

Monday - Saturday.....8:00-8:20 a.m.

Saturday.....3:00-3:50 p.m.

1st Saturdays..... 7:45-8:30 a.m.

and by appointment at the Rectory

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

20th - Young Ladies Altar Sodality @9:30am

“Stand for Life” Life Chain with the KC’s @ 1pm - 2pm in Mandeville by Fazzio’s Restaurant. On Hwy 190.

26th - ROCK JR CYO @ 5pm - 7pm in St. Mary’s Hall

27th & 28th - Pro-Life Calendar Sales

FEBRUARY

4th - Mother Daughter Program 8th to 12th Grader @ 2:00pm til 4:30pm St. Mary’s Hall. Registration required.

11th - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts St. Mary’s Hall after Morning Masses

12th - 14th - Rectory Office Closed - Mardi Gras Holiday

14th - Ash Wednesday @ 6:30am, 8:30am Mass, 12 Noon Ashes Service, 7pm Mass

17th - Family Praise and Worship @ 6:30pm/Church

22nd - St. Peter Presents - Chris Carsens on “How to pray the Mass Better”/Church

24th-25th - Married Couples Retreat @ St. Joseph Abbey

MARCH

2nd - Parish Wide Anointing of the Sick @ 4pm Vigil Mass

6th - Confession available in all parishes 5:00pm til 6:00pm St. Monica Mass @ 6:00pm

13th & 20th - Confession available in all parishes 5:00pm til 6:30pm

17th - St. Joseph Altar/St. Mary’s Hall after Morning Masses

18th-20th - Lenten Mission—Fr. Bryan Howard

24th - Palm Sunday - Beginning of Holy Week

RECTORY Main Number.....985-892-2422

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Ashley Gervais/Stacie Reynolds ext #3016 or 892-8994

SACRISTAN

Kathleen Montgomery.....985-892-2422

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Ethel Ganucheau.....985-630-9016

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Rev. Fr. Chinedu Daniel Okafor.....985-892-2422

St. PETER Charities ext#3015.....85-214-8618

stpetercharities@stpeterparish.com

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, SACRAMENT OF

MARRIAGE & FUNERALS

Call Rectory in advance.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 20th - Vigil - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-Sunday of the Word of God

4:00 PM Vigil Mass— Wayne Desdier, Payton E. Strain, Ashley Taylor, Mildred S. Montgomery, Rosanna Mathew (L), Ashley Priby (L), Audrey Cooper, Kathleen Wolfe Kemp, Mr. Chad Collings (L), Wendy Sliman, Domenic Ricca, JoAnn Bourgeois, Patti Westgate, Pat Bernhard, Betty Messina, Beverly & CJ Damico Rose and Charles Weigel, Jr., Bruce & Trudy Pahlmann (L), Michael Dickinson (L), Pat & Matt Cavroll (L), Debbie & David Dallimore, Anne Dale (L), Howard & JoAnn Guidry, Craig Taffaro, Sr., Rexel Hibbett, Erin Stark

Sunday, January 21st – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-Sunday of the Word of God

Jon 3:1-5,10 | Ps 25 | 1 Cor 7:29-31 | Mk 1:14-20

8:00 AM Clotilde Mena Ero, Emmanuel Hebert, Howard & JoAnn Guidry, Sidney & Loanalee Theriot, David A. Gleason, III, Walter Kornowski, Sr., Ivy J. Rodrigue, Max Smart, Lucie Commenge, Becky Plauche Bean (L), Audrey Cooper, Mercedes L. Schulin, The Brewster Family (L), Fr. Daniel Okafor (L), Fr. William James Croke, Ethel Sexton, Edgardo & Norma Rodriguez (L-Anniv), Nilda Rousset Trilla, Winifredo Perez, Robert St. Pe', Barbara Lapino, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Joseph-Vy Vo & Lucia-Bac Nguyen Family (L&D), Eric Bissel, Cynthia Clancy (L), Stanley E. LeBlanc, Jr.

9:30 AM St. Peter Parish Parishioners

11:30 AM Jennifer & Mike Nicaud (L)

5:00 PM Joe & Linda Mattingly & Tom Giror

Monday, January 22nd - Weekday

2 Sm 5:1-7,10 | Ps 89 | Mk 3:22-30

8:30 AM Deacon Rusty Read

Tuesday, January 23rd - St. Vincent, Deacon Martyr (USA);

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin (USA)

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 | Ps 24 | Mk 3:31-35

6:30 AM Jack Drivon

8:30 AM Gregory S. Heinz

Wednesday, January 24th - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17 | Ps 89 | Mk 4:1-20

6:30 AM Gwen Gitz (L)

8:30 AM William & Karole Kentzel

Thursday, Jan 25th - The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 | Ps 117 | Mk 16:15-18

6:30 AM Myrie Burvant (L)

8:30 AM Aruther & Mildred Montgomery

Friday, January 26th - St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishop

2 Tm 1:1-8 | Ps 96 | Mk 4:26-34

6:30 AM Mother Angelica

8:30 AM Mildred Rodriguez

Saturday, January 27th - St. Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 | Ps 51 | Mk 4:35-41

8:30 AM Kunjamma Uttappan

This week the Sanctuary, Mother Mary & Adoration Chapel Candles burn for....



Mother Mary Lamp

*In Honor of
Holly Schwartz*



Sanctuary Lamp

*In Memorial of
Dorothy Keller*



The Adoration Chapel Lamp

*In Memorial of
Gloria Albena*



Blessed Mother Flowers

In Memorial of Margaret Mannino

Parish Stewardship Report

Parishioners, your generous support is received with much appreciation.



**Week ending January 14th 2024
Contributions in Church,
ACH and Online**

General Offertory in Church	\$ 21,217.04
General Offertory Online Giving	\$ 5,428.45
Maintenance & Building Fund in Church	\$ 418.00
Maintenance & Building Online Giving	\$ 2,315.15
Total Contributions to St. Peter Church	\$ 29,378.64

If you not using Parishioner Envelopes and you know your envelope number please add it to the memo line on your checks. Thank you for your assistance



St. Peter Parish offers
Online GIVING
Thank you for your support!



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for
January for the gift of diversity
in the Church**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church. Amen



*Please pray for sick relatives and friends
of St. Peter Parishioners and those that
have been called to "Active Duty."*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass January 27th

4 PM—Fr. Bru/Dcn Dennis

Sunday January 28th

8 AM—Fr. Bru/Dcn Dennis

9:30 AM—Fr. Bru/Dcn Brian

11:30 AM—Fr. Cavalier/Dcn Brian

5:00 PM—Legionary Priest/Dcn Brian

Committed Adorers & Prayer Partners Needed for the Adoration Chapel



Sunday: 1pm

Monday: 4pm*

Wednesday: 1am*

Friday: 1am*, 5pm

(* most urgent need)

Chapel Coordinator:

Ethel Ganuchau @ 985-630-9016 or
email ganuchau3794@bellsouth.net

FAITH FACTS

THE ANSWERS YOU NEED ON:

Reproductive Technologies

What does the Church teach about reproductive technologies?

To read more on this topic pick up you copy that are available in the back of church and on our parish and school websites.



CATHOLICS UNITED
FOR THE FAITH

ROCK Jr CYO

FOOD GAMES
FUN

Friday, January 26, 2024 5pm-7pm

St. Marys Hall, St. Peter Parish

All 5th-7th graders welcome

Questions- rock@stpeterparish.com



A NOTE OF THANKS

The St. Peter Knights of Columbus, **Coats for Kids Program 2023** was a great success due to your many coat donations.

We sincerely thank you for your generosity. With your help, we distributed 515 coats to very happy kids of all ages during events held at Greater Starlight Baptist Church, Lyon Elementary School and Sister Theresa Berlin's Blue Stand all located in Covington. Thank You!

ADVERTISER SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

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FEB. 24, 2024 8:30 AM - 3 PM
St. Catherine of Siena, Metairie



Knights of Columbus – St. Peter Council

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Fundraising Raffle

Full accommodations weekend in Gulf Shores, Alabama on April 12th – 14th, 2024.

1 bedroom condo with 2 sofas that can welcome up to 4 people!
Complimentary linen & cleaning service.
Complimentary parking pass, vehicle registration required.
One-time boat launch fee is \$25.
Check-in after 3pm on 4/12, check-out by 10am on 4/14.

Full front Gulf view with balcony, washer & dryer, walk-in spa shower.

Private queen bedroom with a bay view.

\$20/ticket or \$100/6 ticket book. Please make checks payable to **K of C 12906**.
Drawing will be held at the Knights of Columbus March 12, 2024 Meeting.
Contact: Jeffrey Payer at jfpayer@gmail.com or 985.789.6569 or
Brian Marcel at brianmarcel40@gmail.com or 985.502.4403

AMENITIES

- Private boat launch
- Lighted fishing piers
- Hot tub
- Waterfall pool
- Poolside bathrooms
- Private boat docks
- Lighted tennis courts
- BBQ grills

Complete kitchen!

Credit card required for damage deposit.
Condo complex rules apply.
see GSSRC.org for details.

Great beach fishing in fall, license required.

 **Little Light Food Pantry**


Donations can be dropped off in the back of the church, Rectory Office or Ministry Center

LLFP is open on Thursdays from 1-4pm in the Ministry Center.

Use QR to sign up as a Volunteer or go to:



<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/347000899029480012/false#/invitation>

 **Prayer Blankets**
Pocket Prayer Quilts

Available at the Parish Office for those in need.

Blessed Blankets and Pocket Prayer Quilts (small enough to keep in your pocket) are available if you or someone you know would like one.


Stop by the Parish Office, Monday-Thursday, 8am - 4pm & Fri, 8am - 12pm.
For more information call 985-892-2422

ST. PETER PRESENTS

Chris Carstens

How to Pray the Mass Better

based on his book
Devotional Journey into the Mass



EXPLAINING THE SPIRITUAL MEANINGS BEHIND THE SIGNS AND SYMBOLS, WORDS AND ACTIONS OF THE MASS, AUTHOR CHRISTOPHER CARSTENS WILL TEACH US SPIRITUALLY-ENRICHING WAYS TO ENTER THE CHURCH BUILDING, MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS, PRAY THE OPENING PRAYER, LISTEN TO THE READINGS, PREPARE YOUR SOUL AT THE OFFERTORY, PARTICIPATE IN THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER, RECEIVE COMMUNION, AND EVEN RESPOND TO THE DISMISSAL.

COPIES OF HIS BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

FEBRUARY 22
6:30-7:30PM
IN
ST. PETER
CHURCH

COVINGTON
LOUISIANA

RECEPTION
FOLLOWING



Christopher Carstens is director of the Office for Sacred Worship in the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin; a visiting faculty member at the Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois; editor of the *Adoremus Bulletin*; and one of the voice on *The Liturgy Guys* podcast. He is author of *A Devotional Journey into the Mass* and *A Devotional Journey into the Easter Mystery* (Sophia), as well as *Principles of Sacred Liturgy: Forming a Sacramental Vision* (Hillenbrand Books). He lives in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin, with his wife and eight children.



Volunteer Opportunities

"Unlock your gifts" The Lord has endowed each of us with certain gifts. Will you pray about how you can use your gifts to build up His Kingdom through volunteering at St. Peter Parish?

Use the QR code to go to our Volunteer Webpage (<https://www.stpeterparish.com/volunteer-opportunities>) and mark the areas of ministry in the form which you feel called to offer your gifts. Someone will be in touch soon! If you'd prefer, you can download the form, located in the Documents section under the form, and return it to the rectory or email it to



ministrycoordinator@stpeterparish.com

St. Peter Catholic Church

Mother Daughter Program

invites mothers and daughters from 8th to 12th grade to deepen and widen their understanding about God's plan for sexuality.

Presenters:

Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo & Mrs. Aimée MacIver

Sunday, February 4, 2024
2:00 to 4:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Hall

Scan the QR code to register.



Suggested donation: \$25.00
Questions: mfl@stpeterparish.com



"Come to the Water"

St. Peter Catholic Church
Baptismal Preparation Seminar

Will be held on third Wednesday of the month
next Baptism Seminar is on

Wednesday, February 21st, 2024

in the Upper Room @ 6:00pm
318 S. Jefferson Ave

Please let us know if anyone will attend
as our Priest or Deacon wait for the
attendants to arrive @ 6:00pm



If you have any questions
call Joan "Joni" @ 985-892-2422
or email baptism@stpeterparish.com

Little Light Food Pantry

please consider donating toward our ongoing needs



Items regularly needed:

- Peanut Butter 16 oz jars
- Jelly 12-16 oz jars
- Corn 15 oz cans
- Green Beans 15 oz cans
- Mac and Cheese 7-12 oz packages
- Fruit (lunch size cups/cans)
- Oatmeal single serving packs
- Grits single serving packs
- Jambalaya single boxes
- Rice 1 lb bags
- Red Beans 1lb bag dry beans
- Chicken 5 oz cans
- Tuna 2.5 oz packs or cans
- Chili 15 oz cans

FIAT FRIENDS:

A Catholic Book Study for Mothers and Mothers-to-be

You are invited to journey with us as we strive to understand, embrace,
and live our vocation of motherhood.

**DON'T FORGET TO
SAY THANK YOU**



In *Don't Forget to Say Thank You: And Other Parenting Lessons That Brought Me Closer to God*, Lindsay Schlegel reimagines the common phrases we repeat as parents and applies them to our relationship with God. In doing so, she demonstrates how reflecting on our vocation as mothers can inform and illuminate our role as a daughter of God, drawing us closer to him.

What if we took the statements we repeat to our children and apply them to ourselves?

When we start to hear the things we're telling our kids as wisdom from God, it's clear that the lessons we are trying to teach our kids are ones we also need to learn as children of the Most High.

Join us for fellowship and inspiring conversation as we grow in faith, hope, and love as we live out our vocation of Catholic Motherhood.

Dates: Monday evenings—January 22; February 5 and 19; March 4 and 18;
April 8 and 22; and May 6.

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (NO childcare this semester.)

Place: St. Peter Parish Ministry Center (next to the Adoration Chapel) in Covington.

Please register by filling out the form below and returning it to St. Peter Catholic Church Rectory with payment of \$20, made payable to St. Peter Catholic Church. Fee includes the book, which can be picked up at the rectory. Scholarships are available.

Contact Beth Montelepre at bethmontelepre@gmail.com or 504-220-4626 for more information.

Name: _____ Email: _____

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**LEAVE A LEGACY
OF FAITH
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ST PETER PARISH
IN YOUR WILL**



**"The Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer" join
us on Tuesday from
3:00-3:45pm in church.**



**Rosary for Peace join us on Fridays at
3:00pm in church.
May God Bless America.**



Women's Prayer Group

Lectio Divina is a traditional Catholic practice of praying with the Holy Scriptures. The main goal is making time to listen & allow God's Word to guide us. In addition, our women's prayer group will again be using the book, "Inviting God In", by Joyce Rupp.

Meetings are: Every other Friday in the Ministry Center @ 9:15am to 11:30am.

Please join us as we pray on the following dates: Feb 2, 16.

If interested, please call or txt Helena @. 662-312-4477

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Meetings - 1st Thursdays of Each Month

Place - St. Mary's Hall

Time - 6:00PM

Next Meeting - February 1st, 2024

*For more information contact
Susan & Charles Furlan
furlancharles@yahoo.com*



Rosa Mystica Prayer Group for Priests

Our Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle meets every Monday morning in Church at 10:30am. Please come join us as we pray for our priests, for their sanctification and holiness, for the seminarians in their discernment process, as well as for an increase in future priestly vocations. For more information contact

Cindy Garrett @ 985-892-6381



Formed 14 1/2 years ago The Men of St. Joseph has been continuously meeting on Tuesday Mornings @ 6:30am.

Pleased to announce that we are now in the St. Peter Ministry Center

Attendance is open to all men of the St. Tammany Deanery.

**For more information please contact
Matt Hardey @ 985-373-3950
Email: hardey@me.com**



Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Seeking to be the best man you can be? Come join us! We welcome newcomers and we welcome you back if you have been away for a while.

Next Meeting Date: January 24th, 25th & 26th

**Wed 1/17 @ 6-7 PM in the School Cafeteria OR
Thurs 1/18 @ 5:45—7:15 AM in St Mary's Hall
OR Virtual Zoom on Fri 1/19 @ 7:15-8:00 AM**

Session 15: The Wine Press of the Gospel

- **Presenter: Michael Gormley**
- **Theme: Called to Bear Fruit**
- **We have an unhealthy fear of pain and suffering**
- **We need to realize pain and suffering can purify our souls**
- **How to have fruitfulness in ourselves so we can then take it out to the world**

For more information please call:
Vincent Bologna 504.319.9828

ST. PETER MEN'S ASSOCIATION



All men of the parish are invited to the Men's Association monthly meeting Third Tuesdays of each month. Come learn more about this men's parish service group. Meeting on Third Tuesdays of the Month

The next meeting is being held on:

**Tuesday January 16th @ 7:00pm
Upper Room. (318 S. Jefferson Ave)**

Questions? Contact Eric Carter at 985.807.4997.

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Dr. Ben Akers & Dr. James Prothro

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Sponsored

Married Couples Retreat

February 24-25

Attention Married Couples:
Would you like to spend quality time
enriching your marriage?

Then join us on our parish sponsored
married couples retreat
at the beautiful St Joseph Abbey!

Growing Together in Faith & LoveFaith and Marriage
an Apostolate of the Willwoods CommunityRegister at FaithandMarriage.org

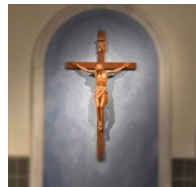
RCIA



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

We invite you to register for RCIA.
Contact Fr. Daniel at (985) 892-2422

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
January 24th— A Catholic Moral Vision:
Virtue, Grace & Happiness

visit our website: <https://stpeterparish.com/rite-of-christian-initiation-adults-rcia>

New Parishioner Registration Form

Welcome to St. Peter Parish! You are invited to register as a New Parishioner by using our online form or you may visit the Parish Office during our regular business hours of Mon-Thurs from 8a-4p and Fri from 8am-12noon.

Are you already registered and need to update
your info? **CHANGE OF ADDRESS? NEW BABY?**



As a member of the St. Peter Parish family, it is essential that we work with the most accurate and up-to-date information possible so that we can serve you better.



If you have new family information or new contact information, we ask you to please take a few moments to fill out the following online form.

Keep in Touch

Please stay connected to and updated on
all the latest from our vibrant parish!

stpeterparish.com

@stpeterparishcovington



@stpeterparish

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- Read about the Saint of the Day
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January 2024

To the Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope Francis has named the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as **Sunday of the Word of God**. This is an annual observance aimed at helping us grow in a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures.

When we gather on Sunday or for any Mass, God speaks his word to us through the Scriptures. Our desire is to open our ears and our hearts to listen attentively. May I suggest that we could more effectively do this by reading the Sunday Scriptures before Mass in order to prepare our hearts to receive his word.

As we reflect on the importance of the Word of God in our lives, it would be an opportunity to give some consideration to joining a Bible study group, reading a few verses of Scripture every day or reading a book explaining the Scriptures.

God speaks to us in many ways, but in a very unique way, through the Scriptures. By praying the Scriptures, we will know of God's personal love for us and his call to be disciples of Jesus.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

Please make this available to your parishioners by placing this letter in the bulletin and any other way you deem helpful.



Archdiocese of New Orleans

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January 2024

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Each year during the last week of January, we join the nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Catholic Schools Week celebrations in our country! Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans work tirelessly to remain institutions of academic excellence, deeply rooted in the teachings of the Catholic church. To remain successful, our schools depend on financial resources.

Like most things in our world, there are significant costs associated with maintaining successful operations. Teachers must be paid a fair wage, facilities must be updated and maintained, and faculty and staff must work to be innovative in their educational practices. Recent years have been particularly difficult with many of our families, donors and benefactors bearing additional financial burdens, including poor economic conditions, Hurricane Ida recovery, and lingering challenges from the pandemic. Despite these difficulties, it is our responsibility to make Catholic education more accessible and affordable.

By offering financial support to the mission and ministry of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, you are affording a child an opportunity that is otherwise out of reach. Catholic schools help form disciples who live out our Catholic faith, and it is our hope that every Catholic assist in these efforts. As a result, every parish in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will take up a second collection on January 27th – 28th. Thank you for your consideration in offering a gift.

The funds collected through the second collection will support the Champions of Catholic Education tuition assistance fund. This fund will aid families that cannot afford the full cost of Catholic school tuition, and those experiencing financial difficulties. Our Catholic schools and families need your support.

Wishing you God's blessings in 2024 and with gratitude for your generosity, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

Please print in bulletin or make this available in a way you deem appropriate.

Knights of Columbus – St. Peter Council



Spring for the Beach

Fundraising Raffle

**\$1,000
Value!**

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One-time boat launch fee is \$25.

Check-in after 3pm on 4/12, check-out by 10am on 4/14.



Private queen bedroom with
a bay view.



\$20/ticket or \$100/6 ticket book. Please make checks payable to **K of C 12906**.

Drawing will be held at the Knights of Columbus March 12, 2024 Meeting.

Contact: Jeffrey Poyer at jfpoyer@gmail.com or 985.789.6569 or

Brian Marcel at brianmarcel40@gmail.com or 985.502.4403

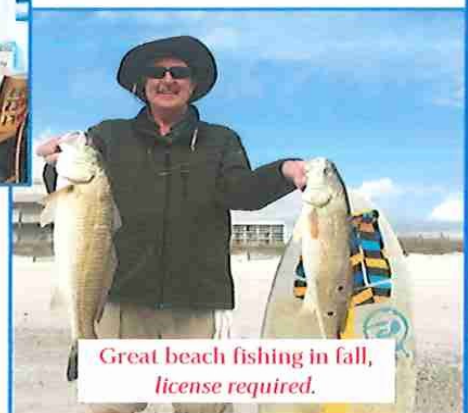
AMENITIES

- Private boat launch
- Lighted fishing piers
- Hot tub
- Waterfall pool
- Poolside bathrooms
- Private boat docks
- Lighted tennis courts
- BBQ grills



Complete kitchen!

Credit card required for
damage deposit.
Condo complex rules apply,
see GSSRC.org for details.



Great beach fishing in fall,
license required.



Heart of the Revival



Dear Friends,

Every morning my alarm goes off, just like it does, I'm sure, for you. Each morning when I hear that alarm I have two choices: hit the snooze bar and roll over, or turn off the alarm and enter into the day where Jesus is already waiting for me. We all know that it isn't always that simple.

Sometimes we really need the extra rest. Sometimes we're ready to bounce right up and face the day head-on. And sometimes we just hit the snooze bar.... It is on those days that I end up scrambling to get going instead of having an orderly start to the new day.

As we enter into this new year, I know the Lord Jesus wants us to experience more order and, ultimately, more peace in our lives. As I'm writing this, I'm thinking about the Order of the Mass, and how the succession of prayers and rituals in the Mass are a wonderful model for ordering our lives.

We begin with the Sign of the Cross, recalling the presence of the Trinity in our lives... and we can do the same thing every morning after we turn off that alarm by praying a [Morning Offering](#). The next thing we do at Mass is participate in the penitential act, asking for mercy for the many times we have failed to love. Asking for forgiveness in our daily lives is sometimes difficult, but it leads to greater harmony and mutual understanding. At the end of the day, we can always pray an [Act of Contrition](#), pleading for mercy after having looked back over all that the day has brought!

Next in the Order of Mass, we enter more deeply into the Liturgy of the Word, hearing the Word of God proclaimed to us. Every time we read the Bible at home, it enriches our lives and nourishes our relationship with God *and* our experience of the Mass! This is such a strong way to begin the day. The more we allow the Word of God to wash over us, the more we can hear the Lord's still, quiet voice speaking in our hearts.

Finally, we enter into the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and participate in the one Sacrifice of Jesus... and every day, with Jesus, we can choose to make a gift of ourselves to others. I'm reminded of Mother Teresa's words, "Charity begins at home." How different life is when I make little sacrifices of love for those closest to me!

This, my friends, is what it looks like to live a "Eucharistic life," allowing our minds and hearts to be transformed by Jesus in the Eucharist!

I have so much hope for all this new year has in store for us as we live this Eucharistic Revival together. Won't you join me in allowing the pattern of the Mass to become the pattern of our lives so that we may, with Jesus, offer our very selves *for the life of the world*?



In Jesus,
Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.
MANAGING EDITOR



Sunday of the Word of God Video Series

In 2019, Pope Francis established the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. As the Holy Father stated in his apostolic letter instituting the observance, "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world" (*Aperuit illius*, no. 2). This year the Church will celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God on January 21, 2024. In observance of this Sunday, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, through a grant from the American Bible Society, will offer a "Sunday Seminar Series" of four videos about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. These videos, available in English and Spanish, will feature bishops and biblical scholars and will be accompanied by discussion/reflection questions. Learn more about this wonderful series and access the videos, which will go live on January 19, 2024, [here](#)!

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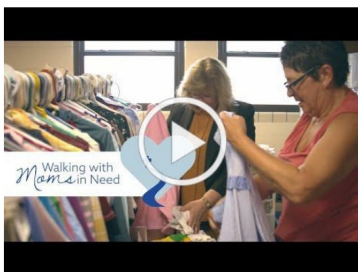
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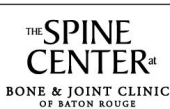
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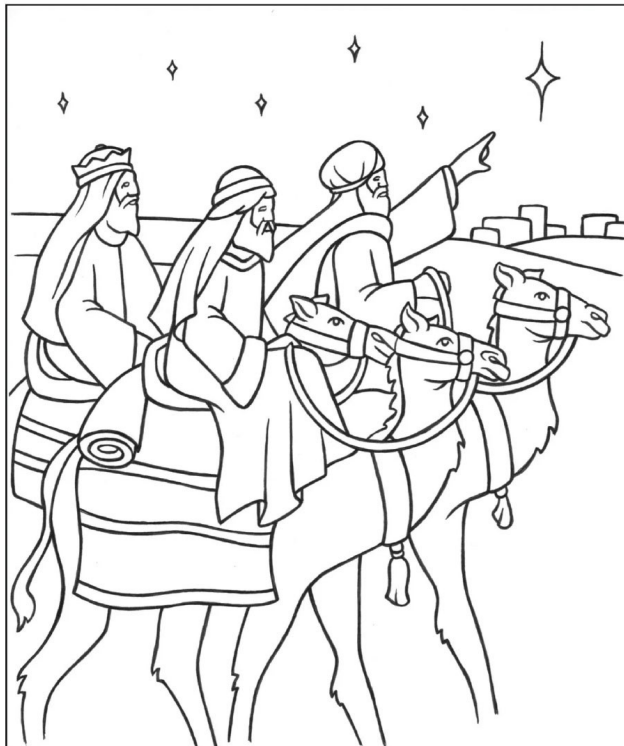
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come to
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him."

Matthew 2:2



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