



ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH

Vision Statement: *“Saint Peter Claver Church will engage, energize and empower the people of God to grow and evolve spiritually.”*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days: See Liturgy of the Eucharist schedule inside

Weekdays: See Liturgy of the Eucharist schedule inside

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. on Saturday or anytime by appt.

BAPTISM

Appointment with the priest or deacon for preparation is necessary. Call during pregnancy or as soon as possible after the child is born.

MARRIAGE

Contact the priest at least six (6) months in advance.

FUNERAL

Contact the parish office **BEFORE** making arrangements with a funeral home.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-7 – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Meet in the parish school.

WEBSITE : www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org

NEW PARISHIONERS:

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!

We ask that you please call the office to register in the parish.



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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church is a vibrant, spirit-filled, evangelizing community that is grounded in the Eucharist and celebrates the culture and traditions of our African-American heritage. Strengthened by our belief in Jesus Christ and trusting in God’s Word, we transform our community through acts of justice by caring for the spiritual and physical needs of His people.

SCRIPTURE INSIGHT...

Palm Sunday's opening procession with palms is a commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem before his Passion. Palms are a traditional symbol of victory, royalty, and rejoicing. But today's readings are significant for the way they present God's chosen as a servant-king. The First Reading is one of four poignant passages called "servant songs" in the Book of Isaiah. The servant is unnamed, and some scholars suggest he might have been a disciple of the prophet Isaiah. In the reading the servant credits God with giving him the prophetic words to speak, and he acknowledges the suffering and abuse he has endured. Remarkably, he is not ashamed; he is secure in his role. Later Christians saw the servant songs as fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The Second Reading is known as the "Christ hymn." Although biblical scholars disagree on how to interpret aspects of the hymn, it clearly follows the pattern of humiliation leading to exaltation. Because Jesus was willing to become like a servant and even give himself over to death, God exalted him and made him Lord over all creation. Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' suffering, Death and burial—a long narrative with many sub-stories—one of which is particularly meaningful on this Palm Sunday. When the unnamed woman anoints Jesus with a superabundance of perfume, Jesus says that she is doing it for his burial, but anointing of the head would have made most people of his day think of the anointing of a messiah king. Messiah means "anointed." Paradoxically, Jesus' messiahship is fully known in his suffering and Death.

- ◆ Carefully read the Gospel and look for references to Jesus as king. What do they tell us about Mark's understanding of the person and mission of Jesus? Regarding the Second Reading, Paul tells his readers that they should have the "same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). What does this mean for you? Prayerfully reflect on the Responsorial Psalm. Why is this psalm appropriate for Palm Sunday?

OUR FAMILY PRAYER

Loving and faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness.

We come to you,
Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder and racism.

We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people.

Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence.

Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us that we may be a holy family.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, March 18, 2018 was **\$13,857.31**; **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for March 18, 2018 is **\$4,969.69**. **Second Collection: Building Fund: \$606.71.**

Thanks for your generosity.

HOLY WEEK 2018
Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 29th
7:00 p.m. - Celebration of the
Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 30th
3:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross and
Holy Communion Service

Holy Saturday, March 31st
8:00 p.m.—Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Mass
April 1, 2018
7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

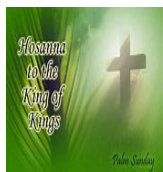
**We encourage everyone to come and celebrate,
the Passion Death and Resurrection of our
Lord Jesus Christ during this special time of
Holy Week services.**



**GOOD FRIDAY/FAST &
ABSTINENCE**

Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal.. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Abstinence from meat is observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Good Friday, March 30, 2018.

PRAYER FOR THOUGHTS...



HOSANNA Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; Open wide the doors and gates; Lift high the ancient portals THE KING OF GLORY enters! Do this in memory of me; Hosanna in the Highest.
HOSANNA, HOSANNA, HOSANNA!



March 25-31, 2018

Sunday, March 25, 2018

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
In Thanksgiving-Ms. Geri Gant
Joseph & Emily O'Brien
10:00 a.m. Ms. Jade Gibson
Mr. Jaran Green
Mr. Percy Walker
Edward & Edna Walker
Ms. Elaine Cole
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
Mr. Herbert Spurlock, Sr.
Ms. Marguerite Batiste
Ms. Terri Lee
Ms. Marguerite Jefferson
Ms. Marguerite Lee
Ms. Deanna Jefferson
Living & deceased members of the
Aldrich, Evans, Moss and Tureaud
families Living & deceased members
of the Crusto, Fleury, Graham,
Saulney, Prevost & Wilson families

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

8:30 a.m. School Mass-Church

Thursday, March 29, 2018

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Friday, March 30, 2018

8:30 a.m. St. Ann's Chapel-St. Ann's Apts.

Saturday, March 31, 2018

4:00 p.m. Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
Ms. Marion LeBlanc
Mr. Thomas A.G. Lee
Mr. Morel Dupart

Announcement: Come join us on Holy Thursday evening, March 29th, to participate in the Eucharistic Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration represents a quiet place and time to seek the Lord's presence. The Adoration will start immediately after Mass and we plan to end at midnight. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church. We encourage everyone who is available to support this wonderful opportunity to grow in the love and understanding of the Eucharist.

St. Peter Claver Homebound and Sick Parishioners

Please pray for the following parishioners and friends who are homebound or ill:

Edith Henry, Alice Allen, Gwendolyn Rocque, Verna Mae Martin, Joycelyn Johnson, Stanley & Beatrice Grant, Myra Harrell, Pearl Dupart, Aaron LaCabe, Bernice Stein, Joyce Evans, Javette and Michael Garner, John & Claire Bidol, Demetria Bernard, Gladys Shief, Jerald LaPierre, Robert "RJ" LaPierre, Doris Finister, Marie Walker, Shirley Walker, Chris Price, Shirley Walton, Antoinette Johnston, Cindy Armstrong, Ralph Walker, Albert & Miriam Boucree, Audrey Evans, Vint Barney, Lydia Broyard, Yvette Brown, Shirley Pratt, Grace Jones, Lorraine Bowman, Linda Hunter, Ruby Perry, Yolanda Green, John Aguillard, Barbara Phillips, Lyndia Faust, Diane Blanks, Inaclaire Buckley, Kevin Boyd, Louise Jenkins, Toki Joseph, Joseph Williams, Gerard Robinson, Sr., Emelda Petit, Johnnie Petit, Scarlett Crawford, Vivian Plessy, Debra Gray, Frederick Gray, Lionel and Marion Evans, Gerald Stone, Verlyn Mallory, Marva Batiste, Bronson Lee, John Parker, Maureen Nutting, Cynthia Bluford, Barbara Montague, Victoria Leslie, Lorraine Bart, Myrtle Dorsey, Zelma Evans, Keith Donatto, Bernell Johnson, Tamiko Haynes, Warrentia Clincy.

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE—2018

THEME: "By The Blood of Jesus-We Are Saved"

PALM SUNDAY/HOLY WEEK:

March 24th	4:00 p.m./Saturday-Vigil Mass
March 25th	7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.-Mass
March 26th	6:00 p.m./Monday-Bible Study
March 27th	6:00 p.m. Seder Meal
March 29th	7:00 p.m./Thursday-Holy Thursday
March 30th	1:30 p.m./Good Friday-Living Stations of the Cross-Church
	3:00 p.m./Good Friday Mass-Church
March 31st	8:00 p.m/Saturday-Main Easter Service
April 1st	EASTER SUNDAY/7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.—Mass



March 31, 2018

April 1, 2018

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS



8:00 p.m. **To Be Announced**

7:30 a.m. **Ann Coston**, Roslyn Veals, Chandra Green, Yolanda Green, Joycelyn Renfro

10:00 a.m. **Alice Grooms**, Mary Boutté, Glenn Blackwell, Marion Evans, Marion Evans

Balcony: **Kayla Houston**, Karen Legohn, Thelma Blouin

Lectors

8:00 p.m. Saturday Easter Vigil

7:30 p.m. Brendolyn McKenna * Warren Bell, Jr.

10:00 a.m. Marie Collins * Gina Dupart

FATIMA ROSARY

Monday, March 26, 2018

5:30 p.m. St. Ann Apartments in the Chapel



Hosted By: Ms. Betty Lundy



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory for:

Ms. Elaine Cole

Requested by: Ms. Julia Collins & Family

BIBLE STUDY NEWS..Hope Is Living In The

Present. Life is short, and our days are numbered. Here today gone tomorrow. Even for the young, when we examine our own future, our mortality becomes an ever-present reality. The thought of aging or becoming a victim of violence may dominate our view of the future in such a way that may dim our hope. As Christians, we are reminded not to surrender to the hopelessness of tomorrow, because God's grace is sufficient for today. There are many things about tomorrow that we may not understand. But know that Jesus controls tomorrow and today He holds our hand. Hope is living in the present.

Isaiah 50:4-7

ST. PETER CLAVER

SUMMER CAMP

Featuring: FUN, Dance, Music, Math, Reading, Physical Education, Swimming, Arts & Craft, Drama, Junior Achievement/Values & Field Trips:

Where: St. Peter Claver School

When: June 4th thru July 13, 2018

Time: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Who: PreK through 5th grade

PreK-3 (Must be potty trained)

Camp Fee: \$180.00

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE BEFORE CAMP BEGINS
(Non-Refundable After Camp Begins)**

Registration Fee: \$80.00 (Non-Refundable)

Registration: Saturday, April 21st & May 5, 2018

9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

1020 N. Prieur Street

Breakfast & Lunch are included.

No Before or After Care



Visit St. Ann's Shrine

(2100 Block of
Ursulines Avenue)

Open

Tuesdays & Saturdays

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



YES, help is needed to clean the Church for our Easter Celebration. We are asking our males, females, youth group and young adults to help us on Wednesday, March 28th 5:00 p.m. We also need people to "**Decorate the Church**" on Friday, March 30th immediately following Holy Thursday Mass at 5:00 p.m. Please join us to make our church look good. We truly appreciate your help!

NOTE: High School students you can earn Service Hours!!

Weekly Ministry Schedule

March 26th -April 1, 2018



Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study-Ujima Center
	6:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council-Office
Tues.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry-Missada Ctr.
	6:00 p.m.	Seder Meal-School Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts-School Hall
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	School Mass -Church

HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY

Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	7:00 p.m.	Mass-Church

GOOD FRIDAY

Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Mass-St. Ann's Chapel
	3:00 p.m.	Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion Service

HOLY SATURDAY

Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass-Church
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EASTER SUNDAY

Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church



SEDER MEAL... Our parish family will celebrate the Seder Meal on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 6:00

p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Seder Meal is a traditional Jewish Meal celebrating the remembrance of their journey from oppression to freedom. This is when Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples. Please invite your family, neighbors and friends. We encourage you to bring your meal this night to share with your family.


Stewardship
A way of living



Scripture Readings for:
March 25-April 1, 2018

Monday-3/26/18	<i>Isaiah 42:1-7</i> <i>John 12:1-11</i>
Tuesday-3/27/18	<i>Isaiah 49:1-6</i> <i>John 13:21-33, 36-38</i>
Wednesday-3/28/18	<i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i> <i>Matthew 26:14-25</i>
Thursday -3/29/18	<i>Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14</i> <i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i> <i>John 13:1-15</i>
Friday-3/30/18	<i>Isaiah 52:13-53:12</i> <i>Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9</i> <i>John 18:1-19:42</i>
Saturday-3/31/18	<i>Ezekiel 37:21-28</i> <i>John 11:45-56</i>
Sunday -4/1/18	<i>Acts 10:34a, 37-43</i> <i>Colossians 3:1-4 or</i> <i>1 Corinthians 5:6b—8</i> <i>John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7</i>



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

The Archdiocese of New Orleans website offers a number of links to articles to help you to be comfortable in participating in this healing sacrament. There are tips on how to prepare yourself for the sacrament, what to do during the sacrament. The link is <http://arch-no.org/evenings-of-confession>. Look for drop down Helpful Links and Articles on confession. There is an article from Pope Francis, "Are you intimidated by confession?..." In the article Pope Francis says, "God is always looking for a way to get the heart." He says "The act of going to confession is like God inviting you to coffee... The Lord calls us to come on, Let's have coffee together. Let's talk this over, let's discuss it. Don't be afraid." Encourage kids-especially older children and teens-to think not only about what they did wrong, but how they have fallen short of being the person God made them to be. Even saints, priests and religious sisters and brothers regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, recognizing that the grace of the sacrament strengthens them to follow God's will more perfectly, and so become more truly themselves. Comparing the person we have been to the saint we would like to be opens up all sorts of possibilities for confession.

St. Peter Claver Church Health Corner



March Is Colorectal Cancer Month

Colorectal cancer is the abnormal development of polyps, or fleshy growths in the colon (bowel) and rectum. Men and women of all racial and ethnic groups have been diagnosed with colorectal cancer but **African Americans** have the highest colorectal cancer incidence and death rates of all racial groups in the United States. It is most often found in people aged 50 years or older and is the third most common cancer for both men and women. Reducing the number of deaths from colorectal cancer depends on **early detection** and removal of precancerous colorectal polyps. **You are at risk** for colorectal cancer if: (You are 50 years of age and older; Smoke or use tobacco; You are overweight or obese, especially those who carry fat around their waists; you don't exercise; you drink alcohol in excess. (especially men); If you eat a lot of red meat or processed meat; If you have a personal or family history of colorectal cancer or benign (not cancerous) colorectal polyps or chronic inflammatory bowel disease (such as ulcerative colitis or crohn's disease). **Get Screened if you are at risk for colorectal cancer. Early Screening Can Prevent cancer!!**

If you need more information about Colorectal Cancer or help scheduling an appointment with a healthcare provider call the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Misaada Center.

Office Hours: Tuesdays
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Phone: (504) 822-8059



*St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
Monthly Calendar*

March, 2018



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



				<p>1 1:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>3 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>4 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>6 5:00 pm LOM 6:00 pm Family Life 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>7 5:00 pm Reconciliation 6:00 pm HS Faith Formation 7:00 pm Youth Ministry</p>	<p>8 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 4:00 pm Social Concerns 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>10 9:00 am CCD/1st Communion Retreat 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>11 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 12:00 noon Auxiliary 12:00 non Knights of Peter Claver</p>	<p>12 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>13 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Nia-Imani</p>	<p>14 5:00 pm Reconciliation 6:00 pm HS Faith Formation 7:00 pm Youth Ministry</p>	<p>15 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>18 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p>19 6:00 pm Baptismal Prep. 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>20 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>21 5:00 pm Reconciliation 6:00 pm HS Faith Formation 7:00 pm Youth Ministry</p>	<p>22 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:00 pm The Passion of Christ</p>	<p>24 9:00 am CCD 10:00 am 1st Penance 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>25 PALM SUNDAY 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p>26 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>27 6:00 pm Seder Meal</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday-Mass</p>	<p>30 3:00 pm Veneration of the Cross 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>31 8:00 pm Holy Saturday</p>

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