



# 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](http://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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**Pastor**

## DEACONS:

Mr. Lawrence Houston  
Mr. Allen Stevens

## PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Alena Boucree  
Director of Religious  
Education

Ms. Margie Brown  
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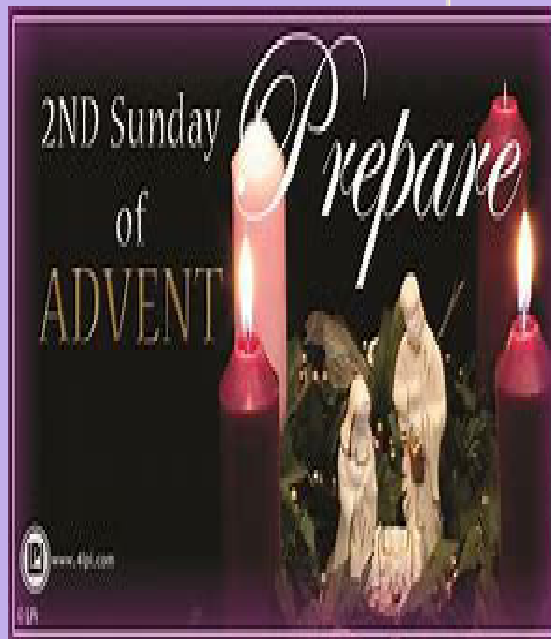
Mrs. Veronica Downs-Dorsey  
Director of Music

Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston  
Youth Ministry

Mrs. Edith B. Reed  
Executive Secretary

## St. Peter Claver School

1020 N. Prieur Street  
New Orleans, LA 70116  
504-822-8191  
Deacon Lawrence Houston  
Principal



## 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 INSIGHTS**

In today's First Reading, the author of Baruch addresses personified Jerusalem, who is grieving over her people in exile in Babylon. He attempts to console her, telling her to take off her mourning garments and wrap herself in the robe of God's justice. The crown of God's glory that she receives is probably Aaron's priestly crown with its engraving, "Sacred to the LORD" (Exodus 28:37). In addition, she will receive a new name, "the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship." In other words, Jerusalem will become the priest of God's temple, and she will rejoice as her people come back to her in pilgrimage. What an amazing image of God's care and protection! The Gospel describes a scene in which John the Baptist is called by God in the wilderness and responds by proclaiming a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." This is not the Baptism that those becoming Christian seek. Rather, John is calling the people to commit themselves to an immersive experience of repentance. Yet God is a gracious God, and the reward will be great for those who accept the challenge. Quoting Isaiah, John says that the valleys will be filled and the mountains made low to make straight the way so all may know God's salvation. The Second Reading echoes many of the same themes, especially joy at the recognition of God's care and protection and the call to be pure and blameless when at last we stand before God when Christ returns in glory.

- ◆ How does the author of the First Reading show God extending consolation?
- ◆ When you have needed consolation, how were paths made straight and valleys filled so that you could feel whole again?
- ◆ Following the pattern of today's Responsorial Psalm, write a personal prayer of lament-turned-to-trust.

**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, December 2, 2018 was **\$17,762.91**; **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for December 2, 2018 is **\$1,064.09**. **2nd Collection: Building Fund: \$441.13**

*Thanks for your generosity.*



**Scripture Readings for:**  
**December 10-16, 2018**

**Monday-12/10/18**      *Isaiah 35:1-10*  
                                  *Luke 5:17-26*

**Tuesday-12/11/18**    *Isaiah 40:1-11*  
                                  *Matthew 18:12-14*

**Wednesday-12/12/18** *Zechariah 2:14-17 or*  
                                  *Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,*  
                                  *10ab*  
                                  *Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47*

**Thursday -12/13/18**    *Isaiah 41:13-20*  
                                  *Matthew 11:11-15*

**Friday-12/14/18**      *Isaiah 48:17-19*  
                                  *Matthew 11:16-19*

**Saturday-12/15/18**    *Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11*  
                                  *Matthew 17:9a, 10-13*

**Sunday -12/16/18**     *Zephaniah 3:14-18a*  
                                  *Philippians 4:4-7*  
                                  *Luke 3:10-18*



The "Voices of Peter Claver" Choir  
 proudly presents their  
 "Annual Christmas Concert"  
 Sunday, December 16, 2018  
 5:00 p.m.

Other Featured Performers

Youth & Young Adult Choir  
 The SPC Liturgical Dancers &  
 Drummers  
 Special Guest—Soloists

**December 15, 2018**

**December 16, 2018**



**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. **Ingrid Delahoussaye**, Derek Delahoussaye, Veronica Stevenson, Adrain Francis, Stella Reese, Cynthia Smothers

7:30 a.m. **Elvira Talton**, Becky Bell, Chandra Green, William Broyard, Keith Darby

10:00 a.m. **Dwight Bluford**, Ida Butler, Raymond Curry, Felicia Boucree, Kayla Houston

**Balcony:** **Angie Nash**, Brenda Barnes, Kayla Barney

**Lectors**

4:00 p.m. Wanda Gray \* Vanessa Smith  
 7:30 p.m. Arian Randolph \* Amber Brown  
 10:00 a.m. Leah Boucree \* Gabrielle Horne

**The Principles of KWANZAA**



Come celebrate the Spirit of **UJAMAA**

Join St. Peter Claver Church and the National Association of Black Social Workers in song, dance, spoken word and fellowship as we celebrate **KWANZAA**, Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Hall. In the Spirit of Kwanzaa pot luck dishes are welcomed. What is Kwanzaa? It is a holiday to celebrate African American Culture.



**PRAYER FOR THOUGHT..**

Make ready the way of the LORD  
 clean for him a straight path. Come  
 LORD JESUS; The light of the  
 Lord draws near. Rise up JERU-  
 SALEM stand upon the heights. All flesh will  
 see the salvation of our God!

**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, Barbara Phillips, Inaclaire Buckley, 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, Victoria Leslie, Lorraine Bart, Myrtle Dorsey, Bernell Johnson, Tamiko Haynes, Warrentia Clincy, Lula Belle Moss, Wilma Wilson, Wendell Baptiste, Dorothy Holden, Maxine Rixner, Jeremy Tauriac, Shonne Pierce, Wylene Jones, Nowell Lackings, Sr., Dereck Rovaris, Sr., Roslind Louis, Emelda Paul. Noel Baudy, Lydia Edwards, Ted Nutting.

**FATIMA ROSARY**

Monday, December 10, 2018  
4:30 p.m.. 2100 Ursulines Ave., Apt. 1103



Hosted By: Ms. Jacqueline Gibson



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Will burn in memory for:

**James, Jr., & Gertrude Smith**

**Requested by: Mrs. Eunice Smith**

***St. Peter Claver Catholic Church  
The Globetrotters***

**11 days Cultural, Educational & Historical Journey to Ghana, the Motherland**



**July 10-20, 2019**

St. Peter Claver is planning its 2nd Ghana Experience to the Motherland from July 10-20, 2019 and you are invited to join us. If you have never visited Ghana, this is your year! If you have never traveled with us before, this one is certain to exceed your expectations. The trip is full of educational, inspirational, emotional and enlightening experiences. If interested, please call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059 or send an email to:

[spcglobetrotters@gmail.com](mailto:spcglobetrotters@gmail.com)

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR GHANA TRAVEL**

**Passport, Visa, Immunizations**

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:**

Due Upon Booking  
Initial Payment \$500.00

Second Payment \$500.00  
October 31, 2018

Third Payment \$1,000.00  
November 30, 2018

Balance/Final  
January 31, 2019



### St. Peter Claver Adopt a Family/ Giving Tree

The "Giving Tree" has been placed in the Sanctuary. "Make Room and Prepare for the coming of the Lord" in our homes, in our hearts and recognizing His presence in us and in others. Our Advent hope is to be able to help families in our communities prepare and share in the joy of Christ's coming. If you can help make Christmas special for our families in need, please see the "Angel Tree" in the Church or contact the Parish Office at (504) 822-8059.

### SPC Advent Gift Giving, 2018

The third week in Advent, we will donate one OR several of the following items to the St. Peter Claver Food Pantry: **toothpaste & toothbrushes , soap and deodorant.** We are asking that you be a blessing to someone and bring these items to Mass on Sunday, December 16, 2018. Thanks for your generosity.



### Children's Christmas Eve Mass

**December 24, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.**



#### A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

Guest of Honor: Jesus Christ

Date: December 24, 2018

The Eve of His Great Birth

Time: 6:00 p.m., St. Peter Claver Church

**What to Bring:** Your Heart and Bells to join in ringing with Christmas Joy that Christ our Savior is Among Us! Celebration given by God's Children.

### Weekly Ministry Schedule

**December 11-16, 2018**



Mon.	3:00 p.m.	Senior Citizens-School Bldg.
Tues.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry-Missada Ctr.
	10:00 a.m.	Health & Wellness-Missada
	5:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary-Ujima Ctr.
	6:00 p.m.	Nia-Imani-Parish Office
	6:00 p.m.	Youth/Young Adult Choir-Rehearsal-Church
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	School Mass-Church
	6:00 p.m.	Faith Formation-Ujima Center
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry-Sankofa
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry-Missada Center
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal-Church
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
Sat.	9:00 a.m.	CCD Classes-School Bldg.
	4:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass-Church
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church
	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Concert-Church

### Eucharistic Ministers.... Workshop!!

There is another Mandatory workshop for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Saturday, January 5, 2019 in the School Hall.** To be delegated by the Archbishop for



a new five-year term. Each minister must participate in this workshop. Deacon Lawrence Houston will lead the re-delegation workshop on that date. Attendance at this re-delegation workshop is mandatory if you want to continue serving communion. For more information or to find out if your name is on the re-delegation list call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059





## December 9-15, 2018

### Sunday, December 9, 2018

- 7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver  
Mr. Kenneth Carter  
Mr. James, Jr., & Gertrude Smith  
Living & deceased members of the  
O'Brien Family
- 10:00 a.m. Sr. Pat Haley  
Mr. Edwin Williams  
Mr. Corney Hewitt  
Ms. Angela McWilliams  
Ms. Jade Gibson  
Mr. Percy Walker  
Mr. Paul Steib  
Ms. Dolores Simpson  
Edward & Edna Walker  
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum  
Living & deceased members of the  
Aldrich, Evans, Moss and Tureaud  
families  
Living & deceased members of the  
Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney,  
Prevost & Wilson families

### Tuesday, December 11, 2018

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

### Wednesday, December 12, 2018

8:30 a.m. School Mass

### Thursday, December 13, 2018

7:30 a.m.. Mass-Rectory

### Friday, December 14, 2018

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

### Saturday, December 15, 2018

- 4:00 p.m. Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.  
Mr. Thomas A.G. Lee  
Mr. Jude Lastraapes  
Ms. Louise Martin  
**Ms. Onelia Martin (Living)**



### LECTOR'S WORKBOOK

The New Lector's Workshop are available in the Parish Office for active Lectors. Please sign for your book along with an updated email address. Thank you for your service.



## St. Peter Claver Church Health & Wellness Ministry

### HIV/AIDS AWARENESS

**HIV** stands for human immunodeficiency virus. It kills or damages the body's immune system cells. **AIDS** stands for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. It is the most advanced stage of HIV infection. **HIV most often spreads** through unprotected sex with an infected person. It may also spread by sharing drug needles or through contact with the blood of an infected person. Women can give it to their babies during pregnancy or childbirth. The **first signs** of HIV infection may be swollen glands and flu-like symptoms. These may come and go a month or two after infection. **Severe symptoms** may not appear until months or years later. There is no cure, but there are many medications to fight both HIV infection and the infections and cancers that come with it. People can live with the disease for many years with proper treatment.

**A blood test can tell if you have HIV infection. For testing see your health provider, Tulane Community Health (Orleans Avenue & Broad Street), Odyssey House or call the national referral hotline at 1-800-CDCV-INFO (24 hours a day, 1-800-232-4636 in English and en Español; 1-888-232-6348—TTY**

References: National Institute of Health; PubMed; Mayo Clinic

*If you need more information about HIV/AIDS or help scheduling an appointment call the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Missada Center.*

**Office Hours:** Tues. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
**Phone:** 504-827-0707



# St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

## December, 2018

### Meetings & Events

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**



						<p><i>1</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><i>2</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i> 5:00 pm <i>Le- gion of Mary</i> 6:00 pm <i>Family Life</i></p>	<p><i>5</i> 8:30 am <i>School Mass</i> 7:00 pm <i>McMain Concert</i></p>	<p><i>6</i> 1:00 pm <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 6:00 pm <i>Choir Reh.</i></p>	<p><i>7</i> 6:00 pm <i>Boy Scouts</i></p>	<p><i>8</i> 8:30 am Holy Obligations Mass 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><i>9</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><i>10</i> 3:00 pm <i>Senior Citizens'</i></p>	<p><i>11</i> 5:00 pm <i>Le- gion of Mary</i> 6:00 pm <i>NIA -Imani</i></p>	<p><i>12</i> 8:30 am <i>School Mass</i></p>	<p><i>13</i> 1:00 pm <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 6:00 pm <i>NOCC Mtg.</i></p>	<p><i>14</i> 4:00 pm <i>Social Concerns</i> 6:00 pm <i>Boy Scouts</i></p>	<p><i>15</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass 5:00 pm <i>Boy Scouts</i></p>
<p><i>16</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 5:00 pm <b><i>Christmas Concert</i></b></p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i> 5:00 pm <i>Le- gion of Mary</i></p>	<p><i>19</i> 4:30 pm <i>Bereavement</i></p>	<p><i>20</i> 1:00 pm <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 6:00 pm <i>School Christmas Play</i></p>	<p><i>21</i> 6:00 pm <i>Boy Scouts</i></p>	<p><i>22</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><i>23</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><i>24</i> 6:00 pm <i>Chil- dren's Christ- mas Eve Mass</i> 11:30 am <i>Mid- night Mass</i></p>	<p><i>25</i> 10:00 am <i>Christmas Day Mass</i></p>	<p><i>26</i> <b><i>OFFICE CLOSED</i></b></p>	<p><i>27</i> <b><i>KWANZZA</i></b> 6:00 pm <i>School Hall</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>	<p><i>29</i> 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><i>30</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><i>31</i></p>					

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