

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., 9:00 a.m., 11:30 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.

Insight Scripture

In Baruch's intensely joyful proclamation, Jerusalem is portrayed as a mother who rejoices at seeing her children gathered by the Word of God. The tone is jubilant because God who has commanded that the earth be prepared for all of Israel to "advance secure in the glory of God." The prophet's words call us also to put aside any anxiety or mourning, like a robe we can discard. We are to wrap ourselves in God's justice and rejoice in the light of God's glory. The theme of rejoicing continues in the Responsorial Psalm and that is the Lord's doing, for even those who "sow in tears" shall "reap rejoicing." Paul's letter to the Philippians speaks of his "joy" for their "partnership" with him in announcing the Gospel. He prays for the Christians of Philippi, that their "love may increase ever more and more." they need increased love to be ready for "the day of Christ." Paul seemed to expect that "the day of Christ" would come soon and his exhortation is urgent. The return of the Lord did not happen in Paul's time, but his words are encouraging and timely for us. We need to be constantly striving to live "pure and blameless lives" in the presence of the Lord who dwells among us. We are always preparing for his return in glory. The Gospel touches on different time scenarios. Luke's references to current political leaders place the in-breaking of God in human history and announce that the coming of the Messiah will alter human affairs. John the Baptist's message introduces the long view of salvation history: the Messiah will fulfill the prophecies of Isaiah. John stands in the line of the prophets, announcing God's plan for those who have been waiting in hope. The repentance he urges is the proper posture for all those preparing to welcome the Messiah, and the liturgical time of Advent is our time to heed John's message in our own hearts.

- Where do you find the theme of repentance in the other readings?
- How does your parish provide ways to celebrate repentance?
- How will a spirit of repentance shape your Advent spirituality?

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT..REFLECTION

God Wants To Heal Us

As you go, proclaim the good news, "The Kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 10:7

Jesus does not want to act alone, he came to bring the love of God into the world and he wants to spread it in the style of communion and brotherhood. That is why he immediately forms a community of disciples, which is a missionary community. He trains them straight away for the mission to go forth. But pay attention: their purpose is not to socialize and spend time together but to proclaim God's Kingdom, and this is urgent! And it is still urgent today! There is no time to be lost in gossip, no need to wait for everyone's consensus but to go out and proclaim. To all people you bring the peace of Christ, and if they do not welcome it, you go ahead just the same. To the sick you bring healing, because god wants to heal us of every evil. Do not live for yourselves, but live to go forth and go good! Everyone must be a missionary, everyone can hear that call of Jesus and go forth and proclaim the Kingdom! Don't be afraid of joy! That joy which the Lord gives us when we allow him to enter our life. Let us allow him to enter our lives and invite us to go out to the margins of life and proclaim the Gospel. Don't be afraid of joy. Have joy and courage!

What might I do to spread the joy of Christ's healing power today?



Our Stewardship for Sunday, December 3, 2017 was **\$16,491.05**; **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for December 3, 2017 is **\$2,335.95**; **Second Collection: Building Fund: \$813.55.**

Thanks for your generosity.

New Mass Schedule

After some prayerful reflections, with consultation of the Parish's Leadership Team and the Archbishop, we are consolidating our 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses to be held at 10:00 a.m. This New Mass Schedule would take effect on **Sunday, January 7, 2018**. Based on the direction and vision that we have for our church we have decided to try this for one year. This would allow for more participation in ministries, family participation and fellowship following Masses. This was a very difficult decision for us to make, but one that we believe will encompass our Vision Statement, "St. Peter Claver will Engage, Energize & Empower the People of God to Grow and Evolve Spirituality." Thanks very much for your faithfulness, dedication, your love of God and neighbor. May we continue to pray and work together to advance the Mission and Vision of our Parish.

*God Bless You,
Fr. Asare*



RCIA
*Rites of Christian
Initiation for Adults*

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church or know someone who is?

- A) Unbaptized adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic;
 - B) Baptized Christians from other denominations who would like to learn more about the Catholic Church;
 - C) Baptized Catholic adults who would like to prepare for First Communion & Confirmation
- For more information concerning the RCIA Program please contact the Parish Office, 504-822-8059.



Mass Intention

December 10-16, 2017

Sunday, December 10, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
Mr. James Smith, III
In Thanksgiving-Ms. Geri Gant
- 9:00 a.m. Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
Mr. Percy Walker
Edward & Edna Walker
Mr. Landry Smith, III
Ms. Angela McWilliams
Dr. Catina Hewitt
Ashley & Gertrude Leufroy
- 11:30 a.m. Ms. Lorraine Guillon
Ms. Connie Garcia
Ms. Vivian Delaney
Living & deceased members of the
Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Prevost,
Saulney and Wilson families

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

8:30 a.m. School Mass-Church

Thursday, December 14, 2017

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Friday, December 15, 2017

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

Saturday, December 16, 2017

4:00 p.m. Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
Ms. Marion LeBlanc

Mark your calendar

Saturday, December 23rd 4:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Sunday, December 24th

7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.; Midnight Mass/Caroling

at 11:30 p.m. /Mass follows

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

10:00 am

We hope to see you and your
families at one these Masses.

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, Joan Diaz, 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, Herman Philip, Jr., Audrey Evans, Vint Barney, Lydia Broyard, Yvette Brown, Shirley Pratt, Grace Jones, Lorraine Bowman, Zelinda Lawrence, Troylyn Lawrence, Ruby Perry, Yolanda Green, John Aguillard, Barbara Phillips, Lyndia Faust, Diane Blanks, Ina Claire 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, Sr. Janet Pruitt, Jerry Queen, Verlyn Malloory, Marva Batiste, Bronson Lee, John Parker, Maureen Nutting, Cynthia Bluford, Barbara Montague, Victoria Leslie, Lorraine Bart, Walter Amadee, Katrina Green, Myrtle Dorsey, Zelma Evans.

ADVENT GIVING...



As we continue our "Advent Giving": Sunday, December 17th the Third Week of Advent to bring the following items: St. Peter Claver Food Pantry: **toothpaste & toothbrushes, soap and deodorant.**



The Fourth Week of Advent, Sunday, December 24th to bring the following items for the NOLA Family Justice Center and Crescent House: **Baby Diapers, pull-ups, bibs, blankets, lotion, baby powder and bottles.**



St. Peter Claver School Christmas Play



will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Hall. Come hear the "Christmas Story". All are invited.

CLEANING & DECORATING the Church for Christmas:



YES, help is needed to clean the Church for our Christmas Celebration. We are asking our males, females, youth group and young adults to help us on Wednesday, December 20th at 5:00 p.m. and we also need people to **"Clean & Decorate the Church"**. All ministries are asked to participate to make this happen.. Please contact the Parish Office to submit your names. Thanking all in advance.

December 16, 2017

December 17, 2017

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS



4:00 p.m. **Leonetta Terrell**, Cynthia Smothers, Reginald Vicks, Claudette Vicks, Christian Odom, Verita Thomas

7:30 a.m. **Rosalyn Veals**, Yolanda Green, Becky Bell, William Broyard, Joycelyn Renfro

9:00 a.m. **Arthurine Lear**, Ida Butler, Christopher Kennie, Kionne Lear, Cleo Silas

Balcony: **Angela Rovaris**, Dwight Bluford, Darnell Brooks

11:30 a.m. **Angie Nash**, Arthur Johnson, Cynthia Robinson, Eleanor Chapital, Damian Perrin

Balcony: **Niquelle Lackings**, Darnell Gordon, Severina Despenza

LECTORS

4:00 p.m. Lorraine Edwards * Aisha Edwards
7:30 p.m. Jenna Hill * Arain Randolph
9:00 a.m. Alex Williams * Thaddeus Price
11:30 a.m. Kayla Houston * Saria Soublet

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

December 24, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

We are looking for children in Kindergarten through 12th grade to participate in the Children's Christmas Eve Mass, Saturday, December 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. We need participation for the Living Gospel presentation, lectors, choir members, dancers, etc. Please sign up in the back of church or call the Parish Office, 822-8059.

Our next practice will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Church.



A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

Guest of Honor: Jesus Christ

Date: December 24, 2016

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 11-17, 2017



Mon. **NO BIBLE STUDY**

Tues. 7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry -Misaada Center
10:00 a.m. Health & Wellness Ministry
5:00 p.m. Legion of Mary-Ujima Ctr.
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Troop 185-Hall
7:00 p.m. Nia-Imani-Ujima Center

Wed. 8:30 a.m. School Mass-Church
6:00 p.m. High School Faith Formation Ujima Center
6:00 p.m. McMinn Concert-Church
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry—Sankofa

Thurs. 7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry-Misaada Center
1:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study-Ujima
6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Fri. 8:30 a.m. School Mass-Church
6:00 p.m. Mass-Church

Sat. 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes-School
12:00 noon Legal Clinic-Ujima Center
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass-Church

Sun. 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass—Church
9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass-Church
11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass-Church
1:30 p.m. Naming/Blessing-Church



Consult with an Attorney for FREE!!

About your **CONSUMER DEBT** Problems
**Debt Problems-Collection Harassment-
Bankruptcy-Foreclosure, Business and
Personal Matters. Etc.**

WHEN: Saturday, December 16, 2017
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peter Claver Ujima Center
1019 N. Prieur Street
New Orleans, LA 70116



Scripture Readings for:
December 11-17, 2017

Monday-12/11/17 *Isaiah 35:1-10*
 Luke 5:17-28

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

Wednesday-12/13/17 *Isaiah 40:25-31*
 Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday -12/14/17 *Isaiah 41:13-20*
 Matthew 11:11-15

Friday-12/15/17 *Isaiah 48:17-19*
 Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday-12/16/17 *Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11*
 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday -12/17/17 *Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11*
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

FATIMA ROSARY

Monday, December 11, 2017
5:30 p.m. St. Ann Apartments
in the Chapel

Rosary

Hosted By: Ms. Pearl Dupart



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory for:

Ms. Lorraine Guillion

Requested by: Aunt Mae, Sandra and
Fred Laviscount



Visit St. Ann's Shrine
(2100 Block of
Ursulines Avenue)

Open
Tuesdays & Saturdays
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER



For I, the Lord, am your healer
(Exod. 15:26 NAB)

Recognizing Depression

Everyone occasionally feels blue or sad. But these feelings are usually short-lived and pass within a couple of days. While depression is common, it is a serious illness that causes changes in mood, thinking, physical well-being, behavior and the activities of daily life. Signs of depression are many times overlooked because they can get confused with the general attributes of human nature. No two persons will have the same symptoms. Some common symptoms which may indicate depression include **Tiredness** (despite proper amounts of sleep, a well- balanced diet and plenty of exercise, regular feelings of exhaustion), **Mood Swings** (feeling happy one moment and then sad or irritated the next, **Difficulty Coping** with the day-to-day routine of life (getting up for work or school and going back home may seem worthless), **Hopelessness** (not feeling important, life does not matter), or **Thoughts of Suicide**. Depression can be triggered by tragedy, death of a loved one, divorce, diet, drugs, alcohol or holiday celebrations. Depression causes pain for both the person and those who care about them. Most people who experience depression **with proper treatment improve** and return to normal daily activities.

If you are having any of the above symptoms see your doctor, go to an emergency room or mental health clinic (Tulane Community Health Center (N. Broad & Orleans), Chartres Mental Health Clinic (Elysian Fields Ave.). **REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT ALONE. YOU CAN GET HELP!!!!**

References: National Institute of Mental Health;
[www. Allaboutlifechallenges](http://www.Allaboutlifechallenges)

If you need more information about Depression or scheduling an appointment call Ms. Leonetta Terrell in the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Misaada Center.

Office Hours: Tues. & 10:00am – 2:00pm
Phone: 504-827-0707

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DECEMBER, 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
3 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass 11:30 am Mass	4 REVIVAL 7:00 p.m.	5 REVIVAL 7:00 p.m.	6	7	8 Immaculate Conception 8:30 am Mass 4:00 pm Social Concerns 6:00 pm Mass	9 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
10 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass 11:30 am Mass	11 3:00 pm Senior Citizens'	12 6:00 pm Christmas Prac- tice 7:00 p.m. Nia-Imani	13 8:30 am School Mass 6:00 pm McMain Concert	14 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16 12:00 noon Legal Clinic 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
17 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass 11:30 am Mass	18 6:00 pm Lake Area School Con- cert	19 Fr. Asare Birthday 6:00 pm SPC School Play	20 5:00 pm Church Cleaning & Decorating	21 6:00 pm McDonogh 35 Concert	22	23 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
24 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. Midnight Mass	25 Christmas Day 10:00 am. Mass	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27	28	29	30 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
31 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass 11:30 am Mass						

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