



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 am.–5:00 pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-7 – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Meeting Virtual (call the Office for more information).

WEBSITE : www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org

FACEBOOK: www.saintpeterclaverNOLA

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

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

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Director of Music

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Director of Religious
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Mrs. Edith B. Reed
Executive Secretary



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

The genre of today's First Reading is that of a "call narrative." While many call narratives are in Scripture, the call of Samuel is unique. Other such narratives depict an individual hearing the voice of God and understanding who it is that is speaking (consider, for example, Abraham, Isaiah, and Jeremiah). Samuel does not grasp whose voice is call in him. The priest Eli, however, understands this call and instructs Samuel in how to respond, should he hear that voice again. Verses that are cut from today's text are especially interesting since within them we learn that by responding faithfully to God's call, Samuel has difficult words that he must deliver to his mentor, Eli.

In the Gospel selection from John, we are presented with a remarkable story. Like the First Reading for today, it can be described as a call narrative. The scene opens with John the Baptist standing with two of his disciples when Jesus walks by. When John refers to Jesus as the "Lamb of God," John's disciples immediately leave him to follow Jesus. It is as if John has fulfilled his responsibility to these two men. He has helped them to recognize Jesus. Andrew, one of John's disciples who left John and followed Jesus, in turn, "found his own brother Simon [Peter]" and "brought him to Jesus."

Seemingly evident in today's selections from First Samuel and the Gospel of John is that people of faith are called to assist one another in recognizing the mystery and presence of God among them. Clearly, the priest Eli, John the Baptist, and Andrew were instruments of God.

- ◆ Consider the significance of someone who has helped you recognize the voice of God in your life. Give thanks to God for the gift of this individual.
- ◆ Reflect on how remarkable it is to be alive and how your body has allowed you to know some of God's many blessings.
- ◆ How are you a disciple of Jesus and how do you help others to recognize the living God?



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A Prayer for Martin Luther King's Birthday..

God of our forebears and our God, who has summoned women and men throughout the ages to be thy witnesses and sometimes martyrs for thee, we bow before thee this day in remembrance and thanksgiving for the life and legacy of thy servant, witness and martyr, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. We thank thee for his time among us, for his words and for his deeds and for the quality of his living witness which eases the pain of recalling the brevity of his years. We rejoice in his example of obedient faith and the scenes and stations of his life which inform and enrich our own faith journeys. O God, fashion and mold our memories into a guiding vision for active discipleship, so that we may not only long and yearn for thy coming kingdom but may also recognize its arrival and presence in the risen Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, in whose blessed name we pray. *Amen.*

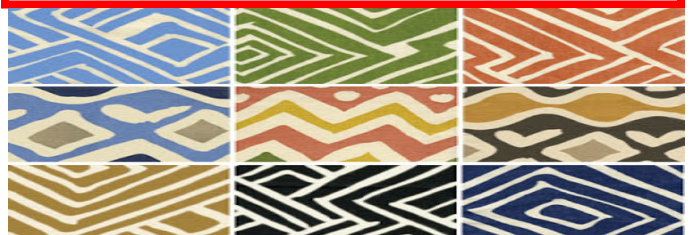


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Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to our St. Peter Claver Parish Family and our visitors



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.



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in Memory of:

Bartholomew, Jr., & Ramona Bruno

Requested By: The Family



Visit
St. Ann's Shrine
(2100 Block of Ursulines Ave.)
**Tuesday, Thursday
& Saturday**
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER



St. Peter Claver's Health Ministry has been selected and approved to participate in the LA-CEAL (Louisiana Community Engagement Alliance Against COVID-19 Disparities) Project.

This project is a partnership with Xavier, Tulane Universities and local churches, community pharmacies, Federally Qualified Health centers, and other community organizations as a part of the Louisiana Community-Engagement Research Alliance Against COVID-19 in Disproportionately Affected Communities.

The project hopes to find out what the community concerns are about COVID-19, testing, prevention and treatment through group conversations, surveys and interviews. The community is often not at the table when important decisions are being made. The Alliance wants to make sure that accurate and trustworthy information and education gets to the community so that those most impacted can make informed decisions for their health and safety in the future of this pandemic.

We are asking for community members to participate in up to 30 minute phone survey, for your participation you will be rewarded \$25.00 to share your thoughts about COVID-19, and how we should move forward as a city, state and nation.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at (504) 822-8059 to submit your name.

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, give to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give to parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. May Your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. **AMEN.**



ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH

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, Joycelyn Johnson, Stanley & Beatrice Grant, Pearl Dupart, Aaron LaCabe, Bernice Stein, Javette and Michael Garner, John & Claire Bidol, Demetria Bernard, Jerald LaPierre, Robert "RJ" LaPierre, Marie Walker, Chris Price, Shirley Walton, Antoinette Johnston, Ralph Walker, Albert & Miriam Boucree, Audrey Evans, Yvette Brown, Shirley Pratt, Lorraine Bowman, Linda Hunter, Ruby Perry, Barbara Phillips, Ina Claire Buckley, Louise Jenkins, Toki Joseph, Joseph Williams, Gerard Robinson, Sr., Emelda Petit, Johnnie Petit, Scarlett Crawford, Vivian Plessy, Debra Gray, Lionel and Marion Evans, Verlyn Mallory, Marva Batiste, Bronson Lee, John Parker, Maureen Nutting, Cynthia Bluford, Victoria Leslie, Lorraine Bart, Myrtle Dorsey, Bernell Johnson, Wilma Wilson, Wendell Baptiste, Maxine Rixner, Jeremy Tauriac, Shonne Pierce, Wylene Jones, Nowell Lacking, Sr., Roslind Louis, Lydia Edwards, Ted Nutting, Joseph Washington, Delores Chapital, Rockial Riley, Jerri Queen, Sarah Lafitte, Gail O'Brien, Marynell Fernandez, Charlie Mae Thompson, Gloria Oliver, Myrtle Williams, Edward Brown, Lucille Anderson, Charmaine Prevost, Evelyn Shokes, Henry Head, Etheline Permillion, Pamela Pleasant, Esther Balanciere, Shayna Vigne, Jolene Jeff, Bryon Bernard, Victor Hampton, Clarence Robinson, Jr., Kenneth Williams, Baby Aria Polite, Paula Aubert, Sabrina Davis, Clarence Reese, Deborah Manuel-Oliver, Deanna Stephens, Marva McDaniel, Erica Watler, Stradford Goins, Laura Johnson, Sie Terrell.

Thoughts on Stewardship

"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased.'"

Mark 1:11 Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples, we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

NEW ORLEANS, LA

CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Let Us Pray:


Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that, we have no power and we are dependent on You and You alone. We place ourselves in Your mighty and loving hands.


Merciful God, please give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Loving God, please put your healing hand on those who are ill in the various hospitals and at homes, and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty.

Eternal God, please calm our fears and help us to trust You as our faithful and true God. Mighty God, please enlighten our government leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give Your blessing to those in health care and our first responders and protect them.

We ask this in faith, for You are God, living and reigning forever and ever.

THE POWER to make a DIFFERENCE Jack & Jill of America, Inc., New Orleans Chapter

Help us Fight Food Insecurity 

 Drive through & Drop Off boxed & canned goods (pop tops), and fresh vegetables

St. Peter Claver's Misaada Center
1923 St. Phillip Street, NOLA 70116
MLK DAY, JAN. 18, 2021
11AM-1PM

**If not us, then who? If not now, then when?
The time is now to help our community!!**

The New Orleans Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc.,
THANKS YOU!

Bible Study Quote:

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher, “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So, they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.”
John 1:38-39

HEAR THE CALL! COUNT THE COST!

NOW CHOOSE! To whom do we listen when we decide to work against the common good? The common element in every race, gender and ethnic group is the love of God. We are all His creation. So, if we decide to violate a person, place, or thing for selfish reasons, we work against the common good. We work against the image of God. We must constantly strive to hear the call for justice, patience, peace and love. Pope Francis stated that he was “astonished” by the violent attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. In an interview published in the January 9, 2020 issue of the National Catholic Reporter, Pope Francis suggests that, something is not working when people take a path against the community, against democracy, and against the common good. Whose voice did the mob that attacked the U.S. Capitol hear? Did they count the cost of their actions? As least five people were killed. In a single afternoon, the mob caused extensive damage to the economic, emotional, and political stability of our nation. The Pontiff urges us to learn from these events. He suggests that we understand the source of violence,

HEAR!! COUNT!! CHOOSE!!

evaluate the hurt, and choose the path of restitution. We should; Hear the Call! Count the Cost! And choose a corrective course! In the first reading, Samuel heard the call, counted the cost, and chose to dedicate his life in the service of the Lord. The name Samuel means, “I asked Yahweh for him” (1 Sam. 1:20). He was God’s answer to the prayers of his barren mother, Hannah. She was so grateful that she dedicated him as a young boy to serve at the shrine at Shiloh, where the ark resided. Hannah heard the call, counted the cost, and gave her son to serve God. Samuel was a child when he heard God’s call on his life. His vocation was to be Yahweh’s prophet and visible representative among the Chosen People. He served from the death of Eli to the kingship of Saul.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: What would you do if you were Samuel? What was Eli’s role in the reading?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION News:

High School Religious Education & Confirmation Preparations:

Confirmation Candidates Per-Interviews: Thursday, January 21, 2021 from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Email: mlee@spclaverchurch.org to confirm a time or call the Parish Office.

Parent and Youth Orientation: Saturday, January 23, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Spiritual Development Requirements:

Weekly Mass attendance in person or via Facebook; monthly Zoom sessions; Weekly Religious Education sessions required for youth attending private or public high schools, youth attending Catholic High Schools are welcomed but not required to attend.

Confirmation Candidate Requirements:

Attend weekend Mass at St. Peter Claver Church and have mass attendance sheet signed by Priest or Deacon. If virtual, please send a direct message at the end of Mass; Attend confirmation preparation classes; Submit a two-page essay researching three saints, identify and explain your chosen saint for confirmation name. (Due in March); complete 20 hours of Service (this includes at least 15 hours of Parish Ministry Service); Attend candidate, parent and sponsor sessions dates (TBA); Attend Confirmation Retreat (February 27, 2021 or April 17, 2021). Sacrament of Penance (TBA); Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Saturday, May 29, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.

PRAY ABOUT IT!

Monday: Read 1 Corinthians 6:12. Is St. Paul's saying true? List three things that are helpful, and compare them to three things that are harmful to you.

Tuesday: Read 1 Corinthians 6:15. How is your body a member of Christ?

Wednesday: Read 1 Corinthians 6:18. Must married people “shun immorality”?

Thursday: Read John 1:35-42. Dedicate yourself to a parish ministry.

Friday: Perform an act of Spiritual Communion.

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

January 16-22, 2021

Saturday, January 16, 2021

4:00 p.m. Ms. Leah Chase
 Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
 Mr. Wayne Reese, Sr.
 Ms. Joyce Evans
 Ms. Monica Washington
 Ms. Florence Lee
 Mr. Jiar Joseph Means
 Mr. John Bidol (*Living*)

Sunday, January 17, 2020

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
 Mr. Kenneth Carter
 Ms. Florence Lee

10:00 a.m. Bartholomew, Jr., & Ramona Bruno
 Ms. Myrtle Brooks
 Ms. Ruby Downs
 Ms. Diane Davis
 Ms. Jade Gibson
 Mr. Vint Barney
 Ms. Emelda Bentley
 Ms. Joan Diaz
 Ms. Glayds Shief
 Edward and Edna Walker
 Mr. Percy Walker
 Ms. Marion Newman
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
 Mr. Jareath Francis
 Ms. Marguerite Batiste
 Ms. Deanna Jefferson
 Ms. Marguerite Lee
 Ms. Marguerite Jefferson
 Ms. Terri Lee

Tuesday, January 19, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church
 12:00 noon Prayer Line

Wednesday, January 20, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

Thursday, January 21, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church
 12:00 noon Prayer Line

Friday, January 22, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church



January 18-24, 2021

Monday-1/18/20 *Hebrews 5:1-10*
 Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday-1/19/20 *Hebrews 6:10-20*
 Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday-1/20/20 *Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17*
 Mark 3:1-6

Thursday-1/21/20 *Hebrews 7:25-8:6*
 Mark 3:7-12

Friday-1/22/21 *Hebrews 8:6-13*
 Mark 3:13-19

Saturday-1/23/21 *Hebrews (:2-3, 11-14*
 Mark 3:20-21

Sunday-1/24/21 *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*
 1 Corinthians 7:29-21
 Mark 1:14-20



Archdiocesan Silver Wedding Anniversary

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will host a Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 1802 Tulane Ave., for those couples who have been married for **25 years**. **Only couples married in the year 1996 are invited to attend this celebration**, please register with the Parish Office (504) 822-8059 by January 15, 2021. This celebration is a Prayer Service **not a Mass**. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation must be fulfilled within one's Parish.



**ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH
EVENTS & MEETINGS**

JANUARY, 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 <i>Happy New Year!! 10:00 am Mass</i>	2 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
3 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	4	5 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	6 7:30 am Mass	7 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	8 7:30 am Mass	9 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
10 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	11	12 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	13 7:30 am Mass	14 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	15 7:30 am Mass	16 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
17 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	18 HOLIDAY Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. OFFICE CLOSED	19 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	20 7:30 am Mass	21 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	22 7:30 am Mass	23 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
24 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	25	26 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	27 7:30 am Mass	28 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	29 7:30 am Mass	30 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
31 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass						

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