



# 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.  
Meet in the parish hall.

**WEBSITE :** [www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org](http://www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org)

**FACEBOOK:** [www.saintpeterclaverNOLA](http://www.saintpeterclaverNOLA)

## NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

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

1923 St. Philip Street  
New Orleans, LA 70116  
Office (504) 822-8059  
Fax (504) 822-9251  
Credit Union (504) 988-7420  
Misaada Center (504) 827-0707

Rev. J. Asare-Dankwah  
**Pastor**

## DEACONS:

Mr. Lawrence Houston  
Mr. Allen Stevens

## PASTORAL STAFF

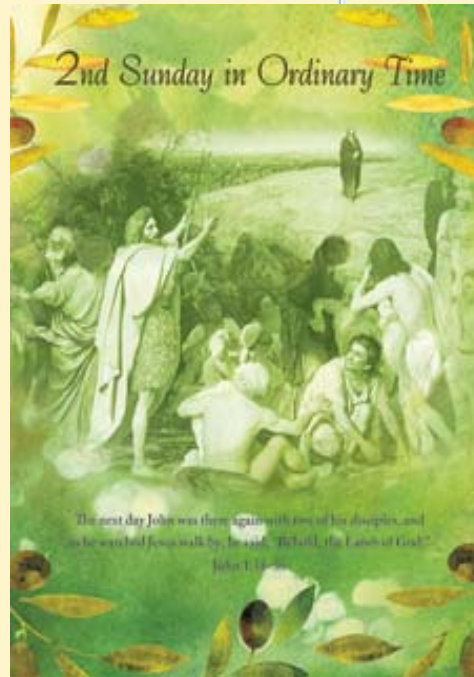
Mrs. Alena Boucree  
Director of Religious Education

Ms. Margie Brown  
Business Manager

Mrs. Veronica Downs-Dorsey  
Director of Music

Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston  
Youth Ministry

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

As we begin this new season, our readings remind us of a significant outcome of our Christian faith: we are called to be witnesses. John's Gospel presents the Baptist differently from the other Gospel accounts: the prophet does not dress in an austere manner or challenge people with a rhetoric of fire and doom. Instead, the Baptist is portrayed as a witness, one of many throughout John's Gospel, to testify to the person of Jesus. The Baptist identifies Jesus as superior to him: "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." The Baptist testifies to Jesus' baptism and the Spirit descending upon Jesus and concludes by saying: "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

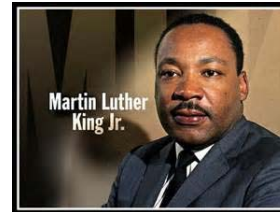
The prophet Isaiah testifies to another figure, the servant, whose task is to lead the Israelites back to God. He reminds them that they are to be witnesses to all the nations of the world: "I will make you a light to the nations / that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." This servant foreshadows Jesus' mission of witnessing to all people God's plan of salvation.

In greeting his community in Corinth, Paul identifies himself as an Apostle, sent to testify to the message of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Paul reminds the Corinthians that they are "called to be holy" and that their lives are transformed by the person and message of Jesus Christ.

We also are called to be holy and, through our Baptism, our lives are to witness to the person of Jesus Christ.

- ◆ How does the servant in the First Reading foreshadow the person of Jesus?
- ◆ How does each reading alert you to your call to be a witness to Christ?
- ◆ When has it been difficult for you to be a witness to Jesus and his message?

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



*We celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday on Monday, January 20, 2020...*

### *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.*

*"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God"*

  
**STEWARDSHIP**  
*a way of life*

Our Stewardship for Sunday, January 12, 2020, was **\$11,115.90**; **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for January 12, 2020 is **\$7,711.10**; **2nd Collection: Building Fund: \$496.35.**

*Thanks for your generosity.*



**Consult with an Attorney for FREE!!**

About your **CONSUMER DEBT Problems**  
**Debt Problems-Collection Harassment-**  
**Bankruptcy-Foreclosure-Contract Disputes**

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 25, 2020  
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.

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

**The Archdiocesan Silver Wedding Anniversary.**



If you were married in 1995, please call the Parish Office or fill out the Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration Form in the rear of the Church. This Celebration will take place on March 22, 2020.

**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.**

**2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time:**  
**Living and Praying with the Word:**

God Almighty, you are grand and glorious! We see your grandeur when we look at the vastness of the stars and the radiance of the sun. Yet our lives are lived in littleness. Getting out of bed each day, taking one step after another, we mark the days of our lives. Send us your grace in abundance so that we will do each little task for love of you. Let your Spirit rest on us as well and make holy our actions, even when they lead through the desert.



**Scripture Readings for:**  
**January 20-26, 2020**

- Monday-01/20/20**      *1 Samuel 15:16-23*  
*Mark 2:18-22*
- Tuesday-01/21/20**      *1 Samuel 16:1-13*  
*Mark 2:23-28*
- Wednesday-01/22/20**      *1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51*  
*Mark 3:1-6*
- Thursday-01/23/20**      *1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7*  
*Mark 3:7-12*
- Friday-01/24/20**      *1 Samuel 24:3-21*  
*Mark 3:13-19*
- Saturday-01/25/20**      *Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22*  
*Mark 16:15-18*
- Sunday-01/26/20**      *Isaiah 8:23-9:3*  
*1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*  
*Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17*



**Schedule**  
**January 20-26, 2020**

- Mon.**      **Holiday-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**
- 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 Center
- Wed.**      7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory  
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 Ctr.  
6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal-Church
- Fri.**      7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory  
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts-Ujima Center
- Sat.**      9:00 a.m. CCD Classes-School Annex  
12:00 noon Legal Clinic—Ujima Center  
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass-Church
- Sun.**      7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass-Church  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass-Church



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
**Will burn in memory for:**

**Mr. Morel Dupart**

**Requested by: The Dupart Family**



**ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH**

**NEW ORLEANS, LA**

**St. Peter Claver Homebound and Sick Parishioners**

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

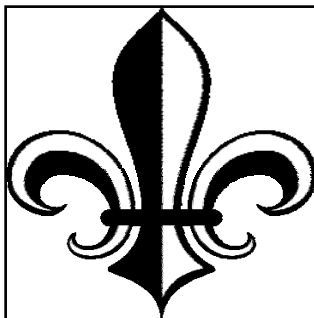
Edith Henry, Alice Allen, Gwendolyn Rocque, Joycelyn Johnson, Stanley & Beatrice Grant, Myra Harrell, Pearl Dupart, Aaron LaCabe, Bernice Stein, Joyce Evans, Javette and Michael Garner, John & Claire Bidol, Demetria Bernard, Gladys Shief, Jerald LaPierre, Robert "RJ" LaPierre, Doris Finister, Marie Walker, Chris Price, Shirley Walton, Antoinette Johnston, Cindy Armstrong, Ralph Walker, Albert & Miriam Boucree, Audrey Evans, Vint Barney, 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 Lackings, Sr., Roslind Louis, Lydia Edwards, Ted Nutting, Joseph Washington, Ruby Downs, Delores Chapi-tal, Rockial Riley, Jerri Queen, Malcolm Lear, Mary Harris, Florence Lee, Sarah Lafitte, Gail O'Brien, Marynell Fernandez, Charlie Mae Thompson, Gloria Oliver, Gerald Merritt, Wilma White, Janet Nealy, Myrtle Williams, Ramona Walker, Edward Brown.

**FATIMA ROSARY**

**Monday, January 20, 2020**  
**@ 5:00 p.m. 2100 Ursulines Ave., Apt. 1103**



**Requested by: Ms. Cynthia Davis**



**January 25, 2020**  
**January 26, 2020**



- 4:00 p.m. **Veronica Stevenson**, Ingrid Delahoussaye, Derek Delahoussaye, Verita Thomas, Stella Reese, Cleo Slias
  - 7:30 a.m. **Monique Hardy**, Roslyn Veals, Joycelyn Renfro, Yolanda Green, Chandra Green
  - 10:00 a.m. **Karin Legohn**, Dwight Bluford, Mark Foster, Brenda Barnes, Arthurine Lear
- Balcony:** **Donald Reed**, Angela Rovaris, Kenneth Sears

**Lectors**

- 4:00 p.m. Cleo Silas \* Lester Arnaud
- 7:30 p.m. Jordan Colin \* Brendolyn McKenna
- 10:00 a.m. Lynell Joseph \* Claude Montegut

**Lantern Light at the Rebuild Center**  
**Dear Members of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church:**

there are several organizations that seek to help the homeless in the greater New Orleans area, but we are truly grateful that you continue to make an impact on the lives of these persons through our organization. It is because of you that we have an opportunity to help so many individuals who face adversity day after day, as they seek to rebuild their lives and rise above the challenges of being homeless.



*"A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal."*

Thank you for your overwhelming donation of t-shirts and toiletry items for our guests that avail of the services provided by Lantern Light at the Rebuild Center. Thank you for touching God's people.

Kenitha Grooms-Williams, LMSW  
Executive Director, Lantern Light

**PRAYER FOR THOUGHT**... The Lord is



my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? This I ask of the Lord, this I seek. To dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life, that I may gaze upon the beauty of the Lord. This is my body given for the life of the world. GOD dwells in His house; to the upright I will show the saving power of God!

## 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.

## Lantern Light Position:

### Kitchen Assistant/Donation Collector:

All interested persons are asked to contact Mrs. Kenitha Williams at (504) 273-5573, ext. 115 or via email: kagwilliams@lanternlight.org

**Education:** High School diploma or GED preferred, but not required.. **License & Certifications:** Valid LA driver's license (LA Class E); clean Department of Motor Vehicle Report (No DUI's, Reckless Driving or Major Moving Violations) Must have a large vehicle or SUV to pick up and transport donations. **Compensation:** \$9.00 hourly plus \$.60 per mile; Part-time, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-Noon.

## A BIBLE STUDY QUOTE:

"Behold the Lamb of God"



### **I KNOW WHO YOU ARE!**

In this brief salutation, St. Paul says to the Corinthians, I know who you are. Corinth was an important port city and a Roman colony. It was materially prosperous, but morally corrupt. St. Paul preached the Gospel there in about 50 A.D. and remained for two years. During that time, he made many converts and later left for Ephesus. This letter to the Church in Corinth was to correct some abuses that permeated the young church. St. Paul's greeting to the Corinthians shows that they had been sanctified in Jesus Christ. They were the Church of God and members of the Body of Christ. Like the prophecy of **Isaiah 49:6**, St. Paul reminds them that they were now a light to the nations. **Discussion Question:** How should St. Paul greet you?



**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, please contact the Parish Office, 504-822-8059.

## ATTENTION: Church Calendar

**JUST A REMINDER** to ALL Ministries or Organizations: you are asked to submit your Ministry events to the Parish Office by Friday, January 24, 2020 to be placed on the Church Calendar.



## Mass Intention

### January 18-24, 2020

#### Saturday, January 18, 2020

4:00 p.m. Ms. Leah Chase  
 Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.  
 Mr. David J. Davis, Sr.  
 Mr. Jiar Joseph Means  
 Mr. John Bidol (Living)

#### Sunday, January 19, 2020

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver  
 Mr. Kenneth Carter  
 Mr. James Smith, III  
 Ms. Lydia C. Broyard  
 In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

10:00 a.m. Ms. Jade Gibson  
 Bartholomew, Jr. & Ramona Bruno  
 Ms. Myrtle Bruno  
 Mr. Lydia Broyard  
 Mr. Lionel Joienille  
 Mr. Chester Staes  
 Mr. Jareath M. Francis, Sr.  
 Edward and Edna Walker  
 Mr. Percy Walker  
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum  
 Living & deceased members of the  
 Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney,  
 Prevost & Wilson families

#### Tuesday, January 21, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

#### Wednesday, January 22, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

#### Thursday, January 23, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

#### Friday, January 24

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory



## St. Peter Claver Church Health & Wellness Ministry

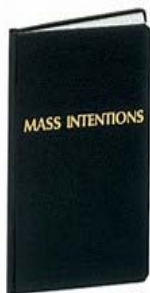
### Seniors and Family Life

Research has shown that maintaining social engagement with people contributes to longer and healthier lives. Survival rates among socially active **Seniors** are greater than those who are not socially active. Social isolation is the major cause of depression in the elderly. Being part of a family is the key to being socially healthy for not only Seniors but for all human beings. Seniors are our most valuable asset (they not only have the most wisdom but the most experience). They help contribute to the stabilization of a child's mental well-being (they nurture and care for the children of the family while parents are away). When children see Seniors included in all family activities they learn to respect and honor the elderly. Here are a few ideas that can make Seniors feel wanted and appreciated: **Encourage** involvement in civic, social, religious or other organizations \* **Welcome** their friends into your family circle (they can relate to people from their generation) \* **Have** them join you while shopping at the local mall (walking in a controlled temperature is great exercise) \* **Make** Seniors a part of your child's school activities (volunteering as a grandparent is both meaningful to them and the children) \* **Incorporate** them in family worship time and church activities. **When** making household decisions ask for their input (their words of wisdom just may help you avoid mistakes).

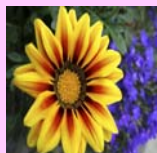
Need additional information about Senior health?? Your Church Nurse Educators stand ready to help!

**Office Hours:** Tues.. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
**Phone:** 504-822-8059

### The 2020 Mass Intention Book...is open.



If you would like to offer a Mass Intention for another person or for the **Repose of the Soul** of a deceased loved one, please submit your Mass Intention requests calling the Parish Office, 504-822-8059. The donation for Mass Intentions is \$5.00 and the donation for the Sanctuary Candle is \$10.00.



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

**OPEN**  
**Tuesdays , Thursdays & Saturdays**  
**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Events & Meetings**

*January, 2020*

**Sun**

**Mon**



**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

			<b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year!!</b> <b>10:00 am Mass</b>	<b>2</b> 7:30 am Mass	<b>3</b> 7:30 am Mass	<b>4</b> 9:00 am NO CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
<b>5</b> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:30 am Mass 5:00 pm Legion of Mary 6:00 pm Family Life	<b>8</b> 7:30 am Mass	<b>9</b> 7:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 7:30 am Mass 4:00 pm Social Concerns 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 9:00 am CCD Classes 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
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