



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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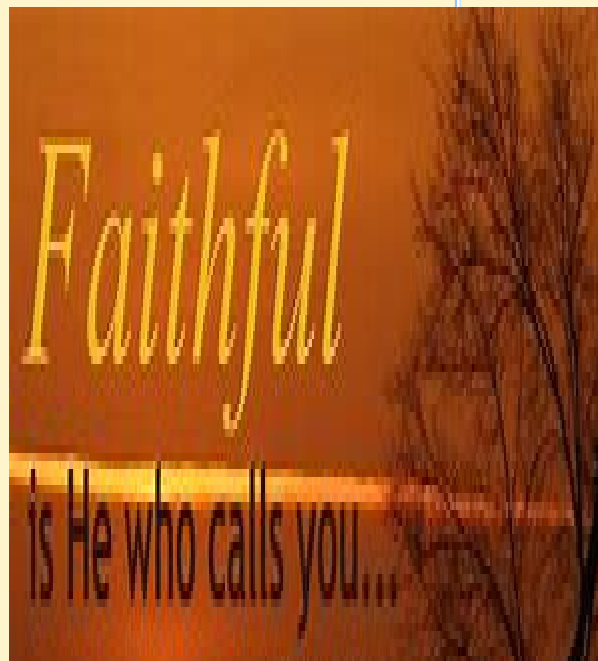
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Mrs. Edith B. Reed
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THIRD SUDAY IN ORDINARY

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

Today’s First Reading from the Book of Jonah can easily give us the wrong impression of this prophet. Why? This selection provides the picture of a prophet who hears the word of God and immediately responds to what the Lord commands. It is important for us to know that in the first three verses of the book, we hear God giving Jonah a more detailed command to preach against Nineveh. How does Jonah respond? He completely ignores this command and flees in the opposite direction! The material between Jonah’s first and second command from the Lord is familiar to many. While on a ship headed away from Nineveh, the prophet is thrown overboard during a storm, is swallowed by a large fish, and then prays to God, after which he is spewed onto dry land. Then, only then, do we hear today’s reading that portrays Jonah as the obedient prophet. Interestingly, the Psalm refrain “Teach me your ways, O Lord,” would certainly have been an appropriate prayer for this prophet.

Our short passage from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians and the opening lines from Mark’s Gospel account remind us that God’s kingdom is near. The Gospel continues with material not unlike what we heard from the book of Jonah. Both of these excerpts can be refereed to as “call narratives,” texts in which an individual or individuals are called by God and given a particular command. You may notice that Mark’s call of Simon and Andrew (as well as James and John) is somewhat different from how John presented the call of these two men in last Sunday’s Gospel.

- ◆ Knowing that Jonah was not immediately obedient to God’s command, consider how much you are like this prophet.
- ◆ How might you incorporate into your prayer life the psalm refrain “Teach me your ways, O Lord”?
- ◆ Consider times in your life when God has extended an invitation to you. How did you feel about that invitation? How did you respond to that call?

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.



Collection figures are not available at this time.

Please continue with your tithing for Stewardship. You can mail or bring your weekly contributions to St. Peter Claver Church Parish Office, 1910 Ursulines Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116

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:

Ms. Florence Lee

Requested By: Ms. Wylene Jones



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 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.

St. Peter Claver Church "D.O.V.E.S. Ministry



Our love, sympathy and prayers go out to our Parishioners who have lost family members during these difficult times. Please remember the following families: Ms. Diana LeBlanc; Ms. Lissie Narcisse,; Ms. Florence Lee and Ms. Onelia Martin (102 years old); Ms. Clair Bidol (who will be buried from this Church on Saturday, January 30, 2021@ 10:00 a.m.

Any parishioners experiencing the recent loss of an immediate family member, please contact the Bereavement Ministry through the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059, so we can offer support and prayers.

R.C.I.A.

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.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Annual Financial Statements will be provided for those who request them. Call the Parish Office or place the following information in the collection basket for your 2020 contribution statement. Statements will be available on Friday, January 29, 2021.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT #: _____

ENV. #: _____

Or email: ereed@spclaverchurch.org

Thoughts on Stewardship

“The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations.”

Earth911

John Paul II

Bible Study Quote:

After John has been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Mk. 1:14-15

THIS IS YOUR SEASON! Each stage of our lives has a purpose. Believe it or not, life gives us our turn, our time, and our season. Romans 8:28 tells us that all things work together for the benefit of those who love the Lord and are called according to his purpose. But do we wonder: what is the purpose of a Global Pandemic that causes the death of millions of people? How will political violence heal our nation? The wisdom in the Book of Ecclesiastes tells us that there is an appointed time, a season, for everything under heaven. There is a time to plant, a time to uproot, a time to give birth and a time to die (**Ecc. 3:1-7**). This means that God has a cause and a purpose for everything. He provides a purpose and opportunity for us to respond to His call, to know love, and serve Him. During these turbulent times, we are called to be true to God's promise that He will not abandon us. It is a season to submit to the lifesaving power of God the Creator. It is our season to love and serve each other

Come, Follow Me!

as God loves and protects us. There is a reason and a season for every period of our lives. This is your season. The season of repentance had come to Jonah before it came to Nineveh, the capital of Assyria and the archenemy of Israel in the eight century before Christ. The Book of Jonah is a sermon with the theme that Yahweh is the God of all nations. The extent of God's authority is illustrated by the size of the city. On the first day of Jonah's passage through Nineveh, he preached its destruction (v.4). When the people heard that their city would be destroyed, their season of transgression turned into a season of repentance and faith in Yahweh (v.5). The sign of repentance was their clothes, sackcloth, and ashes and fasting (vv.7-8). Because of their repentance, God withheld their destruction. It was their season to receive God's grace and mercy. This is your season to rethink your relationship with God. It is a season to realize your total dependence on Him. It is your season to ask God to teach you His truth. **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

What could you do to improve your relationship with God? How have the troubles of today changed your faith in God?

PRAY ABOUT IT!

Monday: Read Dr. King's 'I Have a Dream' speech.

Tuesday: Read Mark 1:14-20. what have you left behind to serve God?

Wednesday: Read Jonah 3:1-10. Does your lifestyle show that you have "put on Christ" in Baptism?

Thursday: Pray an Act of Contrition and conduct a prayerful examination of your conscience.

Friday: Perform an Act of Spiritual Communion.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION News:

High School Religious Education & Confirmation Preparations:

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.

ALMSGIVING



St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given "for the common good" What gifts are mine to share?

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

January 23-30, 2021

Saturday, January 23, 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. Erskine Francis, Sr.
 Mr. Ivory Johnson, Jr.
 Ms. Shelia Johnson
 Ms. Diana LeBlanc
 Ms. Marion LeBlanc
 Mr. August LeBlanc
 Mr. John Bidol (*Living*)

Sunday, January 24, 2021

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

10:00 a.m. Ms. Ruby Downs
 Ms. Diane Davis
 Ms. Jade Gibson
 Baby Marquise Applewhite, II
 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. Myrtle Parker
 Ms. Vivian Delaney
 Mr. Lester Marshall

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

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

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

Thursday, January 28, 2021

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

Friday, January 29, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church



January 25-31, 2021

*Monday-1/25/20 Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
 Mark 16:15-18*

*Tuesday-1/26/20 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or
 Titus 1:1-5
 Mark 3:31-35*

*Wednesday-1/27/20 Hebrews 10:11-18
 Mark 4:1-20*

*Thursday-1/28/20 Hebrews 10:19-25
 Mark 4:21-25*

*Friday-1/29/21 Hebrews 10:32-39
 Mark 4:26-34*

*Saturday-1/30/21 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
 Mark 4:35-41*

*Sunday-1/31/21 Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
 Mark 1:21-28*



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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