



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.

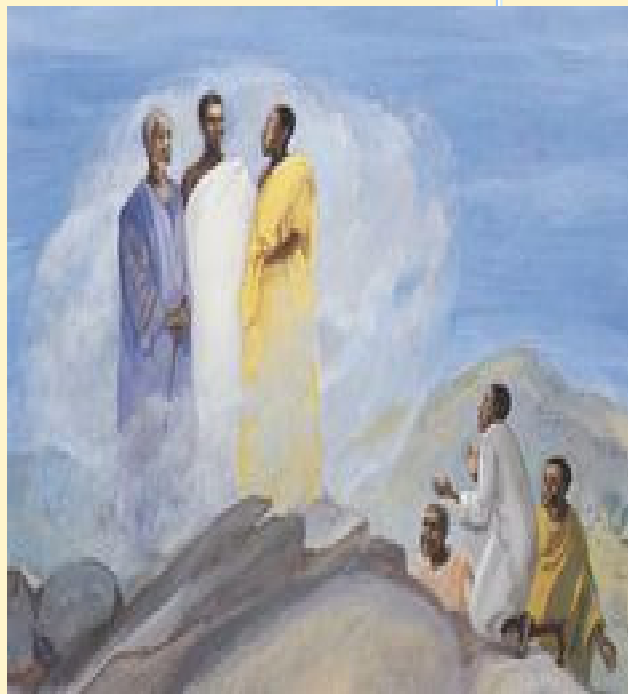
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston
Director of Religious
Education & 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

The First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy introduces us to the role and the responsibilities of a prophet. The commonly held opinion that prophets can predict the future is a naïve understanding of the biblical prophet. The best way to perceive the prophets of the Bible may be as spokespersons, or messengers, of God. Exactly how God's "Word" came to each prophet is a complicated matter. Nevertheless, Scripture identifies a considerable number of both women and men who served God as messengers of the divine Word.

The key figure in the Book of Deuteronomy is Moses, whom tradition identifies as the prophet par excellence. This is because Moses is identified as having communed with God face to face. Today's text makes clear that the prophet is responsible for communicating God's Word, not the prophet's word, to the people. The text also speaks of a prophet to come (and there were many) who would also speak God's Word as commanded.

In First Corinthians, we find Paul speaking about whether it is better to be married or single. It is important to grasp Paul's reason for recommending the single life over the married life. Paul was under the impression that the Lord would soon return to this earth. With that consideration, Paul thought that marriage, with its responsibilities to spouse and family, was a distraction from focusing on the impending return of the Lord Jesus.

Mark's Gospel passage for today emphasizes the astonishing authority of Jesus' teaching. It was while teaching in the synagogue that a man with an unclean spirit presented himself to Jesus. With the simple words "Quiet! Come out of him!" the spirit left the man. The primary focus of this reading is not the exorcism but rather the awesome manifestation of Jesus' power.

- ◆ How is God's Word made manifest today?
- ◆ What does it mean to be a messenger of God today?
- ◆ Reflect on a time that you were transformed by the power of God's Word.

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.

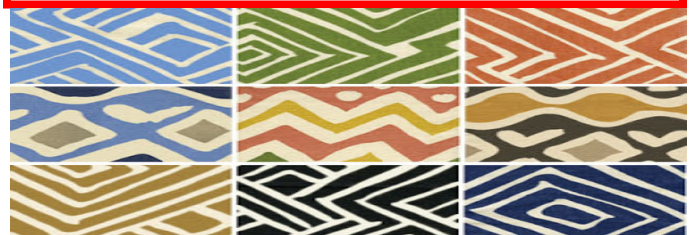


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Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

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:

Ms. Mary Helen LeBlanc

Requested By: The Talton Family



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

Distribution of Ashes: February 17, 2021



Ashes have been used as a sign of repentance from Old Testament times

to today. In the early Church, the priest would sprinkle ashes on the heads of those confessing their sins. In the year 1091, Pope Urban II decreed that priests were to sprinkle ashes on the heads of all the faithful on the first day of Lent. As a result of that practice, this day became known as Ash Wednesday. In most countries, the practice of placing or sprinkling a small pinch of palm ashes on the top of the head on Ash Wednesday remains common practice. However, in the United States, the custom has developed where ashes are placed on the forehead in the shape of a cross. Due to concerns about the spread of COVID-19, modifications must be made to our usual method of imposition of ashes.

After consultation with medical leaders, there are only three options for the imposition of ashes that will be used in the Archdiocese of New Orleans for 2021:

- Sprinkling a small pinch of dry ashes on the top of the head
- Using a cotton swab (Q-tip) to place ashes on the forehead (most effective)
- We experimented with cotton balls and found them to be less practical.

Whichever option is chosen, those imposing ashes are to wear a mask during the distribution of ashes and sanitize their hands afterwards. If a cotton swab is used it is to be disposed of after each person and a new swab used. A receptacle for used swabs is to be located at each station where ashes are distributed.

Blessing of Throats

In this time of pandemic, for the Blessing of throats on the Memorial of Saint Blaise, priests, deacons, and those assisting with the blessing are to hold the crossed candles in front of each person, not touching the person, and to say the prayer without touching.



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 Lackings, 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, Deborah Manuel-Oliver, Deanna Stephens, Marva McDaniel, Erica Watler, Stradford Goins, Laura Johnson, Sie Terrell, Waldron Green.

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 "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. 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.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Bible Study Quote:

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. "

Mk. 1:23-26

HE SAW THE BEST IN ME! A Gospel song written by Marvin Sapp expresses the depth of God's love for us. "He sees the best in me, when everyone else around, could only see the worst in me..." The song goes on to say: "He is mine; I am His, it does not matter what I did. He only sees me for who I am." These words give us comfort when we are condemned by others. Others need comfort when we condemn them because of their race, gender, nationality, ethnicity, economic status, or past transgressions. Since God sees the best in us, we have the authority of God, the Creator, to see the best in all of His creations. The Book of Deuteronomy portrays Israel as the special chosen people of God. It is composed of four addresses given to Israel by Moses. God saw the best in them. So, through Moses, He gave them His Laws. Chapters 16-22 of the Book of Deuteronomy describe the various offices of their Theocratic Society. Even though Israel out of fear of death, refused to have

A Prophet Like Me He will raise...

direct contact with God (**Deut. 5:24-28**), He provided the best for them. Selfishly, Israel preferred for Moses to risk direct contact with God so that their lives would be spared. Perhaps this is an example of the worst characteristic of the Chosen People. They were also described as stubborn. Yet, God gave them the Promised Land (**Deut. 9:6**), as long as they were obedient to Him. He saw the best in them. He saw Himself. Through them would come Jesus the Christ, the Savior of the World. Through them He would fulfill the seven covenants. A covenant is made between God and man to ensure harmony with God's commandments and instructions. Through covenants, humanity is made a member of God's family. There are seven major Covenants: The Adamic Covenant, the Noachic Covenant, the Abrahamic Covenant, the Mosaic Covenant, the Davidic Covenant, the Prophetic Covenant, and the Eucharistic Covenant. These covenants take us from the Garden of Eden, to the Cross, to the end of time. God saw the best in us. He made us part of His family.

PRAY ABOUT IT!

Monday: Read Mark 1:23. Can you see the presence of God in others?

Tuesday: Read Luke 2:36-37. How dedicated are you to the service of God?

Wednesday: Read Matthew 5:32 and 19:3-9. What is God's concept of Marriage? What is yours?

Thursday: Call, text, or friend someone who is shut-in and ill.

Friday: Attend Mass and receive the Eucharist.

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.

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

January 30-February 5, 2021

Saturday, January 30, 2021

4:00 p.m. Ms. Leah Chase
 Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
 Mr. Wayne Reese, Sr.
 Ms. Joyce Evans
 Ms. Onelia Martin
 Ms. Monica Washington
 Ms. Florence Lee
 Mr. Jiar Joseph Means
 Mr. Erskine Francis, Sr.
 Ms. Diana LeBlanc
 Ms. Marion LeBlanc
 Mr. August LeBlanc
 Mr. John Bidol (*Living*)

Sunday, January 31, 2021

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

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
 Mr. Darrius Hamilton
 Ms. Vivian Delaney
 Mr. Lester Marshall
 Living and deceased members of the
 Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Prevost,
 Saulney & Wilson families

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

7:30 a.m. Ms. Angela Blanks
 12:00 noon Prayer Line

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

Thursday, February 4, 2021

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

Friday, February 5, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church



February 1-7, 2021

*Monday-2/1/21 Hebrews 11:32-40
 Mark 5:1-20*

*Tuesday-2/2/21 Malachi 3:1-4
 Hebrews 2:14-18
 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32*

*Wednesday-2/3/21 Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
 Mark 6:1-6*

*Thursday-2/4/21 Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24
 Mark 6:7-13*

*Friday-2/5/21 Hebrews 13:1-8
 Mark 6:14-29*

*Saturday-2/6/21 Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
 Mark 6:30-34*

*Sunday-2/7/21 Job 7:1-4, 6-7
 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
 Mark 1:29-39*

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.



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

JANUARY, 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | | | | | 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 | Feb. 1 | Feb. 2 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line | Feb. 3 7:30 am Mass | Feb. 4 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line | Feb. 5 7:30 am Mass | Feb. 6 4:00 pm Vigil Mass |

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