



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.

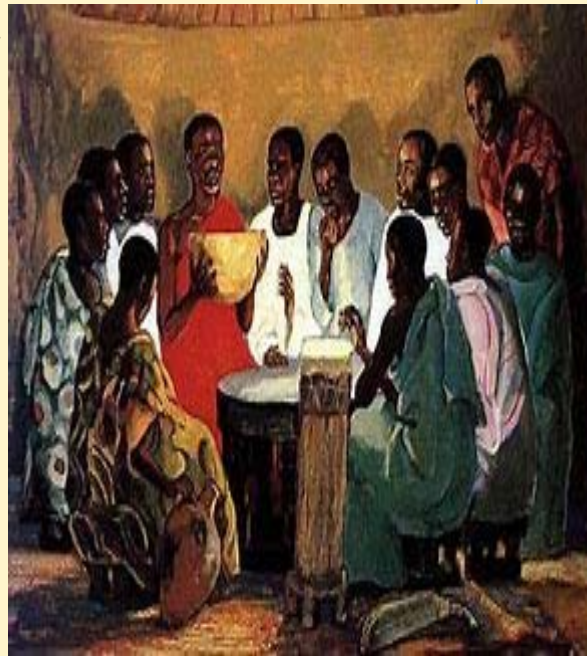
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-7 – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Meet in the parish hall.

WEBSITE : www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org

FACEBOOK: www.saintpeterclaverNOLA

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY! We ask that you please call the office to register in the parish.



The Presentation of the Lord

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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

The Eastern Churches celebrate this feast as “The Meeting” a reference to the long awaited meeting of the Messiah with his people, represented by Simeon and Anna in the Temple.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is rooted within Old Testament traditions. The Book of Exodus stipulates that every firstborn Israelite male, human or animal, belongs to God. When Pharaoh would not allow the Israelites to leave Egypt and slavery, God saved the people. Consequently, the firstborn now belongs to God:

“Consecrate to me every firstborn: whatever opens the womb among the Israelites, whether of human being or beast, belongs to me” (Exodus 13:2). The Israelites carried out this instruction by presenting their firstborn to God in the Temple: the firstborn of their animals was sacrificed to God while their firstborn sons were bought back by substituting animal sacrifices in their place to God.

Mary and Joseph fulfill this law by presenting Jesus in the Temple and making an offering. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Simeon recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, prophesying that “my eyes have seen your salvation / which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.” He stresses that this revelation is for everyone pagans and Jews alike. Jesus’ life will involve rejection and suffering, while his mother will experience tremendous sorrow: “And you yourself a sword will pierce” (Luke 2:35). Simeon is ready to die, while Anna (who is in the account in the longer version of the Gospel reading) will live to spread the good news of the Messiah.

- ◆ Why do Jesus' parents offer in sacrifice “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons” in the Temple when Jesus is born?
- ◆ What is significant about the presence of Simeon and Anna in the Temple when Jesus is presented there?
- ◆ Today’s Gospel reflects our experience of meeting Christ in Baptism and in the Eucharist. How is this meeting a key to your life?

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

Prepares to Celebrate 100 Years in Tremé



We are one of the Archdiocese of New Orleans’ oldest parishes located in the historic Tremé neighborhood. We are preparing to celebrate our Centennial in 2020 with a series of activities and events in

September designed to commemorate 100 years of serving the faithful. We were established in 1920 primarily for Black Catholic worshipers on church grounds that became available when St. Ann Parish vacated the premises and moved to another location. For many decades we operated a highly successful K-8 Catholic Elementary school with teaching support from the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and a dedicated cadre of lay faculty, plus pastoral leadership provided for many years by the Josephites (Society of St. Joseph) then later by the Society of St. Edmund. These days we are an Archdiocesan parish under the leadership of Fr. John Asare-Dankwah, our pastor. We will hold a Car Raffle in 2020 for the purpose of reducing outstanding Parish Debt. In addition, special 100th Anniversary activities and events already confirmed will include:

Friday, September 11, 2020

GOSPEL CONCERT featuring the Voices of Peter Claver Choir, Guest artists at St. Peter Claver Church.

Saturday, September 12, 2020

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MASS

4:00 p.m., St. Peter Claver Church with Archbishop Gregory Aymond;

CENTENNIAL BANQUET/GALA

7:00 p.m. at Hyatt-Regency Hotel

Sunday, September 13, 2020

FEAST DAY MASS

10:00 a.m. followed by the **PARISH PICNIC**; (site to be determined)

Further details will be forthcoming. For more information on the Centennial, contact Marinda Lee-Houston at (504) 822-8059.

National Day Of Prayer for the African American and African Family

God of Mercy and Love

We place our African American and African Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a sway that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of our Families prayer for us. **GOD'S MERCY PULLS US THROUGH!!!**



Religious Education

Confirmation

Confirmation Session: To be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at approximately 11:30 a.m. (Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass). There will be a session for Candidates, Sponsors and Parents. The session will culminate with a commitment service. Lite refreshments will be served.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, January 26, 2020, was **\$9,523.57**; **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for January 26, 2020 is **\$9,303.43**; **2nd Collection: Catholic School: \$263.00.**

Thanks for your generosity.



Scripture Readings for:
February 3-9, 2020

Monday-02/3/20	2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday-02/4/20	2 Samuel 18:9-10., 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday-02/5/20	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Mark 6:1-6
Thursday-02/6/20	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 Mark 6:7-13
Friday-02/7/20	Sirach 47:2-11 Mark 6:14-29
Saturday-02/8/20	1 Kings 3:4-13 Mark 6:30-34
Sunday-02/9/20	Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16



MEETING NOTICE!

Schedule
February 3-9, 2020

Mon.	6:00 p.m.	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 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
	4:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass-Church
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church
	11:30 a.m.	Confirmation Session



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory for:

Ms. Shirley Simmons

Requested by: 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:

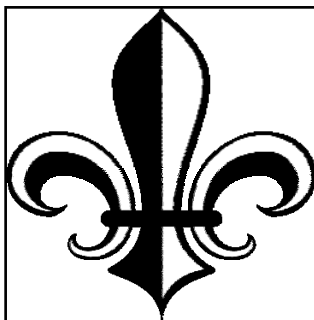
Edith Henry, Alice Allen, Gwendolyn Rocque, Joycelyn Johnson, Stanley & Beatrice Grant, Myra Harrell, Pearl Dupart, Aaron LaCabe, Bernice Stein, Joyce Evans, Javette and Michael Garner, John & Claire Bidol, Demetria Bernard, Jerald LaPierre, Robert "RJ" LaPierre, Doris Finister, Marie Walker, Chris Price, 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, Inaclaire 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 Chapital, 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, Lucille Anderson, Charmaine Prevost.

FATIMA ROSARY

Monday, February 3, 2020
@ 4:30 p.m. 2100 Ursulines Ave., Apt. 1103



Requested by: Ms. Jerry Queen



February 8, 2020
February 9, 2020



- 4:00 p.m. **Derek Delahoussaye**, Veronica Stevenson, Ingrid Delahoussaye, Adrain Francis, Stella Reese, Vanessa Smith
 - 7:30 a.m. **Monique Hardy**, Rosyln Veals, Joycelyn Renfro, Nona Webb, Chandra Green
 - 10:00 a.m. **Margie Sears**, Edith Stevenson, Dwight Duplessis, Jona Duplessis, Felicia Boucree
- Balcony:** **Lynette Walker**, Darnell Brooks, Alice Grooms

Lectors

- 4:00 p.m. Lorraine Edwards * Aisha Edwards
- 7:30 p.m. Ellen Lee * Charmaine Gray
- 10:00 a.m. Monica Boudouin * Mary Boutté

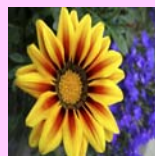
The Archdiocesan Silver Wedding Anniversary.



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.**



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

OPEN
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

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.



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.



“February is Black History Month”

Since the 1970's that familiar declaration has introduced countless celebrations of African American history and achievement, from Black History Minutes on local television stations to the pronouncements of U.S. presidents. But why is February designated as the month to commemorate African American history? The answer lies with eminent American historian Carter G. Woodson., who pioneered the field of African American studies in the early 20th century. Inspired by having attended a three-week national celebration of the 50th anniversary of emancipation in 1915, Woodson joined four others in founding the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) to encourage scholars to engage in the intensive study of the black past, a subject that had long been sorely neglected by academia and in U.S. schools. In 1916 Woodson began editing the association's principal scholarly publication, *The Journal of Negro History*. In 1924, spurred on by Woodson, his college fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, introduced Negro History and Literature Week. Two years later, determined to bring greater attention to African American history, Woodson and the ASNLH launched Negro History Week in February, 1926. February is the birth month of two figures who loom large in the black past: U.S. President Abraham Lincoln (born February 12th), who issued the Emancipation Proclamation, and African American abolitionist, author, and orator Frederick Douglass (born February 14). Since the deaths of Lincoln and Douglass (in 1865 and 1895, respectively) the black community had celebrated their contributions to African American liberation and civil rights on their birthdays. By rooting Negro History Week in February, Woodson sought to both honor the inestimable legacy of Lincoln and Douglass and to expand an already existent celebration of the black past to include not only the accomplishments of these two great individuals but also the history and achievements of black people in general. As early as the 1940's some communities had transformed February into Negro History Month. With the ascendance of the American civil rights movement and the rise of black consciousness in the 1960's, Negro History Week had become Black History Month in more and more places. All subsequent presidents would do the same, sometimes referring to the event as national Afro-American (Black) History Month or National African American History Month.



Mass Intention

February 1-2, 2020

Saturday, February 1, 2020

4:00 p.m. Ms. Leah Chase
 Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
 Ms. Evelyn Proctor
 Mr. Morel Dupart
 Mr. Jiar Joseph Means
 Ms. Joyce Evans (Living)
 Mr. John Bidol (Living)

Sunday, February 2, 2020

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
 Mr. Kenneth Carter
 Mr. James Smith, III
 Ms. Lydia Broyard
 Ms. Florence Bradley
 Jules, Jr. & Pauline Bakewell
 Mr. Jules Bakewell, III

10:00 a.m. Ms. Jade Gibson
 Ms. Lydia Broyard
 Mr. Lionel Joienille
 Mr. Chester Staes
 Mr. Jareath M. Francis, Sr.
 Ms. Diondra Harris
 Ms. Gwendolyn Wiltz
 Ms. Marguerite Batiste
 Ms. Marguerite Jefferson
 Ms. Terri Lee
 Ms. Marguerite Lee
 Ms. Deanna Jefferson
 Edward and Edna Walker
 Mr. Percy Walker
 Mr. Darrius Hamilton
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
 Living & deceased members of the
 Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney,
 Prevost & Wilson families

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Thursday, February 6, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Friday, February 7, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory
 Harold Raymond Spadoni



St. Peter Claver Church Health & Wellness Ministry

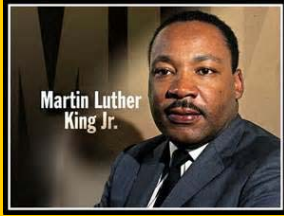
February is Women's Heart Month

Coronary heart disease is the **most common** form of heart disease. Often referred to simply as "heart disease, it is a disorder of the blood vessels of the heart that can lead to a heart attack. Heart disease is the **#1 killer of women** in the United States. One in four women die of heart disease. **African American** women have an especially high risk of heart disease along with other factors (high blood pressure, overweight, obesity, diabetes, smoking, high cholesterol and physical inactivity). Women have a higher risk of **dying** from a heart attack than men do, partly because they often don't realize they're having a heart attack and partly because they delay seeking getting emergency attention. Women may have heart attack symptoms that vary from men and may have all, none, many or a few of the typical heart attack symptoms. **Even though the most common heart attack symptom is still some type of pain, pressure or discomfort in the chest, women are most likely than men to have heart attack symptoms without chest pain, such as:** **Shortness of breath:** (can't catch your breath, even when resting, often occurs before the chest pain! **Dizziness or lightheadedness:** (feel as if you will pass out), **Cold sweat:** (sweating when you are cold or have a chill), **Pain in the arm** (especially left arm), back, neck, abdomen (stomach) or shoulder blades.

If you feel heart attack symptoms, do not delay. Remember, minutes matter! Do not wait for more than a few minutes-5 minutes at most-to CALL 911.

If you need more information about Heart Disease or help scheduling an appointment with a healthcare provider call the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Misaada Center,

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



St. Peter Claver Church

February, 2020

Black History Month

Meetings & Events



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						<p><i>1</i> 9:00 am CCD 9:00 am Micah Project 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><i>2</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass National Day of Prayer for African American Families</p>	<p><i>3</i> 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p><i>4</i> 7:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Family Life</p>	<p><i>5</i> 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><i>6</i> 7:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>7</i> 7:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><i>8</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><i>9</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 11:30 am Confirmation Session Knights of Peter Claver/Ladies Auxiliary</p>	<p><i>10</i> 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p><i>11</i> 7:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Nia-Imani</p>	<p><i>12</i> 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><i>13</i> 7:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>14</i> Valentine's Day 7:30 am Mass 4:30 pm Social Concerns 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><i>15</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><i>16</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><i>17</i> 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p><i>18</i> 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><i>19</i> 7:30 am Mass 4:30 pm Bereavement Ministry</p>	<p><i>20</i> 7:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>21</i> 7:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><i>22</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><i>23</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><i>24</i> LUNDI GRAS Office Closed</p>	<p><i>25</i> MARDI GRAS</p>	<p><i>26</i> Ash Wednesday 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon 6:00 pm Mass</p>	<p><i>27</i> 7:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>28</i> 7:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><i>29</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>

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