



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.

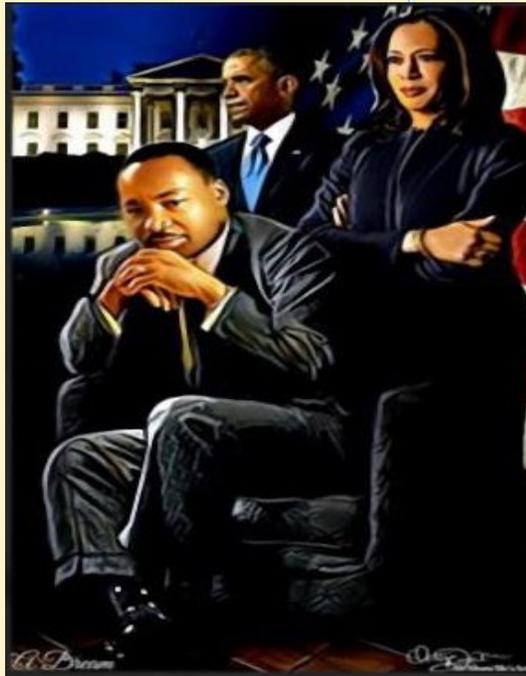
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 Scripture readings might be understood as invitations to reflect on the mystery of suffering. In the First Reading, Job, the blameless and upright man who was rich in family, land, and animals until his life was turned upside down, reflects on the human condition. He, who had recognized that he had once been the recipient of God's many blessings, now sees life with different eyes. Interestingly, today's verses begin with rather generic remarks about the human state and move to lines that speak specifically of Job's experience of misery and darkness. The Psalm refrain proclaims, "Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted." If seen as a direct response to Job, the refrain would indicate that Job's condition is not permanent.

For the third consecutive week, the Gospel is from the first chapter of Mark. The verses for today's selection immediately follow last week's reading, in which Jesus performed his first miracle. With no time wasted and no verses excluded. Jesus moves from the synagogue to Simon's house, accompanied by Simon, Andrew, and James (two weeks ago, these men were "called" in the Gospel reading).

Mark's Gospel moves quickly. Immediately after entering the house, Jesus is told that Simon's mother-in-law was ill. Jesus took her hand and "helped her up." Later that evening Jesus cured "many who were sick ... and he drove out many demons." Before dawn, Jesus and his companions left the house, and he text tells us that Jesus prayed. It would seem, however, that this prayer was brief, since "everyone" was looking for him. Jesus' response is one of incredible kindness. He is ready to move on to wherever he can preach and heal.

- ◆ Have you ever found yourself feeling like Job? If so, express your pain to God, either quietly in your heart or in a journal.
- ◆ If you have experienced the darkness expressed by Job, take time to reflect on today's Psalm. Use the words "the Lord heals the brokenhearted" as a mantra.
- ◆ Reflect on the readiness of Jesus to heal those in need of healing. Ask that he might heal your wounds.

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:

Baby Marquise Applewhite, II

Requested By: The Pleasant 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.

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 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, 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 Baptiste, 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.

BIBLE STUDY QUOTE

*"He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them."
Mk. 1:31*

JUST A TOUCH! The readings for this Sunday show the importance and the varied meanings of touch. A touch can mean to come in close contact with a person, place or something. The term is used to express affection, gratitude, or sympathy. In the first reading, Job in prayer, gets in touch with God and complains about his plight. In response, God gets in touch with Job. In the Gospel, Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-

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: Waldron Green; Dr. Edward Caliste who will be buried on Monday, February 8th and Ms. Virginia Pleasant who will be buried on Saturday, February 13th.

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.

law with a healing touch. Jesus needed to get in touch with his Father during the rapid pace of His ministry. The disciples sought to get in touch with Him after followers to Jesus sought to do the same. The physical human touch is powerful. It can encourage, sooth, and cure. The spiritual touch is powerful, as well. It is a prayer, a blessing, it is speaking the Word of God. During Black History Month, let us tell our stories with a touch of love.

Just A Touch of His Love.

Our goal as Christians is to: imitate the creative touch of God the Father, as we chart our way through life; imitate the healing touch of Jesus the Christ as we meet those who are hurting; imitate the invigorating touch of the Holy Spirit as we prepare for eternal life. It takes just a touch of love.

PRAY ABOUT IT!

Monday: Read Acts 9:15. Offer to assist someone who is suffering.

Tuesday: Read about the life of Saint Josephine Bakhita.

Wednesday: Read Mark 1:29-31. Visit someone who is sick or home bound.

Thursday: Read Mark 1:36-37. Text a word of encouragement to someone.

Friday: Perform an Act of Spiritual Communion.

THE HISTORY OF BLACK HISTORY

The heritage and experience of African Americans that typically dates back to the mid 1500's when Black people were captured in Africa and brought against their will to America to become slaves. After nearly 400 years of slavery and dehumanization, African Americans were eventually freed but were oppressed, discriminated against, and were initially not even recognized as legal citizens of the United States.

From the 1920's to the 1970's, African Americans had to fight for basic civil rights including the right to vote, to earn fair wages, to live in decent housing, and to marry outside of their race. During this time period, they were heavily discriminated against and sometimes brutally attacked and killed by white supremacists. Most notably, famous civil rights leaders like Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. were assassinated for fighting for the cause.

From the 1980's and ongoing even in recent times, African Americans have become victims to institutionalized racism which often manifests itself in workplace discrimination, housing discrimination, predatory lending from major banks, lack of diversity in television and film, college enrollment discrimination, lack of funding in communities where mostly Black people live, police harassment and brutality, and high incarceration rates of African American men.

Black History month, celebrated during the month of February each year, is a time where African American history makers are remembered and celebrated. The monthly-celebration is observed internationally in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. In 1976, U. S. President Gerald Ford issued the first Black History Month commemoration making it an official government-recognized celebration. The precursor to Black History Month was Negro History Week, which was created in the year 1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH presents....

RAVEN WILKINSON (2/2/1935-12/17/2018)



Raven Wilkinson was an American dancer who is credited with having been the first African-American woman to dance for a major classical ballet company. Wilkinson broke the color barrier in 1955 when she signed a contract to dance full-time with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. She was promoted to soloist during her second season with the troupe, and remained with the company for six years. Wilkinson later became a mentor to American Ballet Theatre principal dancer Misty Copeland, presenting Copeland with the 2014 Dance Magazine Award.

National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Families

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 way 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 pray for us.

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

February 6-12, 2021

Saturday, February 6, 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
 Ms. Clair Bidol
 Mr. Jiar Joseph Means
 Mr. Erskine Francis, Sr.
 Ms. Diana LeBlanc
 Ms. Marion LeBlanc
 Mr. August LeBlanc
 Claudette Williams
 Mr. John Bidol (*Living*)

Sunday, February 7, 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
 Mr. Vint Barney
 Ms. Emelda Bentley
 Ms. Joan Diaz
 Ms. Glayds Shief
 Ms. Diondra Harris
 Edward and Edna Walker
 Mr. Percy Walker
 Ms. Marion Newman
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
 Ms. Myrtle Parker
 Mr. Darrius Hamilton
 Ms. Vivian Delaney
 Mr. Lester Marshall
 Mr. Joseph Butler
 Living & deceased members of the
 Batiste and Lee families

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

Thursday, February 11, 2021

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

Friday, February 12, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church



February 8-14, 2021

Monday-2/8/21 *Genesis 1:1-19*
 Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday-2/9/21 *Genesis 1:20-2:4a*
 Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday-2/10/21 *Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17*
 Mark 7:14-23

Thursday-2/11/21 *Genesis 2:18-25*
 Mark 7:24-30

Friday-2/12/21 *Genesis 3:1-8*
 Mark 7:31-37

Saturday-2/13/21 *Genesis 3:9-24*
 Mark 8:1-10

Sunday-2/14/21 *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46*
 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
 Mark 1:40-45

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
FEBRUARY, 2021
MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

	<p>1</p>	<p>2 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>3 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>4 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>5 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>6 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
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<p>14 Valentine's Day 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>17 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon 6:00 pm Mass</p>	<p>18 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>19 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>20 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
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<p>28 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>						

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