



# 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.

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

## DEACONS:

Mr. Lawrence Houston  
Mr. Allen Stevens

## PASTORAL STAFF

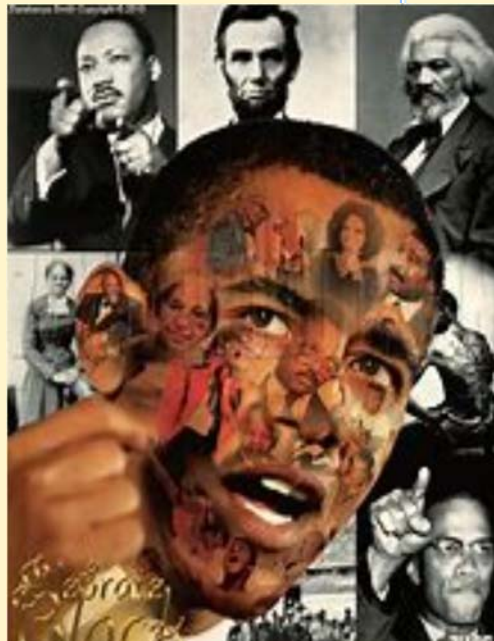
Mrs. Alena Boucree  
Director of Religious Education

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**

In the verses preceding today's Gospel, Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes. As Moses formed God's people by giving them the old law on Mount Sinai, so Jesus, the new Moses, forms a new people by giving them his new law.

"You are the salt of the earth," says Jesus. As salt permeates food and brings out its flavor, so as Christians we are called to permeate the world and transform its values. "You are the light of the world," continues Jesus. In the Gospel of John, Jesus proclaims: "I am the light of the world" (8:12). As Jesus' followers, we are called to let his light shine through our lives, drawing others to this light.

In the letter to the followers in Corinth, Paul shows how his life witnessed to the light of Christ. He tells the Corinthians that when he came to them, he did not preach using great rhetorical gifts. Instead, he allowed the Spirit to speak through him. Physically, Paul came in weakness and fear and much trembling." The power of the Spirit, however, transformed his human inadequacies to communicate the message of the crucified and Risen Christ.

Paul argues that God's power, God's grace, works through the lives of believers by attracting many to follow and accept the Good News. The prophet Isaiah offered the same idea. The witness of an authentic life attracts people to the message. The prophet affirms this vision: "If you bestow your bread on the hungry / and satisfy the afflicted; / then your light shall rise for you in the darkness."

- ◆ How does Matthew's Gospel account present Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount as a new Moses?
- ◆ What does the Second Reading tell you about Paul? Do these words surprise you?
- ◆ How can you become a more effective light in the darkness?

**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 worshippers 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.



**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.



**Scripture Readings for:**  
February 10-16, 2020

- Monday-02/10/20 *1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13*  
*Mark 6:53-56*
- Tuesday-02/11/20 *1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30*  
*Mark 7:1-13*
- Wednesday-02/12/20 *1 Kings 10:1-10*  
*Mark 7:14-23*
- Thursday-02/13/20 *1 Kings 11:4-13*  
*Mark 7:24-30*
- Friday-02/14/20 *1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19*  
*Mark 8:1-10*
- Saturday-02/15/20 *1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34*  
*Mark 8:1-10*
- Sunday-02/16/20 *Sirach 15:15-20*  
*1 Corinthians 2:6-10*  
*Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 33-34a, 37*



**Religious Education**

**Confirmation**

**Confirmation Session:** To be held this Sunday, 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. NOTE We will meet in the Ujima Center, (up the ramp).



**MEETING NOTICE!**

**Schedule**  
February 10-16, 2020

- Mon. 3:00 p.m. Senior Citizens-Ujima Center  
5:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation-Ujima  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study-Ujima Center
- 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  
7:00 p.m. Women of Nia-Imani-Ujima
- 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  
4:30 p.m. Social Concerns-Misaada Ctr.  
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. Naming/Blessing-Church



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Will burn in memory for:

Ms. Gloria S. Curtis

Requested by: Family



Our Stewardship for Sunday, February 2, 2020, was \$10,820.31; \$18,827.00 is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for February 2, 2020 is \$8,006.69; 2nd Collection: Catholic School: \$235.34.

*Thanks for your generosity.*

**Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary**  
Congratulations to the following couples from 2019 from our Church who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Lee  
Mr. & Mrs. Alton Coleman  
Mr. & Mrs. Randolph Francis



**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, Evelyn Shokes, Henry Head.

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Consider/Discuss**

- ◆ Sometimes the darkness feels too great. We cannot overcome it by ourselves. Do you ever get discouraged? Where might the Lord be leading you to become a part of a team that makes a difference in this world?
- ◆ We are to be a team that is light for the world. On any team, some sit on the sidelines and others actively contribute. Are you willing to train hard enough to get into the game? What spiritual exercises do you need to take up to be stronger?

**February 15, 2020**  
**February 16, 2020**



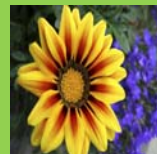
- 4:00 p.m. **Cynthia Smothers**, Adrain Francis, Reginald Vicks, Claudette Vicks, Leonetta Terrell, Vanessa Smith
- 7:30 a.m. **Nona Webb**, Ellen Lee, Yolanda Green, Monique Hardy, Keith Darby
- 10:00 a.m. **Emelda Watts**, Marguerite Johnson, Arthur Johnson, Sharlena Johnson, Niquelle Lackings
- Balcony:** **Angie Nash**, Nadine Barrios, Debra Smith

**Lectors**

- 4:00 p.m. Vanessa Smith \* Wanda Gray
- 7:30 p.m. Amber Brown \* Tonya Bernard
- 10:00 a.m. Gabrielle Horne \* Leah Boucree

**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**  
**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**FATIMA ROSARY**

**Monday, February 10, 2020**  
**@ 4:00 p.m. 2100 Ursulines**  
**Ave., Apt. 1103**



**Requested by: Ms. Sylvia Bloom**



**“ROSA PARKS”**  
(1913-2005)

One of the icons of the civil rights movement, the legacy of Rosa Parks has lived on for generations as a sign of strength and courage amid hostile discrimination. Parks, who would've turned 107 years old this year, is best known for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger on a segregated Alabama bus, which not only led to her arrest, but sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The galvanizing boycott lasted for over a year, culminating with the Supreme Court's decision to strike down segregation laws on public transportation. Parkes died in 2005 at the age of 92, but the Alabama native's refusal to give up her bus seat on December 1, 1955, lives on as a iconic story in American history. Here are a few facts about that moment and the woman responsible for it:

**Parks wasn't the first:** Fifteen-year-old civil rights activist Claudette Colvin came before Parks in making news for being dragged off a bus and jailed for not giving up her seat. But she became pregnant soon after her arrest and civil rights leaders opted against using her as the case to spark a movement. That's where Rosa Parks came in.

**She was an activist:** Parks was a seamstress by trade, but was deeply active in the NAACP, working to improve civil rights in her community. Her December 1st action of refusing to give her seat in the black section of the bus to a white man was calculated, but not planned for that time. "I got on the bus to go home," Parks has said.

**Parks knew the bus driver:** The driver was James Blake, who had a reputation for treating black passengers without dignity. More than decade earlier, Blake stopped Parks from entering the front of the bus, telling her to use the black entrance, then sped away before she got on.

Rosa Parks (Continued story).....

**It lasted more than a year—and helped galvanize the Civil Rights Movement:** After Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. made a speech at Holt Street Baptist Church asking people to join in the fight against segregation, thousands of passengers boycotted Montgomery's buses regularly for the 381 days it lasted. The boycott dealt a serious financial blow to transportation services—more than 70% of the city's bus patrons were black. Montgomery bus lines lost between 30,000 and 40,000 bus fares each day during the successful boycott. And that was just the beginning.

**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.





## Mass Intention

### February 8-9, 2020

#### Saturday, February 8, 2020

4:00 p.m. Ms. Leah Chase  
 Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.  
 Ms. Della Parker  
 Ms. Evelyn Proctor  
 Ms. Angela Blanks  
 Ms. Jeanette Lucineo  
 Ms. Gloria S. Curtis  
 Mr. Jiar Joseph Means  
 Ms. Joyce Evans (Living)  
 Mr. John Bidol (Living)

#### Sunday, February 9, 2020

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver  
 Mr. Kenneth Carter  
 Mr. James Smith, III  
 Ms. Lydia Broyard  
 10:00 a.m. Ms. Jade Gibson  
 Ms. Lydia Broyard  
 Mr. Ned Paul Legohn  
 Mr. Lionel Joienille  
 Mr. Chester Staes  
 Mr. Jareath M. Francis, Sr.  
 Ms. Gwendolyn Lyons Wiltz  
 Edward and Edna Walker  
 Mr. Percy Walker  
 Mr. Darius Hamilton  
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum  
 Living & deceased members of the  
 Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney,  
 Prevost & Wilson families

#### Tuesday, February 11, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

#### Wednesday, February 12, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

#### Thursday, February 13, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

#### Friday, February 14, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

### Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration...



If you are celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary, you are asked to call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059, to submit your name for a special celebration on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.



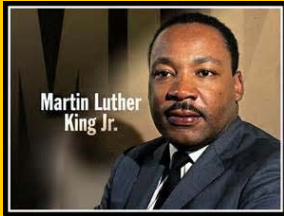
## St. Peter Claver Church Health & Wellness Ministry

### Maintaining A Healthy Weight

Maintaining a healthy weight can be achieved by making necessary **lifestyle changes**. Two of the most important lifestyle changes you can make are **eating healthy** and **increasing physical exercise**. So how do you eat healthy? Begin by increasing the amount of **vegetables and fruit** you eat. Eat all varieties and colors of vegetables, at least 2 1/2 cups a day. Increase your fruit intake (fresh fruits, frozen fruit or canned fruit in light syrup) 2 cups a day. Eat **whole grains** (whole wheat pasta, rice and bread). **Decrease your fat intake** by using fat-free or low fat milk and dairy products (non-fat or 1% milk). Increase protein intake with lean meats (trim the fat), fish, poultry (remove the skin from chicken), beans eggs and nuts. **Avoid trans fat** and choose foods low in saturated fats (lowers your cholesterol levels). Be cautious with **salt and salty foods** (cook with a small amount but never add more salt at the table, if you must use canned vegetables rinse them first to get rid of salty preservatives). Avoid sugar and use natural sweeteners (agave nectar or honey). Please decrease your portion sizes (instead of a plate, use a saucer and watch the pounds melt away). **How much exercise and when do I have time you say???** Thirty minutes daily (walking, jogging, bicycle riding, dancing, playing outside with kids) will get your heart pumping to avoid heart problems, lower your blood pressure, reduce your blood sugar and burn that dangerous belly fat. Changing your lifestyle will help control and reduce your risk of many illnesses and diseases.

**If you need more information about Managing Your Weight or any other health questions, please call or visit the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Misaada Center.**

**Office hours: Tuesday, 10:00-12:00 p.m.  
 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 <b>National Day of Prayer for African American Families</b></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> <b>Valentine's Day</b> 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 11:30 am Naming/Blessing</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> <b>Baptism</b> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><i>24</i> <b>LUNDI GRAS</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><i>25</i> <b>MARDI GRAS</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><i>26</i> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 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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