



# 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.

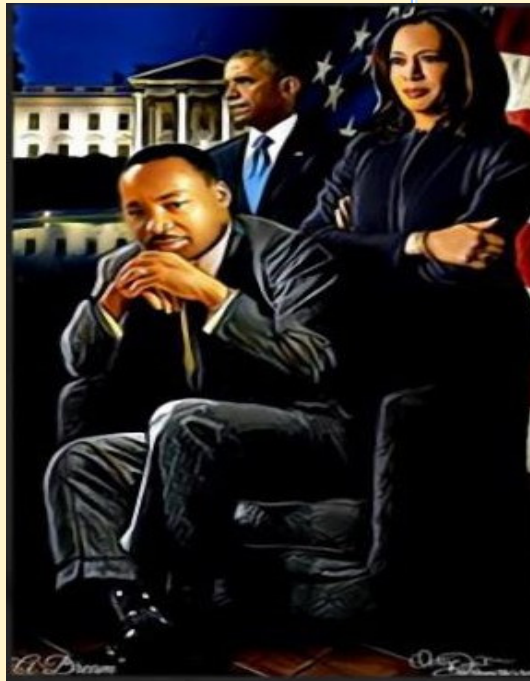
## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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](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.



## 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mrs. Edith B. Reed  
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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

For some Christians, today's reading from Genesis is understood as presenting a model of faithfulness; for others, this text is a source of deep consternation. Chapter 22 of Genesis, sometimes referred to as "the trial" or "the test" of Abraham, has produced multiple interpretations within both Judaism and Christianity. While these verses indeed present Abraham as one who trusted in God, we might also keep in mind that child sacrifice was not unheard of in the ancient world. Might this test be one in which Abraham came to understand something that the later Hebrew Scriptures forbid? In an age when we are aware that countless innocent children have been victimized for the pleasure of abusive adults, it is essential to know that child sacrifice is condemned in the Bible.

Turning to Paul's Letter to the Romans, we hear only a portion of larger literary unit consisting of verses 31-39. The fuller text contains a series of five rhetorical questions, of which the first four would elicit a response of "No one!" with the final response, "Absolutely not!" *If God is for us, who can be against us? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? Who will condemn? What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?* The purpose of this text is to help its hearers comprehend the unsurpassable love of God. Nothing can separate us from God's love made manifest in Jesus.

Our Gospel for today is Mark's version of the Transfiguration. In this periscope, we find Peter, James and John experiencing a mysterious revelation of Jesus' identity. While these companions do not fully comprehend this experience, their eyes are beginning to open.

- When you have entered into serious discernment over a difficult issue, have you wondered if you have discerned properly?
- Do some decisions required intense prayer and reflection?
- When you read today's text from Genesis, can you imagine what Abraham might have experienced? What about Sarah's suffering?

### 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.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, February 21, 2021 was \$7,330.00; **2nd Collection: Building Fund; \$224.00:**

*Please continue with your tithing for Stewardship. You can give online, by 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. Clair Bidol**

**Requested By: The Smothers Family**



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

## BIBLE STUDY

*'Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, 'Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Mk. 5-7*

**NOW IS THE TIME TO PASS THE TEST!** These days passing the test means getting a negative result on a COVID-19 test. In this context I ask, "Is this Global Pandemic one of God's tests? Does God actually test us? Yes, God takes us through tests to authenticate our faith and discern its composition. Is it genuine or false? Is it weak or strong? As Christians we know that each test is to give us a closer relationship with God. Without believing in God, nothing is possible. Consequently, God tests us because we must be prepared for the purposes, He has for us. God tests his children to make our faith strong, and Satan tempts us to make it weak. We are indeed tested by this pandemic. Now is the time to pass the test. In the first reading, Abraham was tested several times and he past all



of them. Abraham was called to be a great nation and through his seed all nations would be blessed. Essentially, the gospel was to come through Abraham and his family. In order to fulfill this, Abraham needed to be tested and built up, and so do we. To do so he needed a son. God commanded that he kill his son. What a test! (vv.1-19) God tested Abraham's love of Him by requiring a choice between obedience to God and love of his son (v.2), who he was to burn as a sacrifice in a place he had not seen. Abraham shows us how to succeed in extreme tribulations in the following ways: 1) He expected to be tested. The Christian life is a series of trials and tests because they reveal and strengthen our faith. If we are going to pass God's tests, we must expect them. They are part of life. 2) He acted immediately; he cut wood for the sacrifice and set out to the place where God sent him (v.3). Many are slow to act, because of the uncertainty of the outcome. 3) He relied on God and others; the wood, his son, the fire, the knife, and the ram (v.6). God provided the means and the method of worship and service. It is time to pass the test by loving God enough to embrace Him and the resources He provides.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** How do you react in difficult times?



**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, 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., Baby Aria Polite, Sabrina Davis, Deborah Manuel-Oliver, Deanna Stephens, Marva McDaniel, Erica Watler, Stradford Goins, Laura Johnson, Sie Terrell, Ralston Andry.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration**



The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. If you are celebrating your Golden Wedding Anniversary we ask you to call the Parish Office (504) 822-8059) by March 15, 2021 and submit your names. **NOTE:** This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's respective parish.



***Congratulations*** to our 2020 Outstanding Service Award Recipients of District 1, Knights of Peter Claver Court and Counsel #50.

**Javlon Norman:** is a faithful Altar Server whom you see on Sundays at our Church.

**Jalen Kyle:** assisted his sister and grandmother in learning to sew and make mask for our elders and the Community of the Knights of Peter Claver.

**Armva Kyle:** with her grandmother's teaching (she had never sewing before) made masks for our community of elders and Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary.

**Karlia Fisher:** used her talents in the art of dance to enhance the liturgies at both St. Peter Claver and the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University.

We thank them for their Volunteer Service to God's people.

**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?

**FATIMA ROSARY**



**Monday, March 1, 2021  
@ 3:00 p.m., St. Ann Shrine**

**All are invited to attend the Rosary**



## **Lenten and Holy Week Schedule—2021**

**LENTEN THEME: "GOD DID IT JUST FOR ME"**

### **2nd Sunday of Lent**

February 27th 4:00 p.m./Saturday –Vigil Mass  
February 27th 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.-Mass  
March 1st 6:00 p.m./Monday-Bible Study via Zoom  
March 5th Friday-7:30 a.m. Mass & 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### **3rd Sunday of Lent**

March 6th 4:00 p.m./Saturday-Vigil Mass  
March 6th 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Mass  
March 8th 6:00 p.m./Monday-Bible Study via Zoom  
March 10th 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m./Wednesday-Archdiocese Reconciliation Service-Church  
March 12th Friday-7:30 a.m. Mass & 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### **4th Sunday of Lent**

March 13th 4:00 p.m./Saturday-Vigil Mass  
March 14th 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.—Mass  
March 17th 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m./Wednesday-Archdiocese Reconciliation Service-Church  
March 19th Friday-7:30 a.m. Mass & 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### **5th Sunday of Lent**

March 20th 4:00 p.m./Saturday-Vigil Mass  
March 21st 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Mass  
March 22nd 6:00 p.m./Monday-Bible Study via Zoom  
March 24th 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m./Wednesday-Archdiocese Reconciliation Service-Church  
March 26th Friday-7:30 a.m. Mass & 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### **HOLY WEEK: Palm Sunday**

March 27th 4:00 p.m./Saturday-Vigil Mass  
March 28th 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Mass  
March 29th 6:00 p.m./Monday-Bible Study via Zoom  
April 1st 7:00 p.m./Thursday-Holy Thursday (Adoration one hour after Mass)  
April 2nd 3:00 p.m./Friday/Good Friday-Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion Service  
April 3rd 8:00 p.m./Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil  
April 4th **EASTER SUNDAY**  
7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Mass

## **LENTEN PRAYER**

### ***Heavenly Father,***

Silence the noise in my soul. Empty me of carvings for things of this world that do not truly satisfy. Fill me with the bread of Your presence and the living water of Your mercy.

I have honored the temporal delights of so many unfulfilling habits; I'm ready for freedom. Wash me of all my addictions, failings, and temptations, even if only minute by minute. Pick me up and hold me, this day, and every day as I praise You for who You are.

Remind me that it is Your power in me, not my own, that offers life to others. Wash this vessel, Lord. Prepare me for renewal. In Jesus' name Amen.

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH presents....**

### **BESSIE COLEMAN**

#### **African American Aviator**



Bessie Coleman was the first African American to earn an international pilot's license. She dazzled crowds with her stunts at air shows and refused to be slowed by racism (a dislike or disrespect of a person based on their race). Bessie Coleman was born on January

26, 1892, in a one-room, dirt floored cabin in Atlanta, Texas, to George and Susan Coleman, the illiterate (unable to read and write) children of slaves. When Bessie was two years old, her father, a day laborer, moved his family to Waxahachie, Texas. Education for Coleman was limited to eight grades in a one-room schoolhouse that closed whenever the students were needed in the fields to help their families harvest cotton. Coleman easily established her position as family leader, reading aloud to her siblings and her mother at night. She often assured her ambitious church-going mother that she intended to "amount to something." **Learning to Fly:** In 1915 she moved to Chicago, Illinois. After befriending several leaders in South Side Chicago's African American Community, Coleman found a sponsor in Robert Abbott (1868-1940), publisher of the nation's largest African American weekly, the Chicago Defender. There were no African American aviators (pilots) in the area and, when no white pilot was willing to teach her to fly, Coleman turned to Abbott, who suggested that she go to France.

**Her Mission:** She would be a leader, introducing aviation to her race. She would find a school for aviators of any race, and she would appear before audiences in churches, schools, and theaters to spark the interest of African Americans in the new, expanding technology of flight. Bessie Coleman passed away on May 1, 1926 in Jacksonville, Florida

MASS



## SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### February 28t-March 5, 2021

#### Saturday, February 27, 2021

4:00 p.m. Edgar, Jr. & Leah Chase  
 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 28, 2021

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

10:00 a.m. Ms. Ruby Downs  
 Ms. Diane Davis  
 Ms. Jade Gibson  
 Mr. Vint Barney  
 Ms. Emelda Bentley  
 Ms. Glayds Shief  
 Ms. Virginia Ann Pleasant  
 Mr. Percy Walker  
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum  
 Mr. Darrius Hamilton  
 Ms. Vivian Delaney  
 Ms. Shirley Meyers  
 Mr. Lester Marshall  
 Mr. Joseph Butler  
 Mr. Ned Legohn, III  
 Mr. Ashton Collins

#### Tuesday, March 2, 2021

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

#### Wednesday, March 3, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

#### Thursday, March 4, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

#### Friday, March 5, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

## Scripture Reading

### *March 1-7, 2021*

*Monday-3/1/21 Daniel 9:4b-10  
 Luke 6:36-38*

*Tuesday-3/2/21 Isaiah 1:10, 16-20  
 Matthew 23:1-12*

*Wednesday-3/3/21 Jeremiah 18:18-20  
 Matthew 20:17-28*

*Thursday-3/4/21 Jeremiah 17:5-10  
 Luke 16:19-31*

*Friday-3/5/21 Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a,  
 17b-28a  
 Matthew 2:33-43, 45-46*

*Saturday-3/6/21 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20  
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

*Sunday-3/7/21 Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,  
 7-8, 12-17  
 1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
 John 2:13-25*

## 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**



**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

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<p><b>14 Valentine's Day</b> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><b>15 LUNDI GRAS</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p> 	<p><b>16</b> 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line <b>MARDI GRAS</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>17 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon 6:00 pm Mass</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p><b>20</b> 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><b>21 1st Sunday of Lent</b> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p align="center"><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>24</b> 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p><b>27</b> 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><b>28 2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><b>March 1st</b> 3:00 p.m. Rosary; St. Ann Shrine</p>	<p><b>March 2nd</b> 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>March 3rd</b> 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><b>March 4th</b> 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><b>March 5th</b> 7:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p><b>March 6th</b> 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>

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