



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.

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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.

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



Archdiocese of New Orleans
Office of the Archbishop

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of
the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I pray that your Lenten journey has been a time of drawing closer to Christ and responding to his invitation to conversion.

As we identify an area of our life that needs change, we can be assured of God's help for us to face our weakness and experience a change of heart. Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for his forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as Confession.

Please be reminded that a priest will be available in every church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans for the next 3 Wednesdays (March 10, March 17, and March 24) from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. The heart of Jesus is open and he invites you to know and accept his mercy.

Whether we have been to Confession recently, or perhaps it has been many years, now is the time to know that his heart is open and eager to forgive.

Let us remember one another in prayer as we continue this journey through Lent to the new life of Easter.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

MARCH 7, 2021

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 28, 2021 was \$7,679.13; **2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Catholic Charities; \$216.00:**

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:

The LeBlanc Family

Requested By: Ms. Hilda Simmons



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

Scripture Insights

Even people with little familiarity with Judeo-Christian beliefs are well acquainted with the reading from Exodus of the giving of the Ten Commandments. While these commands may be quite familiar to us, it is essential to recognize that they were delivered within the context of God entering into a covenant relationship with Israel. To be God's treasured possession, Israel must follow the behaviors specified in the words of the Commandments, also called the Decalogue. To be in close relationship with God requires that Israel assume responsibilities toward its neighbor.

Psalm 19 is a song of praise for God's *torah*, or "instruction." Far different from the North American mentality that views *torah* as "law" in a restrictive sense, today's Psalm expresses quite clearly how Israel understood God's instruction as a guide for living well. Thus, the psalmist can speak of God's *torah* as being sweeter than "honey from the comb."

Within the first two chapters of John's Gospel, readers learn Jesus' identity, see him perform his first sign at the wedding celebration in Cana, and hear him confront the religious authorities in the Temple in Jerusalem. The most obvious focus in today's reading is Jesus' cleansing of the Temple, followed by reference to his impending death and Resurrection. Looking carefully at the passage, though, we see that the last verses turn attention to the people who had begun "to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all." The reading is clear that a reciprocal relationship between Jesus and true believers exists. It is implied that some people were beginning to follow Jesus because they were interested in seeing great works, not because they trusted in him.

- How has your understanding of the Commandments changed over the years?
- Pray the words of today's Psalm reflectively. How do you perceive the instruction that God presents to you?
- It is important to recognize that Jesus is fully human as well as fully divine. Reread this Gospel text and reflect on what it says about Jesus.

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, 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 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.



The month of March-National Women's History St. Peter Claver Church celebrates our own.

Mrs. Janice Martin Foster



First Black woman graduate to be inducted into Tulane Law Hall of Fame;

In the fall of 1967, Janice Martin Foster walked into Tulane Law School as one of only four women and the only African-American female starting courses that year. "It took me a little while, but I didn't realize that I was the only black women until I got to class and no one looked like me," she recalled.

Foster graduated in 1970, two years after Michael Stark became the first black student to earn his Juris Doctor. She was only the second black law graduate. A full 50 years later, with a career that has been spent at Jones Walker practicing estate planning, estate administration and tax law, Foster's legacy will include membership in the 2020 Class of the Tulane Law School Hall of Fame.

Being among the first, an a woman, wasn't easy in the post-segregation era. Foster sought friends and support throughout law school, she said, but mostly, she worked hard. No one treated her poorly, but she does remember one professor who didn't expect any of the women to get top grades in his class. "I just listened and moved on," Foster said. "And, with anonymous grading, I was one of the top grades in his class after all."

She has been widely recognized for her civic and professional leadership, including the Young Leadership Council Role Model Award in 2007, the New Orleans CityBusiness Leadership in Law Award, the Michaelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award from the New Orleans Women Attorneys Association in 1996, and the Monte Lemann Award for distinguished contributions to the Louisiana Civil Service System in 1984.

Janice Foster, 50 years after her law school graduation; "I would not have changed my choice of going into law."

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule—2021

LENTEN THEME: "GOD DID IT JUST FOR ME"

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 15th 6:00 p.m./Monday-Bible Study via Zoom
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., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass

FATIMA ROSARY

Monday, March 8, 2021
@ 3:00 p.m., St. Ann Shrine

Rosary

All are invited to attend the Rosary

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Lenten Journey/Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans. We will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation

beginning on Wednesday, March 10th, March 17th and March 24th from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in the Church. *"The heart of Jesus is open and he invites you to know and accept his mercy". We can be assured of God's help for us to face our weakness and experience a change of heart.*

BIBLE STUDY

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple era, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the moneychangers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace," John 4:15-16

NOW IS THE TIME TO MEASURE UP! "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." These words, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. measures a person based on his resilience and resolute faith.

The standard of measurement for all Christians is the Word of God and His Commandments. We are measured against the love of God for us and how we reflect that love towards others. During this Season of Lent, it is time to take a look within ourselves and see how we measure up. It is time to measure up! The first reading provides the Ten Commandments, the measuring stick, or standard for righteous living. There were similar codes in Egypt, Babylon, and Assyria at the time of Moses. The concept of one God as the master of the universe that imposed an absolute personal response on believers, distinguishes the Ten Commandments from all other similar codes.

The first three commandments that relate to God can be paraphrased as: *I am your God, do not worship any images of Me or profane My Name, and keep My day, the "Sabbath," holy. This is how you show that you love Me (vv.1-8).* The fourth through the tenth commandments encompass the obligation to love our neighbors as we love ourselves (vv. 12-17). Loving our neighbor starts at home with love of our God-given parents (v.12). Killing, stealing, adultery, lying, and envy of others cause harm to our neighbor. It destroys the spirit of love that God placed in us. Such acts offend the very nature of God, since we are all uniquely made in His image. The Commandments were given to Israel and to all Christians as the standard of righteous living. It is time to measure up to that standard.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Why did God give the Ten Commandments? Why did He give the Beatitudes?

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

March 6-12, 2021

Saturday, March 6, 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, March 7, 2021

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
 Mr. Kenneth Carter
 Ms. Florence Lee
 Mr. Kenny Ward
 Mr. Gerald Merritt
 Jules, Jr. & Pauline Bakewell
 Mr. Jules Bakewell, III
 Ms. Florence Bradley

10:00 a.m. Ms. Ruby Downs
 Ms. Diane Davis
 Ms. Mary Ann Dabon
 Mr. John John
 Ms. Jade Gibson
 Bartholomew Jr. & Ramona Bruno
 Ms. Myrtle Brooks
 Mr. Vint Barney
 Ms. Emelda Bentley
 Ms. Gladys Shief
 Ms. Virginia Ann Pleasant
 Mr. Percy Walker
 Mr. Malcolm Lear
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
 Mr. Darius Hamilton
 Ms. Vivian Delaney
 Mr. Lester Marshall
 Mr. Joseph Butler
 Mr. Ned Legohn, III
 Mr. Ashton Collins

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

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

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

Thursday, March 11, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Friday, March 12, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Scripture Reading

March 8-14, 2021

Monday-3/8/21 *2 Kings 5:1-15ab*
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday-3/9/21 *Daniel 3:25, 34-43*
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday-3/10/21 *Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9*
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday-3/11/21 *Jeremiah 7:23-28*
Luke 11:14-23

Friday-3/12/21 *Hosea 14:2-10*
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday-3/13/21 *Hose 6:1-6*
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday-3/14/21 *2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23*
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

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.

Announcement: Please mark your calendar. We will add an additional Mass on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. Mass will be as follows: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.



ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH
MARCH, 2021

MEETINGS & EVETNS

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1 3:00 pm Rosary St. Ann Shrine 6:00 pm Bible Study – ZOOM	2 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	3 7:30 am Mass	4 7:30 am Mass	5 7:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Sta- tions of the Cross	6 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
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