



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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III OFM
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Pastor

Rev. Anthony Gyamerah
In-Residence

DEACONS:

Mr. Lawrence Houston
Mr. Allen Stevens

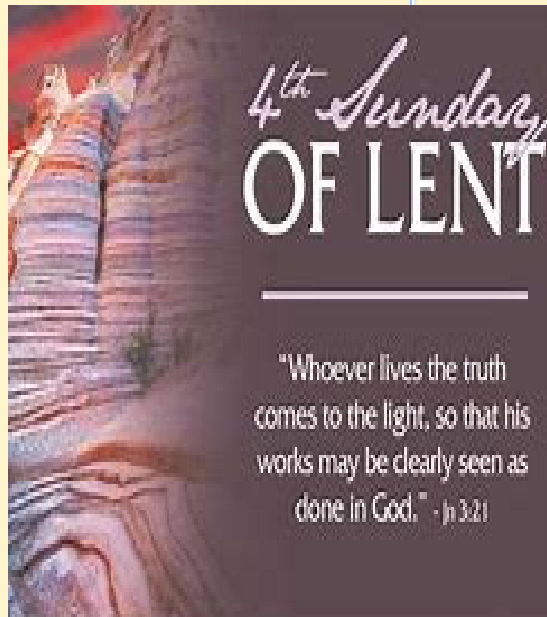
PASTORAL STAFF

Mr. Emeka Dibia
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Mrs. Veronica Downs-Dorsey
Director of Music

Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston
Director of Religious
Education & Youth Ministry

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

Three things are presented in the First Reading. The conclusion of the Second Book of Chronicles contains a condensed account of the fall of Jerusalem, Israel's exile in Babylon, and the possibility of Israel's return to Judah. The Persian defeat of the Babylonians under King Cyrus brought an end to the exile and ushered in the period often referred to as "the restoration."

Psalm 137 provides insight into the exilic experience that was glossed over in the First Reading. As the psalmist tells us, the Judeans were taunted by the Babylonians, who asked the exiles to sing songs from their homeland. The exile refused to sing for their captors and instead held fast to their fond memories of Jerusalem as expressed in today's refrain: "Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!" this Psalm is a lament, a song of longing for the world that the exiles had known prior to their defeat by the Babylonians.

Today's New Testament readings broaden our understanding of what it means to believe in Jesus, the Christ. Ephesians reminds us that God's mercy and grace are freely given to all who believe in Jesus and that our faith is a gift of God. While we know from the very first chapter of Genesis that we are made in the image and likeness of God, in Ephesians we hear that, in addition to being God's "handiwork," we are created "in Christ Jesus" for good works. Meanwhile, the Gospel reminds us that the life we have in Jesus is eternal. If eternal life is desired, we must choose to walk in the light of God.

- ◆ Have you ever been ridiculed or persecuted for your faith? Reflect on the significance of holding fast, even during periods of difficulty.
- ◆ Ephesians states that we are God's "handiwork." Ask God to help you know that you are a masterpiece of God.
- ◆ Reflect on the images of light and darkness that appear so often in the Scriptures. What does it mean for you to choose to walk in the light?

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, March 7, 2021 was \$22,125.84; **2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Catholic Charities; \$272.00:**

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:

Mr. Alvin Crusto, Sr.

Requested By: Wilma Wilson, Children & Grandchildren



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

**Tuesday, Thursday
& Saturday**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

PALMS ARE NEEDED



Just a reminder we will be needing "palms" for Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021. If you or your neighbors can help, please bring the "clean palms" to the Parish Office front porch between, Monday, March 22nd thru Friday, March 26, 2021.

Once again, thank you for your generous effort in this matter.



YES, help is needed to clean the Church for our Easter Celebration. We are asking males, females, youth group and young adults to help us on **Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Church. Please join us to make our church look good. We truly appreciate

your help.

March Is Nutrition Month Healthy Snacks for Teens

In today's busy world eating healthy is challenging. School, after school activities and work schedules are colliding, so fast foods seem to be a great option for busy teens as well as parents. While fast foods are convenient they pose a great problem with weight control, poor performance and concentration. Here are a few healthy snacking tips:

- Choose water or fat-free milk instead of sugary sodas. Bananas, fat-free yogurt and string cheese will build strong bones. Fresh apples, berries, or grapes instead of cookies, candy and chips. Avoid "value-sized" or "super-sized" meals. Choose whole-wheat bread instead of fries. Jumpstart your day with a hot nutritious breakfast. It will help you to do better in school. If you pack your lunch you have better control of what you eat (lean turkey sandwich on whole wheat bread and an apple with a bottle of water). Pack your own high-power nibbles for break time with friends (walnuts or almonds, raisins, mini carrots and yogurt).

Need more information about healthy snacking call or visit the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Misaada Center. (504-822-8059)

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.



During the month of March-National Women's History Month: St. Peter Claver Church celebrates our own:

Mrs. Jelinda-Gibson Allen



Mrs. Jelinda Gibson-Allen is an electrical engineer with over 20 years of professional industrial experience. She is currently a Senior Operations Leader at Dow, Inc. in the Polyethylene business. She is the Sponsor for the Sustainability Team at her work site, sits on the Board of Directors for

Baton Rouge Green, and is an environmental committee member with the Louisiana Chemical Association. Jelinda also serves as a mentor to many. She holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Southern University and A&M College, along with an MBA and a Masters in Engineering Management from the University of New Orleans. Jelinda has had previous engineering roles in both maintenance and reliability at Dow, Entergy, and ExxonMobil. She has a true passion for success, people development, leadership, and problem-solving, which is what fuels her daily grind.

In addition, to her career at Dow, Jelinda is the owner and Chief Artistic Director of Studio G Dance & Gymnastic Company, which teaches youth and young adults in the Greater New Orleans Area the fundamental principles of dance and gymnastics while instilling the value of hard work, dedication, self-confidence, team building, and empathy. Pre-Pandemic, the students participated in a variety of community events, (**Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club; St. Mary's Academy Debutante Ball; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Debutante Ball & Essence Music Festival**) as well as competed both regionally and nationally. Jelinda has dedicated her life to the arts as she has been teaching for more than 27 years and is entering her 17th Season with her company. She is also a wife and a mother of five.

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule—2021

LENTEN THEME: "GOD DID IT JUST FOR ME"

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 15, 2021

@ 4:00 p.m., St. Ann Shrine

All are invited to attend the Rosary

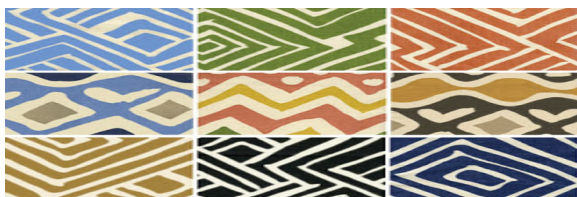
Rosary

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

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

John 3:16

NOW IS THE TIME TO SEEK GOD'S

MERCY! Lent is a time of purification and penance. It is a good time to embrace the mercy and grace of God as the basis of our success in life. There are no self-made people. Show me those who claim to have succeeded without help and I will show you a person who is the product of the good will of others and someone who bears the favor of countless unidentified individuals.

In this country, many individuals and corporations who claim to be self-made have benefited from tax breaks at the expense of ordinary citizens. This nation is swift to rescue corporations, but slow to mandate a living wage. Grace is participation in the life of God. Through Baptism, Christians participate in the grace of Christ and are called, adopted sons and daughters of God. Mercy is God being God. It is a demonstration of God's love for us. His greatest act of grace and mercy was to give His only Son for our redemption from sin. God's mercy often comes to us through others. This reading from 2 Chronicles shows God's mercy coming to the Jews from an unsuspected and unlikely source. Cyrus the King of Persia, a Gentile, freed the Jews from captivity. The last three kings of Israel and its priests were unfaithful to God (vv. 15-16). In His mercy, God sent messengers, prophets who begged them to repent. Such mercies were ignored until the Lord permitted the defeat and exile of Israel and the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon (597-587 B.C.) (vv.17-21).

PRAY ABOUT IT!

Monday: Offer yourself as an instrument of God's mercy to someone.

Tuesday: Avoid all obscenity or "Silly suggestive talk". Remove yourself from it immediately.

Wednesday: Read John 3:16. Show someone that God loves them.

Thursday: Read Eph. 5:1-5. Do you have a place in the Kingdom of Heaven?

Friday: Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Did Cyrus believe in Yahweh? How has God shown His grace and mercy to you?

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

March 13-19, 2021

Saturday, March 13, 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. Della Parker
 Ms. Clair Bidol
 Mr. Jiar Joseph Means
 Mr. Erskine Francis, Sr.
 Ms. Diana LeBlanc
 Mr. John Bidol (*Living*)

Sunday, March 14, 2021

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
 Mr. Kenneth Carter
 Ms. Florence Lee
 Mr. Alvin Crusto, Sr.
 Ms. Anita Saulney
 Mr. Cleopas Talton, Sr.
 Ms. Geraldine Lavigne

10:00 a.m. Ms. Ruby Downs
 Ms. Diane Davis
 Ms. Jade Gibson
 Mr. Vint Barney
 Ms. Janice Parker
 Ms. Emelda Bentley
 Ms. Gwendolyn Wiltz
 Ms. Gladys Shief
 Ms. Virginia Ann Pleasant
 Mr. Percy Walker
 Mr. Malcolm Lear
 Edward & Edna Walker
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
 Mr. Darrius Hamilton
 Ms. Vivian Delaney
 Mr. Lester Marshall
 Mr. Ned Legohn, III
 Mr. Ashton Collins
 Living & deceased members of the
 Spadoni families

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

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

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church
 5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, March 18, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Friday, March 19, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church
 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Scripture Reading

March 15-21, 2021

Monday-3/15/21 *Isaiah 65:17-21*
John 4:43-54

Tuesday-3/16/21 *Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12*
John 5:1-16

Wednesday-3/17/21 *Isaiah 49:8-15*
John 5:17-30

Thursday-3/18/21 *Exodus 32:7-14*
John 5:31-47

Friday-3/19/21 *2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16*
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Luke 2:41-51a

Saturday-3/20/21 *Jeremiah 11:18-20*
John 7:40-53

Sunday-3/21/21 *Jeremiah 31:31-34*
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

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.

ATTENTION

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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