



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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 passage from Jeremiah tells of a covenant unlike what Israel has known. Whereas the Sinai covenant identified multiple stipulations that Israel was required to uphold, in this covenant Israel is passive. God would place this new covenant within the heart of the people. Israel would receive this covenant freely. While similar images exist in a variety of texts in the Old Testament (for example, Ezekiel 11:19-20; 36:26; and Isaiah 42:9), nowhere else do we hear of a new covenant until we turn to the New Testament.

Psalm 51, often associated with King David, though not necessarily composed by him, is one of the better-known psalms of the psalter and certainly one of the best known of the seven penitential psalms. The refrain "Create a clean heart in me, O God," is a plea for newness. The heart, in Hebrew anthropology, was the most vital of all organs. It also was understood to be that place where discernment took place and where decisions were made.

As the liturgical year draws closer to the celebration of the Triduum, the New Testament readings bring our attention to the death of Jesus. In the Letter to the Hebrews, Jesus' humanity is detailed. He was a being who prayed, cried, learned, and suffered. In the Gospel, Jesus states, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be gloried," indicating that the time of his suffering, death, and Resurrection is at hand.

- ◆ Reread the text from Jeremiah and today's Responsorial Psalm. Ask God to touch your heart as you move closer to the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection.
- ◆ Catholic regularly pray the words of the Apostles' Creed, "He suffered ... died and was buried." Have you consciously reflected on Jesus as one who prayed, cried, and learned, much as we do?
- ◆ The Gospel presents us with the image of the "grain of wheat," which bears much fruit when it dies. How does Jesus' death do this?

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 14, 2021 was \$8,803.05; **2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Service; \$310.14:**

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. Anita P. Saulney

Requested by: Daughters, Wilma Wilson and Dianne Gaines and 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.



your help.

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

Congratulations!

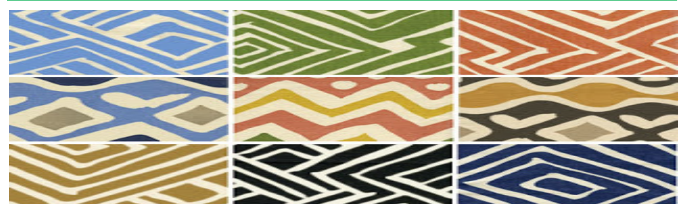
St. Louis Medal Award...

Ms. Marie Collins and Ms. Cynthia Davis was chosen from our Church to receive the Order of St. Louis IX Medallion in recognition of their dedication and service. They will be presented with this award on this Sunday, March 21, 2021 at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Metairie, LA



Altar Server of the Year

St. Peter Claver Church congratulates Jaylon Norman for being chosen as the Altar Server of the year for 2021. Jaylon was recognized by the Archdiocese at the Altar Server Awards Ceremony that was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.



ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH

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 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.

NEW ORLEANS, LA



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

Mrs. Brenda G. Lackings:



Ms. Brenda Lackings is the owner and operator of Angels Haven Daycare and preschool LLC. She has been in business for thirty years. Her childcare facility has been recognized by the Louisiana Department of Education as a 4-Star Early Learning Center. The center has also been identified by state and city educational officials as a distinguished Top Five Highly Qualified Quality rated institution for your children.

In addition to her preschool business, Ms. Lackings is also a passionate advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Ms. Lackings works tirelessly to bring awareness and engagement to families, to offer support, to empower self-advocacy, to help navigate through various challenges, and obtaining services for all children to embark on a stronger and superior quality of life.

Ms. Lackings has lobbied for educational initiatives that encourages success for all children and respects all abilities. This is done because she has a valued role as a State Appointed Member of the Louisiana Regional Advisory Council.

Ms. Lackings vows to have and maintain a seat at the table of negotiations and to employ her voice to represent consistently and compassionately, for those who are voiceless. She has also served as a citywide facilitator for Family Helping Families and many other community outreach endeavors that utilize her spirit of evangelization and community activism.

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule—2021

LENTE THEME: "GOD DID IT JUST FOR ME"

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 22, 2021
@ 4:00 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 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.*

ATTENTION:

If you wish to send a card of "Encouragement" to Fr. Asare-Dankwah, you may send your card to the Parish Office, 1910 Ursuline Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116 or drop the card in Church no later than next weekend March 27-28, 2021.

BIBLE STUDY

"And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

John 12:32-33

NOW IS THE TIME TO BE ALL YOU CAN BE.

In this letter to the Hebrew Christians, St. Paul encourages them to be all they can be in Jesus Christ. The precise purpose of the Letter to the Hebrews was to affirm them in their Christian faith. He did so by proving from the Old Testament that Jesus Christ was the promised Messiah.

In these two verses, St. Paul told the Hebrews to be all that God wants them to be, because Jesus became all His Father wanted Him to be—the Savior of the world. St. Paul taught that while Jesus was here on earth in human form, Jesus struggled and cried out in prayer and supplications to ask God the Father's assistance to accomplish His purpose. St. Paul provided the example of Jesus' agonizing prayer in the Garden as a model for us to fulfill God's purpose for us. Just as Jesus' prayer was heard, our prayer during times of doubt and struggle will be heard and result in strength that we did not know existed. It is through a life in Christ Jesus that we become all we can be.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: What prayer sustains you in difficult times?

PRAY ABOUT IT

Monday

Read Jeremiah 31:34. Today, as you have been forgiven, forgive someone.

Tuesday

Read Isaiah 50:6-7. Do these words describe your covenant with God?

Wednesday

Read John 12:12-17. Seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thursday

Perform an Act of Spiritual Communion.

Friday

Attend a virtual Mass and Stations of the Cross.

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

March 20-26, 2021

Saturday, March 20, 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
 Mr. John Bidol (*Living*)

Sunday, March 21, 2021

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

10:00 a.m. Ms. Ruby Downs
 Ms. Diane Davis
 Ms. Jade Gibson
 Mr. Vint Barney
 Ms. Emelda Bentley
 Ms. Janice Parker
 Ms. Gwendolyn Wiltz
 Ms. Marion Newman
 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
 Emile, Sr. & Rosemary Mornay
 Mr. Joseph Zenon
 Mr. Lloyd Castanel, Sr.
 Living & deceased members of the
 Spadoni family

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

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

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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

Thursday, March 25, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mr. Marcel Albert

Friday, March 26, 2021

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

Scripture Reading

March 22-28, 2021

*Monday-3/22/21 Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17 19-30,
33-62 or 13:41c-62
John 8:1-11*

*Tuesday-3/23/21 Numbers 21:4-9
John 8:21-30*

*Wednesday-3/24/21 Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
John 8:31-42*

*Thursday-3/25/21 Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38*

*Friday-3/26/21 Jeremiah 20:10-13
John 10:31-42*

*Saturday-3/27/21 Ezekiel 37:21-28
John 11:45=56*

*Sunday-3/28/21 Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39*

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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