



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

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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Mr. Allen Stevens

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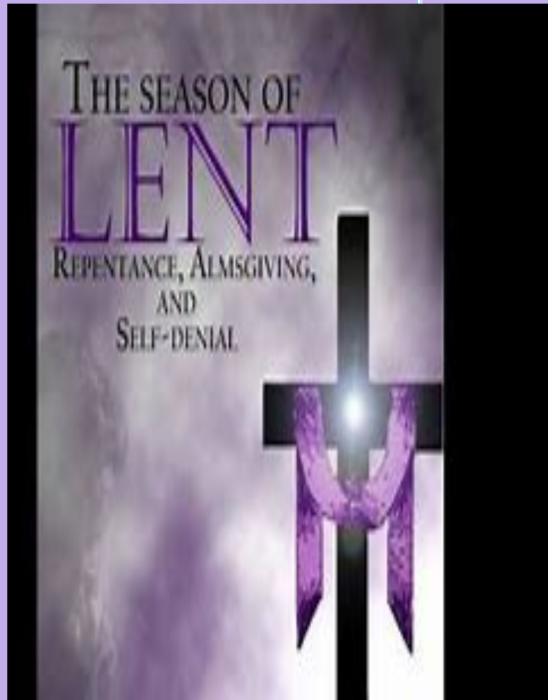
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Director of Music

Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston
Youth Ministry

Mrs. Edith B. Reed
Executive Secretary



FOURTH 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

Our God is a God of surprises. This is evident in our First Reading, where God directs the anointing of David. Samuel, the prophet, goes to Jesse of Bethlehem to anoint one of his eight sons, as king. Although Samuel is impressed by the stature of the eldest son, God rejects him, saying: “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the **LORD** looks into the heart.” David, the youngest son, still a shepherd boy, is chosen to be anointed.

Today’s Gospel account of Jesus’ healing a man born blind is one of seven signs in John’s gospel. It signifies that Jesus’ power to heal extended beyond physical blindness. The healing initiates a dialogue among the man born blind, Jesus, and the Pharisees. On first encouraging the man born blind, Jesus takes the initiative. He rubs clay on the man’s eyes and instructs him to go to the Pool of Siloam. The man follows Jesus’ instructions and is healed. The Pharisees refuse to believe. They reject Jesus because he broke their law by healing on the Sabbath. Here is another example of the God of surprises working in ways that human beings refuse to accept.

Later, Jesus meets the man he had healed. When Jesus identifies himself as the Son of Man, the man immediately responds: “I do believe, Lord,” and he worships him. This man has moved from the gift of physical sight to the deeper gift of “spiritual sight.” This miracle reflects our relationship with Jesus. Before Baptism, we were spiritually blind. After being washed in the waters of Baptism, we entered a deeper personal relationship with Jesus.

- ◆ How does God surprise people in both the First Reading and the Gospel reading?
- ◆ What does Paul mean in the Second Reading when he calls us to “live as children of the light”?
- ◆ How has God surprised you?

CORONARIOUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness,. At your command the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fears, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that know no borders.

Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all the nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are at home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare, in place of our anxiety, give us your peace, Lord Jesus Christ, heal us. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. AMEN.*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT...

“Debt Retirement Fund Envelopes”

These envelopes are in the pews. We encourage you to take one and contribute as your means allows. Suggested contribution per family is \$659.00. You can donate the full amount or you can contribute portions overtime. Let's be **“DEBT”** free by our 100th year celebration.

PRAYER FOR THOUGHT...An angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. **MOSES!** Come no nearer remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is Holy ground. **I AM** this is my name for all generations. **FORGIVE** as the LORD forgives; “I will give you a new Spirit,” says the Lord.



Scripture Readings for: *March 23-29, 2020*

<i>Monday-03/23/20</i>	<i>Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54</i>
<i>Tuesday-03/24/20</i>	<i>Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 John 5:1-16</i>
<i>Wednesday-03/25/20</i>	<i>Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38</i>
<i>Thursday-03/26/20</i>	<i>Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47</i>
<i>Friday-03/27/20</i>	<i>Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30</i>
<i>Saturday-03/28/20</i>	<i>Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-53</i>
<i>Sunday-03/29/20</i>	<i>Ezekiel 37:12-14 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38</i>



**MEETING
NOTICE!**

Schedule *March 23-29, 2020*

All meetings has been
cancelled until further
notice!

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, 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, 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 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, Myrtle Williams, Ramona Walker, Edward Brown, Lucille Anderson, Charmaine Prevost, Evelyn Shokes, Henry Head.

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.**

BIBLE STUDY QUOTES..

A FAITH THAT ENLIGHTENS—LET ME SEE WHAT YOU SEE? 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a:

Many of us suffer acute blindness and need Jesus give us spirit. Spiritual blindness is worse than physical, blindness because it impairs our vision of Christ's presence in our lives. We are on a constant journey to open our eyes to the realities of life. We must seek enlightenment because hatred, racism and mistrust are the children of blindness. Intolerance comes from blind intellect that pursues a single selfish outcome. Our goal is to see as God sees. After their liberation from Egypt, the Israelites had no central government. They saw themselves as twelve tribes, not as one nation. God raised up Judges to unify them during times of distress. Samuel was the last of the Judges. At the Israelites' insistence, god had Samuel anoint Saul as king. Saul's disobedience allowed an evil spirit to envelope him (**1 Samuel 15:24-25**). God directed the anointing of another king from Jesse's sons (**16:1**). This was God's sovereign selection. It was no a king according to appearances, or the desires of Israel (**1 Gal. 4:4-5**). Samuel judges Jesse's sons by their external qualities, just as the Israelites judged Saul acceptable because of external qualities (v 6). God evaluates people based on their hearts (affections), not their appearances or abilities (v. 7, **Matt. 3:17; Mark 10:31; 1 Cor. 1:27**). Neither Jesse nor Samuel had God's vision for Israel. Samuel privately anointed David, His dynasty lasted 500 years.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: What did God see in David that Jesse did not see? Do you see what God sees in others?

FATIMA ROSARY

**Monday, March 23, 2020
@ 4:00 p.m. 2100 Ursulines
Ave., Apt. 1103**



Requested by: Ms. Adrain Francis

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule—2020

4th Sunday of Lent

March 21st 4:00 p.m./Saturday-Vigil Mass
 March 22nd 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.—Mass-Church

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March 23rd-March 25th

THEME: “No Greater Love”

7:00 p.m. Nightly

March 25th 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m./Wednesday-Archdiocese
 Reconciliation Service-Church
 March 26th 1:00 p.m./Thursday-Adult Bible Study
 March 27th 11:00 a.m./Friday-Fish Fry
 6:00 p.m./Friday-Evening Mass &
 Stations of the Cross

5th Sunday of Lent

March 28th 4:00 p.m./Saturday-Vigil Mass
 March 29th 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Mass
 March 30th 6:00 p.m./Monday-Bible Study
 April 1st 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m./Wednesday-Archdiocese
 Reconciliation Service-Church
 April 2nd 1:00 p.m./Thursday-Adult Bible Study
 April 3rd 6:00 p.m./Friday-Evening Mass &
 Stations of the Cross

HOLY WEEK: Palm Sunday

April 4th 10:00 a.m./Saturday-1st Penance-Church
 April 4th 4:00 p.m./Saturday-Vigil Mass
 April 5th 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Mass
 April 6th 6:00 p.m./Monday-Bible Study
 April 7th 6:00 p.m./Tuesday-Seder Meal-Hall
 April 9th 7:00 p.m./Thursday-Holy Thursday
 April 10th 3:00 p.m./Friday/Good Friday-Veneration of
 the Cross and Holy Communion Service
 April 11th 8:00 p.m./Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil
 April 12th **EASTER SUNDAY**
 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Mass

Living and Praying the Word:

Jesus, Light of the world, thank you for leading us through dark valleys and out of despair. Like young David, anoint us to follow you wholeheartedly wherever you direct. We want to sprout. We want to grow. We want to bear fruit that will nourish others. Help us to grow always toward your light.



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

OPEN
Tuesdays , Thursdays & Saturdays
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ST. PETER CLAVER SENIOR CITIZENS' GROUP



The Senior Citizens Young @ Heart Ministry is inviting all **seniors 55+** to come out and join them at their regular meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the Ujima Center. Please feel free to pickup an informational brochure located in the rear of the Church (in the brochure stand). Looking forward to seeing you, when this ministry is backup, hopefully at the end of April, 2020.



STEWARDSHIP *a way of life*

Our Stewardship for Sunday, March 15, 2020 was **\$5,447.36**; **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for March 15, 2019 is **\$13,579.64**.

Thanks for your generosity.



SANCTUARY LIGHT Will burn in memory for:

Bartholomew, Jr. & Ramona Bruno

Requested by: The Family



March 14-20, 2020

Saturday, March 14, 2020

4:00 p.m. Ms. Leah Chase
Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
Ms. Joyce Evans
Ms. Della Parker
Mr. Ivory Johnson, Jr.
Ms. Shelia Johnson
Ms. Connie Doulgas
Mr. Jiar Joseph
Mr. John Bidol (Living)

Sunday, March 15, 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. Gladys Shief
Ms. Janice Parker
Ms. Emily O'Brien
Bartholomew, Jr. & Ramona Bruno
Ms. Myrtle Brooks
Mr. Lionel Joienille
Mr. Chester Staes
Mr. Herbert Spurlock, Sr.
Edward and Edna Walker
Mr. Percy Walker
Mr. Darrius Hamilton
Ms. Marguerite Jefferson
Ms. Deanna Jefferson
Ms. Marguerite Batiste
Ms. Terri Lee
Ms. Marguerite Lee
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
Living & deceased members of the
Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney,
Prevost & Wilson families
Living & deceased members of the
Dorsey, Gallo & Green families

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Wednesday, March 18 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Thursday, March 19, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Friday, March 20, 2020

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

ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER



MARCH IS NUTRITION MONTH

Eating right doesn't have to be complicated — simply begin to shift to healthier food and beverage choices. Try these recommendations to help you get started with making healthy life-style food choices:

Emphasize fruit, vegetables (fresh, frozen or canned---eat more dark green vegetables such as leafy greens and broccoli and orange vegetables including carrots and sweet potatoes), whole grains (eat at least 3 ounces of whole-grain cereals, breads, crackers, rice or pasta every day) and low-fat or fat-free milk and milk products. **Include** lean meats, poultry, fish, beans, eggs and nuts.

Make sure your diet is low in saturated fats, trans fats, salt (sodium) and added sugars.

Make Your Calories Count

Think nutrient-rich rather than "good" or "bad" foods. Making smart food choices can help you stay healthy, manage your weight and be physically active.

If you need more information about Maintaining a Healthy Diet please call or visit the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Misaada Center. Office Hours: Tues. 10:00am – 12:00pm Phone: 504-822-8059

References: 1.) The American Heart Association
2.) The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
3.) My Plate

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
March, 2020

Meetings & Events

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p><i>1</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><i>2</i> 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p><i>3</i> 7:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Family Life</p>	<p><i>4</i> 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><i>5</i> 7:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>6</i> 11:00 am Fish Fry 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:00 pm Mass/ Stations of the Cross</p>	<p><i>7</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><i>8</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><i>9</i> 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p><i>10</i> 7:30 am Mass 7:00 p.m. Nia-Imani</p>	<p><i>11</i> 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><i>12</i> 7:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>13</i> 11:00 am Fish Fry 4:30 pm Social Concerns 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:00 pm Mass/ Stations of the Cross</p>	<p><i>14</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
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REVIVAL

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