



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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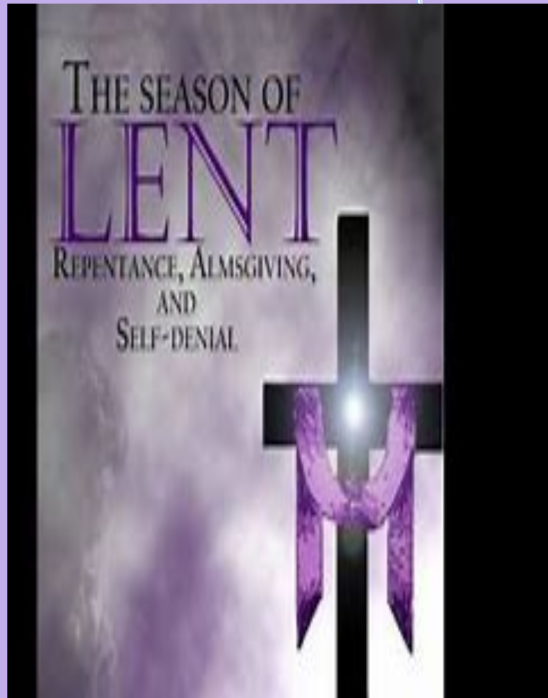
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

All of today's readings focus on the centrality of the Resurrection. The prophet Ezekiel looks forward to a future when God will send his spirit upon those who have died and "open your graves and have you rise from them."

In his Letter to the Romans, Paul teaches that the present life of Christians is led through the indwelling of "the Spirit of God." This same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will also raise their mortal bodies to life in the resurrection of the dead.

The reading from the Gospel of John tells the account of the raising of Jesus' friend Lazarus. This event signifies Jesus' power over death and foreshadows his own Resurrection. Martha's dialogue with Jesus is remarkable. She greets Jesus' arrival with frustration, saying: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus tells her that her brother will rise, Martha shows her knowledge that the dead will rise on the last day. Jesus deepens Martha's faith by declaring: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." When Jesus asks Martha if she believes this, she responds, not with a statement of fact, but with the insight of faith: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God." No other person in the entire Gospels has made such a deep confession of true faith in the person of Jesus. Martha exemplifies what Jesus wants from each of us: a confession that moves beyond intellectual knowledge to a personal commitment to and relationship with him.

- Reflect on how the teaching on the Spirit of God develops in the First and the Second Readings.
- We believe that Jesus is fully human and divine. How do these aspects of Jesus' two natures emerge in our Gospel reading?
- Does Martha's confession of faith in Jesus deepen your relationship to the Lord Jesus?

CORONA Virus PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you traveled 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 knows 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 fore sight 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 world without end. 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 allow. 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 30-April 4, 2020

<i>Monday-03/30/20</i>	<i>Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 John 8:1-11</i>
<i>Tuesday-03/31/20</i>	<i>Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30</i>
<i>Wednesday-04/1/20</i>	<i>Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 John 8:31-42</i>
<i>Thursday-04/2/20</i>	<i>Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59</i>
<i>Friday-04/3/20</i>	<i>Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42</i>
<i>Saturday-04/4/20</i>	<i>Ezekiel 37:21-28 John 11:45-56</i>
<i>Sunday-04/5/20</i>	<i>Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54</i>



Schedule *March 30-April 5,* *2020*

All meetings have
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, Ethylene Permillion

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 not 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

The Rosary Group will not meet during quarantine.



Lenten and Holy Week Schedule—2020

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

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.

ATTENTION: PALMS ARE NEEDED...



We are in need of “palms” for Palm Sunday, which is next Sunday, April 5, 2020. If you or your neighbors can help, please bring the clean palms to the Parish Office front porch this week. Again, thank you all for your generous effort in this matter. On Palm Sunday Fr. Asare will bless the “Palms” and leave them in the Church. Our parishioners may come to obtain a blessed palm throughout the week if desired.

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.

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:

Jiar Joseph Means

Requested by: Ayesha Buckner



March 28th-April 4, 2020

Saturday, March 28, 2020

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

Sunday, March 29, 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. Diane Davis
Ms. Jade Gibson
Ms. Gladys Shief
Ms. Janice Parker
Ms. Emily O'Brien
Mr. Lionel Joienille
Mr. Chester Staes
Mr. Herbert Spurlock, Sr.
Edward and Edna Walker
Mr. Percy Walker
Mr. Darius Hamilton
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
Living & deceased members of the
Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney,
Prevost & Wilson families

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Thursday, April 2, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Friday, April 3, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Consider/Discuss

- ◆ Every person has foretastes of death and resurrection in this life. In difficult moments, how have you (or have you not) identified with Martha's whisper, "Where are you, Lord?"
- ◆ In bleak moments, we may be emptied to give ourselves (and others) glib answers that do not satisfy or are suspect or hollow, shallow answers like "God waned another angel in heaven" or "Well, it was God's will" or ... How does that artificial certainty belittle the mystery dimension of God and life? How else could we respond more truly to the puzzlement of betrayal and/or grief?

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

Don't forget to join in our St. Peter Claver Church Prayer and Fasting, which has begun. March 27th-April 9th.



978-990-5000/ Access Code: 499285). We have had an extremely great turnout. Please join us. Also, join us on Sunday mornings for our Virtual Mass!!

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
March, 2020

Meetings & Events

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<i>1</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	<i>2</i> 6:00 pm Bible Study	<i>3</i> 7:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Family Life	<i>4</i> 7:30 am Mass	<i>5</i> 7:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<i>6</i> 11:00 am Fish Fry 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:00 pm Mass/ Stations of the Cross	<i>7</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
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