



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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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

We recall in our liturgy Jesus' entry into the holy city, Jerusalem. The excitement of the crowd is evident in the Gospel at the procession as Jesus is welcomed as the Messiah: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed as he who comes in the name of the Lord."

The servant in the First Reading foreshadows Jesus. He speaks God's Word to his people who reject him. Though innocent, he endures sufferings, beatings, and insults. The Lord God sustains him through these persecutions.

Paul's letter to the Philippians quotes an ancient Christian hymn used in worship. It captures beautifully the person of Jesus Christ: Although fully divine, he emptied himself and became fully human to the extent of embracing a disgraceful death on the cross. The Father accepted his obedience by raising him for all to see that "Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Today's Gospel reading is the passion narrative according to Matthew's account of the Gospel. We hear in graphic detail how Jesus is betrayed, derided, judged, sentenced, and finally crucified. His body is taken down and placed in a tomb. Everyone in the story displays some level of fear. The joy of the entry into Jerusalem is replaced by fear. The disciples who celebrated a final meal with Jesus all desert him. Peter denies he ever knew Jesus. Pilate was afraid of losing his own power. The Jewish religious leaders, afraid of having their positions of authority undermined, secured Jesus' conviction before Pilate.

- ◆ In what way does the servant in the First Reading resemble Jesus?
- ◆ As you prayerfully reflect on the account of the Lord's passion and death, what aspects strike you the most as you begin Holy Week?
- ◆ How will you participate in the Sacred Paschal Triduum so that it deepens your spiritual life?

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 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 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.

Scripture Readings for:

April 6-12, 2020



Monday-04/06/20

Isaiah 42:1-7

John 12:1-11

Tuesday-04/07/20

Isaiah 49:1-6

John 1:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday-04/08/20

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Matthew 26:14-25

(HOLY THURSDAY)

Thursday-04/09/20

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

(GOOD FRIDAY)

Friday-04/10/20

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

(HOLY SATURDAY)

Saturday-04/11/20

Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1,

26-31a; Genesis 22:1-18 or

22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah

55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-

4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

Romans 6:3-11;

Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday-04/12/20

(Easter Sunday)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4 or

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

John 20:1-9 or

Matthew 28:1-10

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.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Enter into the PASSION and GLORY of the LORD;

do this in memory of me; the King of glory comes; Glory and honor and praise to you, Son of David!



Schedule
April 6-12, 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, 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

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



prayer & fasting



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

27th-April 9th. Please dial this is number, 339-207-7387), there is no access code. We have had an extremely great turnout. Please join us. Also, join us on Sunday mornings for our Virtual Mass!! Every Sunday at 10:00 a.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.



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

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

A BIBLE QUOTE: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." Matt. 21:9 * My God, my God why have you abandoned me? Matt. 27:46; **LORD, INCREASE MY FAITH! GIVE ME A Faith that is Victorious!** Sitting in prayer during these days of social distancing because of COVID-19, I asked God for comfort during this pandemic. But then the word came to me, "Comfort is not comfort without affliction". The comfort of victory belongs to those who survive the struggle of affliction. This Palm Sunday, the readings begin with the comfort of victory with Jesus' celebrated arrival in Jerusalem. Then we witness his agony and death on the cross. Within a week, we will witness His victorious Resurrection. Therefore, during this Holy Week, we go from victory, to defeat, to glorious victory. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

Please continue with your tithing for Stewardship. You can mail your tithes to St. Peter Claver Church Parish Office, 1910 Ursulines Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116

Thanks for your generosity. We truly appreciate our Parish Family



SANCTUARY LIGHT
Will burn in memory for:

Mrs. Joyce Bidol Evans

Requested by: Mrs. Verita Thomas



April 4-10, 2020

Saturday, April 4, 2020

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

Sunday, April 5, 2020

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
Mr. Kenneth Carter
Ms. Florence Bradley
Jules, Jr. & Pauline Bakewell
Mr. Jules Bakewell, III
Mr. James Smith, III
Ms. Lydia Broyard
10:00 a.m. Ms. Diane Davis
Ms. Jade Gibson
Ms. Ruby Downs
Ms. Gladys Shief
Mr. Chester Staes
Mr. Herbert Spurlock, Sr.
Edward and Edna Walker
Mr. Percy Walker
Mr. Darrius Hamilton
Mr. Harold Spadoni
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
Living & deceased members of the
Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney,
Prevost & Wilson families

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Thursday, April 9, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Friday, April 10, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER



AUTISM AWARENESS

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges. Signs typically appear during early childhood and effect a child's ability to communicate, and interact with others. There is no known single cause of autism, but increased awareness and early diagnosis/intervention and access to appropriate services/supports lead to significantly improved outcomes.

Here are some signs to look for in the children in your life:

- ♦ Lack of or delay in spoken language; repetitive use of language and/or motor mannerisms (e.g., hand-flapping, twirling objects); little or no eye contact; lack of interest in peer relationships; lack of spontaneous or make-believe play; persistent fixation on parts of objects.

A child on the Autism spectrum might display many of these behaviors or just a few, or many others besides the ones listed here. The diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder is applied based on analysis of all behaviors and their severity. **If you think your child might have ASD or you think there could be a problem with the way your child plays, learns, speaks, or acts, contact your child's doctor and share your concerns.**

References: Centers for Disease Control; Mayo Clinic, Autism Society

If you need more information about Autism or any other health questions please call or visit the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Misaada Center.

Office Hours: Tues. 10:00 am-12:00 noon

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ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH
Meetings & Events
APRIL, 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			<i>1 BE SAFE</i>	<i>2 BE SAFE</i>	<i>3 BE SAFE</i>	<i>4 BE SAFE</i>
<i>5 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. Virtual Mass SPC NOLA YouTube</i>	<i>1 BE SAFE</i>	<i>2 BE SAFE</i>	<i>3 BE SAFE</i>	<i>4 BE SAFE</i>	<i>10 BE SAFE</i>	<i>11 BE SAFE</i>
<i>12 EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. Virtual Mass SPC NOLA YouTube</i>	<i>13 BE SAFE</i>	<i>14 BE SAFE</i>	<i>15 BE SAFE</i>	<i>16 BE SAFE</i>	<i>17 BE SAFE</i>	<i>18 BE SAFE</i>
<i>19 10:00 a.m. Virtual Mass SPC NOLA YouTube</i>	<i>20 BE SAFE</i>	<i>21 BE SAFE</i>	<i>22 BE SAFE</i>	<i>23 BE SAFE</i>	<i>24 BE SAFE</i>	<i>25 BE SAFE</i>
<i>26 10:00 a.m. Virtual Mass SPC NOLA YouTube</i>	<i>20 BE SAFE</i>	<i>21 BE SAFE</i>	<i>22 BE SAFE</i>	<i>23 BE SAFE</i>		

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