



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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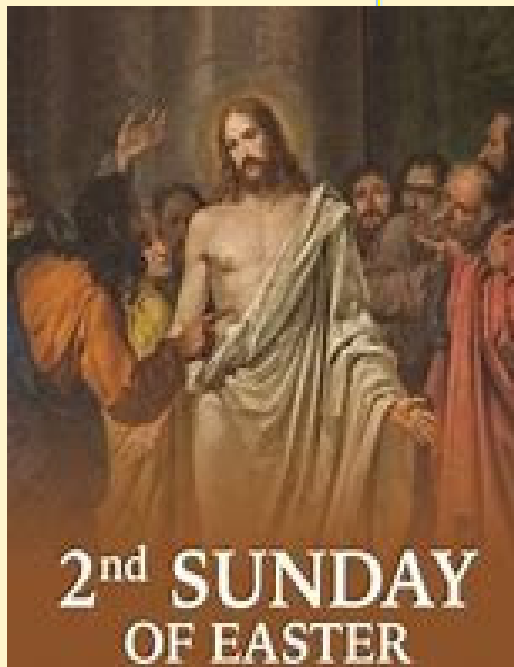
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MISSION STATEMENT

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

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Liturgy of the Word begins with a most beautiful and idealistic text from Acts. Of special significance is the description that the Jerusalem community “was of one heart and mind,” with “everything in common.” How many of us struggle daily to live for the common good!

Appropriately, today’s Responsorial Psalm is one of thanksgiving, with emphasis placed on God’s everlasting love. While this love is celebrated throughout the liturgical year, it is uniquely emphasized during the Easter season, when we remember the Paschal Mystery most intensely.

The reading from the First Letter of John, like our Responsorial Psalm, invites us to reflect on the incomprehensible love of God. God’s commandments are not intended to be a burden for us; rather, they have been given to us as guides for living faith-filled lives.

While locked behind closed doors, Jesus appears to the disciples and offers them peace. Upon recognizing Jesus, the disciples rejoice. Jesus extends peace to them a second time, then bestows the Holy Spirit on them. In yet another encounter behind locked doors, Jesus appears again. This time, after extending peace to the disciples, Jesus invites Thomas to touch him and to believe in him. This scene concludes with reference to other signs that Jesus performed so that we might have life in Jesus’ name.

- ◆ Reread the short passage from the Acts of the Apostles. What would it require for a community to be “of one heart and mind”? What would such a lifestyle require of you? Do you believe that such a way of life is possible?
- ◆ Consider writing a short psalm of thanksgiving using the refrain “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.” Compose several verses in which you identify specific people and acts of God for which you are grateful.
- ◆ Had you been locked behind closed doors and heard the voice of Jesus extending you his peace, how do you imagine that you would respond ?

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.

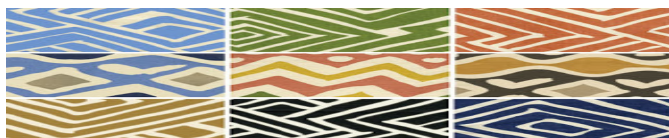


Our Stewardship for Sunday, April 4, 2021 was **\$14, 011.60**; **2nd Collection: Building Fund: \$688.00.**

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:

Batiste & Lee Families

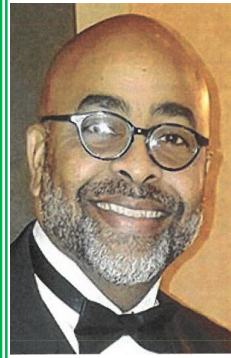
Requested by: Deborah & Theresa Lee



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

**Tuesday, Thursday
& Saturday**

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



Congratulations!!

Deacon Lawrence Houston

NCEA 2021 Honoree of the Lead. Learn. Proclaim Awards

The NCEA announces nine recipients of the 2021 Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award (LLP). This award highlights the outstanding work being done in Catholic education communities across the country. This year the honored individuals are educators, principals and pastors entrusted with the faith formation of our Catholic school communities.

“Catholic schools offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence,” said NCEA Interim President/CEO Kathy Mears. “We draw on the church’s long tradition of educating the whole person: mind, body and spirit. This is done as a community pursuing faith, truth, beauty goodness, wisdom and virtue. These leaders are the core of our Catholic school education system and serve as inspiration to all of us working within the framework of Catholic education.”

As an LLP Award winner, Deacon Houston says, “I am called as a Catholic educator to educate the whole child, and so to receive this award is a humbling experience. To be chosen from amongst the many wonderfully qualified Catholic educators from around the United States makes me thankful and proud to be placed by God in Catholic education.”



Graduates—2021

All 2021 Graduates from High School, College and above are asked to sign-up in the back of Church, contact Ms. Marinda Lee-Houston or call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059 with the following information: **(Name, telephone number, school, diploma/degree, future plans, awards and honors)**. Please signup in the rear of the Church.

NOTE: We will only honor the **GRADUATES** from St. Peter Claver Church on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

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, 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 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, 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, John Webb, Warren Freeman & Joyce Lawless.



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.

ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER



Childhood Obesity

Over the past three decades, childhood obesity rates in America have tripled, and today, nearly one in three children in America are overweight or obese. The numbers are even higher in **African American and Hispanic** communities, where nearly 40% of the children are overweight or obese. If we don't change our children's eating habits and increase their exercise activity, one third of all children born in the year 2000 or later will suffer from **diabetes** at some point in their lives. Many others will face **chronic obesity-related health problems like heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, and breathing problems**. Children who are obese also have an increased risk of emotional problems (low self-esteem, less popular with their peers).

Obesity in children and adolescents can be managed: **Start** a weight management program; **Change** eating habits (eat slowly-develop a routine); **Plan** meals and make better food selections (eat less fatty foods-avoid junk and fast foods); **Control** portions and consume less calories; **Increase** physical activity (especially walking); **Know** what your child eats at school; **Eat** meals as a family instead of while watching television or at the computer; **Do not** use food as a reward; **Make** snack time healthy (fruit and vegetable snacks).

IF YOUR CHILD IS OBESE SEE YOUR PEDIATRICIAN OR FAMILY PHYSICIAN TO BE SURE THERE ARE NO UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT MAY BE CAUSING THE OBESITY.

If you need additional information regarding childhood obesity your **Health and Wellness Ministry Nurses** stand ready to help!

Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 10:00am – 2:00pm
Phone: 504-822-8059



"A SPECIAL THANK YOU"

To all of our young people who helped during Holy Week. They showed up throughout the week to "video tape and serve on the Altar or assist in any way they could. The gift of your help, time and support means more than anything money can buy. We really appreciate all that you have done and hope these words provide a small token of our gratitude.

Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory.

Proverbs 11:14

FATIMA ROSARY

Monday, April 12, 2021

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

Rosary

All are invited to attend the Rosary



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.

PRAYERS FOR THOUGHT...

GOD has called us to a holy life, not according to our works, but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us through **CHRIST JESUS** who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

BIBLE STUDY

"Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
John 20:28

JOY COMES IN THE MORNING. *"Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning,"* is a verse that is often quoted in difficult times. (Psalm 30:6 NABRE which is paraphrased here.) It sums up the exhaustion of suffering and the joyful release of a survivor. It is the joy of knowing that God is faithful, that He loves us and has not abandoned us. It is the joy of knowing that God fulfills His promises. This joy is a gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus breathed upon the disciples, while they were yet fearful of reprisals from the Jewish religious leaders after His crucifixion. (See John 20:22) They endured the night of the crucifixion of Jesus and lived in the joy of the morning of resurrection. Their joy did come in the morning. We are enduring the night of the Covid-19 Pandemic, but a new day is coming. According to the Centers for Disease Control, as of April 5, 2021 nearly forty million Covid-19 cases have been confirmed and over 560,000 deaths have been recorded in the United States. Yet, the nation is on track to combat this virus with enough vaccine for each United States citizen by May. We just have to endure this night of mask wearing, social distancing and vaccinations. The pandemic will end. Joy will come in the morning.

The first reading validates the faithfulness of God and the gift of His Holy Spirit. The Book of Acts, often called the Gospel of the Holy Spirit, recounts how the Holy Spirit shaped the early church. This Sunday we read how the presences of the Holy Spirit influenced the lives of the early Christians. They transformed their community spiritually and physically. Here are the elements of joy and Christian unity that shaped that community. They are outlined in Acts 2 and complement this Sunday's first reading: 1) Teaching and learning; 2) "breaking of the bread" (Eucharist) 3) communal prayer; 4) reverence (2:42); and 5) the presence of the Holy Spirit. After the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, the Holy Spirit empowered these early Christians to change their community. (2:47) Remarkably, they shared their wealth and resources; "they had all things in common (v.32).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Do these verses from Acts describe your parish church? What are you doing to spread the joy of hope in the risen Lord.

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

April 10-16, 2021

Saturday, April 10, 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. Christopher Woodfork
 Mr. John Bidol (*Living*)

Sunday, April 11, 2021

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
 Mr. Kenneth Carter
 Ms. Florence Lee
 Ms. Mary Harris
 Mr. Jules Bakewell, III
 Ms. Florence Bradley
 Jules, Jr. & Pauline Bakewell

10:00 a.m. Ms. Ruby Downs
 Ms. Diane Davis
 Ms. Jade Gibson
 Mr. Vint Barney
 Mr. Burney Lee Penny
 Ms. Gladys Shief
 Ms. Virginia Ann Pleasant
 Mr. Percy Walker
 Mr. Malcolm Lear
 Mr. Herbert Spurlock, Sr.
 Edward & Edna Walker
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
 Sr. Patricia Haley, SCN
 Mr. Jude Lastrapes
 Ms. Marion Newman
 Living & deceased members of the
 Batiste & Lee families

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

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

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

Thursday, April 15, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Friday, April 16, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Scripture Reading

April 12-18, 2021

*Monday-4/12/21 Acts 4:23-31
John 3:1-8*

*Tuesday-4/13/21 Acts 4:32-37
John 3:7b-15*

*Wednesday-4/14/21 Acts 5:17-26
John 3:16-21*

*Thursday-4/15/21 Acts 5:27-33
John 3:31-36*

*Friday-4/16/21 Acts 5:34-42
John 6:1-15*

*Saturday-4/17/21 Acts 6:1-7
John 6:16-21*

*Sunday-4/18/21 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48*

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Tuesday, April 13, 2021, St. Peter Claver Church Noon Day Prayer Call will end.

We would like to “Thank” all who participated in the Prayer Call during the Pandemic when we needed to come together as a community of faith.

Coronavirus-19 Vaccinations



Coronavirus-19 Vaccinations will be distributed at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1020 N. Prieur Street., Tuesday, April 13, 2021, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Please call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059.



ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH

April, 2021



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				<p>1 10:00 am Cleaning of the Church Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Mass</p>	<p>2 Good Friday 3:00 p.m. Mass</p>	<p>3 Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass</p>
<p>4-Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>5 OFFICE CLOSED 4:00 pm Rosary St. Ann Shrine 6:00 pm Bible Study – ZOOM</p>	<p>6 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>7 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>8 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>9 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>10 9:00 am CCD via ZOOM 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>11 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p>12 4:00 pm Rosary St. Ann Shrine 6:00 pm Bible Study – ZOOM</p>	<p>13 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Last Prayer Line 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Coronavirus-19 Vaccination-Parish Hall</p>	<p>14 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>15 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>16 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>17 9:00 am CCD via ZOOM 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>18 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass (St. Mary's Academy)</p>	<p>19 4:00 pm Rosary St. Ann Shrine 6:00 pm Bible Study – ZOOM</p>	<p>20 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>21 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>22 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>23 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>24 9:00 am Penance (CCD) – Church 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>25 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p>26 4:00 pm Rosary St. Ann Shrine 6:00 pm Bible Study – ZOOM</p>	<p>27 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>28 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>29 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>30 7:30 am Mass</p>	

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