



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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DEACONS:

Mr. Lawrence Houston
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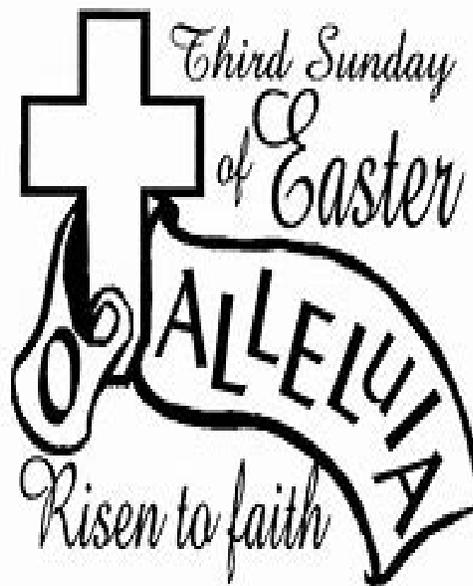
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MISSION STATEMENT

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

Today's Gospel reading vividly reveals the transforming power of an encounter with the Risen Lord. Two bitterly disappointed disciples are leaving Jerusalem, where their hopes have been destroyed. Jesus, "the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word" and whom they believed had promised a new kingdom, had been crucified, died and was buried. All their hopes and expectations have come to nothing. Along the road to Emmaus, a stranger joins them, and they share with him their frustrations.

The stranger's words helps the disciples realize that the Scriptures did indeed teach that the Messiah had to suffer before he entered "into his glory." Their invitation to his stranger to spend the evening brings them a deeper awareness. Jesus takes bread, "said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them." In these actions, the disciples recognize the Risen Lord with the eyes of faith, and their encounter sets their hearts on fire: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

This Gospel reading contains a remarkable message for us and every generation. Like those disciples on the road to Emmaus, we encounter the presence of the Risen Lord every time we gather to hear the Scriptures proclaimed and witness the bread of the Eucharist broken. "The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body" (Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, 21).

- ◆ What events helped the disciples recognize the presence of the risen Lord on their journey to Emmaus?
- ◆ What is the central message that Peter proclaims to the Jews in our First Reading?
- ◆ How does the Gospel reading help you understand the Eucharist more deeply?

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.

Scripture Readings for: *April 27-May 3, 2020*



<i>Monday-04/27/20</i>	<i>Acts 6:8-15 John 6:22-29</i>
<i>Tuesday-04/28/20</i>	<i>Acts 7:51-8:1a John 6:30-35</i>
<i>Wednesday-04/29/20</i>	<i>Acts 8:1b-8 John 6:35-40</i>
<i>Thursday-04/30/20</i>	<i>Acts 8:26-40 John 6:44-51</i>
<i>Friday-05/01/20</i>	<i>Acts 9:1-20 John 6:52-59</i>
<i>Saturday-05/02/20</i>	<i>Acts 9:31-42 John 6:60-69</i>
<i>Sunday-05/03/20</i>	<i>Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10</i>



A GREAT THANKS OF GRATITUDE!!

St. Peter Claver Church Family let us continue to keep our Pastor, Fr. Asare Dankwah in prayer for keeping us connected. Along with Deacon Lawrence Houston, Veronica Downs-Dorsey, "The Praise Team" and Emeka Dibia. What a blessing it has been!

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.



**MEETING
NOTICE!**

Schedule
April 27-May 3, 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, 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.. "When Simon Peter arrived at the tomb, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

John 20:6-8

A New Beginning From An Empty Tomb..Some critics argue that because Paul does not speak of an empty tomb, the idea of the resurrection of Jesus must have developed years after His earthly life and ministry was over. But Paul refers to the burial (1 Cor. 15:4), which argues both for a proper tomb and against the body being dumped into a pit or a common criminal's grave.

...It is well to remember that these variations were recognized by early Christians and were not discovered by recent critics. As early as the second century, Tatian wrote his Diatessaron, or harmony of the gospels, expecting that Christians would gladly accept his work as a substitute for the four gospels. But while Christians read Tatian, they refused to substitute his harmony for the witnesses of the four gospel writers.

Pray About It:

Monday

Privately renew your baptism vows

Tuesday

Read Acts 10:1-3. Describe Cornelius' response to the vision, What is yours?

Wednesday

Read Luke 20:17. How do you relate this verse to the Resurrection?

Thursday

Read 1 Cor. 15:12-28. What does it mean to be the first born of the dead?

Friday

Read Colossians 3:1-4. Are you seeking the things of heaven?

FATIMA ROSARY

The Rosary Group will not meet during quarantine. All will pray the Rosary in the privacy of their homes at 4:00 p.m.



Bible Study Quotes: Just A Little Talk

With Jesus. The adage, "Absence makes the heart grown fonder", has taken a new meaning during the COVID-19 pandemic. Standard forms of socialization have been disrupted by the protocols to abate the spread of this deadly virus. Social distancing, talking through a mask, and separations, make us long for the days of casual close quartered conversations with friends and relatives in public, in places of worship, and workplaces. Some yearn simply to talk to someone without the phone, Facebook, texting, or electronic media. Others find it difficult to speak with those with whom they comply with the "Stay at Home Order." During these difficult days, there is one conversation that we must have. That conversation is with Jesus the Christ. We can talk to him at any time. His ear is always listening for our call. Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

Does Your Heart Burn when You Pray?
Acts 2:14, 22-33



Don't forget to join in our St. Peter Claver Church Prayer and Fasting, Now-May 5, 2020. **(We will continue our prayer line).** Please dial this 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.



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

Will reopen after quarantine



SANCTUARY LIGHT
Will burn in memory for:

Mr. Morel Dupart

Requested by: Dupart Family



Collection figures are not available at this time.

Please continue with your tithing for Stewardship. You can 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

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 May, 2020.



April 26, 2020

Sunday, April 26, 2020

10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
Ms. Leah Chase
Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
Mr. Wayne Reese, Sr.
Rev. Michael P. Jacques
Ms. Joyce Evans
Ms. Della Parker
Ms. Connie Douglas
Mr. Jiar Joseph Means
Mr. John Bidol (Living)
Mr. Kenneth Carter
Ms. Lydia Broyard
Ms. Diane Davis
Bartholomew, Jr. and Ramona Bruno
Ns. Myrtle Brooks
Ms. Jade Gibson
Mr. John Tolliver
Ms. Ruby Downs
Ms. Gladys Shief
Mr. Chester Staes
Mr. Herbert Spurlock, Sr.
Edward and Edna Walker
Mr. Percy Walker
Mr. Darrius Hamilton
Mr. Jareath M. Francis, Sr.
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
Ms. Marguerite Lee
Ms. Terri Lee
Ms. Marguerite Batiste
Ms. Deanna Jefferson
Ms. Marguerite Jefferson
Living & deceased members of the
Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney,
Prevost & Wilson families

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Thursday, April 30, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Friday, May 1, 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 affect 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. & Thurs.

10:00am – 12:00pm Phone: 504-822-8059

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

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