



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.

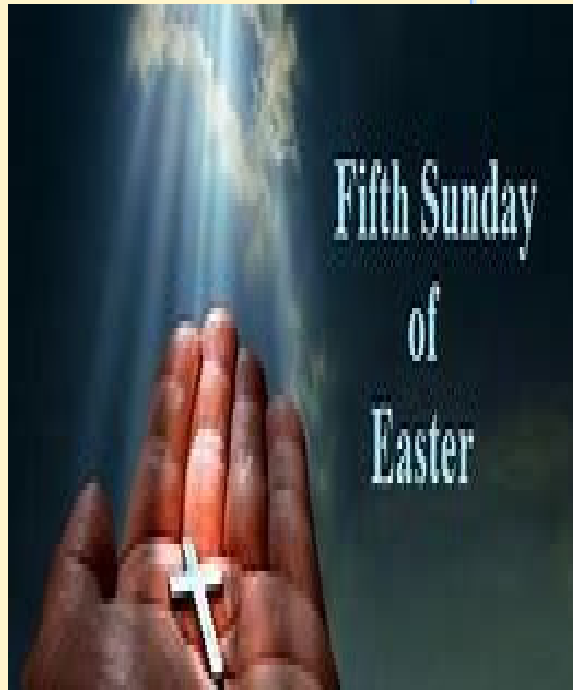
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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Administrator

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Mr. Allen Stevens

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Mr. Marvin Ernest
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Director of Religious
Education & Youth Ministry

Mrs. Edith B. Reed
Executive Secretary

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 First Reading appears near the end of chapter 9 of Acts. The opening verses of this chapter recount Saul's request for letters of approval from Temple officials. These letters would acknowledge Saul's authority once he reached Damascus, where he intended to persecute followers of Jesus. In verse 3 of this chapter, the first of three accounts of Saul's conversion begins. (Two other recordings of this experience are found in Acts 22:3-16 and 26:4-23). Thus, it is no wonder that in today's periscope, beginning in verse 26, we hear that the disciples were reticent to believe that Saul had become a follower of Jesus. In a few words, the text details how Barnabas intervened and how the Apostles accepted Saul as one who had seen the Lord. Immediately, Saul began to proclaim that Jesus is Lord.

The reading from the First Letter of John reminds us that love expresses itself most perfectly in action. While words are important, the lived expression of our words speaks a truth more strongly. Belief in Jesus is identified by our actions. Our love for one another.

The Gospel of John presents us with the metaphor of the vine and the branches. Jesus identifies himself as the true vine and speaks of his relationship to the Father. Earlier texts that referred to Israel as the vine, primarily prophetic texts, quite obviously did not speak of the Father. Here, Jesus identifies his Father as the vine grower, or vine dresser, the one who carefully tends to the vine so that it will bear fruit.

- ◆ Given the reputation that Saul/Paul had as a persecutor of those who followed Jesus, how likely would you have been to believe that he had experienced a conversion?
- ◆ Have you experienced a conversion, even a small one, that resulted in a life-changing practice?
- ◆ How do you see yourself as part of the true vine?

CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

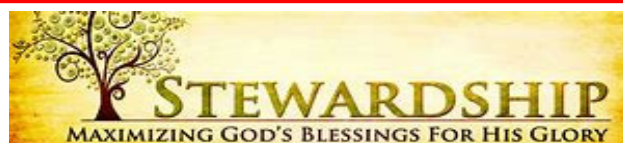
Let Us Pray:

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.

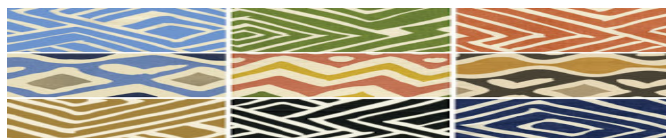


Our Stewardship for Sunday, April 25, 2021 was **\$10,698.33**; **2nd Collection: Diocesan Priest Retirement: \$479.62.**

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





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.

PRAYER FOR THOUGHT



And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

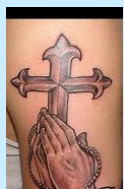


SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in Memory of:

Ms. Diana LeBlanc

Requested by the Woodfork Family



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

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

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.



Graduates—2021

All 2021 Graduates from High School, College and above are asked to sign-up in the back of Church, contact Mrs. 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 sign up 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, Joycelyn Johnson, Stanley & Beatrice Grant, Pearl Dupart, Aaron La-Cabe, Bernice Stein, Javette and Michael Garner, John Bidol, Jerald LaPierre, Marie Walker, Shirley Walton, Antoinette Johnston, Ralph Walker, Albert & Miriam Boucree, Audrey Evans, Yvette Brown, Shirley Pratt, Lorraine Bowman, Linda Hunter, Ruby Perry, Barbara Phillips, 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, Shonne Pierce, Wylene Jones, Nowell Lackings, Sr., Roslind Louis, Lydia Edwards, Ted Nutting, Joseph Washington, Delores Chapital, Rockial Riley, Jerri Queen, Sarah Lafitte, 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, Faye Penny Williams.

SPC FOOD PANTRY



The “Food Pantry” (The Misaada Center) open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. We are still in need of can food items. We appreciate all the generous donations that we have received. Thank you for your continued support for our brothers and sisters in need.

ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER



MAY IS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AWARENESS MONTH

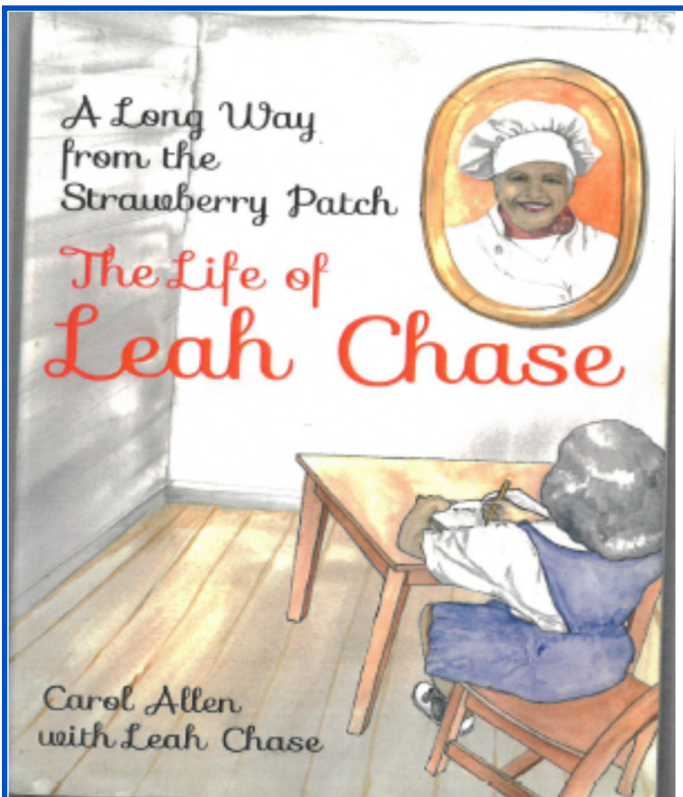
High Blood Pressure or Hypertension occurs when the pressure inside the blood vessels is too high. As your heart pumps, it sends blood out through the arteries. The force of your blood pushing against the walls of your arteries causes pressure. Every time your heart beats, it forces more blood into the arteries, causing the pressure to rise. Usually there are no symptom until the condition becomes severe that’s why hypertension is often called the “**silent killer**”. Many people have high blood pressure and don’t even know it. The cause of high blood pressure is unknown for 90 to 95 percent of cases but these factors can put you at risk for high blood pressure: **Smoking** (nicotine causes blood vessels to get smaller and tighter, which raises blood pressure and makes blood pressure worse). **Obesity and being overweight** (extra weight can put more stress on your heart. Exercise not only can help you lose weight, but physical activity has been shown to lower blood pressure on its own). **Stress** (though not an actual cause of high blood pressure, stress can trigger bad coping methods, like overeating and smoking, which can lead to high blood pressure). **Salt** (sodium (salt) causes your body to hold fluid, which can then increase blood pressure). **Alcohol** (drinking more than one or two alcoholic drinks per day may worsen high blood pressure for some people). **Family History** (individuals who have other family members with high blood pressure are at a greater risk of developing high blood pressure). **African-Americans** (compared to white Americans, African Americans have a higher incidence of high blood pressure while also having higher rates of related deaths).

References: National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, Centers for Disease Control-New Orleans. **If you need more information..please call or visit the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Misaada Center. Office Hours: Tues. 10:00 am 12:00 noon.**

Upcoming Events

1st Holy Communion
May 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Vigil Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation-
May 29, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Vigil Mass



Book signing by Ms. Carol Allen on next Sunday, May 9, 2021 at St. Peter Claver Church before and after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. **"The Life of Leah Chase"** The cost of the book is \$10.00 cash or checks (payable to: St. Peter Claver Church).

No Credit Cards. All proceeds will be given to St. Peter Claver Church.

What a great book about Mrs. Leah Chase, enjoy!!

BIBLE STUDY

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Be Fruitful! It is difficult to think of being fruitful when we are in the middle of the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. Food insecurities, economic uncertainties, political unrest, gun violence, virtual school, and social distancing project us into survival mode. The good news is that just like beautiful flowers can grow through the crack of a dense rock, we can thrive in every circumstance, because we are not in the battle alone. The fruitfulness of a Christian life is not about how successful we are. It is about who we are, that is, our character. It is about how we relate to others, that is, our behavior.

The Bible often uses the metaphor of fruit to describe the produce of our lives. Fruit can be either good or bad (Matthew 7:18; Luke 6:43; Romans 7:5). For the Christian, the fruit of his/her life is a tree of life that is filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit. (Proverbs 11:30) In baptism, we died to sin and were born anew in Christ Jesus. We received the gifts of the Holy Spirit of God to nurture our faith and spiritual growth. When the spirit of God to nurture our faith and spiritual growth. When the spirit of God abides in us, we choose the right path, say the right things, and live a moral life. The indwelling of the Spirit of God requires the pruning of our lives by the Word of God to allow for spiritual growth.

The conversion of Saul provided an opportunity for spiritual growth for both Saul and the newly created Christian Church. First, St. Paul's zeal for the Old Covenant had to be pruned so that the New Covenant in the Blood of Jesus Christ could grow.

His conversion provided an opportunity for both St. Paul and the early Church to bear fruit.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Monday: Read Psalm 143:10. How can this verse make your life fruitful?

Tuesday: Read John 15:4. How does God dwell in you?

Wednesday: Read 1 John 2:28. Does this verse give you confidence to remain faithful?

Thursday: Plan to get the COVID-19 Vaccination.

Friday: Attend a virtual Mass and make an act

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

May 1-7, 2021

Saturday, May 1, 2021

4:00 p.m. Edgar, Jr. & Leah Chase
Mr. Wayne Reese, Sr.
Ms. Della Parker
Ms. Joyce Evans
Ms. Onelia Martin
Ms. Monica Washington
Ms. Florence Lee
Ms. Clair Bidol
Mr. Jiar Joseph Means
Ms. Diana LeBlanc
Mr. Christopher Woodfork
Mr. John Bidol (Living)

Sunday, May 2, 2021

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
Mr. Kenneth Carter
Ms. Florence Lee
Mr. Marcel Albert
10:00 a.m. Ms. Ruby Downs
Ms. Diane Davis
Ms. Jade Gibson
Mr. Vint Barney
Baby Marquise Applewhite, II
Ms. Emelda Bentley
Ms. Gladys Shief
Ms. Virginia Ann Pleasant
Mr. Percy Walker
Mr. Malcolm Lear
Mr. Herbert Spurlock, Sr.
Edward & Edna Walker
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
Mr. Baxter Sellers
Mr. Lester Marshall
Mr. George Kellman
Ms. Mable Kellman
Ms. Gwendolyn Kellman
Mr. Warren Freeman
Ms. Joyce Lawless
Living & deceased members of the Spadoni family

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

Thursday, May 6, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Friday, May 7, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church



May 3-9, 2021

Monday-5/3/21 *1 Corinthians 15:1-8
John 14:6-14*

Tuesday-5/4/21 *Acts 14:19-28
John 14:27-21a*

Wednesday-5/5/21 *Acts 15:1-6
John 15:1-8*

Thursday-5/6/21 *Acts 15:7-21
John 15:9-11*

Friday-5/7/21 *Acts 15:22-31
John 15:12-17*

Saturday-5/8/21 *Acts 16:1-10
John 15:18-21*

Sunday-5/9/21 *Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17*

Coronavirus-19 Vaccinations



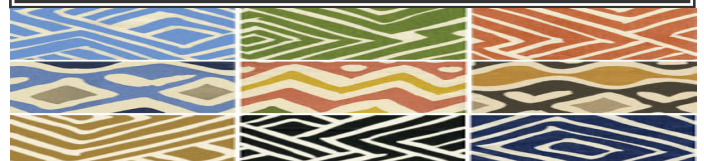
Coronavirus-19 Vaccinations, 1st vaccination to start the process and 2nd vaccination, for those who have already received their 1st vaccination, will be distributed at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1020 N. Prieur Street., Tuesday, May 11, 2021, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Please call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059 to register. **We prefer that you register in advance to receive a vaccination. However, walk-ins will be accepted.**

FATIMA ROSARY

**Monday, May 2, 2021
@ 4:00 p.m., St. Ann Shrine**



**All are invited to attend the
Rosary**





ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY, 2021

MEETINGS AND EVENTS



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



1
9:00 am CCD
via ZOOM
4:00 pm Vigil
Mass

2
7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
**(May Crown-
ing)**

3
4:00 pm Rosary
St. Ann Shrine
6:00 pm
Bible Study –
ZOOM

4
7:30 am Mass

5
7:30 am Mass

6
7:30 am Mass

7
7:30 am Mass

8
9:00 am CCD
via ZOOM
4:00 pm Vigil
Mass

**9-Mother's
Day**
7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

10
4:00 pm Rosary
St. Ann Shrine
6:00 pm
Bible Study –
ZOOM

11
7:30 am Mass

12
7:30 am Mass

13
7:30 am Mass

14
7:30 am Mass

15
9:00 am CCD
via ZOOM
**4:00 pm Vigil
Mass-First
Communion**

16
7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

17
4:00 pm Rosary
St. Ann Shrine
6:00 pm
Bible Study –
ZOOM

18
7:30 am Mass

19
7:30 am Mass

20
7:30 am Mass

21
7:30 am Mass

22
9:00 am CCD
via ZOOM
4:00 pm Vigil
Mass

23
7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

24
4:00 pm Rosary
St. Ann Shrine
6:00 pm
Bible Study –
ZOOM

25
7:30 am Mass

26
7:30 am Mass

27
7:30 am Mass

28
7:30 am Mass

29
9:00 am CCD
via ZOOM
**4:00 pm Vigil
Mass-
Confirmation**

30
7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

31
4:00 pm Rosary
St. Ann Shrine
6:00 pm
Bible Study –
ZOOM

June 1st
7:30 am Mass

June 2nd
7:30 am Mass

June 3rd
7:30 am Mass

June 4th
7:30 am Mass

June 5th
4:00 pm Vigil
Mass

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