

# ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH

**Vision Statement:** *“Saint Peter Claver Church will engage, energize and empower the people of God to grow and evolve spirituality.”*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

**Saturday Evening:** 4:00 p.m.

**Sundays:** 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:30 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 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-7 – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Meet in the parish school.

**WEBSITE :** [www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org](http://www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org)

## NEW PARISHIONERS:

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!

We ask that you please call the office to register in the parish.



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Rev. J. Asare-Dankwah  
**Pastor**

## DEACONS:

Lawrence Houston  
Allen Stevens

## PASTORAL STAFF

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Director of Music

Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston  
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Mrs. Edith B. Reed  
Executive Secretary

## St. Peter Claver School

1020 N. Prieur Street  
New Orleans, LA 70116  
504-822-8191

Deacon Lawrence Houston  
Principal

## 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 readings use farming images to teach about God's powerful Word and about our receptiveness to that Word. The First Reading is part of an oracle, a prophetic message of consolation intended for the people of Judah as they suffered in the Babylonian exile. God's Word is gentle like the rain, the prophet says, and as effective as the watered earth, which gives life to seeds and produces food for the hungry. In the Second Reading, Paul uses creation and birthing imagery to talk about the glory that awaits us in the life to come. His argument is difficult to follow in part because of some grammatical problems with the text, but also because he is referring to the Adam and Eve story from Genesis. Paul is saying that God's cursing of the ground as a result of Adam's sin (Genesis 3:17) is a reason for hope, not despair. Creation as we know it is like a woman in labor who is about to give birth, and the baptized are the first fruits of the harvest offered to God as a pledge that all of creation will one day be redeemed. The Gospel reminds us that the fruitfulness of the earth and our own lives should not be taken for granted. Matthew describes Jesus as teaching a parable about planting seeds. A parable is true-to-life symbolic story that surprises its hearers with its message. Everyone in Jesus' time would have known about the challenges of farming. But the surprising thing is that the good soil—those who hear God's Word and act on it—produces a harvest so abundant that it would have been impossible in the ancient world and still today.

- ♦ Carefully read today's Gospel. Based on the text, what are the different types of soil mentioned in the parable and what do they represent?
- ♦ As you reflect on Jesus' parable of the sower and the seed, what kind of soil are you now? What do you need to do to become the "good" soil?
- ♦ Isaiah describes God's Word as gentle like rain. What imagery would you use to describe God's Word in your life?

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.

Way Of Sharing  
God's Blessings"



Our Stewardship for Sunday, July 9, 2017 was **\$13,860.88** **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for July 9, 2017 is **\$4,966.12**. **Second Collection: Building Fund: \$734.73.**

*Thanks for your generosity.*



**RCIA**  
*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.



**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

There will be a Bereavement Ministry meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ujima Center, 1019 N. Prieur Street.

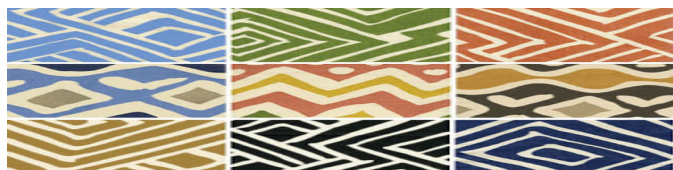
**BIBLE STUDY...** "The Bible is not any story-it is your story. Discover how to read it. "The Bible Timeline" will take your understanding of the Scriptures and the Catholic faith to an entirely new level.



**You will learn:**

- ⇒ The 68 major events of the Old Testament that lead to the coming of Jesus Christ and the establishment of the Church.
- ⇒ The major people and places of the Bible and, more importantly, how they fit together-and how they relate to Jesus Christ.
- ⇒ A practical plan for reading the Bible story sequentially. In just 10 to 20 minutes per day, you can learn the entire story overview in just three months.

Join us for an **Information Session:**  
**July 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ujima Center** to learn more about our upcoming Bible Study on **The Bible Timeline.**



**Consult with an Attorney for FREE!!**

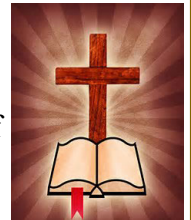
About your **CONSUMER DEBT Problems**  
**Debt Problems-Collection Harassment-  
Bankruptcy-Foreclosure-Contract Disputes**

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 29, 2017  
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. Peter Claver Ujima Center  
1019 N. Prieur Street

**PRAYER FOR THOUGHT ...**

The seed is the Word of God and Christ is the sower. Let the word of the Lord take root in you. Grow in your Faith; Hear his word; I will be filled with the vision of the Lord's glory!



**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**

Called, Formed and Sent:



Summer conference on the Call of the Laity: Notre Dame Seminary and the Catholic Foundation invite you to a four-week series this summer exploring the Catholic vision for lay leadership in the church and the world.

**REGISTER NOW!!**

**Week 1: Ministry and the Apostolate: The Call of the Laity;** Tuesday, July 18th, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm;  
**Week 2: Called and Gifted, Discerning Personal Vocation;** Tuesday, July 25th, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm;  
**Week 3: Know thyself: Living Personal Vocation,** Tuesday, August 1st, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm; **Week 4: Hearers of the Word: Cultivating a Spirituality of Vocation,** Tuesday, August 8th, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm with Reception following.

Location: Notre Dame Seminary, Pastoral Center. If you have any questions, please contact Susie Veters, Director of Stewardship and Parish Services, at (504) 596-3042.

**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, Verna Mae Martin, Joycelyn Johnson, Stanley & Beatrice Grant, Myra Harrell, Pearl Dupart, Joan Diaz, Marion LeBlanc, Aaron LaCabe, Bernice Stein, Joyce Evans, Javette and Michael Garner, John & Claire Bidol, Demetria Bernard, Gladys Shief, Brenda Robbins, Jerald LaPierre, Robert "RJ" LaPierre, Doris Finister, Marie Walker, Shirley Walker, Chris Price, Shirley Walton, Antoinette Johnston, Cindy Armstrong, Ralph Walker, Albert & Miriam Boucree, Herman Philip, Jr., Audrey Evans, Vint Barney, Lydia Broyard, Yvette Brown, Shirley Pratt, Grace Jones, Lorraine Bowman, Zelinda Lawrence, Troylyn Lawrence, Ruby Perry, Yolanda Green, John Aguillard, Barbara Phillips, Lyndia Faust, Diane Blanks, Ina Claire Buckley, Kevin Boyd, Louise Jenkins, Toki Joseph, Joseph Williams, Gerard Robinson, Sr., Emelda Petit, Johnnie Petit, Scarlett Crawford, Vivian Plessy, Debra Gray, Frederick Gray, Lionel and Marion Evans, Gerald Stone, Sr. Janet Pruitt, Jerry Queen, Verlyn Mallory, Marva Batiste, Bronson Lee, John Parker, Maureen Nutting, Cynthia Bluford, Barbara Montague, Victoria Leslie.

**What is "Church"?** The essence of "church" is your Christian family-those people who follow Christ and commit themselves to HIM and to each other. When the apostle Paul wrote about the church, he wasn't talking about a building, an activity or an institution. For Paul, the expression of "church" meant a personal relationship among Christians. He most often compared the "church" to a human body. In a body, all parts and details are important and they function in harmony.



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
*July 16-22, 2017*



**Sunday, July 16, 2017**

7:30 a.m. Jules, Jr., & Pauline Bakewell  
Mr. Jules Bakewell, III  
Ms. Audrey Bakewell  
Ms. Florence Bradley  
Ms. Emily O'Brien  
Mr. James Smith, III  
9:00 a.m. Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum  
Mr. Percy Walker  
Ms. Mary Dabon  
Mr. John John  
Ms. Savannah Butler  
Mr. Morel Dupart  
Ms. Janice Parker  
Bartholomew, Jr., & Ramona Bruno  
Mr. Dwight Bluford, Jr.  
Mr. Herbert Richardson  
11:30 a.m. Ms. Gwendolyn Wiltz  
Mr. Rudy Winford  
Living & deceased members of the Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Prevost, Saulney and Wilson families

**Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

**Thursday, July 20, 2017**

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

**Friday, July 21, 2017**

8:30 a.m. Mass-St. Ann's Chapel

**Saturday, July 22, 2017**

4:00 p.m. Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.  
Mr. Christopher Woodfork



*From the Desk of Deacon Lawrence Houston, Principal:*

We have openings for students in PreK3. Compare the cost of daycare to St. Peter Claver School. We are a better bargain! Come check us out! God's Blessings!

July 22, 2017

July 23, 2017

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**



- 4:00 p.m. **Tiffany Davis**, Stella Reese, Ingrid Delahoussaye, Derek Delahoussaye, Seritha Spadoni, Veronica Stevenson
- 7:30 a.m. **Nona Webb**, Monique Hardy, Yolanda Green, Elvira Talton, Chandra Green
- 9:00 a.m. **Cynthia Gilbert**, Mark Foster, Alice Grooms, Diane Blanks, Keith Darby
- Balcony:** Lynette Walker, Mary Boutté, Debra Smith
- 11:30 a.m. **Emelda Watts**, Stephanie Watts, Donald Reed, Sharlena Johnson, Arthur Johnson

**Balcony:** **Marvelle Perrin**, Kayla Houston, Kathleen Lee

**LECTORS**

- 4:00 p.m. Brenda Lackings \* Verita Thomas  
7:30 p.m. Kendra Tircuit \* Ellen Lee  
9:00 a.m. Cynthia Gilbert \* Jabari Gibson  
11:30 a.m. Claude Montegut \* Stephanie Smith



**Weekly Ministry Schedule**

**July 17-23, 2017**

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|--------|------------|--|
| Mon.   | 6:00 p.m.  | Bible Study-Ujima Center<br><b>Information Session:<br/>The Bible Timeline</b> |
| Tues.  | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass-Rectory   |
|        | 10:00 a.m. | Food Pantry—Misaada Center   |
|        | 5:00 p.m.  | Legion of Mary-Ujima Ctr.  |
| Wed.   | 6:30 p.m.  | Marriage Ministry-Ujima Ctr.   |
|        | 6:30 p.m.  | Youth Ministry—Sankofa Bldg.   |
| Thurs. | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass-Rectory   |
|        | 10:00 a.m. | Food Pantry-Misaada Center   |
|        | 6:00 p.m.  | Adult Choir Rehearsal  |
|        | 6:00 p.m.  | Bereavement Ministry-Ujima   |
| Fri.   | 8:30 a.m.  | Mass-St Ann's Chapel   |
|        | 6:00 p.m.  | Boy Scouts-Ujima Center  |
| Sat.   | 10:45 a.m. | Liturgical Dance Practice-School Hall  |
|        | 4:00 p.m.  | Vigil Mass-Church  |
| Sun.   | 7:30 a.m.  | Sunday Mass—Church   |
|        | 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday Mass-Church   |
|        | 11:30 a.m. | Sunday Mass-Church   |



**Religious Education News**

St. Peter Claver Parish Confirmation Program. The ordinary time for Confirmation in the Archdiocese of New Orleans is 11th grade. We will begin signing up 11th graders after Mass the weekend of July 22nd & 23rd, 2017. Parents, grandparents and godparents, please encourage your youth to sign up. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of Church.

**The Celebration of the Feast of St. Ann..**



The Triduum of St. Ann will be celebrated at our St. Ann Shrine, 2100 Ursulines Avenue beginning Tuesday, July 25th, Wednesday, July 26th and Thursday, July 27th. The gates will open on these days from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We will pray the Novena to St. Ann at 10:00 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m., we will celebrate Mass followed with a light reception. *Please join us.*

**St. Peter Claver Food Pantry**



**Parishioners:** **Please don't forget the St. Peter Claver Food Pantry! While many are grocery shopping, members of our community are in need of food; add a few cans for them. Remember to bring nonperishable items and canned goods to church on Sunday. Our Food Pantry is in need of canned items, such as: milk, peas, green beans, corn, vegetables. We are asking that each parishioner bring two can items on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for your support!!**

**ATTENTION:**

If you know of any parishioners that are homebound, in the hospital or nursing facilities and are in need of receiving communion are ask to please call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059 and submit their names. Your help would be most appreciative.



**Scripture Readings for:**  
July 17-23, 2017

**Monday-7/17/17**      *Exodus 1:8-14, 22*  
                                  *Matthew 10:34-11:1*

**Tuesday-7/18/17**    *Exodus 2:1-15a*  
                                  *Matthew 11::20-24*

**Wednesday-7/19/17** *Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12*  
                                  *Matthew 11:25-27*

**Thursday -7/20/17**    *Exodus 3:13-20*  
                                  *Matthew 11:28-30*

**Friday-7/21/17**      *Exodus 11:10-12:14*  
                                  *Matthew 12:1-8*

**Saturday-7/22/17**    *Songs 3:1-4b or*  
                                  *2 Corinthians 5:14-17*  
                                  *John 20:1-2, 11-18*

**Sunday -7/23/17**     *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19*  
                                  *Romans 8:26-27*  
                                  *Matthew 13:24-43 or*  
                                  *13:24-30*



**FATIMA ROSARY**

**Monday, July 17, 2017**  
**5:30 p.m. St. Ann Apartments**  
**in the Chapel**

*Rosary*

**Hosted By: Ms. Brenda Guichard**



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**Will burn in memory for:**

**Savannah Butler**

**Requested by: Ms. Ida Butler, grandmother**



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

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



**St. Peter Claver Church**  
**Health & Wellness Ministry**

**HEAT EXHAUSTION**

Southern summer climate brings about steamy hot weather which can be harmful to many. Precautions can be taken to prevent heat exhaustion and other heat-related illnesses. **When temperatures climb, remember to:** Wear loose fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing; Avoid sunburn (wear a lightweight, wide brimmed hat or use an umbrella to protect yourself from the sun, and apply sunscreen to any exposed skin); Seek a cooler place (an air-conditioned building is one of the best ways to prevent heat exhaustion, fans alone aren't adequate to counter high heat and humidity); Drink plenty of fluids (staying hydrated will help your body sweat and maintain a normal body temperature. On a fluid restriction because of a health condition—be sure to check with your health care provider about how much extra you need to drink when the temperature rises); Avoid alcoholic beverages; Certain medications need special precautions —(ask your doctor or pharmacist whether the medications you take make you more susceptible to heat exhaustion and, if so, what you can do to keep your body from overheating); Avoid hot spots (on a hot day, the temperature in your parked car can rise 20 F (11c) in just 10 minutes; Let your car cool off before you drive it; **Never leave children or anyone else in a parked car in hot weather;** Do not exercise or do any strenuous activity in hot weather (lawn work, exterior painting); taking breaks and replenishing your fluids during the day will help your body regulate your temperature.

**If you need more information about Heat Exhaustion or Heat Stroke, please call or visit the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Misaada**

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

**Phone: 504-822-8059**

**References:** Centers of Disease Control; Mayo Clinic

# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
2 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 am Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 am Mass	3 NO Bible Study	4 	5 5:30 pm Liturgy Mtg. 6:30 pm 6:30 pm Youth Ministry	6 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	7 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	8 4:00 pm Vigil Mass 6:30 pm Wedding-Church
9 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 am Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 am Mass	10 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study	11 6:30 pm LOM Community Mtg. 7:00 pm Nia-Imani	12 6:30 pm Youth Ministry	13 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Central Committee Meeting	14 4:00 pm Social Concerns 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	15 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
16 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 am Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 am Mass Youth Picnic	17 6:00 pm Bible Study; <i>Information Session on The Bible Timeline</i>	18	19 6:30 pm Marriage Min. 6:30 pm Youth Ministry	20 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Bereavement Ministry	21 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	22 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
23 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 am Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 am Mass	24 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study	25 Feast of St. Ann 6:00 pm Pastoral Council	26 Feast of St. Ann 6:30 pm Youth Ministry	27 Feast of St. Ann 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	28 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	29 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
30 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 am Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 am Mass	31 6:00 pm Bible Study					

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