



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

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Pastor

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

In Romans 9, Paul turns from discussing an Adam-ic humanity to the people who have descended from Abraham. Earlier Paul asserted the priority of Jews in God's salvation plans (Romans 1:16; 2:9-10). Paul has already asked in Romans 3:1-8 if the Jews' rejection of the messiah can revoke the entrusting of God's Word given to them, and hence whether God is faithful. This issue is important, especially given the long anti-Jewish history of the Christian church. Just as-and because-Paul has adamantly declared God's goodness and generosity in Romans 8, he will argue fiercely for Israel's salvation and God's faithfulness.

We see Jesus' faithful determination to save in our Gospel reading today. Although the disciples mistook him as a ghost and Peter doubted, Jesus walks on the stormy sea to join them and reaches out to save a sinking Peter.

Psalms 85 and Elijah's story in 1 Kings 19 affirm this divine and faithful determination to save. Because of Jezebel's death threat against him, Elijah becomes fearful, runs away, feels sorry for himself, and even asks God to take his life. But God's angel provides for him, and God assures him that he still has a mission to perform and that God will have a faithful following despite how things may look (1 Kings 19:15-18).

Paul also expresses a wish for self-destruction in Romans 9, not as a way to end one's disappointment, but so his fellow Jews would replace him in God's redemption. To be condemned and cast off himself so others would be saved is precisely what happened to Jesus. By alluding to this, Paul points to God's faithfulness while showing his own commitment to salvation through solidarity with Jesus' suffering.

- ◆ What can be done to remedy or rectify the Church's anti-Jewish legacies?
- ◆ What implications does this divine and faithful determination to redeem have for us today?
- ◆ How may we mistake setbacks or detours as (divine) failures?

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.



Please continue with your tithing for Stewardship. You can do on-line giving, 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

Don't forget to join in on our St. Peter Claver Church Prayer and Fasting. **(We will continue our prayer line through the month of August, 2020; Monday-Friday at 12:00 noon).** 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 "Live Mass" at 10:00 a.m.

Prayer Line Reflections: July 31, 2020

By: Ms. Lyndia Faust

I and possibly many of you are creatures of habit taking comfort in life's perceived predictability. For example, prior to mid-March, 2020, I had a habit of arriving at church by 9:45 a.m. for 10:00 am Mass. It was predicable that I would secure a prized spot in the Church's parking lot and a choice seat in the choir stand. Conversely, it was predicable that arriving at 10:00 or later would land me a parking spot on the street, possibly several blocks from church, a less favored spot in the choir stand, possibly that top row where I would sometimes bang my head on the ledge when standing. Thus, the possibility of arriving at Church late caused me to be anxious.

The level of anxiety paled in comparison to the anxiety I began experiencing when my world of predictability began crumbling as I learned about the COVID-19 Pandemic. Questions, questions and more questions...What is it? How does it spread? How can I avoid getting it? Will I or my loved ones suffer grave painful illness or possibly death at the hands of this virus?

A major blow was delivered when I learned that my habit of attending 10 o'clock Sunday Mass would be replaced with attendance at a virtual mass because of the pandemic. No more singing with my beloved choir, no more hugs during the sign of peace, no more chats with friends in the parking lot after mass, no more chicken wings after mass in the cafeteria for special occasions—all joyous predictable experiences—gone with no idea for how long.

My anxiety level was through the roof until choir sisters, Emma Steib and Emelda Paul turned me on to the St. Peter Claver noon prayer line. Wow, that was a transformative experience in my pandemic fear or filled life. Listening to the messages of hope in songs sung by Veronica, Renee, Camille and Emeka had a calming effect. My faith to trust God and keep hope alive was deepened by hearing the scriptural readings, the reflections on the world of God and the prayers offered daily on the noon prayer line. I have found in the prayer line a new habit that predictably reduces my level of pandemic anxiety and fills my spirit with hope, peace, and comfort.

Continue..

Prayer Line Reflections: July 31, 2020

By: Ms. Lyndia Faust

I'll close with one of my favorite scriptural messages found in Philippians 4:6.

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with Thanksgiving, make a request known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

I find that peace the Apostle Paul speaks of by participating in our noon prayer line.



Schedule
August 10-16, 2020

All meetings have been
cancelled until further
notice!



The Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary is
Saturday, August 15, 2020

Mass Time: 7:30 a.m.,
in the Church



ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH

NEW ORLEANS, LA

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 & Claire Bidol, Demetria Bernard, Jerald LaPierre, Robert "RJ" LaPierre, 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, Florence Lee, Sarah Lafitte, Gail O'Brien, Marynell Fernandez, Charlie Mae Thompson, Gloria Oliver, Myrtle Williams, Edward Brown, Lucille Anderson, Charmaine Prevost, Evelyn Shokes, Henry Head, Ethylene Permillion, Pamela Pleasant, Mary Ellen LeBlanc, Esther Balanciere, Shayna Vigne, Jolene Jeff, Bryon Bernard, Iris McKinney, Victor Hampton.

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.**



Knights of Peter Claver
Council 50; Is sponsoring:
A Men's Retreat

THEME:

Prayer: A Conversation with God



Men's Retreat

Calling All Men!!!!!!!!!!

Brothers in Christ, it is our time to retreat to a quiet place together as Brothers and be renewed and strengthened as "Men of Christ."

Join the Knights of Peter Claver (KPC), Council #50 for a Men's Retreat.

Saturday, September 5, 2020
9:00 a.m.

St. Peter Claver Church

For more information and to sign up contact the Parish Office, 822-8059

PRAYER FOR THOUGHT...

Light your lamps and await your master's return. You must be prepared, for at a time you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.



Wherever your treasure lies, there your heart will be. Be like those awaiting their master's return so when he arrives, you can open the door without delay. We are fed with the gift of finest wheat. Glorify the Lord, O Jerusalem!

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.

Bible Study Quote:

But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" *Matthew 14:30*

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE! In these verses, St. Paul Keeps his eyes on the prize of serving God and is determined to hold on until the end. He could have been distracted or intimidated by the agonies which he endured at the hands of his own Jewish people. Yet, for the sake of Christ, he stayed focused on the love of God for them. He described himself as "anguished" because of their spiritual blindness that prevented them from embracing the Gospel of Jesus Christ (**vv. 1-2**). He was so focused on the Gospel of love that he was willing to give up his faith—the worst possible fate imaginable—if, as a people, the Jews would accept Jesus Christ. He kept his eyes on the prize.

He encouraged the Jewish people to stay focused on the Gospel. He called them, "Israelites," an honorable name. It was God who changed Jacob's name to *Israel*. He recounted the seven privileges given to Israel: adoption (Is. 1:2), covenants, glory, the commandments, worship, and promises. The crowning gift was Christ. He invited them to keep their eyes on the prize, accept the Gospel and receive the privileges of a life in Jesus Christ.

Discussion Question: Have you lost sight of God's mercy during this age of racial injustice and a global pandemic?

Pray About It!

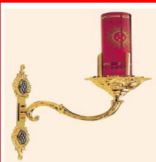
Monday: Read 1 Kings 9:9-13. Spend time in mediation listening for God's voice.

Tuesday: Read Romans 9:1-5. What would you give up to bring others to Christ?

Wednesday: Pray the Nicene Creed. What doubts do you have about the teachings of the Church?

Thursday: Read Matthew 14:22-33. do you see Jesus in others?

Friday: Perform an Act of Spiritual Communion.



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in Memory of:

Mr. Michael Anthony Graham, II
(Heavenly 45th Birthday)
Requested by: His mother,
Deborah Graham



Visit
St. Ann's Shrine
(2100 Block of Ursulines Ave.)
**Tuesday, Thursday
& Saturday**
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon



August 8-14, 2020

Saturday, August 8, 2020

4:00 p.m. Ms. Leah Chase
Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
Mr. Wayne Reese, Sr.
Ms. Joyce Evans
Ms. Della Parker
Mr. Michael Anthony Graham, II
Ms. Sonja Mathieu
Mr. John Bidol (*Living*)
Mr. Ernest Milton (*Living*)

Sunday, August 9, 2020

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
Mr. Kenneth Carter
Ms. Lydia Broyard
Mr. Gerald Merritt
Mr. Michael Anthony Graham, II
10:00 a.m. Ms. Diane Davis
Ms. Jade Gibson
Ms. Gladys Shief
Ms. Earline Castenal
Mr. Lloyd Castenal, Jr.
Mr. Herbert Spurlock, Jr.
Edward and Edna Walker
Mr. Percy Walker
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
Mr. Michael Anthony Graham, II
Ms. Marguerite Batiste
Ms. Deanna Jefferson
Ms. Marguerite Jefferson
Ms. Terri Lee
Ms. Marguerite Lee
Living & deceased members of the
Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney,
Prevost & Wilson families

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church
Wednesday, August 12, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Thursday, August 13, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Friday, August 14, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Saturday, August 15, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass -Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary-Church

FATIMA ROSARY

All will continue praying the Rosary in the privacy of their homes at 4:00 p.m. until further notice.



Scripture Readings for:
August 10-16, 2020

*Monday-08/10/20 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
John 12:24-26*

*Tuesday-08/11/20 Ezekiel 2:8-3:4
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14*

*Wednesday-08/12/20 Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22
Matthew 18:15-20*

*Thursday-08/13/20 Ezekiel 12:1-12
Matthew 18:21-19:1*

*Friday-08/14/20 Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or
or 16:59-63
Matthew 19:3-12*

*Saturday-08/15/20 The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56*

*Sunday-08/16/20 Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Romans 11:13-15
Matthew 15:21-28*

St. Peter Claver Church "D.O.V.E.S. Ministry



Our love, sympathy and prayers go to our Parishioners who have lost family members during these difficult times.

We pray for the family of Ms. Stella Carr, who will be funeralized on Friday, August 14th; 10:00 a.m., St. Peter Claver.

Any parishioners experiencing the recent loss of an immediate family member, please contact the Bereavement Ministry through the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059, so we can offer support and prayers.

ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS



AUGUST, 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
2 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	3 12:00 noon Prayer Line	4 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	5 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	6 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	7 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	8 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
9 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	10 12:00 noon Prayer Line	11 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	12 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	13 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	14 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	15 <i>7:30 am The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
16 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	17 12:00 noon Prayer Line	18 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	19 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	20 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	21 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	22 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
23 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	24 12:00 noon Prayer Line	25 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	26 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	27 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	28 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	29 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
30 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	31 12:00 noon Prayer Line					

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