



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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Pastor

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Mr. Allen Stevens

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Mrs. Veronica Downs-Dorsey
Director of Music

Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston
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 Old Testament passages present God's people as sheep. Matthew's parable continues this metaphor but contrasts them with goats. The parable's setting is similar to the one in 1 Corinthians 15. There, Paul assures the Corinthians of the resurrection and that, just as God raised Jesus, God through Christ will raise us from the dead and give Christ a place of supremacy.

Although the sheep are accepted and the goats rejected before the supreme Christ in Matthew's parable, they share two things in common. First, both call Jesus "Lord." Matthew's Jesus has made it clear that "not everyone who says ... 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). Our actions are more important than our words, and God desires that our actions are expressions of mercy for the weak and vulnerable. In fact, that is how today's Old Testament passages describe God's attitude and actions toward us as our shepherd: God cares for us with goodness and mercy, even or especially when we are lost, astray, or injured.

Second, both the sheep and the goats express that they have never seen Jesus in a needy condition. Neither group knows or understands the reasons or implications of their actions, but one chose to act with mercy while the other chose to ignore the needs of people they encountered. The point here is not that ignorance is bliss, as Matthew's Jesus spends a lot of time teaching (such as the Sermon on the Mount in chapters 5-7), and he tells people to learn and practice the teachings of the religious leaders (Matthew 23:2-3). Rather, the significance is that while our understandings can be limited, the most important thing is how we treat "these least ones" (Matthew 25:40, 45).

- What does the metaphor of God as shepherd communicate?
- Who would you identify as today's "least ones"?
- Is there a human or social need that you see but do not understand?

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.

A NATION'S PRAYER

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded.

You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



A THANKSGIVING PRAYER



This Thanksgiving let those who have much and those who have little gather at the welcoming table of the Lord. At this blessed fest, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve one another and to walk together in God's gracious world. With thankful hearts we praise our God who like a loving parent denies no good thing.

NOTE: *Thanksgiving Day Mass– Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church. Invite your entire family to give “THANKS”*



St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

ADVENT Giving, 2019

GIVE HOPE!

During Advent the season of hope and expected waiting, we have the opportunity to share hope with the most vulnerable of our community who are in need. Each week we will give items for a specific Charitable Agency. Remember *Matthew 25:31-40*. “When I was hungry you gave me food.. When I was naked you clothed me...Whatever you did to one of these least...you did for me.” Mercy is endless.. First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020; “Lantern Light at The Rebuild Center”; **Gift Items: Socks, Men t-shirts; Toothpaste; Bar Soap; Deodorant;** All items should be new. Remember give your best. Bring the items to church and present them during the offering procession. These will be given to the agency after Mass. Hands are welcome to prepare the bags for pickup after Mass.

PRAYER FOR THOUGHT.....

CHRIST the KING To him be glory & power for all ages. Our Lord Jesus Christ the King; His crown is thorns His throne the hearts of all people; **COME LORD JESUS** return in glory! May HIS KINGDOM come. The Lord sits as King forever! **AMEN!!**

ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER

DIABETES EYE DISEASE

Diabetes affects about 18.2 million Americans and 5.2 million of those people don't know they have the disease. The longer you have diabetes, the greater your risk of developing diabetic eye disease. Diabetic eye disease refers to a group of eye problems that people with diabetes may face as a complication of diabetes. These eye diseases may include **Diabetic retinopathy** (damage to the blood vessels in the retina (the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye necessary for good vision); **Cataract** (clouding of the eye's lens-Cataracts develop at an earlier age in people with diabetes) and **Glaucoma** (increase in fluid pressure inside the eye that leads to optic nerve damage and loss of vision-a person with diabetes is nearly twice as likely to get glaucoma as other adults). All of these eye conditions can cause severe vision loss or even blindness but Diabetic retinopathy is the most common diabetic eye disease as well as the leading cause of blindness in American adults. If you have diabetic retinopathy, at first you may not have pain or notice changes to your vision during the early stages but over time, diabetic retinopathy can get worse and cause vision loss. Diabetic retinopathy usually affects both eyes. **Don't wait for symptoms.** See your eye care provider for a comprehensive **dilated eye exam** (this allows the eye doctor to check your eye's blood vessels for unusual changes) at least once a year.

REFERENCES: National Eye Institute; Mayo Clinic

If you need more information about diabetes or help managing your diabetes call the Health & Wellness ministry located in the Misaada Center.

Office Hours: Tues. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Phone: (504) 822-8059



(We will continue our prayer line through the month of November, 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 in Church or on line for our “Live Mass” at 10:00 a.m.

ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH

St. Peter Claver Homebound and Sick Parishioners

Please pray for the following parishioners and friends who are homebound or ill:

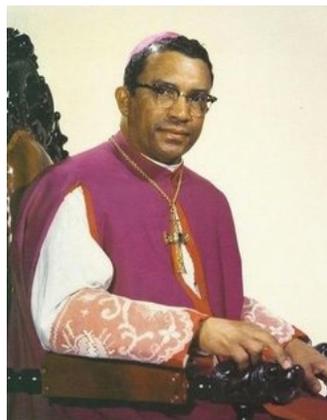
Edith Henry, Alice Allen, Gwendolyn Rocque, Joycelyn Johnson, Stanley & Beatrice Grant, Pearl Dupart, Aaron LaCabe, Bernice Stein, Javette and Michael Garner, John & Claire Bidol, Demetria Bernard, Jerald LaPierre, Robert "RJ" LaPierre, Marie Walker, Chris Price, Shirley Walton, Antoinette Johnston, 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, 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, Etheline Permillion, Pamela Pleasant, Esther Balanciere, Shayna Vigne, Jolene Jeff, Bryon Bernard, Victor Hampton, Clarence Robinson, Jr., Kenneth Williams, Baby Aria Polite, Paula Aubert, Sabrina Davis, Lenox Perkins.

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.**

NEW ORLEANS, LA

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH BISHOP Harold Robert Perry



Harold Robert Perry was the first African American to become a bishop in the Catholic Church in the modern era. Perry was born in Lake Charles, LA on October 9, 1916, the son of a mill worker and a domestic cook. He knew at a young age that he wanted to enter the ministry, and

at age thirteen he entered the Society of Divine Word Seminary in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. In 1944, he was ordained into the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, becoming the twenty-sixth African American to attain this position.

As civil rights increasingly became a major national issue in the 1950s, Perry also gave it his attention. By 1960, he had joined the National Catholic Council for Interracial Justice. He started writing and expressing his concerns about segregation within the Catholic Church and the broader American society. In 1963, he was invited to a meeting of religious leaders with President John F. Kennedy to discuss desegregation. In 1964 the same year that he was appointed Provincial Superior of the southern province of the Divine Word Society in the United States, he also became the first black member of the clergy to deliver the opening prayer in Congress.

The following year, Perry was appointed auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of New Orleans by Pope Paul VI. In this capacity, he became the first black bishop in the Roman Catholic Church in the twenty-first century. Some white protestors gathered outside his consecration, with one woman describing it as "another reason why God will destroy the Vatican."

Throughout his life, Perry continued to be a spiritual teacher and an ardent supporter of civil rights. He died in Marrero, Louisiana, on July 17, 1991.

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:

“Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?” He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’”

THERE IS A KING IN YOU! *Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.* These words attributed to St. Patrick affirms that Christ the King of the Universe lives in us.

The readings of the final Sunday of the church year direct our focus to Christ the King of the Universe. Who is the King? He is the one who made us. He is the one who breathed His life in us. He is the one who Impressed His image on each human being. He is the one who redeemed us from eternal destruction, Christ the Creator and Deliverer lives in every human being. For this reason, we are called to serve each other. When we serve others, we serve Him. Yes, the King of the Universe chose to live through us. There is a King in you!

In chapters 24 and 25, the Gospel of St. Matthew sets the tone of a great judgment through a sequence of parables. In each parable, Jesus urged His disciples to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, St. Matthew reveals what will happen when He arrives. The Lord Jesus will “repay everyone according to his conduct” (16:27). The scene of the son of Man in final judgment over every thought and act of mankind is simply awesome (v. 31). Reaching back to the first treading (v. 32-33), St. Matthew presents the Son of Man in the role of the shepherd who judges, that is, divides His flock from the goats.

Pray About It!

Monday Read Matthew 25:31-46. Make a finical donation to Second Harvest.

Tuesday Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. Remove yourself from those things that will prevent your resurrection.

Wednesday Read Ezekiel 34:11-17. Are you a good shepherd? Do you share what you have?

Thursday Wear a mask today as a sign of your love for others.

Friday Reflect on how you have served others during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in Memory of:

Batiste, Lee & Jefferson Families

Requested By: Deborah Lee & Theresa Washington



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

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

November 21-27, 2020

Saturday, November 21, 2020

4:00 p.m. Ms. Leah Chase
 Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
 Mr. Wayne Reese, Sr.
 Ms. Joyce Evans
 Ms. Della Parker
 Ms. Ethel Milton
 Ms. Monica Washington
 Mr. Jiar Joseph Means
 Mr. John Bidol (*Living*)

Sunday, November 22, 2020

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
 Mr. Kenneth Carter
 Ms. Lydia Broyard
 Ms. Angela Blanks
 Ms. Florence Bradley
 Jules, Jr., & Pauline Bakewell
 Mr. Jules Bakewell, III

10:00 a.m. Ms. Ruby Downs
 Ms. Diane Davis
 Ms. Jade Gibson
 Mr. Ruben Brown, Sr.
 Ms. Mary Dabon
 Mr. John John
 Bartholomew, Jr. & Ramona Bruno
 Ms. Myrtle Brooks
 Mr. Vint Barney
 Mr. Darrius Hamilton
 Ms. LeVerne McWilliams
 Edward and Edna Walker
 Mr. Percy Walker
 Ms. Leittia Moore
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
 Living & deceased members of the
 Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Prevost ,
 Saulney & Wilson families

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 26, 2020

9:00 a.m. Mass-Church

Friday, November 27, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Scripture Reading

November 23-29, 2020

*Monday-11/23/20 Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5
Luke 21:1-4*

*Tuesday-11/24/20 Revelation 14:14-19
Luke 21:5-11*

*Wednesday-11/25/20 Revelation 15:1-4
Luke 21:12-19*

THANKSGIVING DAY

*Thursday-11/26/20 Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23;
19:1-3, 9a
Luke 21:20-28*

*Friday-11/27/20 Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2
Luke 21:29-33*

*Saturday-11/28/20 Revelation 22:1-7
Luke 21:34-36*

*Sunday-11/29/20 Isaiah 3:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37*

St. Peter Claver Adopt-A-Family



ADVENT is soon approaching. "Make Room and Prepare for the Coming of the Lord". Our Advent hope is to be able to help families in our communities prepare and share in the joy of Christ's coming. Adopting-a-Family is a wonderful way to share blessings with others during this season. If you would like to Adopt-a-Family, please contact Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston in the Parish Office (504) 822-8059 or via email; mlee@spclaverchurch.org. We are also accepting toy donations, if you would just like to donate. How would you feel as a child waking up Christmas morning and there are no gifts for you?

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 19:17

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NOVEMBER, 2020

Sun

Mon

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Sat

<p>1 <i>ALL SAINTS</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p>2 <i>ALL SOULS</i></p>	<p>3 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>4 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>5 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>6 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>7 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
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<p>29 1st Sunday of Advent 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p>30 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>					



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