



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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Rev. J. Asare-Dankwah
Pastor

DEACONS:

Mr. Lawrence Houston
Mr. Allen Stevens

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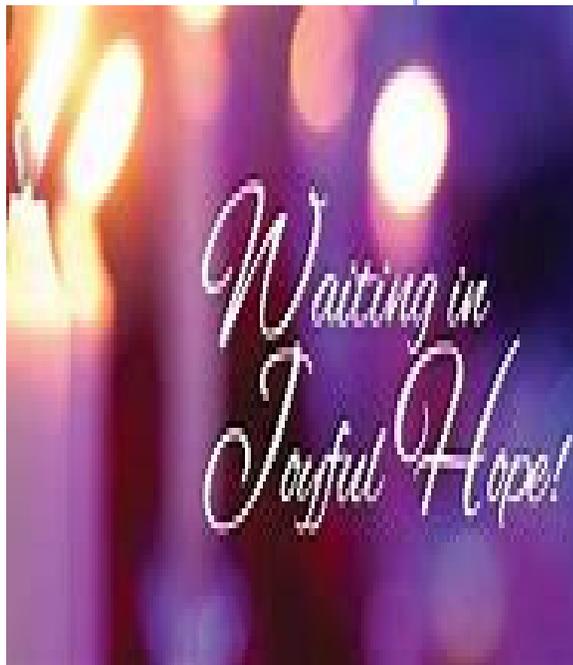
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Mrs. Edith B. Reed
Executive Secretary



First Sunday Of Advent

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

This First Sunday of Advent opens with a selection from the Book of Isaiah. More specifically, within these verses, we hear the plea of community members shortly after their return from exile. The rousing words of an earlier prophet who had proclaimed incredible words of hope must have seemed like false promises to the Jews whose homeland was far from what they had envisioned it would be. In a verse that is not part of the lectionary reading, God is asked: “Why have our enemies trampled your sanctuary?” (Isaiah 63:18).

This reading is a portion of a longer lament that shows pain, doubt and expectations. The suffering community turns to God and pleads for God to respond, to make things right. While the implication is that God is responsible for the current state of affairs, this people who claim God as “our father” (twice in the text) and “our redeemer” firmly believe that God can change their situation.

An interesting element appears to link the First Reading with the Responsorial Psalm. The statement “you have hidden your face from us,” near the end of the reading from Isaiah, is followed by the Psalm refrain “Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.”

The brief selection from Mark reminds us that we are indeed in the season of Advent. We are told to be watchful and alert while we await the coming of Christ. Although Mark’s message was first addressed to Christian of the first century, we too are invited to actively await the kingdom of God.

- ◆ Today’s laments from Isaiah and Psalm 80 can be seen as an invitation to reflect on the nature of our prayer. Can you bring all your concerns to God in prayer?
- ◆ Read carefully Paul’s words of gratitude for the community in Corinth. Take time today to express to God your gratitude for the ways in which you have been blessed.
- ◆ How do you intend to enter into this season of waiting? Take some time to reflect on your hopes for this Advent.

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.



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ADVENT Giving, 2020
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. Second Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2020;
"Family Justice Center"; Gift Items: Baby and toddler toys; Pampers/Pull Ups, 2-3 years old. 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.

Family Justice Center

The New Orleans Family Justice Center located in downtown New Orleans provides services to survivors and their families experiencing or have experienced violence such as domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, human trafficking and stalking. We are known within the community as a one stop shop offering intakes, emergency sheltering, social services, civil legacy advocacy and trauma recovery all free of charge. Family Justice Center is located at 701 Loyola Ave., Suite 201, (504) 592-4005. We sincerely appreciated your support and generosity through the years. It's because of people like you we're able to provide the services that we do.



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ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER

IS THE FLU VACCINE SAFE?

Flu vaccines have a good safety record. Hundreds of millions of Americans have safely received flu vaccines over the past 50 years. Extensive research supports the safety of seasonal flu vaccines. Each year, CDC works with the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other partners to ensure the highest safety standards for flu vaccines. More information about the safety of flu vaccines is available at www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/vaccinesafety.htm.

What are the side effects of flu vaccines?

Flu shots: Flu shots are made using killed flu viruses (for inactivated vaccines), or without flu virus at all (for the recombinant vaccine). So, you cannot get flu from a flu shot. Some minor side effects that may occur include soreness, redness, and/or swelling where the shot was given, low grade fever, and aches.

Nasal Spray flu vaccines: The viruses in nasal spray flu vaccines are weakened and do not cause the severe symptoms often associated with influenza illness. For adults, side effects from the nasal spray may include runny nose, headache, sore throat, and cough. For children, side effects may also include wheezing, vomiting, muscle aches, and fever. If these problems occur, they are usually mild and go away on their own, but serious reactions are also possible. Almost all people who receive flu vaccine have no serious problems from it.

Visit: www.vaccinefinder.org to find a flu vaccination clinic near you.

For more information, visit: www.cdc.gov/flu or call 1-800—CDC-INFO

If you need more information about the Flu Vaccine 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

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.

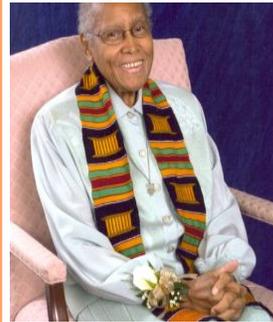
VOCATION PRAYER

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

Sr. M. Antona Ebo



Sr. M. Antona Ebo, whose courageous words march 10, 1965, in Selma became a rallying cry for the Civil Rights movement, died Saturday, November 11, 2017, at her home at the Sarah Community in Bridgeton. She was 93 and had been a Franciscan Sister of Mary

for 71 years. Besides her heartfelt commitment to the struggle for equal rights, Sr. Antona was a pioneer throughout her life. She was one of the first three African American women to enter the Sisters of St. Mary in 1946 (in 1987 the Sisters of St. Mary reunited with the Sisters of St. Francis of Maryville, Mo., as the Franciscan Sisters of Mary). She was the first African American woman to administer a Catholic hospital in the United States, and she served in congregational leadership at the time of the reunification of the congregation.

She was a founding member of the **National Black Sisters' Conference** in 1968 and served as its president. She was awarded six honorary doctorates and has received countless awards and distinctions. She continued to speak on her experiences into her 90s, challenging listeners to live out the truth that all God's creatures are equal in the eyes of God.



(We will continue our prayer line through the month of December, 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.

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.



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in Memory of:

Aunt Joan Marie Jefferson

Requested By: The Talton Family



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

Bible Study Quote:

"What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Mark 13:37

What are you looking for? Are you looking for love? The structure of the Advent season begins with the continuation of the images of the final judgment given in the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. The climax of the teachings on the final judgment comes on the First Sunday of Advent. Then the following three Sundays focus on preparatory themes for the celebration of the coming of Christmas and the first coming of the Messiah. The first reading is taken from "Third Isaiah" in which Israel sought the protection and the love of God. These verses express the great anxiety and expectation of the coming of Yahweh among them. Their attitude was repentant. They were not passively waiting but were actively searching their souls for a place for Yahweh to return. It was in waiting and seeking Yahweh that they recognized and repented of their infidelity (vv. 16-19). They realized the holy supremacy of God (64: 2-7). Now they could wait with a purpose, to know, love and serve Yahweh.

This prayer for the return of God's love demonstrates their recognition of the greatness of their offenses and the power of God. The reference to polluted rags and guilt captures the mood of total submission that is necessary for one seeking God's forgiveness. It is a prayer for the return of God's favor. They called God Father, and submitted to His will, like clay submits to a potter. These verses show that if we are looking for love we must first give love. Are you looking for love? **DISCUSSION QUESTION:** If you were God, how would you react to this prayer of Israel? Why?

Pray About It!

Monday Love is Patient: Read 1 John 4:7.

Watch for a chance to be patient. Place yourself last. Allow other to go ahead of you today.

Tuesday: Love is kind: Watch for a chance to love. Perform five acts of kindness to total strangers.

Wednesday: Love is Vigilant: Read Mark 13:33-37. Watch for opportunities to show love to others then take the opportunity.

Thursday: Love is grateful: Thank God for all He has done for you. Read 1 Col. 3:16

Friday: Love is Faithful. Perform an Act of Spiritual Communion.

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

November 28-December 4, 2020

Saturday, November 28, 2020

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

Sunday, November 29, 2020

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
 Mr. Kenneth Carter
 Ms. Lydia Broyard

10:00 a.m. Ms. Ruby Downs
 Ms. Diane Davis
 Ms. Jade Gibson
 Mr. Vint Barney
 Mr. Darrius Hamilton
 Ms. LeVerne McWilliams
 Edward and Edna Walker
 Mr. Percy Walker
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
 Living & deceased members of the
 Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Prevost,
 Saulney & Wilson families
 Living & deceased members of the
 Chase & Reese families
 Living & deceased of the DeCuir,
 Landrum, Porter, Sims & Spadoni
 families

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, December 3, 2020

9:00 a.m. Mass-Church

Friday, December 4, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Scripture Reading

November 30th-December 5, 2020

Monday-11/30/20

*Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5
Luke 21:1-4*

Tuesday-12/01/20

*Revelation 14:14-19
Luke 21:5-11*

Wednesday-12/02/20

*Revelation 15:1-4
Luke 21:12-19*

Thursday-12/03/20

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

Friday-12/04/20

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

Saturday-12/05/20

*Revelation 22:1-7
Luke 21:34-36*

Sunday-12/06/20

*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

PRAYER FOR THOUGHT: ADVENT:

We prepare for the coming of the Lord! Come, Lord Jesus! Prepare yourself for the coming of the Lord. Let us walk in the light of the Lord. The earth will yield its increase.



ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH

NOVEMBER, 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

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>22 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p>23 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>24 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>25 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>27 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>29 1st Sunday of Advent 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p>30 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>December 1 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>December 2 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>December 3 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>December 4 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line</p>	<p>December 5 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>

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