



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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DEACONS:

Mr. Lawrence Houston
Mr. Allen Stevens

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Mrs. Alena Boucree
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Mrs. Veronica Downs-Dorsey
Director of Music

Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston
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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

The season of Advent is shaped by two distinct threads in the tapestry of Scripture readings: God's promise to bring forth a Messiah and the people's preparations for the Messiah, both as an infant and as the Lord returning at the end of time. Throughout the Advent readings we see God's promise unfolding for the people of Israel. They are changed to be reading and that exhortation is for us in our time as well. The prophets, the Apostle Paul, and Jesus are giving us directions for our Advent journey. Today Jeremiah proclaims the promise of the Lord God: a "just shoot" will come forth to do what "is right and just" for the people. God's promise will be for the entire house of Israel. In the Responsorial Psalm, the Lord will lead and instruct the faithful in the way of "kindness and constancy." It is a prayer for those who seek divine guidance so as to live in the Lord's friendship. Paul prays that the Thessalonians will live in this friendship; that they will "be blameless in holiness." He exhorts them to strive to conduct our lives in a way that will be one with "all his holy ones," ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus. The cosmic predictions of Jesus are serious and foreboding; they get our attention. Scripture scholars tell us that this is not literal language, but a figure of speech that communicates a profound spiritual message. This style of prophetic preaching awakens us to God intervening in human affairs. The coming of the Son of Man will indeed transform the world and its peoples. How shall we prepare for such an astonishing event? Jesus tells us to be vigilant-not because God intends to frighten or destroy us, but because God has great things in store for those whom God redeems.

- How does each of these readings help us prepare for the coming of the Lord?
- How can members of your parish or your family mark the unfolding of Advent?
- What personal spiritual exercise would help you to be vigilant to the presence of God in the world?

DECEMBER 1, 2019

PARISH CENTENNIAL IN 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we know, our beloved St. Peter Claver Church is one of the Archdiocese of New Orleans' oldest parishes, located in the historic Treme neighborhood. In fact, we are preparing to celebrate our Centennial in 2020 with a series of activities and events designed to commemorate 100 years of serving the faithful. A special committee of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church parishioners and supporters have begun planning for the occasion, and according to the 100th Anniversary Committee Chair, Therese Badon, "we are seeking more volunteers to assist us in making sure the Centennial events next year will be enjoyable, faith-filled and memorable." Current plans for the Centennial Weekend in September of 2020 will include a Gospel Concert, a Banquet Gala, and a Special Mass followed by the Parish Picnic. Volunteers are still needed to assist the 100th Anniversary Committee in several areas especially in preparing a souvenir booklet, soliciting sponsors, etc. Interested parishioners are encouraged to attend the next meeting of the Centennial Committee taking place on **Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m.** in the School Cafeteria.

To volunteer or discuss how you can assist the St. Peter Claver Centennial celebration before the next meeting on **Wednesday, December 4th**, contact Marinda Lee-Houston at the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, November 24, 2019 was **\$10,858.59**; **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for November 24, 2019 is **\$7,968.41**; **2nd Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$224.73.**

Thanks for your generosity.



St. Peter Claver Church,
Ms. Karen Alcorn @ & Scout
BSA Troop 185
would like to "Congratulate"

Isaiah Lawrence Alcorn

He will be receiving the Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday, December 7, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m., in the Parish all from St. Peter Claver Church Boys Scout Troop 185

This Award is the Highest Rank of Advancement!!

Boys Scouting at St. Peter Claver Church is a year-round program for boys ages 11-17. Troop 185 has 32 years of history and tradition. The troop meets every Friday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Ujima Center, 1019 N. Prieur Street. Contact Scoutmaster Garry Winchester or for more information: 504-251-7650 or garry.winchester@gmail.com.

NOTE: Reception following the ceremony



Scripture Readings for:
December 2-8, 2019

Monday-12/2/19	Isaiah 4:2-6 Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday-12/3/19	Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday-12/4/19	Isaiah 25:6-10a Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday-12/5/19	Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday-12/6/19	Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday-12/7/19	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9:
Sunday-12/8/19	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44



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.



MEETING NOTICE!

Schedule
December 2-8, 2019

Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study—School Library
Tues.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry-Misaada Center
	5:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary-Ujima Center
	6:00 p.m.	Family Life-Ujima Center
	6:30 p.m.	Youth/Young Adult Choir
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	6:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Eve Rehearsal-Church
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry-Ujima Center
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal-Church
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	6:00 p.m.	Boys Scout-Ujima Center
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass-Church
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory for:
The Batiste, Jefferson & Lee Families

Requested by: The Family

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT..

The United States Census 2020
To Become a Census Taker

Apply Online! 2020census.gov/jobs

As part of the application process, you will be asked to respond to questions that relate to your educational, work, and other experience. If you need help, just call 1-855-562-2020.

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, Myra Harrell, Pearl Dupart, Aaron LaCabe, Bernice Stein, Joyce Evans, Javette and Michael Garner, John & Claire Bidol, Demetria Bernard, Gladys Shief, Jerald LaPierre, Robert "RJ" LaPierre, Doris Finister, Marie Walker, Chris Price, Shirley Walton, Antoinette Johnston, Cindy Armstrong, Ralph Walker, Albert & Miriam Boucree, Audrey Evans, Vint Barney, Lydia Broyard, 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, Tamiko Haynes, Warrentia Clincy, Wilma Wilson, Wendell Baptiste, Maxine Rixner, Jeremy Tauriac, Shonne Pierce, Wylene Jones, Nowell Lackings, Sr., Roslind Louis, Lydia Edwards, Ted Nutting, Alcede Carter, Joseph Washington, Ruby Downs, Delores Chapital, Rockial Riley, Jerri Queen, Malcolm Lear, Mary Harris, Florence Lee, Sarah Lafitte, Gail O'Brien, Marynell Fernandez, Charlie Mae Thompson, Donna Stallworth, Gloria Oliver, Gerald Merritt.

FATIMA ROSARY

Monday, December 2, 2019
@ 5:00 p.m. 2100 Ursulines Ave., Apt. 1103



Requested by: Ms. Jeri Queen



NEW ORLEANS, LA

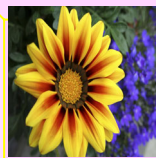
St. Peter Claver Adopt-A-Family



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 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



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

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

December 7, 2019

December 8, 2019



- 4:00 p.m. **Reginald Vicks**, Claudette Vicks, Cynthia Smothers, Verita Thomas, Cleo Silas, Veronica Stevenson
- 7:30 a.m. **Chandra Green**, Ellen Lee, Yolanda Green, Ann Coston, Keith Darby
- 10:00 a.m. **Mary Boutté**, Marguerite Johnson, Cynthia Gilbert, Jabari Gibson, Angie Nash
- Balcony:** **Mark Foster**, Darnell Brooks, Kathleen Lee

Lectors

- 4:00 p.m. Sandra Dave * Cynthia Davis
- 7:30 p.m. Amber Brown * Ellen Lee
- 10:00 a.m. Stephanie Smith * Lisha Wheeler



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. Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2019; "**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 appreciate 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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Sylvia Cares

4th Annual Christmas
PAJAMA Drive, 2019

There are many children active and vital members of our community who will not receive a Christmas gift this holiday season. Please let it be about **GIVING** and not just receiving! Please help me spread a little joy and love to the children in our community this holiday season by donating a new set of **PAJAMAS!!** **Sizes: Infant 3 mos-24 mos.; Toddler 2T-6T, 6x; girls/boys 7-14; Youth S, M, L & XL; Adult S, M, & L.** Donations will be accepted on Sunday, December 1, 2019 thru Sunday, December 22, 2019 I will be in the Vestibule (back) of the Church and can be left in the Parish Office, 1910 Ursulines Avenue.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Confirmation Candidates will meet on this Sunday, the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

Each year our parish has a special Mass for the children on Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm. There will be a meeting for school aged children K – 12th grade who are interested in participating on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 pm in the Church. Please sign up in the back of church.





Mass Intention

November 30th-December 6, 2019

Saturday, November 30, 2019

4:00 p.m. Ms. Leah Chase
Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
Mr. Thomas A.G. Lee
Mr. Jiar Joseph Means
Ms. Della Parker
Mr. John Bidol (Living)

Sunday, December 1, 2019

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
Mr. Kenneth Carter
Mr. James Smith, III
Ms. Florence Bradley
Mr. Jules Bakewell, III
Jules, Jr., & Pauline Bakewell
In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

10:00 a.m. Ms. Jade Gibson
Bartholomew, Jr., & Ramona Bruno
Ms. Myrtle Brooks
Mr. Chester Staes
Mr. Lionel Joienille
Edward and Edna Walker
Mr. Percy Walker
Ms. Leverne McWilliams
Ms. Angela McWilliams
Ms. Vivian Delaney
Mr. Lester Marshall
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
Living & deceased member sof the
Guidry & Donatto families
Living & deceased members of the
Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney,
Prevost & Wilson families

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Thursday, December 5, 2019

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Friday, December 6, 2019

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

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 HEALTH CORNER



HIV/AIDS AWARENESS

HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus. It kills or damages the body's immune system cells. **AIDS** stands for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. It is the most advanced stage of HIV infection. **HIV most often spreads** through unprotected sex with an infected person. It may also spread by sharing drug needles or through contact with the blood of an infected person. Women can give it to their babies during pregnancy or child-birth. The **first signs** of HIV infection may be swollen glands and flu-like symptoms. These may come and go a month or two after infection. **Severe symptoms** may not appear until months or years later. There is no cure, but there are many medications to fight both HIV infection and the infections and cancers that come with it. People can live with the disease for many years with proper treatment.

A blood test can tell if you have HIV infection. For testing see your health provider, Tulane Community Health (Orleans Avenue & Broad Street), Odyssey House or call the national referral hotline at 1-800-CDCV-INFO (24 hours a day, 1-800-232-4636 in English and en Español; 1-888-232-6348—TTY

References: National Institute of Health; PubMed; Mayo Clinic

If you need more information about HIV/AIDS or help scheduling an appointment call the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Missada Center.

Office Hours: Tues. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Phone: 504-827-0707



ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH
Events & Meetings

December, 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1 1st Sunday of Advent 7:30 am Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass</p>	<p>2 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>3 7:30 am Mass 5:00 pm Legion of Mary 6:00 pm Family Life</p>	<p>4 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>5 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>6 7:30 am Mass Jr. Daughter Lock-in 6:00 p.m. Boys Scout</p>	<p>7 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass 4:00 pm Eagle Scout Honor</p>
<p>8 2nd Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>9 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>10 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>11 7:30 am Mass 7:00 pm McMain Christmas Concert</p>	<p>12 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>13 7:30 am Mass 4:30 pm Social Concerns 6:00 p.m. Boys Scout</p>	<p>14 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>15 3rd Sunday of Advent 5:00 pm Christmas Concert</p>	<p>16 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>17 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>18 7:30 am Mass 4:30 pm Bereavement Ministry</p>	<p>19 Fr. Asare's Birthday 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>20 7:30 am Mass 6:00 p.m. Boys Scout</p>	<p>21 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>22 4th Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>23 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 pm 11:30 pm</p>	<p>25 Merry Christmas 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p>26 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>27 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>28 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>31 7:30 am Mass</p>	<p>JAN 1 2020</p>	<p>JAN 2 2020</p>	<p>JAN 3 2020</p>	<p>JAN 4 2020 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>

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