



# 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.

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**FACEBOOK:** [www.saintpeterclaverNOLA](http://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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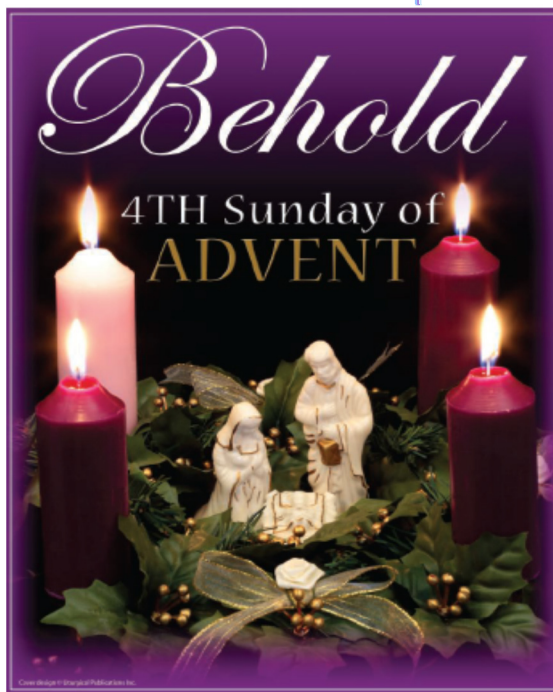
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## MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Archdiocese of New Orleans  
Office of the Archbishop

TO: Clergy, Religious and  
Laity in the Archdiocese of  
New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in  
Christ:

In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, we have declared 2021 as a Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph.

For months, we have been preparing materials for the Year of the Eucharist and very recently Pope Francis proclaimed 2021 a year to honor St. Joseph. After consultation with the Presbyteral council we have combined the two observances. As we receive information from the Vatican on the St. Joseph observance we will make those available to you and provide opportunities to honor St. Joseph.

The reason for 2021 being dedicated to the Eucharist is to help all of us grow in our relationship with Christ and learn more about:

- The meaning of the parts of the Mass
- The theology of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist
- The obligation we have as Catholics to Participate in Mass on Sunday.

Please be assured of my prayers for you as the pandemic continues. This year has been very challenging and we will be glad to welcome 2021!

God's blessings in this Advent season, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

**Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond**  
Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond  
Archbishop of New Orleans

December 20, 2020

### 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.



***Collection figures are not available at this time.***

***Please continue with your tithing for Stewardship. You can 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***



## SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

The first of today's readings is one of the best-known texts from the historical books of the Old Testament. What has come to be known as "the Davidic promise" tells of David's desire to build a house for the Lord. While David's plan seems to get off to a good start, the prophet Nathan informs him that this plan will not go forward. Instead, God has something else in mind. God will establish a dynasty (the same word in Hebrew can be translated "house") for David. At its heart, this passage is about the faithfulness of God and God's Word. The Responsorial Psalm continues this theme and celebrates the faithfulness of God.

The three verses from Paul's Letter to the Romans remind us that human beings cannot understand the ways in which God works within human history. The mystery of God is revealed in the person of Jesus the Christ, the one whose mystery we ponder this season.

Luke is the only evangelist who recounts for us the annunciations of the births of both John the Baptist and Jesus. Today we focus on Mary's response to the announcement that she will give birth to a son and name him Jesus and that he will be recognized as "Son of the Most High." Further (and linking this text with today's First Reading), Mary is told that "the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

These readings invite us to enter deeply into the mysterious ways of God. The story of David, a man favored by God, fills chapter upon chapter of the Old Testament, while Mary appears in only a few brief and scattered texts outside of this passage and the birth narrative of Matthew.

- Reflect on how you understand God's faithfulness to you and on your faithfulness to God.
- In what ways have you been invited to bring the mystery of God to light?
- How has God been made manifest to you and, though you, to those you encounter?

## ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER



### Similarities and Differences between Flu and COVID-19

#### How long someone can spread the virus?

Similarities: **For both COVID-19 and flu**, it's possible to spread the virus for at least 1 day before experiencing any symptoms. Differences: If a person has COVID-19, they may be contagious for a longer period of time than if they had flu.

#### **FLU**

Most people with flu are contagious for about 1 day before they show symptoms. Older children and adults with flu appear to be most contagious during the initial 3-4 days of their illness but many remain contagious for about 7 days. Infants and people with weakened immune systems can be contagious for even longer.

#### How Flu Spreads

**COVID-19:** *How long someone can spread the virus that causes COVID-19 is still under investigation.*

It's possible for people to spread the virus for about 2 days before experiencing signs or symptoms and remain contagious for at least 10 days after signs or symptoms first appeared. If someone is asymptomatic or their symptoms go away, it's possible to remain contagious for at least 10 days after testing positive for COVID-19.

How COVID-19 Spreads: Similarities: **Both COVID-19 and flu** can spread from person-to-person, between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). Both are spread mainly by droplets made when people with the illness (COVID-19 or flu) cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. It may be possible that a person can get infected by physical human contact (e.g., shaking hands) or by touching a surface or object that has virus on it and then touching his or her own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. Both flu virus and the virus that causes COVID-19 may be spread to others by people before they begin showing symptoms, with very mild symptoms or who never developed symptoms (asymptomatic).

*For more information, visit: [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu) or call 1-800—CDC-INFO;*

**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, Clarence Reese, Deborah Manuel-Oliver, Deanna Stephens, Diane LeBlanc.



There is much in the Gospels that helps us understand the concept of Christian Stewardship. Stewardship offers a way to invite all people to become more aware of Jesus Christ. His example and how through Stewardship we can become authentic Disciples of Christ. Through commitments of Talent, Treasure and Time, people will discover that they grow spiritually and their faith is deepened.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**



**A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

**Christmas Eve Mass**—December 24, 2020

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

6:00 p.m. Mass—Children's Christmas Eve Mass

**Midnight Mass:** December 24, 2020

Christmas Caroling at 11:30 a.m.

**Christmas Day:** Friday, December 25, 2020

**The Feast of Nativity of The Lord**

10:00 a.m.

**Feast of the Holy Family**

Saturday, December 26, 2020

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 27, 2020

7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses

Thursday, December 31, 2019

**New Year's Eve Mass**

6:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, January 1, 2021

**The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

10:00 a.m.

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Saturday, January 2, 2021

4:00 p.m.—Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 3, 2021

7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses

*Happy New Year's—St. Peter Claver Family*



## 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:*

*“Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.”*

*Luke 1:30*

*What are you looking for? Are you looking for God's Favor?* In Psalm 90:17 the psalmist prays that the works of his hands prosper by the favor or grace of God. He, like us, seeks the righteousness that comes only from God. Favor or grace is a gift from God. We cannot earn it, nor can we produce it. However, we believe that grace is enabled by our prayer life. Prayer makes us more available for God's grace. In prayer we seek God's favor and grace. Grace is amazing, since it is so transforming. Grace provides enthusiasm to do God's will, which allows us to live in the joy of the Most High God. Grace saves us from this world and from ourselves, as it provides an opportunity to see the world and ourselves, as God sees us. The appropriate response to favor or grace is faith. The fulfillment of grace in the human soul is elegantly portrayed in the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus. In the Gospel of St. Luke, we read that Mary found favor with God. She was declared favored and full of grace in a time when the nation of Israel was oppressed by Roman authority. Like David in the first reading, she provides a model for us as we seek God's grace and favor as our nation approaches 300,000 deaths from the Corona Virus Pandemic. What are you looking for?

In the first reading, we see that David found favor with God because of his charity and fidelity. His fidelity is shown by his desire to build a temple for God out of cedar like the palace he had built for himself. God's favor or grace for David was revealed by the Prophet, Nathan, in what is called the Dynastic Oracle. The Oracle established a paternal relationship between David and God (v. 14; see Ps. 2:7, 89:27). David was so favored by God that he would not be allowed to build a dwelling for the Lord.

## PRAY ABOUT IT!

**Monday:** Read Luke 1:30. Spend 15 minutes in silent prayer.

**Tuesday:** Read Romans 16:25-27. List three things for which you are grateful.

**Wednesday:** Spend 15 minutes offering prayers of thanksgiving.

**Thursday:** Read 2 Samuel 7:1-5. How do you respond to God's grace?

**Friday:** Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.



## SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in Memory of:

**Bartholomew, Jr. & Ramona Bruno**

**Requested By: The Family**



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

MASS



## SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### December 19-25, 2020

#### Saturday, December 19, 2020

4:00 p.m. Ms. Leah Chase  
 Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.  
 Mr. Wayne Reese, Sr.  
 Ms. Joyce Evans  
 Ms. Monica Washington  
 Ms. Florence Lee  
 Mr. Jiar Joseph Means  
 Mr. Michael Graham, II  
 Fr. Asare-Dankwah (*Living-Happy Birthday*)  
 Mr. John Bidol (*Living*)

#### Sunday, December 20, 2020

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver  
 Mr. Kenneth Carter  
 Ms. Lydia Broyard  
 Mr. John Tolliver  
 Ms. Florence Lee  
 Mr. Michael Graham, II

10:00 a.m. Ms. Ruby Downs  
 Ms. Diane Davis  
 Ms. Jade Gibson  
 Mr. Vint Barney  
 Bartholomew, Jr. & Ramona Bruno  
 Ms. Myrtle Brooks  
 Mr. Darrius Hamilton  
 Ms. Angela McWilliams  
 Ms. Joan Diaz  
 Mr. Michael Graham, II  
 Edward and Edna Walker  
 Mr. Percy Walker  
 Ms. Joseph Porché  
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum  
 Mr. Burney Penny  
 Ms. Marguerite Batiste  
 Ms. Terri Lee  
 Ms. Marguerite Lee  
 Ms. Deanna Jefferson  
 Ms. Marguerite Jefferson  
 Living & deceased members of the  
 Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Prevost,  
 Saulney & Wilson families

#### Tuesday, December 22, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

#### Wednesday, December 23, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

#### Thursday, December 24, 2020

4:00 p.m. Mass-Church  
 6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Mass-Church  
 11:30 p.m. Midnight Christmas Mass-Church

#### Friday, December 25, 2020

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass-Church

## Scripture Reading

### *December 21-27, 2020*

*Monday-12/21/20 Song of Songs 2:8-14 or  
Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Luke 1:39-45*

*Tuesday-12/22/20 1 Samuel 1:24-28  
Luke 1:46-56*

*Wednesday-12/23/20 Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24  
Luke 1:57-66*

*Thursday-12/24/20 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12,  
14a, 16  
Luke 1:67-79*

*Friday-12/25/20 Isaiah 52:7-10  
Hebrews 1:1-6  
John 1:1-18 or John 1:1-5,  
9-14*

*Saturday-12/26/20 Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10;  
7:54-59  
Matthew 10:17-22*

*Sunday-12/27/20 Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3  
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40*



### Archdiocesan Silver Wedding Anniversary

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will host a Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 1802 Tulane Ave., for those couples who have been married for **25 years**. **Only couples married in the year 1996 are invited to attend this celebration**, please register with the Parish Office (504) 822-8059 by January 15, 2021. This celebration is a Prayer Service **not a Mass**. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation must be fulfilled within one's Parish.



**ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
*Events & Meetings*

*December, 2019*

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

		<p><b>1</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>2</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>3</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>4</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>5</b>            4:00 pm Vigil            Mass</p>
<p><b>6</b>  <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>            7:30 am Mass            10:00 a.m. Mass</p>	<p><b>7</b>            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>Immaculate Conception</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line            6:00 p.m. Mass</p>	<p><b>9</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>10</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line  <b>All Souls/ COVID-19 Mass</b>            6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>11</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>12</b>            4:00 pm Vigil            Mass</p>
<p><b>13</b>  <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>            7:30 am Mass            10:00 a.m. Mass</p>	<p><b>14</b>            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>15</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>16</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>17</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>18</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>Fr. Asare's Birthday</b>            4:00 pm Vigil            Mass</p>
<p><b>20</b>  <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>            7:30 am Mass            10:00 a.m. Mass</p>		<p><b>22</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>23</b>            7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>            12:00 noon            Prayer Line            4:00 p.m. Mass            6:00 p.m. Mass            11:30 pm Mass</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>Merry Christmas</b>            10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><b>26</b>            4:00 pm Vigil            Mass</p>
<p><b>27</b>  <b>Holy Family</b>            7:30 am Mass            9:00 a.m.            11:30 am Mass</p>		<p><b>29</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line</p>	<p><b>30</b>            7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><b>31</b>  <b>New Year's Eve</b>            7:30 am Mass            12:00 noon            Prayer Line            6:00 pm Mass</p>	<p><b>JAN 1, 2021</b>  <b>10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass</b></p>	<p><b>JAN 2, 2021</b>            4:00 pm Vigil            Mass</p>

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