



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 a.m.-
5:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-7 – Saturday from
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Meet in the parish school.

WEBSITE : www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

COMMUNITY! We ask that you please call the office to register in the parish.

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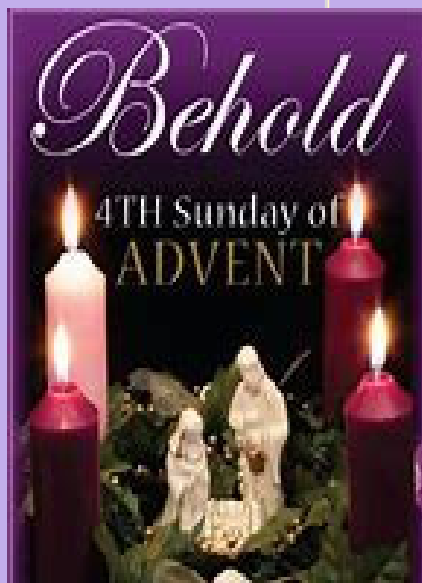
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

Today's Scripture readings are filled with joyful expectation in the face of incredible odds. In the First Reading, the prophet issues an oracle of hope to a people whom he had been railing against for their failure to act justly. Though they must pay the price for their sins now, in God's time, a messiah-king will be raised up from among the least of them. This messiah-king will act in peace and be peace! Bethlehem was David's hometown. Hence, the messiah-king will be of the lineage of David. The woman of whom he speaks is the mother of his long-awaited messiah-king, but she remains nameless. In the Gospel, we are privileged to image the tender and private encounter of two seemingly insignificant women. Both would have been the target of much gossip-one because she was pregnant before her marriage was finalized and the other because she had been denied children for all the years of her marriage. The former would become the mother of the messiah-king and the latter the mother of John the Baptist, whom God chose to announce the long-awaited reign of God. As today's Second Reading reminds us, however, salvation and God's reign of peace come at a cost. The author of this reading imagines the incarnate Christ praying from Psalm 40 and committing himself to do God's will, even to the point of replacing the sin offerings of the temple with his body, which will be sacrificed on the cross. Thus, we are consecrated to God once and for all time.

- What attributes does Micah provide that would describe God's ideal king?
- Today's Responsorial Psalm uses two images to reflect on God's relationship to humanity-the shepherd and the vineyard owner. What images would you use?
- What would you like to learn from Mary and Elizabeth?



*Father Osare and Staff
Wish Everyone a
Very Merry Christmas
and a
Healthy & Safe
New Year, 2019*

The Principles of KWANZAA



Come celebrate the Spirit of **UJAMAA**
Join St. Peter Claver Church and the National Association of Black Social Workers in song, dance, spoken word and fellowship as we celebrate **KWANZAA**, Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Hall. In the Spirit of Kwanzaa pot luck dishes are welcomed. What is Kwanzaa? It is a holiday to celebrate African American Culture. **KWANZAA Principles:** **UMOJA**/Unity; **KUJICHAGULIA**/Self-Determination; **UJIMA**/Collective Works; **UJAMAA**/Cooperative Economics; **NIA**/Purpose and **KUUMBA**/Creativity.

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

Our Stewardship for Sunday, December 16, 2018 was **\$11,395.31**; **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for December 16, 2018 is **\$6,891.69** **2nd Collection: Building Fund: \$430.96.**

Thanks for your generosity.



Scripture Readings for:
December 24-30, 2018

Monday-12/24/18 *2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16*
Luke 1:67-79

Tuesday-12/25/18 *Isaiah 52:7-10*
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-88 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday-12/26/18 *Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59*
Matthew 10:17-22

Thursday-12/27/18 *1 John 1:1-4*
John 20:1a, 2-8

Friday-12/28/18 *1 John 1:5-2:2*
Matthew 2:13-18

Saturday-12/29/18 *1 John 2:3-11*
Luke 2:22-35

Sunday -12/30/18 *1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28*
1 John 3:1-2, 21, 24
Luke 2:41-52

December 29, 2018

December 30, 2018

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS



4:00 p.m. **Cynthia Smothers**, Verita Thomas, Reginald Vicks, Claudette Vicks, Cleo Silas, Derek Delahoussaye

7:30 a.m. **Becky Bell**, Ellen Lee, Yolanda Green, Keith Darby, William Broyard

10:00 a.m. **Lynette Brice**, Angela Rovaris, Lynette Walker, Keith Darby

Balcony: Margie Sears, Kenneth Sears, Marvelle Perrin

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Cynthia Davis * Sandra Dave
 7:30 p.m. Tonya Bernard * Jenna Hill
 10:00 a.m. Eleanor Chapital * Kim Byrd

ATTENTION: Church Calendar

JUST A REMINDER to ALL Ministries or Organizations. The next Ministerial Council meeting, please have in writing all of your events of your ministry to be place on the Church Calendar once it has been approved by the Parish Office.



Congratulations!! to all of our “Winners:
2018 Parish Capital Improvement Raffle

2019 Honda CR-V: Gwen Carter
 2nd Prize: \$1,000 Visa Gift Card: Jana Martin
 3rd Prize: \$500.00 Macy’s Gift Card:
 Deanna Maeto
 4th Prize: Pair Saints Tickets: Willie Tarver

2018 Parish Capital Improvement Raffle profit after expenses: \$50,800.00

Fr. Asare and the Raffle Committee would like to “**Thank**” our parishioners, their families and friends.

Our sincere gratitude to the Pastors who extended an invitation for us to sell raffle tickets at their churches. We also appreciate all those who supported us in anyway in this great endeavor.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you.



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory for:

**Mildred Blackwell, Emma George
 And Earline Eloie**

Requested by: Ms. Helen Hampton

PRAYER FOR THOUGHT...



Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. AVE, MARIA graita plena Dominus tecum/Hail, Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. From Bethlehem shall come forth a ruler for my people. Behold the handmaid of the

Lord!

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, Verna Mae Martin, 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, Shirley Walker, Chris Price, Shirley Walton, Antoinette Johnston, Cindy Armstrong, Ralph Walker, Albert & Miriam Boucree, Audrey Evans, Vint Barney, Lydia Broyard, Yvette Brown, Shirley Pratt, Grace Jones, Lorraine Bowman, Linda Hunter, Ruby Perry, Yolanda Green, Barbara Phillips, Inaclaire Buckley, Louise Jenkins, Toki Joseph, Joseph Williams, Gerard Robinson, Sr., Emelda Petit, Johnnie Petit, Scarlett Crawford, Vivian Plessy, Debra Gray, Frederick Gray, Lionel and Marion Evans, Gerald Stone, Verlyn Mallory, Marva Batiste, Bronson Lee, John Parker, Maureen Nutting, Cynthia Bluford, Victoria Leslie, Lorraine Bart, Myrtle Dorsey, Bernell Johnson, Tamiko Haynes, Warrentia Clincy, Lula Belle Moss, Wilma Wilson, Wendell Baptiste, Dorothy Holden, Maxine Rixner, Jeremy Tauriac, Shonne Pierce, Wylene Jones, Nowell Lackings, Sr., Dereck Rovaris, Sr., Roslind Louis, Emelda Paul, Lydia Edwards, Ted Nutting, Le'Shawn Porter, Alicide Carter, Eberial McCoy, Joseph Washington

FATIMA ROSARY

Monday, December 24, 2018
4:30 p.m.. 2100 Ursulines Ave., Apt. 1103



Hosted By: Ms. Alma McWilliams



For unto us a child is born.

Unto us a son is given

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
The Globetrotters

11 days Cultural, Educational & Historical Journey to Ghana, the Motherland



July 10-20, 2019

St. Peter Claver is planning its 2nd Ghana Experience to the Motherland from July 10-20, 2019 and you are invited to join us. If you have never visited Ghana, this is your year! If you have never traveled with us before, this one is certain to exceed your expectations. The trip is full of educational, inspirational, emotional and enlightening experiences. If interested, please call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059 or send an email to:

spcglobetrotters@gmail.com

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REQUIREMENTS FOR GHANA TRAVEL

Passport, Visa, Immunizations

PAYMENT SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

Due Upon Booking
Initial Payment \$500.00

Second Payment \$500.00
October 31, 2018

Third Payment \$1,000.00
November 30, 2018

Balance/Final
January 31, 2019

Christmas Mass Schedule



A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

Guest of Honor: Jesus Christ

Date: December 24, 2018

The Eve of His Great Birth

Time: 6:00 p.m., St. Peter Claver Church

What to Bring

Your Heart and Bells to join in ringing with Christmas Joy that Christ our Savior is Among Us! Celebration given by God's Children.

Midnight Mass: December 24, 2018
Christmas Caroling at 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25, 2018
The Feast of Nativity of The Lord
10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 29, 2018
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 30, 2018
Feast of the Holy Family
7:30 a.m. Mass & 10:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, December 31, 2018
New Year's Eve Mass
4:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 a.m.

Happy New Year's—St. Peter Claver Family

Weekly Ministry Schedule

December 24-30, 2018



CHRISTMAS EVE

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tues. 10:00 a.m. Mass-Church
Wed. 7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory
Thurs. 7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory
Fri. 7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory
Sat. 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass-Church
Sun. 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass-Church
10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass-Church

Eucharistic Ministers.... Workshop!!



There is another Mandatory workshop for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the School**

Hall. To be delegated by the Archbishop for a new five-year term. Each minister must participate in this workshop. Deacon Lawrence Houston will lead the re-delegation workshop on that date. Attendance at this re-delegation workshop is mandatory if you want to continue serving communion. For more information or to find out if your name is on the re-delegation list call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059.

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

Open

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





Mass Intention

December 23-29, 2018

Sunday, December 23, 2018

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
Mr. Kenneth Carter
Mr. Michael Graham, II
Mr. Gerald P. Norris, Sr.

10:00 a.m. Ms. Noel Braud
Ms. Jade Gibson
Edward and Edna Walker
Mr. Percy Walker
Bartholomew, Jr. & Ramona Bruno
Ms. Myrtle Brooks
Ms. Joan Diaz
Ms. Angela McWilliams
Dr. Catina Hewitt
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
Living & deceased members of the Aldrich, Evans, Moss and Tureaud families
Living & deceased members of the Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney, Prevost & Wilson families

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

10:00 a.m. Ms. Mildred Blackwell
Ms. Emma George
Ms. Earline Eloie
Ms. Edna Collins

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Thursday, December 27, 2018

7:30 a.m.. Mass-Rectory

Friday, December 28, 2018

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Saturday, December 29, 2018

4:00 p.m. Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
Mr. Thomas A.G. Lee
Ms. June Lewis
Mr. Keith Riley
Ms. Onelia Martin (Living)

ATTENTION: The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, December 21, 2018 through Tuesday, January 1, 2019. The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

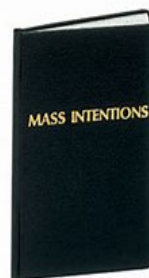
Have a Safe and Enjoyable Holiday with Family and Friends!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Prophets: (Reflection from Thursday Afternoon Bible Study Group)

We really miss you at St. Peter Claver Bible Study! Our current study is on the PROPHETS. Believe it or not this study is extremely enlightening. Do you know that there are major and minor prophets? Do you know that the prophets were not always obedient to God's plan? Jonah decided to disobey God's plan and ended up in the belly of a whale. Many of us can relate to this prophet and his resistance to God's plan. In our Bible Study, we find our story. We learn of God's awesome patience and love of us. We peel back the many layers of scriptural readings. Participants read selected passages of the Bible and through discussion we gain understanding of the text. The group leader puts everyone at ease. All members contribute by sharing their ideas and relating the content to our everyday lives. We feel a sense of accomplishment as we read the Bible in-depth. Each one of us comes from different places but we blend together as "theologian" in pursuit of who god is. We are excited and love coming together because we have bonded on a higher spiritual level. There is a lot of wisdom in our setting and we learn from each other.

NOTE: BIBLE STUDY. We will be studying the "Liturgy of the Mass beginning Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ujima Center. Please join us!



The 2019 Mass Intention Book is open. If you would like to offer a Mass Intention for another person or for the Repose of the Soul of a deceased loved one, please submit your Mass Intention requests calling the Parish Office, 504-822-8059. the donation for Mass Intentions is \$5.00 and the donation for the Sanctuary Candle is \$10.00.



St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

December, 2018

Meetings & Events

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						<p><i>1</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>	
<p><i>2</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i> 5:00 pm <i>Le- gion of Mary</i> 6:00 pm <i>Family Life</i></p>	<p><i>5</i> 8:30 am <i>School Mass</i> 7:00 pm <i>McMain Concert</i></p>	<p><i>6</i> 1:00 pm <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 6:00 pm <i>Choir Reh.</i></p>	<p><i>7</i> 6:00 pm <i>Boy Scouts</i></p>	<p><i>8</i> 8:30 am Holy Obligations Mass 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>	
<p><i>9</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><i>10</i> 3:00 pm <i>Senior Citizens'</i></p>	<p><i>11</i> 5:00 pm <i>Le- gion of Mary</i> 6:00 pm <i>NIA -Imani</i></p>	<p><i>12</i> 8:30 am <i>School Mass</i></p>	<p><i>13</i> 1:00 pm <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 6:00 pm <i>NOCC Mtg.</i></p>	<p><i>14</i> 4:00 pm <i>Social Concerns</i> 6:00 pm <i>Boy Scouts</i></p>	<p><i>15</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass 5:00 pm <i>Boy Scouts</i></p>	
<p><i>16</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 5:00 pm <i>Christmas Concert</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i> 5:00 pm <i>Le- gion of Mary</i></p>	<p><i>19</i> 4:30 pm <i>Bereavement</i></p>	<p><i>20</i> 1:00 pm <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 6:00 pm <i>School Christmas Play</i></p>	<p><i>21</i> 6:00 pm <i>Boy Scouts</i></p>	<p><i>22</i> 9:00 am CCD 9:00 am Clean- ing the Church 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>	
<p><i>23</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><i>24</i> 6:00 pm <i>Chil- dren's Christ- mas Eve Mass</i> 11:30 am <i>Mid- night Mass</i></p>	<p><i>25</i> 10:00 am <i>Christmas Day Mass</i></p>	<p><i>26</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p><i>27</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i> <i>KWANZZA</i> 6:00 pm <i>School Hall</i></p>	<p><i>28</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p><i>29</i> 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>	
<p><i>30</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><i>31</i> <i>New Year's Eve Mass</i> 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>JAN 1, 2019</i> <i>New Year's Day Mass</i> 10:00 am</p>					

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