



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
Rev. Anthony Gymerah
In-Residence

DEACONS:

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Mr. Allen Stevens

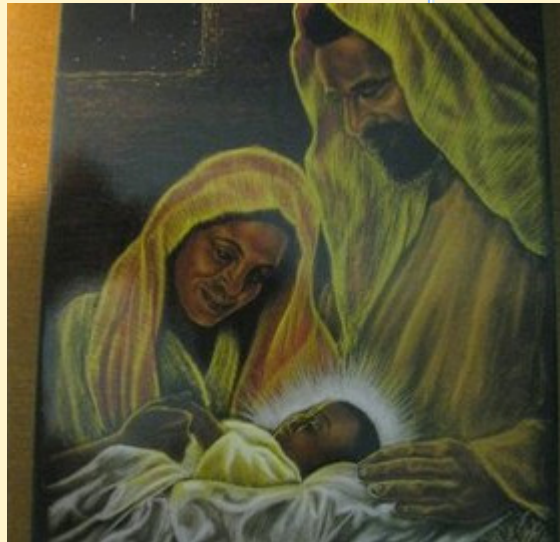
PASTORAL STAFF

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Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston
Director of Religious
Education & Youth Ministry

Mrs. Edith B. Reed
Executive Secretary



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

The readings from Genesis and the Gospel of Luke present us with scenes in the lives of two important families. The account from Genesis depicts Abram's frustration at not having fathered a child. When God consoles Abram with another promise of offspring, Abram responds by placing his faith in God. In turn, the text tells us that "the Lord took note of Sarah," and she gave birth to their long-awaited son.

The refrain from Psalm 105, "The Lord remembers his covenant forever," reinforces the message of the Genesis readings.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author summarizes the story of Abraham and identifies him as a person of faith. Upon hearing this summary of Abraham's life, the words of the Psalm refrain are readily brought back to mind. Although Abraham struggled with believing that God could make Sarah fruitful, Abraham "put his faith in the Lord," and for this reason, the praises of Abraham are extolled in the New Testament.

Luke tells us of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. While Simeon and Anna are depicted as having long awaited the coming of this child, Mary and Joseph are described as being "amazed at what was said of him." Upon the family's return to Nazareth, the child Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him." The following verses in Luke, vv. 41-52, tell the story of Jesus, at age twelve, in the Temple.

- ◆ The next time you have a clear view of the heavens, reflect on God's unfailing love.
- ◆ Read today's Responsorial Psalm. Give thanks for specific blessings you have received.
- ◆ Simeon's words in the Gospel are a part of the Church's Night Prayer. Reflect on why these words are appropriate for the end of day.

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





A New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

On behalf of Fr. Asare and the Parish Office Staff. We would like to wish our parishioners and their families a "Prosperous and a Very Safe New Year, 2021"

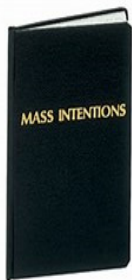
A PRAYER FOR THE Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



God, the Father, draw us into Your arms, that we might know how cherished we are as members of Your family.

May our homes and our hearts be living expressions of Your desire to gather all people into Your family, now and forever. Amen.

The 2021 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 by 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 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 when they begin showing symptoms, with very mild symptoms or who never developed symptoms (asymptomatic).

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

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, 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.

PRAYER FOR THOUGHT..

Live as the Holy Family. Unite yourselves in love and respect for each other, live in peace with all people and pray that you may share in the life of the Lord. **JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH pray for us!** Place the LORD at the center of your families lives. Choose LIFE! Gather as the Lord's Family. Grant that we may imitate the Holy Family.



NEW ORLEANS, LA

Christmas Mass Schedule



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



Consult with an Attorney for FREE!!
About your **CONSUMER DEBT** Problems
**Debt Problems-Collection Harassment-Bankruptcy-
Foreclosure-Contract Disputes**

WHEN: Saturday, January 30, 2021
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peter Claver Ujima Center
1019 N. Prieur Street
New Orleans, LA 70116



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:

Mr. Joseph Porché

Requested By: Eric & Kathryn LaBeaud



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

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 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.

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

December 26, 2020-January 1, 2021

Saturday, December 26, 2020

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

Sunday, December 27, 2020

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

9:00 a.m. Ms. Ruby Downs
 Ms. Diane Davis
 Ms. Jade Gibson
 Mr. Vint Barney
 Mr. Darrius Hamilton
 Ms. Angela McWilliams
 Ms. Joan Diaz
 Edward and Edna Walker
 Mr. Percy Walker
 Ms. Joseph Porché
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
 Mr. Burney Penny

11:30 a.m. Living & deceased members of the
 Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Prevost ,
 Saulney & Wilson families

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass -Church

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Thursday, December 31, 2020

6:00 p.m. Mass-Church

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Friday, January 1, 2021

10:00 a.m. Ms. Clarice Willis

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2, 2021

4:00 p.m.—Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 3, 2021

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Masses

Next weekend the Church will return to 4:00 p.m.
Vigil & Sundays 7:30 am & 10:00 am, Services.

Scripture Reading

December 28, 2020-January 3, 2021

*Monday-12/28/20 1 John 1:5-2:2
Matthew 2:13-18*

*Tuesday-12/29/20 1 John 2:3-11
Luke 2:22-35*

*Wednesday-12/30/20 1 John 2:12-17
Luke 2:36-40*

*Thursday-12/31/20 1 John 2:18-21
John 1:1-8*

*Friday-1/1/21 Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21*

*Saturday-1/2/21 1 John 2:22-28
John 1:19-28*

*Sunday-1/3/21 Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12*



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, 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



		1 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	2 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	3 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	4 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	5 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
6 2nd Sunday of Advent 7:30 am Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass	7 12:00 noon Prayer Line	8 Immaculate Conception 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line 6:00 p.m. Mass	9 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	10 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line All Souls/ COVID-19 Mass 6:00 p.m.	11 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	12 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
13 3rd Sunday of Advent 7:30 am Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass	14 12:00 noon Prayer Line	15 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	16 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	17 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	18 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	19 Fr. Asare's Birthday 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
20 4th Sunday of Advent 7:30 am Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass	21	22 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	23 7:30 am Mass	24 Christmas Eve Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line 4:00 p.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Mass	25 Merry Christmas 10:00 am Mass	26 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
27 Holy Family 7:30 am Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 am Mass	28	29 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line	30 7:30 am Mass	31 New Year's Eve 7:30 am Mass 12:00 noon Prayer Line 6:00 pm Mass	JAN 1, 2021 10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass	JAN 2, 2021 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

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