



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

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*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, & 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

Our reading from the Book of Sirach sets the none for the Feast of the Holy Family by drawing attention to the loving relationships that should permeate every family. The commandment “Honor your father and your mother” is the foundation for this reflection. Love for parents continues throughout life and brings with it the reward of many blessings.

Paul’s letter to the Colossians focuses on family life. Paul reminds us of our identity as “God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved.” We are called to live out our identity in all relationships especially within the family. Paul uses a beautiful analogy: just as we consciously select our clothes every day, so we should consciously clothe ourselves daily with the virtues inspired by Jesus: ‘compassion, kindness, humility.’”

On the first Sunday of Christmas Time, our minds turn to the heart of the message of the Incarnation. The Gospel offers a beautiful narrative that reflects the life of the Holy Family. The Son of God entered the human family as a helpless child, cared for by a loving family. Joseph and Mary immediately exercise their role as protectors of their child amid dire circumstances. They become refugees, escaping the tyranny of King Herod, who had ordered the death of their child. Just as the Joseph in the Old Testament went to Egypt to save his family from starvation, so Joseph in the new Testament takes his family to Egypt under God’s inspiration to save them. Once King Herod had died, God brings the Holy Family back to Egypt to safety in Nazareth. Joseph and Mary illustrate the primary role of every parent: to trust in God’s guidance as they care for and protect their child.

- ◆ How does Joseph in the Old Testament foreshadow Joseph in the New Testament?
- ◆ How should adult children continue to fulfill the commandment “Honor your father and your mother”?
- ◆ What good news does this Feast of the Holy Family convey to your family?

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 Years, 2020*



A Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me.
My stewardship helps make it what it is.
It will be a place where Christ is found,
if I live in Christ.
It will bring Christ to the world,
if I carry Christ with me.
It will be friendly, *if I am.*
It will be holy, *if I am.*
Its pews will be filled, *if I help fill them.*
It will do great work, *if I work.*
It will be prayerful, *if I pray.*
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring others into its worship,
if I invite and bring them.
It will be a parish of welcome and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
of compassion, fruitfulness, and mercy,
if I am filled with these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God,
through the Holy Spirit, and the intercession
of Blessed Mary of the Assumption,
I now dedicate myself to the task
of being all the things
that I want my parish to be. **Amen.**

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.

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.**



Scripture Readings for: *December 30-January 5, 2019*

<i>Monday-12/30/19</i>	<i>1 John 2:12-17</i> <i>Luke 2:36-40</i>
<i>Tuesday-12/31/19</i>	<i>1 John 2:18-21</i> <i>John 1:1-18</i> <i>Luke 1:67-79</i>
<i>Wednesday-01/1/20</i>	<i>Numbers 6:22-27</i> <i>Galatians 4:4-7</i> <i>Luke 2:16-21</i>
<i>Thursday-01/2/19</i>	<i>1 John 2:22-28</i> <i>John 1:19-28</i>
<i>Friday-01/3/20</i>	<i>1 John 2:29-3:6</i> <i>John 1:29-34</i>
<i>Saturday-01/4/20</i>	<i>1 John 3:7-10</i> <i>John 1:35-42</i>
<i>Sunday-01/5/20</i>	<i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i> <i>Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6</i> <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>



MEETING NOTICE!

Schedule *December 30-January 5, 2020*

Mon.		NO Bible Study
<u>New Year's Eve</u>		
Tues.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	4:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass-Church
<u>New Year's Day</u>		
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Mass-Church
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.	9:00 a.m.	CCD Classes-School Bldg.
	4:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass-Church
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church

Stewardship
A way of living

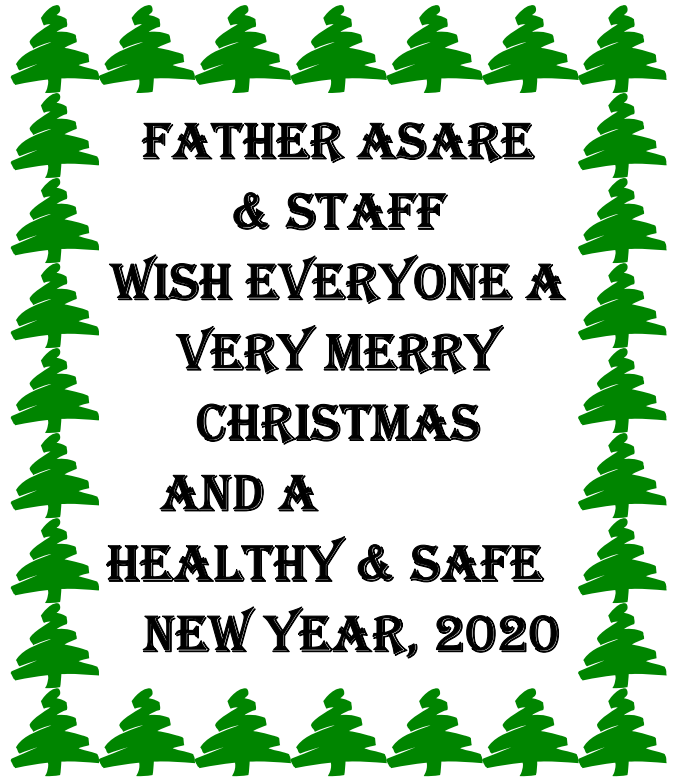
ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH

NEW ORLEANS, LA

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, Yvette Brown, Shirley Pratt, Lorraine Bowman, Linda Hunter, Ruby Perry, Barbara Phillips, Inaclaire 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, Wilma White, Janet Nealy.



**FATHER ASARE
& STAFF
WISH EVERYONE A
VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND A
HEALTHY & SAFE
NEW YEAR, 2020**



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

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

FATIMA ROSARY

**Monday, December 30, 2019
@ 5:00 p.m. 2100 Ursulines
Ave., Apt. 1103**



Requested by: Ms. Betty Lundy



January 4, 2020

January 5, 2020



- 4:00 p.m. **Reginald Vicks**, Claudette Vicks, Cynthia Smothers, Verita Thomas, Cleo Silas
- 7:30 a.m. **Chandra Green**, Ellen Lee, Yolanda Green, Ann Coston, Keith Darby
- 10:00 a.m. **Cheryl Poland**, Angela Rovaris, Mary Boutté, Cynthia Robinson, Brenda Barnes
- Balcony:** **Thelma Blouin**, Sandy Duet, Glen Blackwell

Lectors

- 4:00 p.m. Sandra Dave * Cynthia Davis
- 7:30 p.m. Warren Bell, Jr. * Charmaine Gray
- 10:00 a.m. Anthony Faciane * Cynthia Gallo

New Year's Schedule



Tuesday, December 31, 2019
New Year's Eve Mass
4:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 1, 2020
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 a.m.

Happy New Year's—St. Peter Claver Family



Confirmation—SAVE-the-DATE

Confirmation Session: To be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at approximately at 11:30 a.m. (Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass). There will be a session for Candidates, sponsors and Parents. The session will culminate with a commitment service. Lite refreshments will be served.

“Choose tis day whom you will serve...but as far me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”
Joshua 24:15



Consult with an Attorney for FREE!!

About your **CONSUMER DEBT** Problems
**Debt Problems-Collection Harassment-
Bankruptcy-Foreclosure-Contract Disputes**

WHEN: Saturday, January 25, 2020
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.

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



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, please contact the Parish Office, 504-822-8059.

Gratitude of THANKS..

“For” the generous hand and hearts of many parishioners and volunteers who helped make our Christmas Masses beautiful and sacred at St. Peter Claver Church.

Thanks to All others, some only known in the mind of God, that helped in any way.

May God continue to be glorified in all that we do at St. Peter Claver Church.

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, JOSPEH** pray for us! Gather as the Lord's Family; Place the LORD at the center of your families' lives. Choose LIFE; our God lives now among us!



December 28th-January 3, 2020

Saturday, December 28, 2019

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

Sunday, December 29, 2019

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
Mr. Kenneth Carter
Mr. James Smith, III
In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

10:00 a.m. Ms. Edith Brisco
Ms. Jade Gibson
Ms. Noelle Braud
Harold & Olmphia Boucree
Ms. Lydia Broyard
Ms. Angela McWilliams
Ms. Julie Fleury
Mr. Chester Staes
Mr. Lionel Joienille
Edward and Edna Walker
Mr. Percy Walker
Ms. Vivian Delaney
Mr. Lester Marshall
Michelle, Caden, Cylie McCullum
Living & deceased members of
the Crusto, Fleury, Graham,
Saulney Prevost & Wilson families
Living & deceased members of
the Donatto & Guidry families

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

4:00 p.m. Ms. Lucille Hall

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

10:00 a.m. Mass-Church

Thursday, January 2, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Friday, January 3, 2020

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory



**St. Peter Claver Church
Health & Wellness Ministry**

**Influenza (FLU) Cleaning to Prevent the
Flu**

The FLU season is approaching so be prepared to protect yourself and those you love. When caring for yourself and others who may become infected with the FLU virus remember these tips to prevent the spread of the FLU.

Cleaning To Prevent The FLU: The flu virus can "live" on some surfaces (door knobs, tables) for up to 48 hours. Routine cleaning of surfaces may reduce the spread of the flu.

What kills Flu viruses?

Flu viruses are killed by heat about 167° F [75°C]. **Common** household cleaning products can also kill the flu virus, including products containing: chlorine, hydrogen peroxide, detergents (soap), iodophors (iodine-based antiseptics), alcohols.

How should a caregiver handle a sick person's tissues or other items?

Make sure to wash your hands after touching the sick person. Also wash after handling their tissues or laundry.

For more information call CDC info at 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636) or go to www.cdc.gov/flu.

Need more info about Influenza (FLU) or any other medical condition please call or visit the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Misaada Center.

**Office Hours: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
Phone: (504) 827-0707**

References: U. S. Department of Health and Human Services



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 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>6 7:30 am Mass Jr. Daughter Lock-in 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</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 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</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 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>13 7:30 am Mass 4:30 pm Social Concerns 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>14 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>15 3rd Sunday of Advent 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 5:00 pm Christmas Concert</p>	<p>16 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>17 7:30 am Mass 6:00 pm NIA-Imani</p>	<p>18 7:30 am Mass 4:30 pm Bereavement Ministry</p>	<p>19 Fr. Asare's Birthday 7:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>20 7:30 am Mass 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:00 pm Jr. Daughter's Gala</p>	<p>21 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>22 4th Sunday of Advent 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p>23 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 1:00-3:00 pm & 5:00 p.m. Cleaning of the Church and Decorating</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 6:00 pm Kwanzaa Celebration-Hall</p>	<p>28 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>29 Holy Family 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p>30 No Meeting OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>31 7:30 am Mass 4:00 pm Vigil Mass OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>JAN 1, 2020 New Year's Day 10:00 am Mass OFFICE CLOSED</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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