



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.
Meeting Virtual (call the Office for more information).

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.

1923 St. Philip Street
New Orleans, LA 70116
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Credit Union (504) 988-7420
Misaada Center (504) 827-0707

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Administrator**

Rev. Anthony Gyamerah
In-Residence

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Mr. Marvin Ernest
Maintenance

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Director of Religious
Education & Youth Ministry

Mrs. Edith B. Reed
Executive Secretary



6th Sunday of Easter

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.

6th Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Scripture Insights

In today's First Reading from Acts, we are introduced to the Gentile Cornelius. In the verses immediately preceding today's selection, Cornelius has a vision in which he is instructed to meet Peter. Meanwhile, Peter has a vision that confounds him and that he will later understand as a sign that Gentiles who proclaim Jesus as Lord should be welcomed into this new community. Upon his first meeting with Peter, Cornelius falls before Peter's feet. While a conversation between the two ensues, a large crowd gathers. For the first time, Peter begins to teach "that God shows no partiality" between Jew and Gentile. The Holy Spirit descended upon the believers, and the Baptism of Cornelius and his household followed.

Our Responsorial Psalm is identified as a psalm of God's kingship. Psalms of this type proclaim that God is king over history, all the earth, and all nations. Praise of God in these psalms is very explicit.

The Gospel text for today is a continuation of last Sunday's passage of the vine and the branches. These verses emphasize that the love that exists between the Father and the Son is the same love that must characterize the relationships of Jesus' followers. This love is so foundational for Christians that we are commanded to love one another. The noun *friend*, which Jesus uses to describe his relationship with the disciples, is derived from the verb *to love*. Thus, the friendship identified in this Gospel emphasizes mutual self-giving. Such friendship is far more than a casual relationship with another person.

- ◆ The Scriptures give evidence of the tension that existed between Jews and Gentiles in the early Church. How does this tension relate to what it means to be a Christian in the twenty-first century?
- ◆ Read today's Responsorial Psalm. Reflect on the ways that God has been revealed in your life. Take time to journal about your specific experiences of God.
- ◆ Whom do you know who exemplifies the kind of love that is in today's Gospel reading?

BLESSING FOR MOTHER'S DAY Happy Mother's Day

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church.

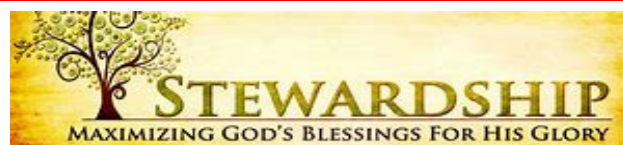
Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith.

Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*



Our Stewardship for Sunday, May 2, 2021 was **\$12,970.64**; **2nd Collection: Building Fund: \$387.21**

Please continue with your tithing for Stewardship. You can give online, by 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



"May the Lord Smile on You and be Gracious to You"



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

joyfully announces the ordination of

Ajani Kandia Gibson

to the priesthood of Jesus Christ by prayer and the
laying on of hands

On Saturday, the fifth of June two thousand and
twenty-one at ten o'clock in the morning

The Cathedral of St. Louis King of France
711 Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA

NOTE: All persons who are interested in at-
tending the Priest Ordination are asked to call the
Parish Office to submit your name. There will be a
bus leaving the Church at 9:15 a.m. Deadline, Fri-
day May 28, 2021.

As you have shared in his preparation for Priest-
hood by your friendship, love, and prayers,

Father Ajani Kandia Gibson

cordially invites you to attend his

Mass of Thanksgiving

at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at

St. Peter Claver Church

1923 St. Philip Street, New Orleans, LA

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.



Graduates—2021

All 2021 Graduates from High
School, College and above are
asked to sign-up in the back of
Church, contact Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston or
call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059 with the
following information: **(Name, telephone number,
school, diploma/degree, future plans, awards
and honors)**. Please sign up in the rear of the
Church.

NOTE: We will only honor the **GRADUATES**
from St. Peter Claver Church on Sunday, June 6,
2021 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



St. Peter Claver Homebound and Sick Parishioners

Please pray for the following parishioners and friends who are homebound or ill:

Edith Henry, Alice Allen, Joycelyn Johnson, Stanley & Beatrice Grant, Pearl Dupart, Aaron La-Cabe, Bernice Stein, Javette and Michael Garner, John Bidol, Jerald LaPierre, Marie Walker, Shirley Walton, Antoinette Johnston, Ralph Walker, Albert & Miriam Boucree, Audrey Evans, Yvette Brown, Shirley Pratt, Lorraine Bowman, Linda Hunter, Ruby Perry, Barbara Phillips, 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, Shonne Pierce, Wylene Jones, Nowell Lackings, Sr., Roslind Louis, Lydia Edwards, Ted Nutting, Joseph Washington, Delores Chapital, Rockial Riley, Jerri Queen, Sarah Lafitte, 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., Baby Aria Polite, Sabrina Davis, Deborah Manuel-Oliver, Deanna Stephens, Marva McDaniel, Erica Watler, Stradford Goins, Laura Johnson, Sie Terrell, Ralston Andry, John Webb, Faye Williams Penny.

SPC FOOD PANTRY



The "Food Pantry" (The Misaada Center) open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. We are still in need of can food items. We appreciate all the generous donations

that we have received. Thank you for your continued support for our brothers and sisters in need.

ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER



MAY is Mental Health Month

A **mental illness** is a condition that affects a person's thinking, feeling or mood. Such conditions may affect someone's ability to relate to others and function each day. Each person will have different experiences, even people with the same diagnosis. There are many different forms of mental illness in both children and adults. Adult signs of mental illness differ from those of children. Because children are still learning how to identify and talk about thoughts and emotions, their most obvious symptoms are **behavioral**. Each illness has its own symptoms, but **common** signs of mental illness in adults and adolescents can include the following: **Excessive** worrying or fear, **Feeling** excessively sad or low, **Confused** thinking or problems concentrating and learning, **Extreme** mood changes including uncontrollable "highs" or feelings of euphoria, **Prolonged** or strong feelings of irritability or anger, **Avoiding** friends and social activities, **Difficulties** understanding or relating to other people, **Changes** in sleeping habits, **Feeling** tired and low energy, **Changes** in eating habits such as increased hunger or lack of appetite, **Changes** in sex drive, **Difficulty** perceiving reality (delusions or hallucinations, in which a person experiences and senses things that don't exist in objective reality), **Inability** to perceive changes in one's own feelings, behavior or personality ("lack of insight"), **Abuse** of substances like alcohol or drugs, **Multiple** physical ailments without obvious causes (such as headaches, stomach aches, vague and ongoing "aches and pains"), **Thinking** about suicide, **Inability** to carry out daily activities or handle daily problems and stress, **An intense** fear of weight gain or concern with appearance (mostly in adolescents), **Changes** in school performance, **Excessive** worry or anxiety, for instance fighting to avoid bed or school, **Hyperactive** behavior, **Frequent** nightmares, **Frequent** disobedience or aggression, **Frequent** temper tantrums.

Need more information about Mental Illness 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.-12:00 p.m.
Phone: 504-822-8059

Upcoming Events

1st Holy Communion
May 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Vigil Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation-
May 29, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Vigil Mass

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.



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in Memory of:

Mr. David J. Davis, Sr.

Requested by: The Family

BIBLE STUDY

"This is my commandment: Love one another as I love you." John 15:10

IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE! Does God love everyone equally? How can God love those who persecute His people and disobey His commandments? The answer is yes, He loves all of us equally. He so loved the world, that He sent His only Son. (John 3:16). As Christians, we are required to imitate the impartiality of God's mercy. We are all made in His image and likeness. St. Theresa of Calcutta proclaimed, "*Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.*" These words summarize the entire life of Christian. As Baptized Christians we are commanded to build communities of joy, forgiveness, and love. As members of the Body of Christ, we must spread the Word of God's loving grace by our conduct. It is said that Sunday is the most segregated day in the week, because Christians choose to worship with people of the same race or with whom they relate. The love of God should permeate every aspect of our lives. Insignificant things done with great love can yield unexpected results. However, loving everyone is not easy. Often, it is difficult to do even trivial things with love for those who hate and have harmed us, or who are different from us. In the first reading, St. Peter struggled with the question, does God extend His love and His redemption to Gentiles? The answer to the question is, yes! In the first century, Gentiles were unclean and unfit, without conversion, to worship in the temple with the people of Israel. Because they did not observe Jewish dietary restrictions (**Lev. 11**) and purification rituals, Gentiles were considered ritually unclean according to the Mosaic Law. **DISCUSSION QUESTION:** Is the fear of immigrants contrary to the God's law of love?

PRAY ABOUT IT!

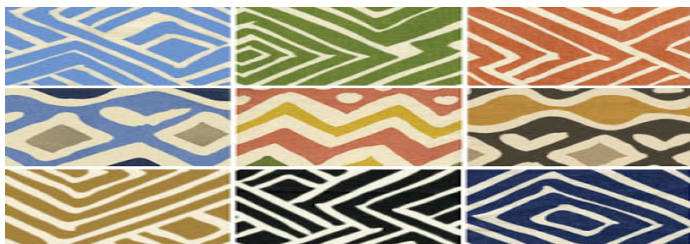
Monday: Read Acts 15:34-48. Have you been Baptized in the Holy Spirit?

Tuesday: Read John 15:9-17. We are chosen for joy. Show your joy to others by performing acts of kindness.

Wednesday: Read John 4:7-10. Give someone a complement today.

Thursday: Remain in His love. Attend Mass on the Feast of the Ascension.

Friday: Read John 15:13-14. Perform an Act of Spiritual Communion.



MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

May 8-14, 2021

Saturday, May 8, 2021

4:00 p.m. Edgar, Jr. & Leah Chase
 Mr. Wayne Reese, Sr.
 Ms. Della Parker
 Ms. Joyce Evans
 Ms. Onelia Martin
 Ms. Mattie Milton
 Ms. Eva Barbarin
 Ms. Yvonne Gooch
 Ms. Monica Washington
 Ms. Florence Lee
 Ms. Clair Bidol
 Mr. Jiar Joseph Means
 Ms. Diana LeBlanc
 Mr. Christopher Woodfork
Mr. John Bidol (Living)

Sunday, May 9, 2021

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
 Mr. Kenneth Carter
 Ms. Florence Lee
 Ms. Angela Blanks
 Mr. Gerald Merritt
 Ms. Florence Bradley
 Jules, Jr. & Pauline Bakewell
 Mr. Jules Bakewell, III
 Mr. Larry Barrois
 Ms. Gloria Washington
 Ms. Cynthia Songy
Ms. Pearl Dupart (Birthday -Living)
 10:00 a.m. Ms. Ruby Downs
 Ms. Diane Davis
 Ms. Jade Gibson
 Mr. Vint Barney
 Baby Marquise Applewhite, II
 Ms. Emelda Bentley
 Ms. Gladys Shief
 Ms. Virginia Ann Pleasant
 Mr. Percy Walker
 Mr. Malcolm Lear
 Bartholomew, Jr. & Ramona Bruno
 Ms. Myrtle Brooks
 Ms. Mary Ann Dabon
 Mr. John John
 Ms. Myrtle Parker
 Ms. Myra Harrell
 Mr. Herbert Spurlock, Sr.
 Edward & Edna Walker
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
 Mr. Baxter Sellers
 Ms. Vivian Delaney
 Ms. Angela Richardson
 Ms. Shirley Meyers
 Ms. Freda Lewis
 Ms. Litesia Champagne
 Ms. Connie Lewis

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

7:30 a. Mass -Church

Thursday, May 13, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Friday, May 14, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Scripture Reading

May 10-16, 2021

Monday-5/10/21 Acts 16:11-15
John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday-5/11/21 Acts 16:22-34
John 16:5-11

Wednesday-5/12/21 Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
John 16:12-15

Thursday-5/13/21 Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23 or
Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,
11-13
Mark 16:15-20

Friday-5/14/21 Acts 1:15-17, 2-26
John 15:9-17

Saturday-5/15/21 Acts 18:23-28
John 16:23b-28

Sunday-5/16/21 Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
1 John 4:11-16
John 17:11b-19

Coronavirus-19 Vaccinations



Coronavirus-19 Vaccinations, 1st vaccination to start the process and 2nd vaccination, for those who have already received their 1st vaccination, will be distributed at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1020 N. Prieur Street, Tuesday, May 11, 2021, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Please call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059 to register. **We prefer that you register in advance to receive a vaccination. However, walk-ins will be accepted.**

FATIMA ROSARY

Monday, May 10, 2021
@ 4:00 p.m., St. Ann Shrine

All are invited to attend the Rosary



ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY, 2021

MEETINGS AND EVENTS



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



1
9:00 am CCD
via ZOOM
4:00 pm Vigil
Mass

2
7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
**(May Crown-
ing)**

3
4:00 pm Rosary
St. Ann Shrine
6:00 pm
Bible Study –
ZOOM

4
7:30 am Mass

5
7:30 am Mass

6
7:30 am Mass

7
7:30 am Mass

8
9:00 am CCD
via ZOOM
4:00 pm Vigil
Mass

**9-Mother's
Day**
7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

10
4:00 pm Rosary
St. Ann Shrine
6:00 pm
Bible Study –
ZOOM

11
7:30 am Mass

12
7:30 am Mass

13
7:30 am Mass

14
7:30 am Mass

15
9:00 am CCD
via ZOOM
**4:00 pm Vigil
Mass-First
Communion**

16
7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

17
4:00 pm Rosary
St. Ann Shrine
6:00 pm
Bible Study –
ZOOM

18
7:30 am Mass

19
7:30 am Mass

20
7:30 am Mass

21
7:30 am Mass

22
9:00 am CCD
via ZOOM
4:00 pm Vigil
Mass

23
7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

24
4:00 pm Rosary
St. Ann Shrine
6:00 pm
Bible Study –
ZOOM

25
7:30 am Mass

26
7:30 am Mass

27
7:30 am Mass

28
7:30 am Mass

29
9:00 am CCD
via ZOOM
**4:00 pm Vigil
Mass-
Confirmation**

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

31
4:00 pm Rosary
St. Ann Shrine
6:00 pm
Bible Study –
ZOOM

June 1st
7:30 am Mass

June 2nd
7:30 am Mass

June 3rd
7:30 am Mass

June 4th
7:30 am Mass

June 5th
4:00 pm Vigil
Mass

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