



# ***ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH***

**Vision Statement:** *“Saint Peter Claver Catholic 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](http://www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org)

**FACEBOOK:** [www.Facebook.com/SPCNOLA](http://www.Facebook.com/SPCNOLA)

**NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME TO OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY!** We ask that you please call the office to  
register in the parish.

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New Orleans, LA 70116  
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**Most Rev. Fernand Cheri, III OFM  
Administrator**

**Rev. Ajani K. Gibson  
Parochial Vicar**

## **DEACONS:**

Mr. Lawrence Houston  
Mr. Allen Stevens

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Mr. Emeka Dibia  
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Director of Music

Mr. Marvin Ernest  
Maintenance

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

Mrs. Edith B. Reed  
Executive Secretary



***14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

## ***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**

Paul explains that he was given a thorn in the flesh so that he “might not become too elated” over the abundance of his visions and divine revelations. The phrase “become elated” could also be “become conceited” or “start lording it over others.” Christ specifically condemns lording any merit over others, urging his followers instead to become servants to one another (Matthew 20:25-28; Luke 22:24-27). Paul perceives that, paradoxically, his weaknesses allow the power of Christ to dwell in him and work through him.

The Gospel offers more thoughts on power, in a different key. The people of Jesus’ hometown struggle to believe that the carpenter’s son, who grew up as a normal boy in their midst, whose family was well known to them, can speak with such wisdom and perform such powerful deeds. Because of their lack of faith, Jesus is not able to do many powerful acts among them. He can only heal a few sick people who must have overcome their skepticism to trust their former neighbor. These acts portray power working not so much through weakness as through the familiar and the mundane ( a small-town carpenter) and point to the counterintuitive way that power works in the kingdom.

Like the people of Nazareth, the people of Israel in Ezekiel’s day were offered the chance to turn away from God’s offer of salvation or to be forgiven and healed. The prophet Ezekiel, having caught a glimpse of God’s glory, has fallen flat on his face. The spirit lifts him to his feet to receive his message for Israel: they are hard-hearted rebels, but they still have the chance to heed God’s words rather than to resist-to turn and be healed-if only they will call on God to have pity on them, as in the Responsorial Psalm.

- ◆ How might God’s power work through one of your weaknesses?
- ◆ Why were the Nazareth townspeople offended at the evidence of Jesus’ wisdom and power?
- ◆ Where is God at work through the familiar and the mundane in your life?

**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.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, June 27, 2021 was **\$12,455.74; 2nd Collection: Building Fund: \$202.20.**

***Please continue with your tithing and 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***





Join us Sunday, July 11, 2021, for our first ever Young Adult Ministry Kick-Off “A Cook-Out”. The event will take place immediately following the 10:00 am. Mass in the School Cafeteria. The purpose of this event is to celebrate the ordination of Fr. Ajani Gibson and will serve as a reunion for former school attendees and parishioners **who are in college through the age of 40.** We will also discuss what we want a Young Adult Ministry at St. Peter Claver to look like and what we will do. Please come ready to brainstorm ideas to get and keep our peers involved in our Church. Thankfully, we expect to have a large crowd and unfortunately, will not be able to accommodate children at this event, so please plan ahead if you need to make childcare arrangements. If you have any questions or would like to assist or donate to this event, please contact the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059.

**St. Peter Claver Church**  
**“D.O.V.E.S. Ministry**



Our love, sympathy and prayers go to our Parishioners who have lost family members.

***Rene Anthony Lesene, who was buried on Saturday, July 2, 2021***

Please continue to pray for our entire Church. Any parishioners experiencing the recent loss of an immediate family member, please contact the Bereavement Ministry through the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059, so we can

offer support and prayers.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Will burn in memory of

Mr. Landry Smith, III

Requested by: Mrs. Shirley Smith



**CELEBRATION FEAST OF ST. ANN**



The Triduum of St. Ann will be celebrated at our St. Ann Shrine

2101 Ursulines Avenue  
Monday, July 26, 2021

8:00 a.m. Rosary; 8:30 a.m. Mass & Novena

**(followed by a reception)**

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

9:00 a.m.– Rosary & Novena

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

9:00 a.m. –Rosary & Novena

**“The Public is Invited”**



Visit St. Ann’s Shrine  
(2100 Block of Ursulines Avenue)

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

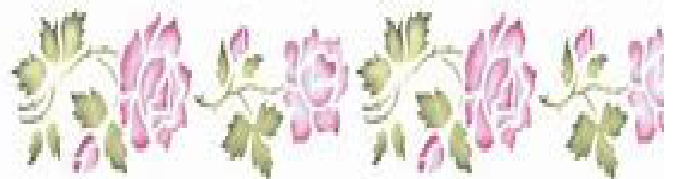
**FATIMA ROSARY**

Monday, July 5, 2021

@ 4:00 p.m., St. Ann Shrine

*Rosary*

Hosted by: Ms. Jacqueline Gibson



**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, 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, 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, John Webb, Faye Williams Penny, Germaine DeRouren, Mary Boutté, Darnell Prejean & Phil Fontenot, Clarence Bertrand, & Ann Hurst.



**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.

**NEW ORLEANS, LA**

**ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER**



**Hurricane Season Is Here**

We're once again in hurricane season. Hurricane season is from June 1st through November 30th. Please be prepared in the event evacuation is necessary. This is the time of year that makes us extremely uncomfortable; if we prepare, we can make it a little easier. Here are a few tips from the National Hurricane Center for developing a family disaster plan: Pay attention to weather reports; Locate the safest areas in your home or community to take shelter during a hurricane; Determine escape routes from your home and places for family members to meet, should you get separated; Arrange transportation if necessary; Keep private vehicle full of gas; Have an-out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all of your family members have single point of contact; Place all medications in a water resistant container. Refill medications timely; Make plans for your pets if you need to evacuate; Keep emergency telephone numbers close by; Place important papers in a water resistant pouch and keep them in your possession at all times (birth certificates, family photos, health records, health insurance card, homeowners and flood insurance documents); Stock non-perishable emergency supplies, a first aid kit and a disaster supply kit, including batteries, flashlights and water and assist elderly or disabled neighbors with their evacuation plan.

If Evacuation Is Necessary, Keep Calm and Follow City Hall Instructions. **CALL 311** for Additional Disaster Information.

If you need more information regarding strategies call the **Health & Wellness Ministry** located in the **Misaada Center**.

**Office Hours: Tuesdays  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; Phone: 504-822-8059**

## BIBLE STUDY

*“He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.”*

*Mk 6:5-6*

**Failure Is Not Fatal!** No one likes to face it, but failure is a part of the life of every Christian. All real change involves failure. Doing only what is familiar and usual fosters stagnation. This may be called failure by default. But failing is not useless. It can force greater creativity and determination. Failure is not fatal.

Jesus’ own ministry was considered a failure to some. His very death on the cross for our sake demonstrates that failure is not fatal. Because we live the *Gospel of Truth*, Jesus’ death on the cross provides us with a *sacrament of failure* that can empower us to have the courage to fail.

Since they were both rejected by Israel, some may say that Ezekiel and Jesus failed in their ministries. Ezekiel’s elaborate call to prophecy with the eating of the scroll, reminds us of Isaiah and his commissioning (**Is. 6**) and the call of Jeremiah (**Jer. 1:9-10**). However, Ezekiel’s ministry was marked by failure. Ezekiel’s call combined an earthly setting with a heavenly vision. The impact of the call of Ezekiel is that he was called to be God’s voice to a people who, though in exile, were obstinate, yet looked to Jerusalem for their deliverance. Notably, God placed a prophet among them while they were still in a rebellious state in exile. He had not abandoned them. God reminded Ezekiel that he would be playing to a tough crowd. He would fail in his efforts to deliver his prophecy to the insubordinate Israelites. Ezekiel’s failure to convince the Israelites would not be fatal, as God is faithful.

To prepare Ezekiel for this result, God repeatedly told him that Israel was a rebellious people (**vv. 2:3, 5, 6, 7, 8**). In Chapter **2:1**, God showed Ezekiel that failure was not fatal and commanded him to stand up and speak His prophetic Word (**2:4**). The dramatic eating of the scroll covered with lamentations and woe, showed God’s persistent compassion for His people (**Ezek. 3:1-5**). The prophet was not to fear the looks of the people, but to obediently speak the words that God placed in his mouth. (**2:8-9**). Yes, God assured Ezekiel that failure was not fatal. By declaring God’s Word to this rebellious people, Ezekiel’s ministry

## BIBLE STUDY/continues

was a success. He was God’s presence to the Israelites.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** Who resists you as you live the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Is it fatal?

### PRAY ABOUT IT.

#### **MONDAY**

Read Ezekiel 2:2-5. Is God calling you?

#### **TUESDAY**

Read 2 Cor. 12:13-21. Tell someone about your faith in Jesus Christ.

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. What is your “thorn in the flesh”?

#### **THURSDAY**

Read Mark: 6:1-6. Encourage someone to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

#### **FRIDAY**

Perform an Act of Spiritual Communion.



### R.C.I.A.

#### *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 concerning the RCIA program please contact the Parish Office, 504-822-8059.

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# SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

## July 3rd-July 9, 2021

### Saturday, July 3, 2021

4:00 p.m. Edgar, Jr. & Leah Chase  
 Mr. Wayne Reese, Sr.  
 Ms. Della Parker  
 Ms. Joyce Evans  
 Ms. Onelia Martin  
 Ms. Monica Washington  
 Ms. Florence Lee  
 Ms. Clair Bidol  
 Ms. Yvonne Gooch  
 Mr. Jiar Joseph Means  
 Ms. Diana LeBlanc  
 Mr. Christopher Woodfork  
 Ms. Shirley Simmons  
 Clarence & Sonja Mathieu  
 Clarence & Alice Mathieu  
 Mr. Landry Smith, III  
**Mr. John Bidol (Living)**

### Sunday, July 4, 2021

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver  
 Ms. Florence Lee  
 Mr. Kenny Ward  
 Mr. Larry Barrios

10:00 a.m. Ms. Tammy Broussard  
 Ms. Ruby Downs  
 Ms. Diane Davis  
 Ms. Jade Gibson  
 Mr. Kenneth Carter  
 Mr. Vint Barney  
 Ms. Emelda Bentley  
 Mr. Paul Steib  
 Ms. Gladys Shief  
 Ms. Virginia Ann Pleasant  
 Mr. Percy Walker  
 Mr. Malcolm Lear  
 Mr. Darrius Hamilton  
 Matthew, Jr. & Florence Smith  
 Ms. Audrey Clivens-Bailey  
 Edward & Edna Walker  
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum  
 Mr. Baxter Sellers

### Tuesday, July 6, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

### Wednesday, July 7, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

### Thursday, July 8, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

### Friday, July 9, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass

# Scripture Reading

## July 5-11, 2021

**Monday-7/5/21**      *Genesis 28:10-22a*  
*Matthew 9:18-26*

**Tuesday-7/6/21**      *Genesis 32:23-33*  
*Matthew 9:32-38*

**Wednesday-7/7/21**      *Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a,*  
*17-24a*  
*Matthew 10:1-7*

**Thursday-7/8/21**      *Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29;*  
*45:1-5*  
*Matthew 10:7-15*

**Friday-7/9/21**      *Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30*  
*Matthew 10:16-23*

**Saturday-7/10/21**      *Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a*  
*Matthew 10:24-33*

**Sunday-7/11/21**      *Amos 7:12-15*  
*Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10*  
*Mark 6:7-13*

## ANNOUNCEMENT!!

### SUMMER HAS ARRIVED! CHURCH ETIQUETTE

#### Church attire for Young Men & Men

- Reverent and appropriate for Church
- No Tank Tops, muscle shirts or clothing exposing the mid-section or tee-shirts with inappropriate language or phrases that are not to be worn in Church.

#### Church attire for Young Women & Women

- Reverent and appropriate for Church
- Dress, skirt & short pants should be a moderate length. When sitting, they should fall just above the knee or a covering should be used.
- No halter tops, spaghetti straps, strapless tops or other clothing exposing the mid-section should be worn in Church.





**ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH  
JULY, 2021**

**MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

					<p><b>1</b> <b>WELCOME</b> <b>Fr. Ajani</b> <b>Gibson-</b> <b>Parochial</b> <b>Vicar</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><b>4</b>  7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><b>5—Holiday</b> 4:00 p.m. Rosary St. Ann Shrine 6:00 pm Bible Study-Zoom</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7:30 am Mass Rectory</p>	<p><b>7</b> 7:30 am Mass Rectory</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7:30 am Mass Rectory</p>	<p><b>9</b> 7:30 am Mass Rectory</p>	<p><b>10</b> 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>	
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<p><b>25</b> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>FEAST OF</b> <b>ST ANN/8 am</b> <b>Rosary; 8:30</b> <b>am Mass &amp;</b> <b>Novena</b> 6:00 pm Bible Study-Zoom</p>	<p><b>27</b> 7:30 am Mass Rectory <b>FEAST OF</b> <b>ST ANN 9:00</b> <b>am— Rosary &amp;</b> <b>Novena</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> 7:30 am Mass Rectory <b>FEAST OF</b> <b>ST ANN-9:00</b> <b>am -Rosary &amp;</b> <b>Novena</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> 7:30 am Mass Rectory</p>	<p><b>30</b> 7:30 am Mass Rectory</p>	<p><b>31</b> 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>	

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