



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:

Weekdays:

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.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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Education & Youth Ministry

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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 Insight

“Are you the King of the Jew?” Pilate wants to know. If Jesus declares himself to be king of the Jews, then Pilate can execute him for sedition, for threatening Caesar’s authority. Jesus’ roundabout answer must have puzzled Pilate. Jesus, of course, is a king—not only of the Jews, but over the whole universe, even over Caesar. Pilate has simply misunderstood the nature of Jesus’ kingship. He is not a king among other kings. Instead, Jesus is a king the way God is a king: “in splendor robed,” the psalmist declares. Emperors and presidents come and go; Jesus’ throne endures forever.

When the visionary John writes to the Christians of Asia Minor (Caesar’s domain, remember), he tells them that Christ “has made us into a kingdom”—in other words, Jesus’ kingdom consists of every person who “listens to [his] voice” (John 18:37). Revelation names the universal scope of Jesus’ rule by identifying him as the exalted Son of Man in Daniel’s vision who was given everlasting “dominion, glory, and kingship” over all the peoples and nations of the earth (Daniel 7:14; Revelation 1:6-7). When the author of Revelation declares that “all the peoples of the earth will lament him” or wail over him, he is borrowing from the prophet Zechariah, who prophesied that God would “pour out a spirit of compassion” on his people so that they would mourn for the one they had pierced as if weeping over a firstborn son or an only child (12:10).

In this way, Revelation suggests that the nations might do what Pilate and the high priests could not: recognize Jesus as the true king, the one who was and is and is to come, and bow before him in repentance.

- ◆ What does the suffering Jesus standing before Pilate teach you about kingship?
- ◆ What does it mean for you belong to Jesus’ kingdom? If you take this to heart, will it change the way that you live?
- ◆ How can you be a faithful witness for Jesus Christ and the kingdom?

St. Peter Claver Pastoral Council NEWS!!

Our Pastoral Council election process was interrupted by Hurricane Ida. We thank you for your patience and prayers but now it’s time to get to work. It is our hope to have the Council in place during the first week of January, 2022.

Our Pastoral Council will focus on three areas of responsibility: **(1) Effective Ministry Outreach; (2) Fiscal Responsibility and (3) Transparency.**

This Council will work closely with Bishop Cheri and the Finance Committee to address the needs of the parish.

Please note that as Pastoral Council members you will be required to attend ten (10) Council meetings annually. Each meeting will last approximately two (2) hours. Council members will serve three year terms. Staggered terms will occur to ensure that experienced members are participating.

Self-Nomination Forms for the Pastoral Council are welcome beginning Saturday, November 6th thru Monday, November 22, 2021 until close of business, 5:00 p.m.

Forms and instructions can be found on tables at the rear of the church. Please seal your Self-Nomination form in an envelope provided and give them to the Ushers as you exit the Church. You may also drop your nomination off at the Parish Office (sealed in an envelope). **Please prayerfully consider sharing your talents with our Pastoral Council as we move our parish into a brighter future.**



Our Stewardship for Sunday, November 14, 2021 was **\$12,150.51; 2nd Collection: Building Fund: \$399.57.**

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

November is Black Catholic History Month



Servant of God Julia Greely, Denver's Angel of Charity, was born into slavery, at Hannibal, Missouri, sometime between 1833 and 1848. While she was still a young child, a cruel slavermaster, in the course of beating her mother, caught Julia's right eye with

his whip and destroyed it.

Freed by Missouri's Emancipation Act in 1865, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico-though mostly in the Denver area. Whatever she did not need for herself, Julia spent assisting poor families in her neighborhood. When her own resources were inadequate, she begged for food, fuel and clothing for the needy. One writer later called her a "one-person St. Vincent de Paul Society." To avoid embarrassing the people she helped, Julia did most of her charitable work under cover of night through dark alleys.

Julia entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1880, and was an outstanding supporter of all that the parish had to offer. The Jesuits who ran the parish considered her the most enthusiastic promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus they had ever seen. Every month she visited on foot every fire station in Denver and delivered literature of the Sacred Heart League to the firemen, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

A daily communicant, Julia had a rich devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin and continued her prayers while working and moving about. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it till her death in 1918.

As she lived in a boarding house, Julia's body was laid out in church, and immediately many hundreds of people began filing past her coffin to pay their grateful respect. She was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery (sect. 8, Black 7), and to the present day many people have been asking that her cause be considered for canonization, a request which was finally granted in the Fall of 2016.

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman.. is a



joyful example of contemporary sainthood. Sister Bowman was born Bertha Bowman in Mississippi in 1937. Bertha's grandfather had been a slave before the Emancipation Proclamation, but her parents were both professionals: her father was a doctor and her mother taught. Bertha was

raised in a vibrantly spiritual Methodist home, and she became attracted to the life of love and service that the religious sisters in her town led. With her parents' permission, young Bertha converted to Catholicism when she was just nine. Bertha enrolled in a Catholic School, which deepened her appreciation for the Catholic faith and for the sisters who taught her. When she was fifteen, Bertha traveled north to Wisconsin to join the order of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in La Crosse. She attended college at Viterbo University in Wisconsin and then traveled to Washington D.C. to earn her master's degree and doctorate at the Catholic University of America. She finished her Ph.D. in 1972 and began to teach at CUA, then her alma mater of Viterbo, and Xavier University.

Sister Thea, as she became known as, worked diligently not only at education but on evangelization of Black American Catholics. The Church in the South had been wounded by the history of segregation and slavery. The social structures of sin prevented the marginalized populations from feeling welcome in the Church that they saw as a Church of white people. Sister Thea worked to create a hymnal that showcased Black spirituality and culture. She traveled across the American continent and even abroad to the Caribbean Islands and Africa to spread a ministry of joy-a ministry of proclaiming the joy of each culture's unique differences yet their unity in Christ.

Sister Thea died on March 30, 1990.

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, Stanley & Beatrice Grant, Pearl Dupart, Aaron LaCabe, Bernice Stein, Javette and Michael Garner, John Bidol, Marie Walker, Shirley Walton, Antoinette Johnston, 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, Marion Evans, Verlyn Mallory, Bronson Lee, John Parker, Maureen Nutting, Victoria Leslie, Lorraine Bart, Myrtle Dorsey, Bernell Johnson, Wilma Wilson, Wendell Baptiste, Maxine Rixner, Shonne Pierce, Wylene Jones, 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, 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, Faye Penny, Germaine DeRouren, Mary Boutte, Darnell Prejean, Phil Fontenot, Kameron Sears, Jr., Myklynn Meyers, Tonya Bernard; Zelinda Lawrence, **(Pamela Page—Special Prayers)**.

NEW ORLEANS, LA

***THANK YOU, LORD
A Poem of Thanksgiving***

Through Hurricanes, Calamities, Illnesses and other Natural Disasters, Kept Safe

You, O God, Unveil

Life and its meaning, Overcame death through Resurrection and Delivered Me from the Snare of the Enemy!

I am GRATEFUL.

I AM FORGIVEN.

I am FREE

And, I want to say, thank you, Lord, for all you've done for me!

Kendra Tircuit



St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

ADVENT Giving, 2021

GIVE HOPE!

During Advent the season of hope and expected waiting, we have the opportunity to share hope with the most vulnerable of our community who are in need. Each week we will give items for a specific Charitable Agency. Remember *Matthew 25:31-40*. "When I was hungry you gave me food.. When I was naked you clothed me...Whatever you did to one of these least...you did for me." Mercy is endless.. First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021; **"Lantern Light at The Rebuild Center"**; **Gift Items: Socks, Bar Soap & Deodorant**; All items should be new. Remember give your best. Bring the items to church and present them during the offering procession. These will be given to the agency after Mass. Hands are welcome to prepare the bags for pickup after Mass. ***Thank you so much SPC Family.***



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory of

Bartholomew, Jr. & Ramona Bruno

Requested By: Daughter, Son-in-Law & Family

FATIMA ROSARY

**Monday, November 22, 2021
@ 4:00 p.m., St. Ann Shrine**

Rosary

Hosted by: Ms. Shirley Smith



BIBLE STUDY

“Jesus answered, you say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Jn. 18:37

TELL THE TRUTH: What does it mean to tell the truth? Synonyms for “tell the truth,” are: *be above board, hold nothing back, be honest, be frank, be on the up and up, be open, be straight, be straightforward, be up front, come clean, come to terms, keep nothing back, talk straight.* You may have heard the expression, *Tell the Truth, and shame the devil.* As Christians, our lives should shame the devil. We are called not only not to lie, but to live as witnesses of the truth. Ask yourself, what truth does your life reflect? To what truths do your words, actions and choices attest. Am I a truth teller, or am I a liar disguised as follower of Jesus Christ?

Truth is defined as a moral and personal characteristic of God He is “the God of truth” (**Isa. 65:16**). Jesus is the Word of God who became flesh. He is the only Son of the Father and is full of grace and truth (**Jn. 1:14**). Everything Jesus said was true because He told what He heard from God the Father. (**Jn. 8:40**).

As Christians who live in a world full of lies and materialism, we are required to live and tell the truth. The church year closes with the ultimate truth, the solemn celebration of Jesus, Christ the King of the Universe. In the United States, we do not have a monarchy-a king or queen. It may be difficult to imagine one individual with complete control over our lives. Our democratic form of government operates on the basic truth that all are created equal. Our democracy is responsible for ensuring the protection of human dignity and the common good. Therefore, citizens must surrender all to the truth that in Jesus there is no partiality. Our lives must reflect the truth of Jesus Christ, who died for the common good of all. He is the truth we live and profess.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Tell the truth. What has absolute power over you?

CONGRATULATIONS!!.. *Jr. Daughters from Court #50*

Congratulations to **Rihaan Reed and Sydney Davis,**



Jr. Daughter's of the Knights of Peter Claver/Ladies Auxiliary.

These two young ladies are winners in the 2021 Knights of Peter Claver Talent Show.

Rihaan Reed won all three divisions: City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana and National, the whole United States of America with her beautiful, elegant and creative Ballet

performance.

Rihaan competed with other young Jr. Knights and Jr. Ladies of her peer group. As a Ballerina she is a force to be reckoned with. Keep shining, our Jr. Daughter Rihaan Reed.

Rihaan is the daughter of Amber Sheeler and Ricardo Reed and the granddaughter of Michael and Edith Reed.



Jr. Lady Sidney Davis is an up and budding pianist. Sidney loves all types of music and enjoys sharing her gift of music with her family and others. Sidney received the honor of 2nd Place winner in the District, City of New Orleans Division.

Sidney takes her music very serious and we are looking forward to more great piano music from our Jr. Daughter Sidney Davis.

Sidney Davis is the daughter of Lady Tiffany and Brandon Davis, Esq.



November 20-26, 2021

Saturday, November 20, 2021

4:00 p.m. Edgar, Jr. & Leah Chase
 Mr. Wayne Reese, Sr.
 Ms. Joyce Evans
 Ms. Onelia Martin
 Ms. Monica Washington
 Ms. Clair Bidol
 Ms. Diana LeBlanc
 Mr. Claude Montegut, Sr.
Mr. John Bidol (Living)

Sunday, November 21, 2021

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
 In Thanksgiving-Geraldine Gant
 Ms. Florence Lee
 Mr. John Webb
 Mr. Gary Meyer, Sr.
 Mr. Claude Montegut, Sr.

10:00 a.m. Bartholomew, Jr. & Ramona Bruno
 Ms. Myrtle Brooks
 Mr. Albert Boucree
 Ms. Laverne McWilliams
 Ms. Deborah Gray
 Ms. Cynthia Bluford
 Mr. Waldon Green
 Ms. Ruby Downs
 Ms. Jade Gibson
 Ms. Beverly Pleasant
 Mr. Vint Barney
 Ms. Emelda Bentley
 Ms. Virginia Ann Pleasant
 Mr. Percy Walker
 Mr. Malcolm Lear
 Edward & Edna Walker
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
 Baxter and Elvera Sellers
 Ms. Vivian Delaney
 Mr. Darrius Hamilton
 Mr. Lester Marshall
 Mr. Anthony Green
 Mable, Alvin, George, & Gwendolyn
 Kellman

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 25, 2021

9:00 a.m. Mass –Church

Friday, November 26, 2021

7:30 a.m. Mass-Larry Barrios, Sr.



November 22-28, 2021

Monday-11/22/21 Daniel 2:31-45
 Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday-11/23/21 Daniel 2:31-45
 Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday-11/24/21 Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17,
 23-28
 Luke 21:12-19

Thursday-11/25/21 Daniel 6:12-28
 Luke 21:20-28

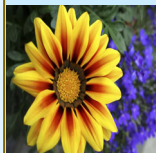
Friday-11/26/21 Daniel 7:2-14
 Luke 21:29-33

Saturday-11/27/21 Daniel 7:15-27
 Luke 21:34-36

Sunday-11/28/21 Jeremiah 33:14-16
 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Visit St. Ann's Shrine

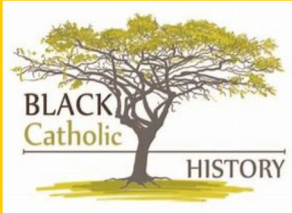
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**Open—Tuesdays, Thursdays
 & Saturdays
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

St. Peter Claver Adopt-A-Family

ADVENT is soon approaching. "Make Room and Prepare for the Coming of the Lord". Our Advent hope is to be able to help families in our communities prepare and share in the joy of Christ's coming. Adopting-a-Family is a wonderful way to share blessings with others during this season. If you would like to Adopt-a-Family, please contact Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston in the Parish Office or via email; mlee@spclaverchurch.org. We are also accepting toy donations, if you would just like to donate. How would you feel as a child waking up Christmas morning and there are no gifts for you?



ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH EVENTS & MEETINGS NOVEMBER, 2021



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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| | <p>1 ALL SAINTS 7:30 am Mass 4:00 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Mass St. Ann Shrine 6:00 pm Bible Study-Zoom</p> | <p>2 ALL SOULS 7:30 am Mass</p> | <p>3 7:30 am Mass Church</p> | <p>4 7:30 am Mass Church 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>5 7:30 am Mass Church</p> | <p>6 4:00 pm Vigil Mass/ Memorial Mass</p> |
| <p>7 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass Knights of Peter Claver/ Ladies Auxilia- ry</p> | <p>8 4:00 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Bible Study-Zoom</p> | <p>9 7:30 am Mass</p> | <p>10 7:30 am Mass Church</p> | <p>11 7:30 am Mass Church 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>12 7:30 am Mass Church</p> | <p>13 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p> |
| <p>14 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p> | <p>15 4:00 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Bible Study-Zoom</p> | <p>16 7:30 am Mass</p> | <p>17 7:30 am Mass Church</p> | <p>18 7:30 am Mass Church 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>19 7:30 am Mass Church</p> | <p>20 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p> |
| <p>21 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass Pre-ordered Thanksgiving Dinner p/u after 10 am Mass-Hall</p> | <p>22 4:00 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Bible Study-Zoom</p> | <p>23 7:30 am Mass</p> | <p>24 7:30 am Mass Church</p> | <p>25 Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 a.m. </p> | <p>26 OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>27 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p> |
| <p>28 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p> | <p>29 4:00 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Bible Study-Zoom</p> | <p>30 7:30 am Mass</p> |  | | | |

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