

# Saint Peter Claver Catholic Church

*"Building up the Kingdom of God.  
Making intentional disciples!"*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

**Saturday Evening:** 4:00 p.m.

**Sundays:** 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

**Holy Days: To Be Announced**

**Weekdays: Tuesdays-Fridays. 7:30 a.m.**

**Last Friday (of the month)**

**St. Ann Shrine 8:30 am**

## 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 8-11 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 – Sunday 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

**WEBSITE :** [www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org](http://www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org)

**PARISH EMAIL:** [parishoffice@spclaverchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@spclaverchurch.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.

**1923 St. Philip Street**

**New Orleans, LA 70116**

**Office (504) 822-8059**

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**Misaada Center (504) 827-0707**

**Rev. Ajani K. Gibson**  
**Pastor**

## DEACONS:

Mr. Lawrence Houston

Mr. Allen Stevens

## PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Veronica Downs-Dorsey  
Director of Music

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

Mrs. Edith B. Reed  
Executive Secretary

Mr. Devon Watts  
Business Manager



## 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**

“My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.” In a society that valued eldest sons, God favored younger sons like Jacob or David to lead Israel. In a world hostile to foreign women, God made outsiders like Jael, Rahab, and Ruth pivotal to Israel’s salvation. In a culture that inflicted fearsome penalties for betrayal, God forgave Israel repeatedly, patient for the day when his people would keep their word. God even worked to overcome Israel’s self-inflicted disasters. He sent prophets to correct Israel’s greedy and feckless kings and ensured that the nation would survive the damage they inflicted. These acts of mercy characterize the generous God that Isaiah speaks of in this Sunday’s first reading.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus illustrates this same divine mercy in the parable of the workers in the vineyard. The daily wage for laborers was enough for a small extended family of several adults and children to purchase bread and vegetables for the day’s meals with a bit left over for taxes and other expenses. Observant Jews had to be especially careful to keep enough for Sabbath days when they refrained from labor. The vineyard owner was thus making sure all his laborers could eat regardless of the work they put in. His concern was for the effects of the wage, not its value as a symbol of effort. Likewise, Jesus reveals, God’s mercy is not a currency to be earned, but a gift to support the life of any who humbly ask for it.

“Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ,” Paul implores in this Sunday’s second reading. The ways of the world confuse our minds. We will never understand God through logic or study. Only by trusting in Christ and living his Gospel will the truth of God’s Word make any sense.

- ◆ Which of God’s ways strike you as strange?
- ◆ How has living out God’s ways changed your life?
- ◆ What do you think motivates the landowner to be generous, and what can his motivations teach us about God’s generosity?

**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.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, September 17, 2023 was **\$12,946.19**; **2nd Collection: Catholic Communications Campaign: \$537.50.**

*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.*

### St. Peter Claver Church Fund Raising Event



### Parish Fall Dance



Saturday, October 21, 2023

SPC Music Hall—1020 N. Prieur St.  
8:00 p.m.-12 midnight

\$15.00—Pre-Sale

\$20.00—At Door

No outside food or alcohol  
21 years & older

Tickets are on sale after each Mass and in  
the Parish Office.



### September 30th-October 1, 2023

#### LECTORS

4:00 p.m. Miko Melancon \* Adrain Francis  
7:30 a.m. Brendolyn McKenna \* Warren Bell  
10:00 a.m. Anthony Faciane \* Dwight Bluford, Sr.



#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

10:00 a.m. Damien Perrin \* Marvelle Perrin



**ATTENTION:** Mandatory Redlegation  
for all Eucharistic Ministers of the Holy  
Communion:

Friday, October 6th @ 1:00 p.m. in  
the School Hall

**OR**

Sunday, November 12, 2023 @  
11:30 a.m. in the School Hall



### ATTENTION:

**St. Peter Claver Church Pastoral Plan Listening  
Session Dates:**

Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m.—*Elders &  
Retirees*

Thursday, October 5, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.—*General*

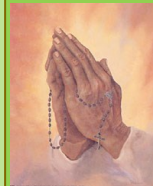
Wednesday, October 11th @ 6:00 p.m.—

*High Schoolers*

### Questions for Discussion:

- Why do you choose to be apart of the St. Peter Claver Parish Community?
- What keeps you engaged and connected with us today?
- What are our needs as a parish? How can we better address those needs?
- What is one hope for the future of St. Peter Claver?

**NOTE: All Meetings in the Ujima Center,  
1019 N. Prieur Street**



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

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

### ANNOUNCEMENT...

On next weekend, September 30-October 1,  
2023 the Second Collection will be for:  
The Building Fund. Your continuous gen-  
erosity is appreciated.

St. Ann Shrine on Ursulines Ave., are in  
need of someone to help to take care of the  
garden. If you are interested, please contact  
the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059.



**ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH**

**St. Peter Claver Homebound and Sick Parishioners**

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

Fr. Henry Davis, Edith Henry, Alice Allen, Stanley & Beatrice Grant, Aaron LaCabe, Bernice Stein, Javette and Michael Garner, John Bidol, Marie Walker, Shirley Walton, Antoinette Johnston, Audrey Evans, Yvette Brown, Shirley Pratt, Lorraine Bowman, Ruby Perry, Barbara Phillips, Louise Jenkins, Toki Joseph, Joseph Williams, Gerard Robinson, Sr., Emelda Petit, Johnnie Petit, Vivian Plessy, Bronson Lee, John Parker, Maureen Nutting, Victoria Leslie, Lorraine Bart, Myrtle Dorsey, Bernell Johnson, Wilma Wilson, Wendell Baptiste, Shonne Pierce, Roslind Louis, Lydia Edwards, Ted Nutting, Joseph Washington, Rockial Riley, Sarah Lafitte, Marynell Fernandez, Gloria Oliver, Myrtle Williams, Edward Brown, Lucille Anderson, Evelyn Shokes, Shayna Vigne, Jolene Jeff, Bryon Bernard, Victor Hampton, Clarence Robinson, Jr., Baby Aria Polite, Sabrina Davis, Laura Johnson, Myklynn Meyers, Tonya Bernard, Zelinda Lawrence, Louis Robinette, Sr., Mercedes Lewis, Marie Collins, Sedrick Jones, Michelle Robair, Aneta Gilbert, Debra Stephens, Deniese Robinson, Jimmy Gomez, Michael Green, Lois Morgan, Darnell Gordon, Ann Coston, Kenneth Sears, Sr., Zelma Evans, Lois Rominenq, Rita Jackson, Joseph Isidore, Matthew Smith, III, Norman Smith, Dwayne Petit, Diane Green, Yolanda Jones, Louis Weber, Warren Davis, Bernadine Keyser, Cornell Fisher.



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**Will burn in memory of:**

**Geraldine Gant**

**Requested by: Adult Bible Study Group**

**FATIMA ROSARY**

**Monday, September 25, 2023  
@ 3:00 p.m., 2100 Ursulines  
Avenue, Apt. 110.**

**Hosted by: Ms. Lynette Walker**

*Rosary*

**NEW ORLEANS, LA**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES**

**CREDO: I BELIEVE**

What do we believe?  
Why do we believe it?  
How do we live what we believe?

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**I Believe In God**

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**I Believe In Jesus Christ**

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**I Believe In The Holy Spirit**

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**The Church**

Explore and Dive Deeper into the Faith We Profess

**Location: Church Building  
1923 St. Philip Street  
New Orleans, LA 70116**



**Consult with an Attorney for FREE!!**

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

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 30, 2023  
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. Peter Claver Parish Office  
1910 Ursulines Ave.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

All St. Peter Claver Church Lectors and those interested in becoming a Lector. There will be a Lector's Formation Training on Saturday, October 7th @ 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the Church. All Lectors are expected to attend. You may contact Parish Office (504) 822-8059. or the Lector Coordinator Team for more information.



## BIBLE STUDY

*“Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? [Or] am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”*

*Matthew 20:14-16*

**Everything Belongs to God.** Privilege refers to a right, benefit or exemption enjoyed by a particular person or group. Hard work is supposed to bring success. But we live in a world where professional football players in one year can earn more than a thousand high school teachers. The reality is that we all look for the, “hook up” the advantage and the privilege that is given to us through wealth, race, education, and social status. If we are honest, we will admit that we evaluate people by what we think they deserve. But God sees us as we really are. He gives us what we do not deserve. He freely gives His grace and favor to the humble and opposes the proud. Perhaps this is why Pope Francis defines grace in this way: “Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason.” Grace, therefore, is a divine gift and not something we create. Our tendency is to control our own destiny, so we celebrate individual success, without recognizing that the source of the success is the grace of God.

In the first reading, the prophet in Second Isaiah issued an invitation to the desolate Israelites who were exiled in Babylon to return to God’s grace. They thought that God had abandoned them. Many thought that their sins were so great that they could not be forgiven. He encouraged them to seek where God is. (v.6). Though He is directly involved in their salvation, they must repent in order to find Him (v.7). Seeking and calling on the Lord is approaching Him in confident hope, which is faith. (cf. **Acts 2:21; 15:17; 17:27; 22:16; Rom. 3:11; 10:14; 2 Tim. 2:22**). The person who genuinely seeks the Lord and calls on His name realizes his or her sins and is willing to turn them over to the Lord. Repentance requires abandoning our ways, thoughts, and attitudes. They are not God’s ways and thoughts. (v.7). God’s way is forgiveness, and His thoughts are compassionate.

Like the desolate Israelites in these verses, we tend to blame others and even ourselves for failures, as though we are in control of the universe. Sometimes we confuse grace with race. Some proclaim their racial, social, economic and caste privileges and refuse to recognize God’s grace. But our

## BIBLE STUDY ..continues

thoughts are not God’s thoughts, and our ways are often not His ways. We know that God is in control. His grace is sufficient for every circumstance. A life in Jesus Christ means that we know that our successes and failures allow us to give God glory. We have been purchased at a great price. Our lives are not our own. Everything we have belongs to God.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** List one quality that you and God have in common.

### **Pray About It!**

**Monday** Donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

**Tuesday** Read Deut. 15:9. Why is God jealous?

**Wednesday** Read Matthew 20:1-16a. Are you envious?

**Thursday** Read Isaiah 55:6-9. Encourage someone who is in despair.

**Friday** Celebrate the achievements of others.

## 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.

**ATTENTION: The Women of Nia-Imani** meetings will be as follows:

Wednesday, October 4th @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8th @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13th @ 6:00 p.m.

All Ladies of St. Peter Claver Church are encouraged to join us!

# MASS INTENTIONS



**September 23-29, 2023**

**Saturday, September 23, 2023**

4:00 p.m. Bishop Fernand Cheri, III  
Mr. Miles Poydras  
Ernest & Della Parker  
Ms. Geraldine Gant  
Mr. Wayne Reese  
Edgar, Jr. & Leah Chase  
Living & deceased members of the  
Chase Family  
Ms. Clair Bidol  
Ms. Scarlett Crawford  
Ms. Joyce Evans  
Mr. Sean Foster  
Ms. Monica Washington  
Ms. Debra Gray  
*Thanksgiving to St. Joseph  
(Ms. Barbara Phillips)  
John Bidol (Living)*

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

7:30 a.m. *Parishioners of St. Peter Claver*

10:00 a.m. Bishop Fernand Cheri, III  
Mr. James Batiste  
Mr. William A. Collins  
Ms. Yona G. Chatman  
Ms. Delores Chapital  
Mr. Myles Poydras  
Ms. Wylene Jones  
Mr. Vint Barney  
Albert & Miriam Boucree  
Ms. Pearl Dupart  
Ms. Ruby Downs  
Ms. Jade Gibson  
Ms. Debra Gray  
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum  
Mr. Malcolm Lear  
Sullivan & Emelda Bentley  
Edward & Edna Walker  
Mr. Percy Walker  
Mr. Lester Marshall  
Baxter & Elvera Sellers  
Mr. Darrius Hamilton  
Mr. Waldon Green  
Chester & Marie Boyer Brown  
Dr. Gina Brown Burrell  
M. Domonique Trenier  
Mr. Earl Sylvester

**Mass Intentions continues .....**

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

10:00 a.m. Ms. Vivian Delaney  
Ms. Nellie Martin  
Ms. Gladys Shief  
August, Sr. & Bernadine Milton  
Ms. Cynthia Bluford  
Mr. Dwight Bluford, Jr.  
Living & deceased members of the  
Paul Family  
*Ms. Edith Stevens (Living)*

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

7:30 a.m. Mass-Book of Intercessions

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

7:30 a.m. Mass-Church

**Friday, September 29, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Mass-St. Ann Shrine



**September 25-October 2, 2023**

**Monday-9/25/23** *Ezra 1:1-6  
Luke 8:16-18*

**Tuesday-9/26/23** *Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20  
Luke 8:19-21*

**Wednesday-9/27/23** *Ezra 9:5-9  
Luke 9:1-6*

**Thursday-9/28/23** *Haggai 1:1-8  
Luke 9:7-9*

**Friday-9/29/23** *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or  
Revelation 12:7-12a  
John 1:47-51*

**Saturday-9/30/23** *Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a  
Luke 9:43b-45*

**Sunday-10/1/23** *Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5  
Matthew 21:28-32*



# ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Ministry Meetings & Events September, 2023

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**



**1**  
7:30 am Mass

**2**  
2:45 pm Confes-  
sions  
4:00 pm Vigil  
Mass

**3**  
7:30 am Mass  
10:00 am  
Mass

**4**  
**Labor Day**  
**Office Closed**

**5**  
7:30 am Mass  
3:30 pm Roots of  
Music  
6:00 p.m. Family  
Life

**6**  
NO Daily Mass

**7**  
NO Daily Mass  
1:00 pm Adult  
Bible Study  
(Seniors)  
3:30 pm Roots of  
Music  
6:00 pm Choir  
Rehearsal

**8**  
NO Daily Mass  
6:00 pm Steal  
Away to Jesus

**9 Feast of St.**  
**Peter Claver**  
2:45 pm Confes-  
sions  
4:00 pm Vigil  
Mass

**10**  
7:30 am Mass  
8:30 am CCD  
10:00 am  
Mass  
11:30 am La-  
dies Auxilia-  
ry

**11**  
2:00 pm Senior  
Citizens  
3:00 pm Rosary  
3:30 pm Roots of  
Music  
6:00 pm Bible  
Study

**12**  
7:30 am Mass  
3:30 pm Roots of  
Music  
6:00 pm RCIA

**13**  
7:30 am Mass  
6:00 pm Nia-Imani

**14**  
7:30 am Mass  
1:00 pm Adult  
Bible Study  
(Seniors)  
3:30 pm Roots of  
Music  
6:00 pm Choir  
Rehearsal

**15**  
7:30 am Mass

**16**  
2:45 pm Confes-  
sions  
4:00 pm Vigil  
Mass

**17**  
7:30 am Mass  
8:30 am CCD  
10:00 am  
Mass

**18**  
3:30 pm Roots of  
Music  
6:00 pm Bible  
Study  
6:00 pm Men  
Praying the  
Rosary @ St.  
Ann Shrine

**19**  
7:30 am Mass  
3:30 pm Roots of  
Music 6:00 pm  
RCIA

**20**  
7:30 am Mass  
4:00 pm Bereave-  
ment Ministry  
6:00 pm Pastoral  
Council

**21**  
7:30 am Mass  
1:00 pm Adult  
Bible Study  
(Seniors)  
3:30 pm Roots of  
Music  
6:00 pm Choir  
Rehearsal

**22**  
7:30 am Mass

**23**  
2:45 pm Confes-  
sions  
4:00 pm Vigil  
Mass

**24**  
7:30 am Mass  
8:30 am CCD  
10:00 am  
Mass

**25**  
2:00 pm Senior  
Citizens  
3:00 pm Rosary  
3:30 pm Roots of  
Music  
6:00 pm Bible  
Study

**26**  
7:30 am Mass  
3:30 pm Roots of  
Music  
5:00 pm Legion of  
Mary  
6:00 pm RCIA

**27**  
7:30 am Mass

**28**  
7:30 am Mass  
1:00 pm Adult  
Bible Study  
(Seniors)  
3:30 pm Roots of  
Music  
6:00 pm Choir  
Rehearsal

**29**  
8:30 a.m. St. Ann  
Shrine

**30**  
12:00 noon  
Legal Clinic  
2:45 pm Confes-  
sions  
4:00 pm Vigil  
Mass

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