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Marilyn Robinson

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday

8:00 am—4:30 pm

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

All daily masses in the Convent Chapel

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:00 am

Friday: No Mass

No daily masses in the Convent Chapel:

December 28, 29, 30, and 31, 2015

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

All weekend Masses in Church

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:15 am

1:30 pm (Spanish)

### CONFESSIONS—IN THE CHURCH

Saturday: 4:30 pm—5:00 pm or by appointment

### ROSARY—IN THE CHURCH

1st & 2nd Tuesdays: 10:00 am

Saturday: 4:55 pm—5:20 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am—8:50 am

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# St. Peter Claver Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

Extraordinary Jubilee: "Merciful Like the Father":

December 8, 2015–November 20, 2016



Dear Friends in Christ,

Some may ask: *Is the "Hail Mary" Scripturally based?* Today's Gospel shows us that the answer is YES! The *Hail Mary* comes almost directly from the Gospel of Luke. The prayer may be divided into three parts. Part one comes from the Angel Gabriel's greeting of Mary (Annunciation). Part two comes from when Mary visits Elizabeth (Visitation). Part three is a prayer of intercession. *Hail Mary, full of grace, the LORD is with thee, blessed are you among women (Luke 1:28) and blessed is the fruit of your womb (Luke 1:42), Jesus, Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and in the hour of our death.* Only part three departs from Scripture and appropriately adds an intercessory concluding prayer. So yes, the *Hail Mary* is indeed Scriptural as the *Our Father* is.

The fourth Sunday of Advent turns to Mary. The Blessed Virgin is pregnant with Jesus and visits her kinswoman, Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. Last week St. Peter Claver celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas. Mary has many titles and *Our Lady of Guadalupe* is one of them. Many thanks to all parishioners who worked to make this a beautiful celebration. Our Latino parishioners raised money to cover the costs of this event. Area Latino businesses also generously contributed. The Latino community raised more than was spent and generously gave \$1000.00 to the school to pay for the new ice machine that died a few days before the feast (Total cost \$5000.00!) Happy Advent!

Pax et Bonum

*Father Bill*

## Church Christmas Decorating Party

This year, let us come together as a community in celebration of the anticipation of the Gift of Love into our world.

**On Monday, December 21st,  
beginning at 5:00 pm**

we are hosting a decorating party. The vision is:

*Being a light to the community we share here  
in Pleasant Hill.*

We are setting up and decorating trees for the rectory and the Church and placing wreaths inside and outside the Church.

If you are a chili master, please share your gift!

**We will be serving chili and hot chocolate for the evening.**

Wishing peace and blessings to everyone as we prepare for the gift of God's love!!

# Weekly Offering

Offertory 12/13/2015	10,784.86
Offertory 12/14/2014	14,314.71
Poor Box and Candles	55.00
Christmas Flowers	240.00
Capital Improvement Fund	80.00
Masses	145.00
Immaculate Conception Mass	456.00

As each one has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another as good  
stewards of God's varied grace.  
—1 Peter 4:10

## 2015 Bishops Annual Appeal - as of 12/11/2015

Target	Pledged	% of Target	Paid	Total Families	Families Pledging	% Donors
\$39,607	\$19,940	86%	33,927	301	118	39.20%

St. Peter Claver tithes 10% of our weekly offertory to the poor in the name of Jesus! St. Peter Claver donates \$500.00 to FAM (Family Advancement Ministry) and \$250.00 to the St. Maximilian Kolbe Center every month.

Second Collection Today: St. Vincent de Paul Fund.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — From you, Bethlehem, shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Micah 5:1-4a).

**Psalms** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — By Christ doing the will of God, we have been consecrated (Hebrews 10:5-10).

**Gospel** — "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:39-45).

## Readings for the Week

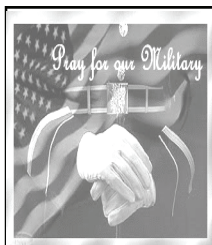
**Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18; Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66  
**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79  
**Friday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

## Prayer Line (478) 743-1454

Florine Billue, Shirley James, Aaron Wimberly, Kevin Dockrell, Annie Burnell, Dolores Konke, Julianne Kandalec, Emma Patterson, Marie Chatman, Alma Johnson, Joanne Dockrell, Marie Pacheco, Kariem Jones, Kimberly Hamilton, Naomi Hicks, Lea-Ann Fletcher, Chloe Holt, Eden Lee Thompson, Cletia Wimberly, Andria Ballard Magallano, Charlene Stallings, Alice Denise Williams, Devin Dayton, Dennis Pennymon, Pearlie Watkins, Lindsay Banasz, Johnny Roquemore, Clifton Hadley, Kristie Marshall, Monsignor John Cuddy, Heriberto Bocanegra, Mary Pioli, Mary Coté, Anne James, Beatrice Jordan, David Maysonet, Fred Grasso, Michael Craig, Michael Iteogu, Burton Family, Don Heacock, Don Heacock, Sr., Darryl Newman, Judah White, Quay Wornum, Hayden McIntyre, Adanma Ekeledo, Chidi Ekeledo, Sharon Johnson, Corey Flagg, Jr., Carmen Kilgore (baby), Holden Wimberly, Braylon Andrews, Delwyn Andrews, Jr., Marion Wintons, Domingo Bermudez, Clara Mahoney, Xavier Green and Anthony McIntosh.



If you wish to have a name kept on the list or removed please call the church office at 743-1454.



Virous Caston, Brittaní Caston, Russell Hill III, Tony Cervantes, Angel Gomez, Jeff Cooper, Mishell Sonntog, Gary Oñate

If you have a loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, assigned overseas, please call Marilyn Robinson at the Parish Office to add his or her name to our prayer list and please call us to let us know he/she has returned safely.

## Elizabeth Ministry

Please pray for this expectant mother.

Call the Parish Office if you are expecting a child so that we may pray for you!



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, December 19** - LaVonne Bertucci, +RIP (K. Shiflet)

**Sunday, December 20**

9:00 a.m. - Angelo DeMichiel, +RIP (R. DeMichiel)

11:15 a.m. - In Honor of St. Anthony in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan)

1:30 p.m. - Mass for Parishioners

**Monday, December 21** - In Honor of St. Anthony in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan)

**Tuesday, December 22** - In Honor of St. Anthony in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan)

**Wednesday, December 23** - Eugene & Virginia McMahan, +RIP

**Thursday, December 24** - None

**Friday, December 25** - Margaret Billingslea, +RIP (T. Johnson)

**Saturday, December 26** - None



**St. Peter Claver:** Penance services will be held each Wednesday during Advent (December 23rd)  
Holy Hour and Confessions from 7:45p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

**All other Deanery services begin at 7:00 p.m.**

St Patrick: Monday – December 21<sup>st</sup>



**December 24th —Christmas Eve Masses**

5:30 pm—Children’s Mass at Church  
7:30 pm—Spanish Mass at Church  
11:15 pm-Caroling begins prior to Midnight Mass  
12:00 am-Midnight Mass at Church

**December 25th —Christmas Day Masses**

10:00 am—English Mass at Church  
12:00 pm—Spanish Mass at Church

**December 31st — New Year’s Eve Mass**

6:00 pm —English Mass at Church

**January 1st — New Year’s Day Mass**

10:00 am — Bilingual Mass at Church



And with the grace of Baptism and of Eucharistic Communion I can become an instrument of God’s mercy, of that beautiful mercy of God.

— Pope Francis —

**Jubilee Year of Mercy**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

In proclaiming the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis proclaimed his desire that this Holy Year be “steeped in mercy,” as we disciples “go out to every man and woman,” bringing the “balm of mercy” to “believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 5). In her visitation of Elizabeth, Mary beautifully presents just such an image. Despite the perils of her pregnancy, not to mention her preoccupations as a young unwed mother, Mary instantly, unselfishly, “goes out” of herself, hastening far and over dangerous terrain, to “bring the balm of God’s tender mercy” in assistance rendered to her older relative. Since baptism and the Eucharist have made us, in a way, bearers of the living Christ within as Mary was, such selfless “going out” of ourselves to be of loving service to others in mercy should especially mark our Christmas season this Jubilee Year.



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(January 12, 19. February 2, 9, 16.)

The talks will continue this Tuesday in the Social Hall, December 15th at 5:45 p.m. Potluck dinner followed by Fr. Frank’s Advent Course.

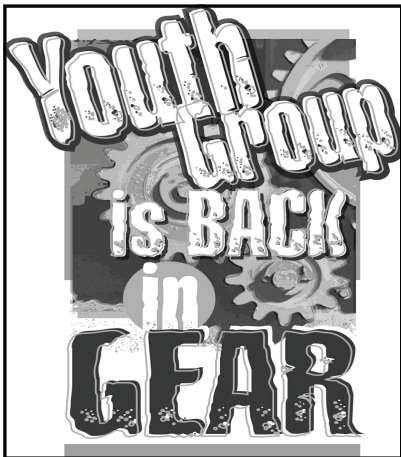
**Please bring a covered dish.**

The Eucharist cannot be lived in isolation. Like all the sacraments we are called together and we celebrate with each other. We affirm each other as sons and daughters of God celebrating with joy who we are as a people of the Gospel. For as scripture says, all of us are made in the image and likeness of the Creator. The Eucharist, by our active participation, instills in each of us the dignity and respect we have for each other, the equality that we express in the One Bread and the One Cup of Christ and the inclusiveness of the table where all are welcome, as “we do this in memory of Me.”

Come join us January 12th for the fourth of our eight course series on the Eucharist. **Feel free to come to 1 course or as many as possible.** Come and learn, question and deepen our understanding of who we are as a Eucharistic community. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

*Father Frank*





**9th—12th Grade  
and College  
Students  
Come Join Us**

**When: Every Sunday  
Where: Library—Upstairs  
in the PRE-K Building  
Time: 10:00 am—11:00 am**

**Southern Cross Subscription  
Campaign**

We ask you to consider giving \$30 or more during the Southern Cross Subscription campaign. Ten dollars pays for one annual subscription of 26 issues. If you did not receive an envelope in the mail, extras are available at the church entrance. As the official newspaper of the Diocese of Savannah the Southern Cross delivers news and feature stories about the Catholic community in South Georgia.

Thank you for supporting this important communications ministry.

**BAA for 2015-only \$567 from our goal**

With your one time payments and pledges, we are only \$567 from our yearly goal. It's not too late to make a pledge or a one-time payment. If you have already made a pledge, please remember that the BAA closes December 31st. For additional information contact the Parish Office or send your check payable to the 'Diocese of Savannah', indicating 'St. Peter Claver Church' in the memo portion of your check and mail directly to:

**Bishop's Annual Appeal  
Catholic Diocese of Savannah  
P.O. Box 116633  
Atlanta, GA 30368-6633**

You can also contribute online by accessing the Diocesan webpage at: <https://www.diosav.org/baa> or you may call the Diocesan Stewardship office at (912) 201-4050 .

**PARISH DIRECTORY PORTRAITS**

You may pick up your Lifetime family portraits at the Parish Office, from 9:00 am—to 2:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.

**For Reflection**

*What have you received recently that has made you happy? Have you thought about the ways to transmit it? Are they important? Could you accept the things that are less important with calmness and serenity, and hasten those things that are truly worthwhile?*

**The Needs of Others**

The Readings and Their Message

**Micah 5:1-4**

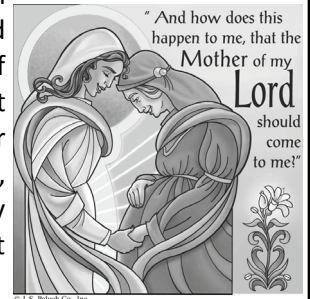
The Messiah will be a descendant from the house of David, whose roots are in Bethlehem. It was not as clear that he would be born in Bethlehem, although Micah seems to contrast this gentle kingdom with the useless kings of the capital. In his gospel, Matthew shows that this prophecy was fulfilled through the birth of Jesus.

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

The sacrifices, offerings, holocausts and offerings for atonement are taken from the previous paragraph and the intention was to probably correlate these terms to the four main types of sacrifices in the Old Testament: peace offerings; offerings of wheat, holocausts and sacrifices of atonement.

**Luke 1:39-45**

Luke contrasts Mary's faith with Zachariah's doubt when he heard the announcement of the birth of his son John. The importance about Mary, beyond the fact of her conception, is her faith. For Mary, she becomes a Temple of the Holy Spirit and communicates the spirit of Jesus.



**Homily Reflection**

There are times in life when we have to do things in a hurry. We tell ourselves that if we wish to achieve our objectives and goals there is no time to waste. Sometimes we are in a hurry to do or enjoy things that are not so important. Mary was also in a hurry, except in another way. She was in a hurry to help her cousin and announce what had occurred through the favor of God. It was a simple gesture, which in reality can seem like a daily occurrence. every day we visit people we know and family members and if we can, we lend them a hand. The interesting thing behind such haste is that it places the needs of others before our own and profoundly and humbly appreciates the favor provided.

How many times have we received good news, a favor, a gift or a blessing and we have rushed to share it by putting it to serve others? Often times it may even go unnoticed. Gratitude becomes expressive and puts many forces of good into action. Humble gratitude foments generosity and multiplies the gifts received. Lack of gratitude means these gifts can become bare, paralyzed and useless. Mary can allow God to enter into the world because she believes, is grateful and sufficiently humble as to know that the gift is not just for her but for everyone. And that is why she is in a hurry to give it to others in the form of her service.

### Oficina Hispana

Hermana Graciela  
478 741-9916

### Misa en Español

Domingos: 1:30pm

### Grupo de Oración

Miércoles 7:00pm -9:00pm  
en el Salón Social

### Grupo de Evangelización

Viernes 7:00pm

### Reuniones Juan XXIII

lunes de 7:00pm a 9:00pm

### Grupo de Jóvenes

Miércoles 7:00pm a 9:00pm  
en el gimnasio

### Charlas Pre-bautismales

Primero y Segundo Sábado  
del mes, de 5pm—7pm

### Clases de Catecismo

Niños y Jóvenes

Horario: 11:30am a 1:00pm  
Llamar para más información  
y registraci3n 478 741-9916

### RICA para Adultos

Clases para adultos que  
necesitan preparaci3n para  
recibir los Sacramentos  
Llamar para m3s informaci3n  
y registraci3n 478-741-9916

### Sacramento de Matrimonio

Llamar a la oficina para hacer  
una cita con el Padre.

## Nuestra cultura

La palabra es muy importante en nuestra cultura. El sentido del honor, fuertísimo en nuestra cultura, hace que una palabra dada sea tan poderosa como un contrato firmado y sellado. Uno no se puede volver atrás cuando ha dado su palabra. El que Dios nos dé su Palabra encarnada tiene el poder de cambiar nuestra vida y salvarla definitivamente.

## MINISTERIO HISPANO



**Año Jubilar de la  
Misericordia  
20 de diciembre**

**Cuarto Domingo  
de Adviento**

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Misericordia**

**20 de diciembre de 2015  
Cuarto Domingo de Adviento**

Al proclamar el *Año Jubilar de la Misericordia*, el Papa Francisco exclamó cómo él deseaba que este Año Santo esté “lleno de misericordia”, nosotros como discípulos vamos “al encuentro de cada persona llevando la bondad y la ternura de Dios. A todos, creyentes y lejanos, pueda llegar el bálsamo de la misericordia como signo del Reino de Dios que está ya presente en medio de nosotros” (*Misericordiae Vultus*). Al visitar a Isabel, María presenta bellamente una imagen a sí. A pesar de los riesgos de su embarazo, sin mencionar su preocupaci3n por ser una mujer joven sin casarse todavía, María de inmediato, sin egoísmo “sale” de sí misma y a toda prisa avanza sobre terreno peligroso para llevar “el bálsamo de la misericordia” de Dios para ayudar a su pariente. Ya que el Bautismo y la Eucaristía nos han hecho, de alguna manera, portadores de un Cristo Vivo dentro de nosotros, así como María fue, esa generosidad de “salir” de nosotros mismos para ofrecer un servicio atento de misericordia a nuestros prójimos, debe marcar especialmente nuestro Tiempo de Navidad este Año Jubilar.

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### **Cuarto Domingo de Adviento**

Dios de los ejércitos, vuélvete,  
Mira desde el cielo, fíjate,  
Ven a visitar tu viña, la cepa  
Que tu diestra plantó y que  
Tú hiciste vigorosa. — *Salmo 80*



*Un mensaje de Nuestro Párroco,  
Padre Bill...*

Queridos Hermanos,

Algunos pueden preguntar: ¿El “Ave María, está basado en las Escrituras? El evangelio de hoy nos muestra que la respuesta es SÍ! El

Ave María viene casi directamente desde el Evangelio de Lucas. La oraci3n se puede dividir en tres partes. Primera parte viene del ángel Gabriel cuando anuncia a María (Anunciaci3n). La segunda parte viene cuando María visita a Isabel (Visitaci3n). La tercera parte es una oraci3n de intercesi3n. Dios te salve María, llena eres de gracia, el Señor es contigo, bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres (Lucas 1:28), y bendito el fruto de tu vientre (Lucas 1:42), Jesús, Santa María, madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros pecadores ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Sólo una parte de las tres se aparta de la Escritura y de manera apropiada se añade una oraci3n final de intercesi3n. Así que sí, el Ave María es verdaderamente bíblica como el Padre Nuestro.

El cuarto domingo de Adviento se concentra en María. La Santísima Virgen está embarazada de Jesús y visita a su prima Isabel, la madre de Juan el Bautista. La semana pasada, San Pedro Claver celebró la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Reina de las Américas. María tiene muchos títulos y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es uno de ellos. Muchas gracias a todos los feligreses que trabajaron para hacer una hermosa celebraci3n. Nuestros feligreses Hispánicos recaudaron dinero para cubrir los gastos de este evento. Algunos negocios Hispánicos también contribuyeron generosamente. La comunidad Hispánica elevó más de lo que gastó y generosamente dio \$1,000.00 a la escuela para pagar por la nueva máquina de hielo que se dañó unos días antes de la fiesta (Costo total \$5,000.00!)

*Padre Bill*



**En las 2 colectas  
del domingo,  
13 de diciembre  
Recaudamos un total  
de: \$1,468.86  
Muchas gracias por su  
generosidad!**



**COMIENZA...  
20 DE ENERO**

**Iniciaremos con los 6 primeros libros del  
Viejo Testamento (Pentateuco)**  
*Los interesados en tomar este curso con Padre Bill  
deben registrarse antes del 10 de enero  
para ordenar su libro.*  
Registrarse después de la Misa o llamar oficina.



## Cuarto domingo de Adviento

Las necesidades de los demás  
Las lecturas y su mensaje

### Miqueas 5:1-4

El Mesías habría de venir de la casa de David, cuyas raíces están en **Belén**. No estaba tan claro que debería nacer en Belén, a pesar de que Miqueas parece contrastar este reino apacible con los reyes inútiles de la capital. En su evangelio, Mateo muestra que esta profecía se cumplió con el nacimiento de Jesús.

### Hebreos 10:5-10

Los sacrificios, holocaustos y ofrendas de expiación se toman de un párrafo anterior y probablemente la intención sea correlacionar los términos a los cuatro tipos principales de sacrificios en el Antiguo Testamento: ofrendas de paz (sacrificios), ofrendas de cereales, holocaustos y sacrificios de expiación.

### Lucas 1:39-45

Lucas contrasta la fe de María con la incredulidad de Zacarías ante el anuncio del futuro nacimiento de su hijo Juan. Lo importante sobre la persona de María, incluso más que el hecho de su concepción, es su fe; por ella, María se convierte en Templo del espíritu Santo y comunica el espíritu de Jesús.



**Celebración  
de la Virgen de  
Guadalupe 2015**

## CALENDARIO

### ADVIENTO, NAVIDAD Y AÑO NUEVO

#### Diciembre 23: miércoles

Hora Santa y Confesiones (No habrá Misa)

#### Diciembre 24: Noche Buena

Misa en español a las 7:30pm  
Cantos Navideños a las 11:15pm  
Misa de la medianoche en inglés a las 12am.

#### Diciembre 25: La Natividad del Señor

Misa en español a las 12:00pm.

#### Diciembre 27: La Sagrada Familia

Misa dominical a las 1:30pm

#### Diciembre 30: miércoles

No Misa

#### Enero 1º, Santa María, Madre de Dios

##### Año Nuevo

Misa bilingüe: 10:00am

#### Enero 3: La Epifanía (Los Tres Magos)

Misa dominical a las 1:30pm

#### Enero 6: miércoles

Misa en español: 7:00pm y confesiones

#### Enero 13: miércoles,

Hora Santa a las 7:00pm (no habrá Misa)

#### Enero 20: miércoles

Misa en español a las 7:00pm

**después de la Misa  
comienza el curso de la Biblia  
con Padre Bill**

## Upcoming Ministry Schedules for December 26 and 27, 2015

Date	Time	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday	5:30 pm	Moran	D. Mixon — A Mr. Moran — C	Middlebrooks	Moran, Musolf
Sunday	9:00 am	Wornum	A. Lauer — A A. Lauer — C	Dyer	Shakespeare, Wimberly
	11:15 am	Owoho	A. Craddock — A J. Howell — C	Stone	Owoho, Russell

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Wherever you live, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When they ring the rectory bell, they are in effect ringing all our bells.

**When you fill your pantry, please don't forget ours.**

St. Peter Claver Food Pantry is in need of the following donations:

pasta, pasta sauce, canned meats, macaroni and cheese, juices, cereals, canned fruit, soups, and rice. Toiletries such as (food stamps do not cover these items): toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, and toilet paper.



### Family Advancement Ministries

*... helping families move ahead.*

### FAM Book Club

*The FAM Book Club will be reading in January 2016:  
**Toxic Charity by Robert D. Lupton***

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, January 12th at 1:30 at FAM's Orange Street site, (538 Orange Street...across from the Washington Library parking lot). All are welcome!  
Contact persons: Rena Waller or Sr. Roberta at 746-9803



The Saint Maximilian Kolbe Center for Life

**\*Pro-Life Center\* Crisis Pregnancy Assistance \*  
Natural Family Planning  
Visit our website at: kolbecentermacon.org  
or call us at: (478) 257-4425**

**The Saint Maximilian Kolbe Center for Life  
1157 Forsyth Street Suite 201  
Macon, GA 31201**

### Family Advancement Ministries needs your help!



As the weather gets cooler, the families we serve need warm clothes for their young children. We would appreciate donations of boys clothes, sizes 12 months to size 10; and girls clothes, size 2 through size 8. We are especially in need of pants for boys (and girls too).

If you do not have gently used clothes to donate and would like to help otherwise, we suggest diapers sizes 4 and 5 and pull ups. Thank you for helping those in our community who need our assistance.

### **December Wedding Anniversaries**

*May God  
Continue  
Blessing You!*

**Roger and Martha Walden (50)  
George and Cheryl Weaver (22)  
Larry and Judy Bunge (37)  
William and Judith Carrigan (43)  
Timothy and Karla Andrews (29)  
Art and Rose Butler (33)  
Gerald and Cindy Tarirah (6)  
Rui and Beth Guimaraes (21)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:

\_\_\_\_ Wish to register                      \_\_\_\_ Moving out of Parish  
\_\_\_\_ Change of Address                  \_\_\_\_ Want Tithing Envelopes  
\_\_\_\_ Temporarily Away ( I will call Parish Office upon return)

**Drop this completed form in the Sunday Collection Basket.**

## Bible Study

Meets on Thursdays,  
at 6:00 P.M., in the  
JOHN PAUL II SOCIAL HALL

## Sunday School Registration

Our Sunday School (CCD) classes began in September, 2015. **Please call Bettye Middlebrooks, at the Parish Office (478) 743-1454 if you have any questions.**

Diocese of Savannah webpage:  
[www.diosav.org](http://www.diosav.org)

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops  
webpage: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

Traveling information:  
[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

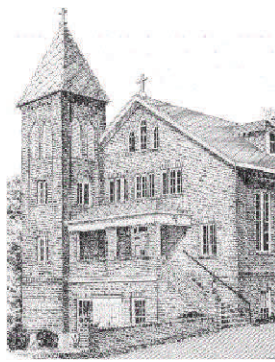
## VIRTUS

The VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children for Adults" is **required** for all who provide either paid or volunteer ministry in our Diocese who in the course of their ministry come into contact with minors. This includes parish ministries such as **Sacristans, Lectors, Ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers**. Space is limited and **registration is required by registering online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).**

**If you do not have access to a computer, please call the Parish Office at (478) 743-1454 and our Parish Staff will assist with your online registration.**

## Mission Statement

St. Peter Claver Church is a multicultural and well-integrated Catholic Parish graced with the gift of God's presence. Together as church we form a faith community where no one just adds up to the number but everybody is important because we cherish the potency and gift of everyone. It is our desire to constantly nourish our faith in the soil of God's Word and at the table of the Eucharist, to be a credible witness of God's presence in the world and each other's companion on our journey of faith.



## Parish Office (478) 743-1454

Office Hours (January-May, August—December)

Monday—Friday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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Summer Hours (June—July):

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Parish Office will be closed on Fridays

## Registration for Parish and School

**REGISTER** – We are very glad you are here at St. Peter Claver. If you would like to make St. Peter Claver your home Parish, please complete a Parish Census Form (available in the parish office and vestibule in back of the church) and either mail or place in offertory basket at Mass. Persons wishing to transfer membership from another Catholic parish are also asked to complete a census form.

**REGISTER FOR ST. PETER CLAVER SCHOOL**– Our school accommodates children from K3 through 8th grade. If you would like to register your child in our school, please call (478) 743-3985.

## Sacraments

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK**– Please contact the parish office at 743-1454.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** – Diocesan regulations require that you meet with the priest at least 4 months prior to wedding date. Please contact the parish office at 743-1454.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** – 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays or by appointment.

**HOLY ORDERS** – Any man who thinks God might be calling him to be a priest should contact Father Bill at 743-1454.

## Bulletin/Announcements

### Deadline:

At 12:00 noon on Monday, for the next weekend. Submissions should be emailed to

**Marilyn Robinson at:  
[stpeterclaver@cbi.mgacoxmail.com](mailto:stpeterclaver@cbi.mgacoxmail.com)**

## Family Advancement Ministries



570 High Place, Macon GA 31201

Our hours of operation are Mondays from 10-12, Tuesdays-Fridays 9-12. Anyone interested in volunteering please call 745-7165 and ask to talk to the office manager, Chris McKowen.

## Pastor's Announcements

- † Please make sure all pagers and cell phones are turned off for the duration of the Mass.
- † Mass Intention requests are to be sent to the rectory office in writing and/or envelopes are available in the back of the church.
- † Please do not block anyone in the parking lot or obstruct traffic flow.
- † If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parent's home or graduated from college, you need to re-register. If you move we would appreciate a call to the church so that our records will be in order .
- † Abuse Hotline Number: 1-888-357-5330. Copies of the policy on sexual abuse of minors is available online at: [www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection).
- † **CHURCH ETIQUETTE** – The priest should be the last one in and first one out of the church.
- † **ILLNESS IN OUR PARISH FAMILY** - Is someone in your family or our Parish in the hospital? Please call 743-1454 and let us know.
- † **VISITORS** - We welcome you to St. Peter Claver Church. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come again.

## Offertory Envelopes - 2016

The Offertory envelopes for St. Peter Claver Church - 2016, were mailed to your homes in December. Envelopes were only issued to Parish members that utilized their envelopes during 2015. If you are a member, and would like to start utilizing Offertory envelopes, or if you are not a member and would like to join our Parish, please complete the form included in this bulletin and drop it in the offertory, or the mail, addressed to the Parish Office.