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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

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015

Extraordinary Jubilee: "Merciful Like the Father":

December 8, 2015–November 20, 2016



Dear Friends in Christ,

The second Sunday of Advent introduces John the Baptist with the words: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: prepare the way of the Lord.* People tend to like prophets, or rather the ones of history! It is easier to hear their message if they're from times long ago. We don't much care for modern prophets. We consider them sourpusses, idealists or worse. John the Baptist was not much liked by his contemporaries. His words hit them too close to home. His single minded devotion to his message irritated his hearers, especially the King who eventually put him to death. Yes, prophets of old are much easier to like than present day prophets.

Who are the prophets of our time? It is not too hard to identify them. They are the ones whose message we don't like to hear—in civil society and in our Church. We consider them malcontents, idealists, impractical or words that are unprintable. They make us uncomfortable or defensive because they hit a nerve. Certainly, many will turn out to be false prophets. Fewer, however, will be shown to be true prophets as time passes. Don't be too quick to dismiss modern day prophets!

Each Wednesday in Advent we celebrate Mass in Spanish at 7:00 PM. From 7:45 PM to 8:45 PM Fr. Frank and I will hear Confessions in English and Spanish. Also, don't forget about Fr. Frank's Tuesday classes on the Eucharist (details in the bulletin).

Pax et Bonum

Fr. Bill



Advent Courses

(December 1, 8, 15. January 12, 19. February 2, 9, 16.)

The talks will continue this Tuesday in the Social Hall, December 8th after the 6:00 pm Mass. Potluck dinner. Please bring a covered dish or sandwiches. Fr. Frank will provide homemade soup.

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 this Tuesday for the second 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

Weekly Offering

Offertory 11/29/2015	7,117.42
Offertory 11/30/2014	9,392.66
Poor Box and Candles	42.15
Southern Cross	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	100.00
St. Vincent de Paul	115.00
Funeral Account	100.00

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 11/19/2015

Target	Pledged	% of Target	Paid	Total Families	Families Pledging	% Donors
\$39,607	\$19,100	80%	31,670	301	112	37.21%

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: Capital Improvement Fund.

Thank you for your generosity.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

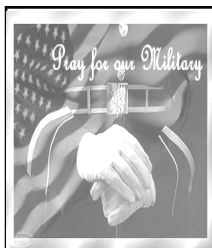
Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

Prayer Line (478) 743-1454

Florine Billue, Willie Byrd, Sr., 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, Pat Reott, Dennis Pennymon, Pearlie Watkins, Lindsay Banasz, Johnny Roquemore, Clifton Hadley, Kristie Marshall, Monsignor John Cuddy, Heriberto Bocanegra, Mary Pioli, Mary Cotè, 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 and Xavier Green.



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



Virous Caston, Brittani Caston,
Russell Hill II, 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.

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19; 12:1-6,10; Jdt 13:18,19; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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 5 - None

Sunday, December 6

9:00 a.m. - Deacon James Hubbard
37th Deaconate Anniversary
(Hubbard Family)

11:15 a.m. - Dick Buttimer, +RIP
1 Year Anniversary of death
(E. & E. Sheppard)

1:30 p.m. - Mass for Parishioners

Monday, December 7 - Deceased Daughters of Charity

Tuesday, December 8 - In Honor of St. Anthony
in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan)

Wednesday, December 9 - Eugene & Virginia McMahan, +RIP

Thursday, December 10 - In Honor of St. Anthony
in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan)

Friday, December 11 - None

Saturday, December 12 - In Honor of Divine Mercy
in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan)



St. Peter Claver: Penance services will be held each Wednesday during Advent (December 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd) from 7:45p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

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

Sacred Heart: Tuesday – December 15th

Holy Spirit: Wednesday – December 16th

St Joseph: Thursday – December 17th

St Patrick: Monday – December 21st



December 8th—Immaculate Conception Masses

9:00 am—School Mass

6:00 pm—Evening Mass at Church

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

Second Sunday of Advent

This Tuesday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis will open the “Holy Door” in Saint Peter’s Basilica, symbolically opening the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. In today’s scriptures, Baruch confidently anticipates God’s healing of the brokenness of humanity, and Paul sees God bringing our discernment, knowledge, and love to fulfillment. Our experience of life and of ourselves can make such prophecies seem wildly optimistic, even hopelessly naïve. Pope Francis challenges us to live this Jubilee Year as a graced time, when God’s mercy reawakens our enthusiasm to live our baptismal call as gospel people, our hope renewed and ourselves recommitted to selfless charity. Notice that in Luke’s Gospel today, God bypasses the religious elite and politically powerful to speak to a humble believer in the barren desert the saving word that will transform history. So God’s mercy continues to accomplish humanity’s salvation *in and through* ordinary, flawed, and least likely instruments—even us.

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MERCIFUL
~ LIKE THE ~
FATHER

Prepare the Way

The Readings and Their Message

Baruch 5:1-9

This reading from Baruch is a continuation of a poem of mourning and pain except it offers a message of hope and joy which reminds us of Isaiah 60-62. The writer is speaking to the people and while their condition of exile remains the same, it offers hope. It shows the splendor and majesty with which the Lord refers to Jerusalem. The joy of being chosen by the Lord to become his dwelling makes all the inhabitants happy, even if it means they are just standing in the entrance to the city. God baptizes them with the name of “Peace in justice and glory in mercy.”

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

This letter was written by Paul, while imprisoned, to the community that seemed to be concerned the most regarding his wellbeing and safety. Paul had counted on their material assistance many times and had great faith in this community. He refers to the day of the Lord since no work is done without the expectations of the much anticipated day of the Lord. Knowledge and discernment. A good heart and generosity are not everything in Christian life. It is necessary to have knowledge that concedes a new vision of the order of values and the will of the Lord.

Luke 3:1-6

Luke provides information allowing us to position Jesus within this period of history. It is the 27th year and Jesus is between the age of 30 and 35. The Jews have lost their autonomy and their country was divided into four small provinces. Herod and Philip, sons of the Herod referred to during the birth of Jesus, governed two of these provinces. The text that Luke cites is from the prophet Isaiah. John renews the tradition of the prophets and speaks of an imminent judgment. To face the judgment of God brings fear and John speaks of reconstructing a sense of justice.



Gift of Love cards are here.

Please help a child have a wonderful Christmas by taking a card in the back of church. All gifts can be dropped off at Family Advancement Ministries or left in the church. All gifts need to be *upwrapped, identified with the card #*, and can be dropped at church or FAM. **Please deliver by Dec. 13.**

Questions contact Chris McKowen---745-7165



GOD BLESS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

REGARDING THE PARISH DIRECTORY

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

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.

2015-BAA

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 .

GOLD AND SILVER JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY MASS FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2016 are invited to breakfast and a special Mass in their honor at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, GA on Sunday, February 7, 2016 with Bishop Gregory Hartmayer. Those wishing to attend should contact the parish secretary to register or register online at <https://www.diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee> no later than December 15, 2015.



**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**

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Feast day - December 12th



She is the patron of all the Americas, through whom the faith was first brought to this land. She is, likewise, the patron of the Gospel of Life, through whom the weak, the poor, the forgotten, and the dispossessed may know love and the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. At the canonization of Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin last year, the Holy Father asked the new Saint, who brought the image of the Blessed Virgin to America, to intercede for this very cause: "Happy Juan Diego, true and faithful man! We entrust to you our lay brothers and sisters so that, feeling the call to holiness, they may imbue every area of social life with the spirit of the Gospel. Bless families, strengthen spouses in their marriage, and sustain the efforts of parents to give their children a Christian upbringing. Look with favor upon the pain of those who are suffering in body or in spirit, on those afflicted by poverty, loneliness, marginalization or ignorance. May all people, civic leaders and ordinary citizens, always act in accordance with the demands of justice and with respect for the dignity of each person, so that in this way peace may be reinforced." (Pope John Paul II, July 31, 2002).

Please join us for Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Saturday, December 12th

7:30 pm—12:00 am: *"Las Apariciones", Rosary and "las Mañanitas", in the church*

Sunday, December 13th

1:00 pm: *Procession begins in front of the MKD Center led by the Mariachis "Los Arrieros" and the dance group "los Aztecas"*

1:30 pm: *Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Gathering at the MKD after the Mass.

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
primer piso de la biblioteca

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.

NIÑOS... Vengan a celebrar la Fiesta de Mar3a de Guadalupe en ropa t3pica y caminar en la procesi3n con una Flor para la Virgen. Los niñ3s vestidos con sus trajes t3picos tendr3n un lugar especial en la procesi3n. **Llegar a las 12:45pm en el gimnasio para formar a los Niñ3s para La procesi3n.**

Nuestra meta es llegar a: \$851.00
del Ofertorio de la Misa.

**La colecta del 29 de
noviembre fue:**

\$517.31



Año Jubilar de la Misericordia 6 de diciembre Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Este martes es la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepci3n, y ser3 el d3a en que el Papa Francisco abra la "Puerta Santa" en la Bas3lica de San Pedro, simb3licamente abriendo el *Año Jubilar de la Misericordia*. En las Escrituras de hoy, Baruc confiadamente anticipa la sanaci3n que Dios hace de la desesperanza de la humanidad y Pablo ve a Dios llevar a su cumplimiento nuestro discernimiento, conocimiento y amor. Desde nuestra experiencia de vida y de nosotros podemos hacer que esas profec3as parezcan muy optimistas aunque irremediablemente ingenuas. El Papa Francisco nos desaf3a a vivir este Año Jubilar como un tiempo de gracia cuando la misericordia de Dios despierte nuestro entusiasmo para vivir nuestra llamada bautismal como personas del Evangelio, nuestra esperanza renovada y nosotros vueltos a comprometer a una caridad desinteresada. Observen que en el Evangelio de Lucas, Dios pasa de largo a los l3deres religiosos y pol3ticos para en su lugar hablar en el desierto est3ril con un creyente humilde la palabra salvadora que transformar3 la historia. As3 que la misericordia de Dios continua realizando la salvaci3n de la humanidad en y por medio de instrumentos ordinarios e imperfectos, ¡aún nosotros mismos! —Peter Scagnelli,

Segundo Domingo de Adviento 6 de diciembre de 2015

Dios ha ordenado que se abajen todas las montañas y todas las colinas, que se rellenen todos los valles hasta aplanar la tierra.

— Baruc 5:7

MINISTERIO

HISPANO



Un mensaje de nuestro P3rroco

El segundo domingo de Adviento nos presenta a Juan el Bautista con las palabras: *Una voz del que clama en el desierto: prepara el camino del Señor*. Las personas tienden a simpatizar con los profetas, o m3s bien los de la historia! Es m3s f3cil escuchar su mensaje si son mensajes de hace mucho tiempo. Lo apreciamos tanto con los profetas modernos. Los consideramos agriados, idealistas o peor. Juan el Bautista no fue muy del agrado de sus contempor3neos. Sus palabras afectaban a nivel personal. Su devoci3n unica a su mensaje irrit3 a sus oyentes, especialmente el Rey que finalmente le quit3 la vida. S3, es m3s f3cil simpatizar con los profetas de la antigüedad que los actuales profetas.

¿Qui3nes son los profetas de nuestro tiempo? No es demasiado dif3cil identificarlos. Son aquellos cuyos mensajes no nos gusta o3r en la sociedad civil y en nuestra Iglesia. Los consideramos descontentos, idealistas, poco pr3cticos o con palabras que son imprimible. Nos hacen inc3modos o nos ponen defensivos, ya que tocan un nervio. Ciertamente, muchos resultan ser falsos profetas. Menos, sin embargo, demostraran ser verdaderos profetas a medida que pasa el tiempo. No se apresure a despreciar a los profetas de hoy en d3a!

Cada mi3rcoles de Adviento celebramos misa en español en a las 7:00 PM. De 7:45-8:45, el Padre Frank y yo vamos a o3r confesiones en Ingl3s y Español. Adem3s, no se olviden de las clases del Padre Frank, sobre la Eucarist3a, los martes (detalles en el bolet3n).

Paz y bien

Padre Bill

Horario para la Celebraci3n de la Virgen de Guadalupe

S3bado, 12 de diciembre:

*Las Apariciones, Rosario y
las Mañanitas:
en la Iglesia de 7:30pm a 12:00am
con tiempo de Convivencia*

Domingo, 13 de diciembre:

*La Procesi3n comienza a la 1:00pm en frente del
gimnasio de la Iglesia con el Mariachis
"Los Arrieros" y danza "los Aztecas"*

*La Misa Dominical a la 1:30pm
en honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe*



VÍSTETE DE GOZO

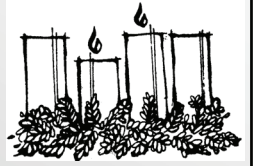
Hoy Baruc nos habla del esplendor que se acerca para la ciudad de Jerusalén y para todos nosotros, sea donde fuere nuestro hogar. Despójate de conflictos, nos dice, y vístete de gozo. Como una vieja cobija favorita, el gozo nos queda a la medida, y qué bien nos mantiene calientes, por muy frío que sople el viento.

Pablo sabe de ese gozo cuando escribe su carta a los filipenses, orando para que crezcan en su habilidad de discernir lo que es bueno y justo. Y Lucas nos habla de Juan, el que fue anunciado por Isaías y que canta una canción parecida: "Prepare: 'Preparen el camino del Señor'" pues la salvación está al llegar.

Hombre adelantado a su época, Baruc se pasó la vida alegremente esperando una gloria lejana. En este segundo Domingo de Adviento, Pablo y Juan saben que esta gloria se acerca.

Horario durante el Tiempo de Adviento

- ◆ Todos los miércoles durante Adviento habrá Misa en español a las 7:00pm. Al terminar la Misa tendremos la Exposición del Santísimo con la "Hora Santa". Habrá la oportunidad para recibir el sacramento de la confesión.
- ◆ El Grupo de Oración Bíblica se reúnen en el salón social los miércoles, después de la Misa o de la Hora Santa.



FIESTA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

El 8 de diciembre, celebramos la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción. Este día es una ocasión para alabar a Dios por el DON DE MARÍA, Madre de Dios y nuestra madre.

La celebración de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María—situada en los primeros días del Nuevo año litúrgico y en el tiempo de Adviento—nos recuerda el destino único de esta mujer Judía elegida por Dios.



Esta es una fiesta especial para varios países Americanos como Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay y los Estados Unidos que tienen como patrona nacional a la Madre de Jesús bajo este título.

Habrá Misa en la Iglesia San Pedro Claver el día martes, 8 de diciembre a las 9:00am con los niños de la escuela

- ◆ También a las 6:00pm (en Inglés)

FIESTAS DE LA NAVIDAD

Durante la navidad celebramos las siguientes fiestas:

Nochebuena y navidad
25 de diciembre

María madre de Dios
1 de enero

Epifanía o Reyes
Magos 6 de Enero

Sagrada Familia
domingo entre navidad y año nuevo.

Bautismo de Jesús
domingo después de Reyes

CALENDARIO: Tiempo de Adviento y Navidad

Diciembre: (los miércoles) el 2, 9, 16, 23 habrá Misa en español a las 7pm, sigue la Hora Santa y Confesiones.

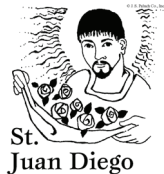
Diciembre 12 y 13: Fiesta Virgen de Guadalupe:
Mañanitas: 12 de diciembre, 7:30pm
Procesión y Misa, 13 de diciembre, a la 1:00pm

Diciembre 24: Misa en español a las 7:30pm,
Misa de la medianoche comienza a las 11:15pm con cantos navideños.

Diciembre 25: La Natividad del Señor
Misa en español a las 12:00pm.

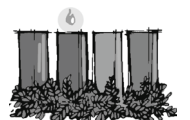
Enero 1, 2016: (viernes) AÑO NUEVO,
Fiesta de María, Madre de Dios:
Misa bilingüe a las 10:00am

Un sábado 9 de diciembre, el indio Juan Diego, recién convertido a la fe católica, se dirigió al templo para oír Misa. Al pie de un cerro pequeño llamado Tepeyac vio una nube blanca y resplandeciente y oyó que lo llamaban por su nombre. Vio a una hermosa Señora quien le dijo ser "la siempre Virgen María Madre de Dios" y le pidió que fuera donde el Obispo para pedirle que en aquel lugar se le construyera un templo.



St. Juan Diego

FAMILIAS QUE ENCENDERÁN LAS VELAS DE LA CORONA DE ADVIENTO



Segundo domingo de Adviento, 6 de dic.: Familia Anguiano
Tercer domingo de Adviento, 13 de dic.: Familia Rivera
Cuarto domingo de Adviento, 20 de dic.: Familia Ramirez

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

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
webpage: www.usccb.org.

Traveling information:
www.masstimes.org

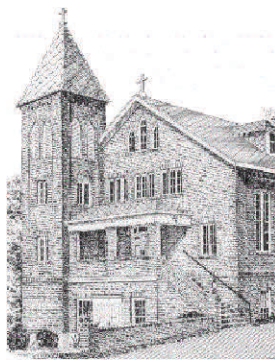
VIRTUS

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.**

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.

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

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.
- † **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 - 2015

The Offertory envelopes for St. Peter Claver Church - 2015, were mailed to your homes in December. Envelopes were only issued to Parish members that utilized their envelopes during 2014. 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.