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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday

8:30 am—4:30 pm

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

All daily masses in the Convent Chapel

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

Wednesday: Spanish Mass at 7:15 pm in the Church

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)

### ROSARY—IN THE CHURCH

1st & 2nd Tuesdays: 10:00 am

Sunday: 8:30 am—8:50 am

### CONFESSIONS—IN THE CHURCH

Saturdays: 4:30 pm—5:00 pm

Wednesday: 1st Wednesday of the month from  
7:45 pm—8:30 pm or by appt.

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Franciscan Webpages: [www.hnp.org](http://www.hnp.org)

[www.beafranciscan.org](http://www.beafranciscan.org)

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# St. Peter Claver Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

Extraordinary Jubilee:

"Merciful like the father"



## Be Prepared

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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\$40,929	\$36,422	\$29,073	\$7,349	\$25,646	\$54,719	134%	351	152	43.30%

**St. Peter Claver Church**  
**Weekly Offertory**

Offertory 11/20/2016 \$7,014

**Year to Date Offertory**

Offertory Budget Fiscal Year 2016-2017 \$551,794  
 Offertory through 11/20/16 \$190,450

**Additional Collections**

St. Vincent de Paul Donations \$919  
 Food Pantry Donations \$155  
 Capital Improvement Donations \$5  
 Poor Box and Candles \$36

Second Collection today: Funeral Fund. Consider giving \$1.00 as you leave the church. Second Collection next Sunday: Capital Improvement Fund  
 Thank you for your generosity.

**Online Giving**

To create your online account, visit our website at

<https://www.spccmacon.org>, or our Facebook page at  
<https://www.facebook.com/StPeterClaverMacon/>  
 and click on our **Giving button**.

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

**Psalms** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday:** Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**Prayer Line (478) 743-1454**

Marion Wintons, Clara Mahoney, Xavier Green, Patricia Poole, Beverly Wimberly, Phyllis Dietrich, Sophie Lee, Vera Ganassa, Joe Catania, Angela Manson, Shirley James, Ellen Massey, Garren Bartell, Mary Pioli, the Heacock Family, Marge Hillig, Vera Ganassa, Brenda Critch, Annie Burnell, Glenn Tomey, Greg Slocum, Fr. Gerard Critch, Allen Nichols, Emma Patterson, Anne James, and Andrew Dudley.



Please call the parish office at (478) 743-1454 if you wish to add a name. Names will remain for 3 weeks.



Virous Caston, Brittani Caston, Russell Hill II, Tony Cervantes, Angel Gomez, Mishell Sonntog, Gary Oñate, Christine Petty, Tom Petty, Samuel Craddock, Will Kiernan

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**

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



**Stewardship**

The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.  
 — Our Sunday Visitor



Mark Your Calendars

**EVENTS**



- November 29th, December 6, 13, 20-** Reflection Series Dinner and talks with Father Frank.
- December 8th**— Immaculate Conception Mass
- December 10th-11th-12th**-Virgin of Guadalupe Celebration.
- December 18th** - Youth Group Christmas Party
- December 22nd** - Christmas Decorating Party. Hot chocolate and food will be served. All are welcome.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday, November 26-** For the People of the Parish  
**Sunday, November 27**  
 9:00 a.m. - Willie Hardeman, Jr. (Bud), +RIP  
 Second Anniversary of Death (M. Howard)  
 11:15 a.m. - Missa Pro Populo  
 1:30 p.m. - Hector Perez, +RIP, First Anniversary of Death  
 (A. Perez)  
**Monday, November 28** - None  
**Tuesday, November 29** - In Honor of The Divine Mercy,  
 in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan)  
**Wednesday, November 30** - None  
**Thursday, December 1** - None  
**Friday, December 2** - None  
**Saturday, December 3** - Dick Buttimer, +RIP (E. Sheppard)  
*Please contact the Parish Office at (478) 743-1454  
 to schedule Mass Intentions.*



## Mass Schedule

**Confessions:**  
 December 7, 14, 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Immaculate Conception Masses:**  
 December 7th 7:15 pm Español  
 December 8th 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Mañanitas**  
 December 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 pm-12:00 am

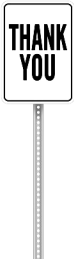
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass**  
 December 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm

**Christmas Eve**  
 December 24th: 3:30pm *Children*, 5:30pm & 10:00pm

**Christmas Day**  
 December 25th: 9:00am & 12:30pm Español

**New Year's Eve**  
 December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30pm

**New Year's Day**  
 January 1<sup>st</sup>  
 9:00 am, 11:15 am & 1:30 pm Español




Dear Parishioners: We would like to thank you for all your support and help given to the pantry in the last year. Due to your generosity, we were able to serve 1400 people this year at our doors. Many of our families mostly come from the Pleasant Hill neighborhood area. Most of the people are senior citizens. Your help directly benefits people in our church community. We just completed our Thanksgiving pantry and over 100 families came to St. Peter Claver for food assistance. Our needs continue to be great, but we are overwhelmed by all of your support. Our Buttimer Food Box in the back of church continues to be filled throughout the year. The children at St. Peter Claver School and MDS have offered their time and support to the pantry. It takes many hands to prepare the pantry every two weeks so please continue to think of us. Thank you and many blessings in the New Year.  
 —St. Peter Claver Church, Food Pantry Volunteers

## Advent Ecumenical Encounters

This Advent we will be presenting an Advent Lecture Series with St. Francis Episcopal Church on Tuesday evenings beginning at 5:30pm with a potluck. We will alternate the series between both churches. The first will be held at our Church, Tuesday, November 29th. The topics will be diverse dealing with scripture and spirituality. This will enhance ecumenical dialogue allow us to open our hearts and minds to another faith tradition. Please join us for food and fellowship!! — Fr. Frank

**Dates:** Tuesdays - November 29, December 6, 13, 20.  
**Time:** 5:30 pm—beginning with a Pot Luck dinner and followed by the topic of the evening.  
**Locations:** alternated between SPC Church and St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church located at 432 Forest Hill Rd, Macon, GA.

**November 29th** at SPC Church: Topic—Isaiah  
**December 6th** at St. Francis Church: Topic — Franciscan Spirituality and Incarnation.  
**December 13th** at SPC Church: Topic— Mary's Magnificat  
**December 20th** at St. Francis Church: Topic — to be determined.



## November

We are having a coat drive during the month of November. If you have coats, jackets, or sweaters that you no longer need, please bring them to the parish office. Distribution of the coats will be Saturday, December 3rd, from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon in the John Paul II Social Hall. First come—first serve.



**Pre-register for your 2017 tax credit now!**

Thanks to our local churches, Catholic schools can open their doors to deserving students with financial need. This fall, more than 900 students are attending Catholic Schools with GRACE assistance.

Now is the time to pre-register for 2017 tax credits. Donors can access an online form at [www.gracescholars.org](http://www.gracescholars.org).

A paper form is also available at the entrance of the church, the Parish Office or at our School office.  
 Say Yes to **GRACE!**

## 2016 Advent Penance Services

All Penance Services begin at 7 p.m. (except for St. Peter Claver in Macon – see last entry for details)

**November 29th (Wednesday)**  
 St. Patrick in Kathleen

**December 6th (Tuesday)**  
 Sacred Heart in Warner Robins

**December 12th (Monday)**  
 St. Joseph in Macon

**December 15th (Thursday)**  
 Immaculate Conception in Dublin

**December 19th (Monday)**  
 Holy Spirit in Macon

**December 20th (Tuesday)**  
 Holy Redeemer in McRae

**Nov. 30th — Dec. 21st**  
 (every Wednesday) 8 p.m.  
 St. Peter Claver in Macon

# SERVIAM: I WILL SERVE

*A Discernment Retreat for Catholic Men ages 18-40*

A Discernment Retreat for Catholic Men ages 18-40 will be sponsored by the Vocations Office.

**Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge**  
 80 Live Oak Trail, Helena, GA 31037

**Noon Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – Noon Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016**

Registration: [www.diosav.org/vocations-discernment-retreat-registration](http://www.diosav.org/vocations-discernment-retreat-registration)

**There is no cost.** If you have any questions, please contact Vocation Director Fr. Pablo at [pmigone@diosav.org](mailto:pmigone@diosav.org) or 912-201-4113

*“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.”*  
 -Matthew 20:28

# November-December 2016 Mass Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:00 am Mass 11:15 am Mass 1:30 pm Spanish Mass	28 7:00 am Daily Mass in the Convent Chapel	29 7:00 am Daily Mass in the Convent Chapel 5:30 pm—Advent Series at SPC	30 7:00 am daily Mass 8:20 am School Mass in the Church 7:00 pm RCIA Classes 7:00 pm Hispanic Teen Group 7:15 pm Spanish Mass 7:45 pm- Confessions	1 7:00 am Daily Mass in the Convent Chapel	2 No daily Mass	3 5:30 pm Mass
4 9:00 am Mass 11:15 am Mass 1:30 pm Spanish Mass	5 7:00 am Daily Mass in the Convent Chapel	6 7:00 am Daily Mass in the Convent Chapel 5:30 pm—Advent Series at St. Francis	7 7:00 am daily Mass 7:00 pm RCIA Classes 7:00 pm Hispanic Teen Group 7:15 pm Spanish Vigil Mass for Holy Day 7:45 pm— Confessions	8 No 7:00 am Daily Mass in the Convent Chapel 9:00 am Holy Day Mass in the Church (English) 6:00 pm Holy Day Mass in the Church (English)	9 No daily Mass	10 5:30 pm Mass

## *ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC SCHOOL:*

### *A Message from our Principal, Sister Cheryl Ann Hillig, DC:*



Pictured above are Ms. Rebecca-Anne Autry, Pre K4, Ms. Diane Mayo, Kindergarten, Ms. Starr Joyner, Pre K3, Ms. Liz Milam, Second Grade and Mrs. Shannon Marrs, First Grade. These teachers are working together during a weekly faculty meeting break-out session for the newly implemented Professional Learning Communities (PLC). The program addresses three big questions:

What do we want each student to learn? How will we know when each student has learned it?

How will we respond when a student experiences difficulty in learning?

The teachers work together reviewing student work and sharing best practices in addressing student learning needs. We are only in the beginning stages, but it seems to be going very well!

**Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Peter Claver Catholic School's  
"Catholic Education: Creating Our Future Leaders" Annual Campaign**

## MINISTERIO HISPANO

### Oficina Hispana

Hermana Graciela  
Edgar Cabrera  
Leslie Miller  
478 741-9916

### Misa en Español

Domingos: 1:30pm  
Miércoles: 7:15pm

### Grupo de Evangelización

Viernes: 7:00pm

### Reuniones Juan XXIII

Lunes: 7:00pm a 9:00pm

### Grupo de Jóvenes

Miércoles: 7:00pm a 8:15pm

### Charlas Pre-bautismales

Primero y Segundo Sábado  
del mes de 5pm a 7pm

### Programa de Catecismo

Niños y Jóvenes

Domingos: 11:30am a 1:00pm

### RICA- Adultos

Programa para adultos que  
necesitan preparación para  
recibir los Sacramentos

Domingos: 11:30am a 1:00pm

### Sacramento de Matrimonio

Llamar a la oficina para hacer  
una cita con el Padre



### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El calendario cristiano comienza con el tiempo de Adviento durante el mes de diciembre. ¡Adviento! Interesante palabra. Viene del latín y quiere decir "Allí viene" o "Ya está llegando". Pero, ¿de quién hablamos cuando proclamamos "Adviento"? ¿Del Rey de gloria?, ¿el Príncipe de la paz?, ¿el Hijo de Dios Altísimo?, ¿el salvador de Israel? Sí, sí, sí y sí, pero más todavía del Hijo del Hombre, del niño de María, el niño Jesús de Nazaret. Allí viene y ya está llegando. Tenemos que estar preparados. Pero, ¿cómo prepararnos para la llegada de un rey que es pobre?, ¿de un príncipe que nació entre una mula y un buey?, ¿de un niño que ya es todo un hombre y además es Dios?, ¿de un pobre bebido que también es juez y señor? He allí el dilema del Adviento cristiano. Es un llamado a vivir la paradoja (contradicción) de un tiempo que está a medias, donde el Reino de los Cielos ya está pero todavía no completamente, pues existe pero no en su plenitud. Es un llamado a buscar en el templo, en el mall, en el barrio, en el hogar, en el trabajo y en el propio corazón, para ver si "allí viene" el dueño de la casa. Es un llamado a estar atentos y vigilantes porque no sabemos ni cuándo ni como Jesús regresará por nosotros. Pero cuando regrese nos pedirá cuentas y nos abrazará a la misma vez. Porque viene como juez y hermano nuestro, como rey y compañero; como Dios y ser humano. Así es como los cristianos iniciamos el año litúrgico, y a la misma vez, terminamos el año seglar con la paradoja de nuestra fe.

***Tenemos***  
***Misa de***  
***7:15 pm***  
***este***  
***miércoles***  
***30 de***  
***Noviembre***



**Reserva la Fecha.....** desde ya los invitamos para el **Sábado 17 de diciembre a las 6:30 p.m.** a celebrar la culminación del Año Santo de la Misericordia.

Habrán charlas, oraciones, convivio y sobre todo un ambiente de Amor y hermandad.

**Todos son bienvenidos!!!**

## Primer Domingo de Adviento 27 de noviembre de 2016

"Ustedes estén preparados, porque a la hora que menos lo piensen, vendrá el Hijo del hombre".

— Mateo 24:44

### Reflexiones Para la Homilía

Esperar, aunque sean cosas buenas no es muy placentero. Siempre tenemos un punto de impaciencia, sobre todo si se nos ha dicho un tiempo aproximado de que algo ocurra. Esperar tiene también sus ventajas; nos hace reflexionar; nos ahonda el deseo de que algo pase; nos hace examinar relaciones, razones y motivaciones de la espera; y nos obliga a hacer preparativos. En esos preparativos —sobre todo cuando se espera la llegada de un ser querido o el nacimiento de un nuevo miembro de la familia— se refleja de una manera muy clara el amor que se tiene por la persona. Al ir haciendo esos preparativos es posible que el amor crezca. El amor crece con la espera y la preparación.

Cuando se nos pide vigilancia para esperar la venida de Cristo, no es por hacernos desesperar, sino que se nos ofrece una oportunidad de prepararnos reflexionando sobre la persona a quien esperamos, haciendo obras buenas que nos invitan a más y más amor, profundizando nuestro deseo de la salvación y la justicia que nos trae Cristo. Es casi impensable que alguien prepare la venida de alguien a quien ama siéndole infiel de alguna manera.

Lo mismo ocurre con la promesa de la venida de Cristo. Mientras llega, estemos vigilantes, es decir, atentos a lo que nuestro corazón nos dice que Él desea de nosotros; así, podremos brindarle el fruto de nuestro amor. Decir que Cristo es Rey es reconocer que el Cristo vivo, el Cristo que nos da la vida desde la cruz, es el Cristo a quien amamos, escuchamos, seguimos y obedecemos; y es el único que puede atraer la obediencia de las personas que lo, siguen, para construir un reino de paz y reconciliación.



## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 4:2-6; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Martes: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72:, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24

Miércoles: Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Viernes: Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sábado: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sal 147; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Domingo: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



## LA COLECTA

DOMINGO, NOVIEMBRE 20, 2016: \$608

CADA UNO DÉ COMO PROPUSO SU CORAZÓN. 2 COR. 9:7

## Nuestra Cultura

Hay muchos anuncios que quisieran convencer a la gente de que tomando tales cosas o llevando metales magnéticos, piedras mágicas o alguna prenda especial se va a dejar de sufrir o se va a conseguir lo que se desea. Esas promesas ofrecidas en momentos de fragilidad pueden ser muy convincentes; por eso, tenemos que aferrarnos a nuestra identidad católica que nos ofrece algo más duradero y real, aun cuando no sabemos el día o la hora en que sucederá.

### ESTAR PREPARADO

Debes estar preparado. Es así de simple. Al comenzar este tiempo de Adviento, el Señor Jesús nos llama a estar preparados para su venida. En esta época del año, gran parte de nuestra atención se centra en estar preparados para los detalles que acompañan las fiestas. Compramos regalos; decoramos nuestro hogar por fuera y por dentro; preparamos comidas especiales para esta época; escribimos y enviamos tarjetas de Navidad; asistimos a conciertos navideños; nos preparamos para recibir a los familiares y amigos en nuestro hogar o para visitarlos en sus hogares. No podemos ignorar los detalles que forman parte de este tiempo. Quizás este Adviento sea un tiempo para prestar atención a todos esos detalles con un enfoque diferente. Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar la fiesta de Navidad, ¿qué tal si reconocemos plenamente la presencia del Señor mientras realizamos estas tareas? El Señor muchas veces viene a nosotros de formas maravillosamente sorprendentes. Estemos preparados.



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## Las lecturas y su mensaje

### Isaías 2:1-5

Como en Isaías 1:1, se utiliza de nuevo el título de visión para introducir oráculos que van desde el principio del libro, al capítulo 5. Isaías habla de la universalidad del mensaje y el amor de Dios. Isaías habla también de paz, no como ausencia de guerra, sino como oportunidad que todos deben tener a vivir dignamente. La imagen de las lanzas convertidas en poderosas ayuda a enfatizar aún más esto.

### Romanos 13:11-14

Pablo habla con la urgencia del final de los tiempos, pero no se refiere a que el mundo se esté terminando, sino a la obligación del Cristiano de aprovechar el momento de salvación. Es hora de despertar, dice Pablo, porque el día se acerca. El día, la luz, es la vida y la salvación que llegan con la venida de Cristo. El camino no va a ser fácil y, por lo tanto, hay que revestirse para la batalla con el vestido del propio Señor Jesús, quien conquistó a la muerte.

### Mateo 24:37-44

El momento del juicio final es desconocido. Ese desconocimiento es una invitación a la vigilancia. Esta vigilancia se puede expresar en nuestros días como espíritu de discernimiento, de búsqueda permanente de la voluntad de Dios para el cristiano. La ignorancia sobre el día y la hora tienen que estar combinadas con una firme certeza de que Cristo vendrá. Hay que estar alertas y preparados.

### Grupo de Adolescentes de la Iglesia San Pedro Claver

Invitación especial para los adolescentes de high school.



Estamos formando un grupo de adolescentes y **nos reunimos los miércoles en el gimnasio de la escuela San Pedro Claver de 7:00 pm a 8:15 pm.**

Para más información llamar a Edgar Cabrera, del Ministerio Hispano al Teléfono: 478 741-9916.

**Te esperamos!!!**

## Upcoming Ministry Schedules for December 3 and 4, 2016

Date	Time	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday	5:30 pm	Ford	Mr. Moran—C W. Griffin—A	Roche Sheppard	Musolf, Ford
Sunday	9:00 am	Fletcher	Craddock — C K. Pham — C J. Beers — A	Beers O'Sullivan	Sr. Katie, Green
	11:15 am	Russell	Mr. Sheppard— A J. Phillips — C	Gerhardt Bercini	Russell, Hill

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

The 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.

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.

[www.familyadvancementministries.org](http://www.familyadvancementministries.org)

### FAM Book Club

The FAM Book Club will be discussing on December 6th, 2016: *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans  
This week we will have hot chocolate, hot spiced tea, and cookies.  
We meet on the first Tuesday of the month, at 1:30 at FAM's Orange Street site, (538 Orange Street...across from the Washington Library parking lot). All are welcome!  
Contact persons: Sr. Roberta and Rena Waller at (478) 973-3095

### Learn to CROCHET at FAM

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am at FAM's Orange Street site. December 20th is the next session.  
Supplies will be provided.

## WEAR

**Your dollar makes change.**

**464 First Street, Macon, GA 31201**  
**Monday-Saturday, 11 to 7 p.m.**

Depaul USA introduces WEAR, a thrift store in downtown Macon with a boutique feel. As all proceeds benefit DAYBREAK, please consider SHOPPING for a cause, DONATING your gently-used clothes and accessories, or VOLUNTEERING in the store. Thank you for your support of Depaul USA's mission to assist people living homeless in our community.



## 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 **unwrapped** and can be dropped at church or FAM.

**Please deliver by December 12th.**

Questions contact Chris McKowen---745-7165

*God Bless and Merry Christmas!!*

## November Wedding Anniversaries

*May God  
Continue Blessing  
You!*

*Clifton and Carol Hadley (50)*  
*Isaac and Charlene Grant (30)*  
*Harold and Ma. Lourdes Katner (9)*  
*Walter and Clyde Austin (49)*  
*Joe and Barbara Reott (9)*  
*Nathan and Debra Williams (39)*

## Mount de Sales Academy's Candlelight Carol Service Poinsettia Sale!



Help decorate the St. Joseph Catholic Church Sanctuary for Candlelight Carol Service by purchasing poinsettias. Flowers may be purchased in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Red and white poinsettias available in either small (6 1/2") or large (8 1/2") sizes. Small poinsettias are \$12 and large poinsettias are \$19. Plants may be taken home immediately after the service, Tuesday, December 6. E-mail your order request to [krista.dillard@mountdesales.net](mailto:krista.dillard@mountdesales.net), or contact Krista Dillard at (478) 751-3240 x180. Checks should be made payable to Mount de Sales Academy, Parents Association. Limited quantities! Please order by Thursday, December 1.

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.**

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)

## Bible Study

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

## Knights of Peter Claver –

meet the third Sunday of every month  
at 10:00 am in the Parish Office confer-  
ence Room.

## Knights of Peter Claver

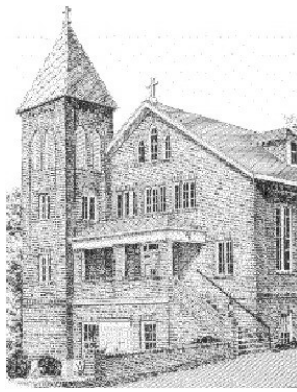
**Ladies Auxiliary** – meet the  
first Sunday of every month at 10:00  
am in the JP II Social Hall.

## Legacy

Please consider St. Peter Claver Church  
in your will. Please contact Fr. Bill or  
use these words: “I give, devise and  
bequeath to  
St. Peter Claver Church, Macon,  
GA, (insert percentage of estate or  
specific dollar amount) to be used  
where the need is greatest (or  
provide designation for bequest.)”  
*Where your treasure is, there will your  
heart be also. Mt. 6:21*

## 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

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 regis-  
ter 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 (478) 743-1454.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

– Please contact  
the Friar 6 months prior to the wedding date.  
Please call the parish office: (478) 743-1454.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

– 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturdays or by appointment.

### HOLY ORDERS (RELIGIOUS LIFE)

– Anyone  
who thinks God might be calling them to  
priesthood or religious life please speak with  
one of the Friars or Sisters.

## 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).

## ILLNESS IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

Is someone in your family or our  
Parish in the hospital or homebound?  
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 - 2017

The 2017 Offertory envelopes for  
St. Peter Claver Church will be mailed  
to your homes the last week in  
December. We have contracted with  
a new envelope company. You will be  
receiving your tithing envelopes every  
2 months. 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 Marilyn  
Robinson at the Parish Office.

## 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.**

## 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)