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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday

9:00 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2015

Extraordinary Jubilee: "Merciful Like the Father":

December 8, 2015–November 20, 2016



Dear Friends in Christ,

This week as we gather around our tables let us remember with gratitude all that God has blessed us with in our lives. We get so caught in the “me” sometimes. We forget about the “us.” We are all part of the human family. We need to reflect on our lives and see our blessings, no matter how small they are at times:

the teenager who is complaining about doing the dishes, because that means she is at home and not on the streets; the taxes I pay because it means that I am employed; the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have more than enough to eat; a lawn that needs raking, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have home; the space I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking; the heating bill because it means I am warm; weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive; the alarm that goes off in the early morning hour because it means that God has given me another day of life.

So, when we sit around our Thanksgiving tables next week, laden with turkey and trimmings, perhaps we may sit for a moment, with a smile on the brink of tears, knowing that we are safe and content, when so many cannot be. And when that necessary moment passes, we should do well to ponder how rich we are in the sight of having hope, not fear; having freedom, not oppression; having opportunity, not despair. This Thanksgiving, let us become more deeply aware that God can awaken within us a new perspective on the lives we lead. Let us believe we are all part of the human family and we need to care and lift up each other. It is around this Table where we are gathered as one people who are a rich diversity of language, culture, and heritage, yet sharing a common unity, giving thanks to our Creator, for all that we are, and all that we have been given.

Pax et Bonum

*Fr. Frank*

### TRUE STEWARDSHIP

The gospel message proclaimed throughout the New Testament invites us to live in harmony with the world. This is a challenge to care for the world and be stewards of all that God has given us. Like generations before us, we are entrusted with the care of the earth so that generations to follow may enjoy the same gifts. Sometimes, however, we are absorbed into the ways of the world. When we are of the world, we rely heavily on the power of wealth, beauty, fame, and accumulation of material possessions. We want earthly possessions and carelessly turn our hearts from the responsibilities of stewardship and conservation.

The readings today challenge us to walk away from the world so that we might inherit our share of God’s kingdom. How we live our lives directly reflects our love for God.

# Weekly Offering

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Offertory 11/15/2015     | 9,915.50 |
| Offertory 11/16/2014     | 8,702.31 |
| Poor Box and Candles     | 36.75    |
| Southern Cross           | 26.00    |
| St. Vincent de Paul Fund | 923.00   |
| BAA—2015                 | 25.00    |

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 10/30/2015

| Target   | Pledged  | % of Target | Paid   | Total Families | Families Pledging | % Donors |
|----------|----------|-------------|--------|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| \$39,607 | \$19,100 | 79%         | 31,352 | 210            | 111               | 52.86%   |

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: Funeral Fund. Please deposit \$1.00 or less in the basket as you leave Church. Thank you for your generosity.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).  
**Psalm** — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).  
**Second Reading** — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).  
**Gospel** — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

## Readings for the Week

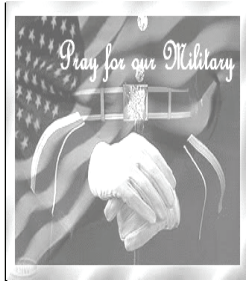
**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28  
**Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:** Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36  
**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## 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, Doris McDonald, 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, and Clara Mahoney.



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.

## 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, November 21** - None

**Sunday, November 22**

9:00 a.m. - **Julia Kandalec, Special Intention (Kandalec and Konke Families)**

11:15 a.m. - Florence Slowik, +RIP (Kandalec and Konke Families)

1:30 p.m. - Mass for Parishioners

**Monday, November 23** - None

**Tuesday, November 24** - In Honor of St. Anthony in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan)

**Wednesday, November 25** Eugene & Virginia McMahan, +RIP

**Thursday, November 26** - None

**Friday, November 27** - None

**Saturday, November 28** - None



# Advent Courses

(December 1, 8, 15. January 12, 19, 26. February 2, 9.)

Our liturgies, therefore, must not be seen as isolated interventions of grace into our otherwise profane and graceless lives. Rather these acts of worship are symbolic expressions of what theologian Karl Rahner called "the liturgy of the world." The experience of God is primarily to be found hidden in the midst of ordinary life, in our experiences of hope and doubt, responsibility, love and death. We gather together in worship, not to "refuel" lives devoid of grace, but because we need to celebrate all the grace-filled moments of our lives, which are so easily overlooked or ignored. We gather at the Eucharist to be challenged to deeper awareness of what God is doing in our lives, in this world, all week long. We have to keep remembering to ask the questions: "Who are at the table? Who are around the table?" as well as the question, "Who is on the table?"

*Father Frank*

### To our Parish Family,

Thank you for your many kindnesses and support during the time of our bereavement. May God bless each and everyone of you.

With gratitude, The Weaver Family

### **REGARDING THE PARISH DIRECTORY**

For those families unable to have their picture taken for the Parish Directory, we have been able to obtain two additional dates: **Friday, December 4th** and **Saturday, December 5th**

Please call the office as soon as possible if you wish make an appointment.

## 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

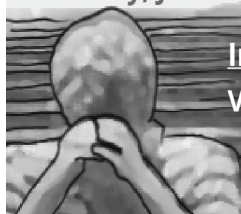
It's not too late to make a pledge or a one-time payment. If you have already made a pledge, please remember that the BAA closes December 31st. For additional information contact the Parish Office or send your check payable to the 'Diocese of Savannah', indicating 'St. Peter Claver Church' in the memo 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 .

## Lord, teach us to Pray

A Discernment Retreat for Catholic Men Ages 18-40  
Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016



### Information

Vocation Director · Fr. Pablo Migone

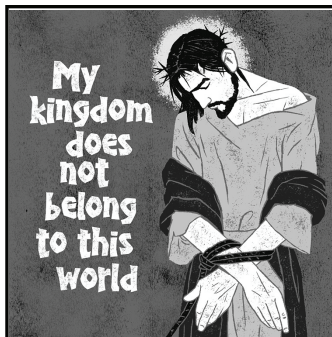
Phone: 912-201-4113

Email: [vocations@diosav.org](mailto:vocations@diosav.org)

## Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Celebrated during the month of November

Envelopes are in the pews



## GOD'S WORD TODAY

Another liturgical year draws to a close as we celebrate this solemnity of Christ the King. The final line of today's Gospel is a fitting conclusion to the thousands upon thousands of sacred words that we have heard proclaimed in this holy place throughout the year: "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Each week we have gathered around the table of the Lord to listen to the truth of the gospel. As we prepare to hear the final words of this liturgical year, let us pray that we will continue to belong to the truth.

# The Coming of the King

## The Readings and Their Message

### Daniel 7: 13-14

Visions and dreams were traditionally considered ways of divine revelation. The prophet or visionary needed to have the gift of interpretation. The vision of the Son of Man coming in the clouds is a manifestation of God's divinity, in other words, a revelation from God. He presents himself before God who installed him as Lord of the entire universe. Such dominance is not achieved through political power, but through a concession from God and His reign will be forever.

### Revelation 1:5-8

The declaration in this reading is followed by a doxology praising Christ for attaining salvation for others. Jesus is the Anointed One and this is how he is associated with the Messiah. There are two biblical traditions behind the image of Jesus on the clouds. He is the Son of Man and a victim of violence. Everyone will see Jesus arrive on the clouds. There is a triple characterization of Jesus. He understands everything that exists, transcends the limitations of time, and is Lord of all things. Here Jesus has attributes that correspond to God.

### John 18:33b-37

The reign of Jesus is subjected to the interrogation of Pilate. The title of king meant different things for the Jews who had brought Jesus before the Roman official and for Pilate. For the Jews it was a messianic designation that identified the descendants of David. It was also a political issue that threatened Roman authority. The responses from Jesus show that Jews, as well as Romans had reason to worry. Although Jesus' kingdom was not of this world, his affirmation challenges messianic expectations and the powers of the world.

### Our Culture

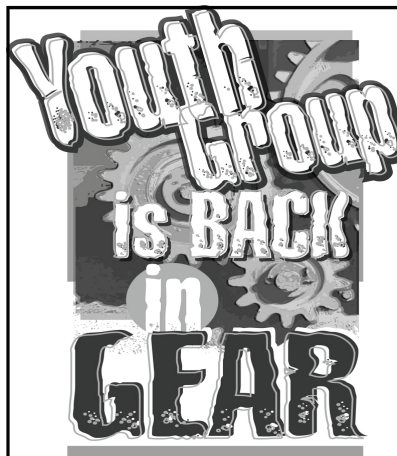
In our experience, kings are associated with eras of domination, yet on the other hand, many politicians have abused our trust, tyrannizing and oppressing the people. It is not strange therefore that we don't place much trust in governors and politicians. We do not understand monarchies very well, but would like to find a lord who would care for the people; however, the majority of Hispanics—mostly Mexicans that utter the cry and slogan—confess and proclaim "Live Christ the King."

### Homily Reflection

For many of us, since we were children, authority was not an issue of monarchies or political elections but a subject of moral authority. We don't concede authority to just anyone, no matter how much power or strength they may possess, yet we do so to those who convince us that they are looking after our well being. We are convinced by the person that through their own life shows they are not seeking a promotion or looking out for their own benefit, but is seeking peace and justice even if it means they may end up losing. In other words, we concede authority to the person who is honest and sacrifices themselves so others can have a more just and abundant life. We can say that such a person does not exist in this world; but then we hear echo of the words Jesus said: "My kingdom is not from this world." In other words, the reign of Jesus has not been achieved through political conquests or elections, but by the anointing from God and his actions: he spent his life on earth doing good. His appearance on the clouds is not a manifestation of his military and political power, but of the favor from God. It is where the people—who had seen him heal, bring relief to others, give joy and return to the human community—had lived and witnessed his actions up close, leading them to recognize Jesus is truly the Son of God. To accept him as Lord does not mean to simply obey rules and commandments but to listen and behave according to the nature of this kingdom, which is clearly not of this world. If the King and Lord spent his time doing good, then recognizing his mandate means we must also commit to doing the same.

### For Reflection

*Who deserves our trust? Who have we granted authority to? What does it mean for us to say Christ is king?*



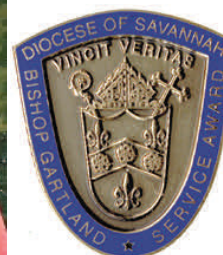
**9th—12th Grade  
and College  
Students  
Come Join Us**

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

## SPC Gartland Award Recipients



**Verónica Ramírez**



**Muriel Jackson**

**Congratulations to our  
2015 Gartland Award Recipients!**

*Thank you for your Service to God,  
Saint Peter Claver  
and the Macon Community*

**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.

## Ministerio Hispano



Es una de las fiestas m3s importantes del calendario lit3rgico, porque celebramos que Cristo es el Rey del universo. Su Reino es el Reino de la verdad y la vida, de la santidad y la gracia, de la justicia, del amor y la paz.

### LA VERDADERA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

El mensaje del Evangelio que proclama el Nuevo Testamento nos invita a una vida de armonía con el mundo creado. Tenemos el reto de cuidar el mundo y sentirnos corresponsables de todo lo que Dios nos ha dado. Al igual que generaciones anteriores, se nos ha confiado el cuidado de la tierra para que las generaciones que nos sigan puedan disfrutar los mismos dones. Algunas veces, sin embargo, nos quedamos absortos en las cosas del mundo. Cuando somos del mundo, confiamos demasiado en el poder de la riqueza, la belleza, la fama y la acumulaci3n de posesiones materiales. Deseamos las posesiones terrenas y con desd3n alejamos nuestro coraz3n de las responsabilidades de nuestro deber de cuidar el planeta y preservarla.

Las lecturas de hoy nos retan a alejarnos del mundo para que podamos heredar nuestra parte del Reino de Dios. C3mo vivimos nuestra vida refleja nuestro amor por Dios.

**22 de noviembre de 2015**

Gracia y paz a ustedes,  
de parte de Jesucristo, el testigo fiel,  
el primog3nito de los muertos,  
el soberano de los reyes de la tierra.  
— Apocalipsis 1:5



*Mensaje de Padre Frank*

Queridos Hermanos,  
Esta semana cuando nos reunimos alrededor de nuestras mesas, recordemos con gratitud todo lo que Dios nos ha bendecido en nuestras vidas. A veces estamos tan atrapados en el "yo". Nos olvidamos de "nosotros." Todos somos parte de la familia humana. Tenemos que reflexionar sobre nuestras vidas y de ver nuestras bendiciones, no importa que pequeñitas son, a veces el adolescente se queja de lavar los platos, pero, eso significa que est3 en casa y no en las calles; yo pago los impuestos, porque soy empleado; la ropa que me ajusta demasiado significa que yo tengo m3s que suficiente para comer; un c3sped que necesita rastrillar, ventanas que necesitan limpiar y canaletas que hay que arreglar, esto significa que tengo casa; el espacio que encuentro al final del estacionamiento significa que soy capaz de caminar; la factura de la calefacci3n significa que estoy caliente; cansancio y dolor muscular al final del d3a, significa que he sido productivo; la alarma que se apaga en la horas de la mañana, significa que Dios me ha dado un d3a m3s de vida.

As3 que, cuando nos sentemos alrededor de nuestras mesas el d3a de Acci3n de Gracias la pr3xima semana, con pavo y comida, tal vez nos sentemos por un momento con una sonrisa con borde de las l3grimas, sabiendo que estamos seguros y contentos cuando muchos no pueden serlo. Y cuando pasa ese momento, es necesario que nosotros reflexionemos lo rico que somos y ver que tenemos esperanza, no miedo; tenemos libertad, no opresi3n; tenemos oportunidad y no perdemos la esperanza.

En este d3a de Acci3n de Gracias, vamos a ser m3s profundamente consciente de que Dios puede despertar en nosotros una nueva perspectiva sobre la vida que llevamos. Podemos creer que somos todos partes de la familia humana y necesitamos cuidarnos y levantarnos unos a otros. Es alrededor de esta mesa donde nos reunimos como un solo pueblo, con una rica diversidad de lengua, cultura y patrimonio que comparten una unidad dando a nuestro Creador por todo lo que somos y todo lo que hemos recibido.

Paz y Bien! *Padre Frank*

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*D3a de Acci3n de Gracias*

Un3monos para celebrar  
con toda la comunidad de  
San Pedro Claver en  
**la Misa biling3e:**  
**el jueves 26 de**  
**noviembre a la 10am**

### Jubileo Extraordinario

*Como el Padre Misericordioso*

“Deseo que el año que viene ser3  
llena de misericordia, para que  
podamos darles a cada hombre y  
mujer, la bondad y la ternura de  
Dios.

Que el balsamo de la misericordia llegue a todos, creyentes y los que est3n lejos, como una seña de que el reino de Dios est3 presente en medio de nosotros”.  
—Papa Francisco

**(Nuestra meta es llegar a \$851.00)**

**Ofertorio Dominical de**  
**la Misa Hispana del 15 de noviembre:**

**\$779.00**

## Las lecturas y su mensaje, 22 de noviembre. Fiesta Cristo Rey La llegada del Rey

### Daniel 7: 13-14

Las visiones y los sueños eran considerados tradicionalmente como caminos de la revelación divina. el profeta o visionario debe ser capaz de interpretar. La visión del Hijo del Hombre llegando sobre las nubes es una teofanía, es decir, una revelación de Dios. Se presenta ante Dios que lo instala como señor de todo el universo. este dominio no se alcanza de manera política, sino por la concesión de Dios. Su reino será para siempre.

### Apocalipsis 1:5-8

La declaración de esta lectura está seguida por una doxología que alaba a Cristo por la salvación que ha conseguido para todos. Jesús es el Ungido y así se le asocia con el Mesías. Hay otras dos tradiciones bíblicas detrás de la imagen de Jesús sobre las nubes. Es el Hijo del Hombre y una víctima de la violencia. Todos ellos verán a Jesús llegando en las nubes. Hay una caracterización triple de Jesús. Él comprende todo lo que existe, trasciende los límites del tiempo y es el Señor de todas las cosas. Aquí Jesús tiene atributos que corresponden a Dios.

### Juan 18:33b-37

El reinado de Jesús es el sujeto de la interrogación de Pilatos. El título de rey significa cosas distintas para los judíos que llevaron a Jesús ante Pilatos y el oficial romano. Para los judíos era una designación mesiánica que identificaba al que la portaba como descendiente de David. También era una cuestión política que amenazaba el control romano. Las respuestas de Jesús muestran que tanto judíos como romanos tenían razones para estar preocupados. Aunque su reino no fuera de este mundo, su afirmación desearía tanto las expectativas mesiánicas como los poderes del mundo.



AVISO IMPORTANTE...

ENTÉRATE !!!

REUNIÓN FINAL PARA LA  
PLANIFICACIÓN DE LA FIESTA DE  
LA FIESTA DE GUADALUPE

INVITAMOS A TODOS LOS QUE QUIEREN AYUDARNOS  
PARA LAS MAÑANITAS, MISA Y LA CELEBRACIÓN  
del 12 y 13 DE DICIEMBRE.

*Asiste a la última reunión del 4 de diciembre  
en el salón de conferencia a las 7:15pm.*

### Horario para el Tiempo de Adviento:

- ◆ Durante el Adviento habrá Misa en español todos los miércoles a las 7PM
- ◆ Al terminar la Misa, habrá Confesiones durante la "Hora Santa" y la Exposición del Santísimo.
- ◆ El grupo de "Oración Bíblica" se reúnen en el salón social después de la Misa de los miércoles.
- ◆ El grupo de jóvenes tendrá su reunión en el gimnasio.



## LAS POSADAS

...es un evento maravilloso de Adviento que nos viene de la tradición latinoamericana.

Procesamos alrededor del exterior de nuestra Iglesia. La historia que promulgamos en el camino representa las dificultades María y José se enfrentaron en hospedaje cuando viaje a Belén. Niños y adultos van en procesion, cantando "la Posada", canción de solicitar alojamiento. En cada puerta el propietario responde con una negativa, hasta que llegan a la última puerta, donde el dueño reconoce a María y a José, y les permite entrar. Su alojamiento es seguido con una celebración compartiendo comida Mexicana.



### ¿PORQUÉ CELEBRAMOS EL DÍA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

Muchas personas piensan del día de acción de gracias como una maravillosa celebración, que les permite tener un largo fin de semana disfrutando de una succulenta cena. ¿Cuál es el verdadero significado del día de acción de gracias?



Podemos rastrear ésta histórica tradición cristiana de Los Estados Unidos, desde noviembre de 1623, después de recolectar la cosecha, el gobernador de la colonia de peregrinos "Plymouth Plantation" en Plymouth, Massachusetts, declaró:

*Todos ustedes, peregrinos, con sus esposas e hijos, congreguense en la casa comunal, en la colina... para escuchar al pastor, y dar gracias a Dios todo poderoso por todas sus bendiciones."*

En los años siguientes, el congreso de los Estados Unidos proclamó en varias ocasiones el día de acción de gracias al todo poderoso. Finalmente, el 1° de noviembre de 1777 fue oficialmente declarado como día feriado. Por eso es que cada año en el día de acción de gracias, los americanos dan acción de gracias a Dios todopoderoso por todas sus bendiciones y misericordias durante el año.

### Nuestra cultura

En nuestra experiencia, los reyes se asocian con tiempos de dominación y, por otra parte, muchos de los políticos han abusado de nuestra confianza y han tiranizado u oprimido a los pueblos. Es normal que no tengamos mucha confianza en gobernantes y políticos. No entendemos muy bien las monarquías, pero sí nos gustaría encontrar a un señor que cuidara del pueblo; sin embargo, la mayoría de los pueblos hispanos —sobre todo el mexicano para el que se convirtió en grito y lema— confiesan y aclaman: "Viva Cristo Rey".

### Significado del Adviento

La palabra latina "adventus" significa "venida". En el lenguaje cristiano se refiere a la venida de Jesucristo. La liturgia de la Iglesia da el nombre de Adviento a las cuatro semanas que preceden a la Navidad, como una oportunidad para prepararnos en la esperanza y en el arrepentimiento para la llegada del Señor. El color litúrgico de este tiempo es el morado que significa penitencia. El tiempo de Adviento es un período privilegiado para los cristianos ya que nos invita a recordar el pasado, nos impulsa a vivir el presente y a preparar el futuro.

## Upcoming Ministry Schedules for November 21 and November 22, 2015

| Date     | Time     | Sacristans | Altar Servers                       | Lectors  | Eucharistic Ministers |
|----------|----------|------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Saturday | 5:30 pm  | Kiernan    | B. Haynes — C<br>R. Haynes — A      | Beaty    | Kiernan, Kiernan      |
| Sunday   | 9:00 am  | Fletcher   | T. Vickers — A<br>M. McCullough — C | Fletcher | Fletcher, Green       |
|          | 11:15 am | Owoho      | P. Anyakudo — C<br>B. Anyakudo — A  | Gerhardt | McKowen, Owoho        |

### 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 December, 2015:  
Tuesday, December 8th, 2015 –*

***The Penny Whistle: a gift of hope for the beloved teacher* by BJ Hoff**

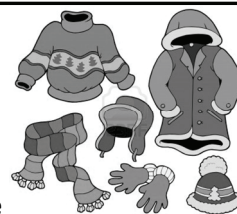
We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 at FAM's Orange Street site, (538 Orange Street...across from the Washington Library parking lot). All are welcome!  
Contact persons: Rena Waller or Sr. Roberta at 746-9803



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**

### 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.

### November Wedding Anniversaries

|                      |                                       |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>May God</i>       | Ademola and Noleen Afolabi-Brown (21) |
| <i>Continue</i>      | Isaac and Charlene Grant (29)         |
| <i>Blessing You!</i> | Harold and Ma. Lourdes Katner (8)     |
|                      | Walter and Clyde Austin (48)          |
|                      | Joe and Barbara Reott (8)             |
|                      | Nathan and Debra Williams (38)        |

### Transportation Needed

We have several parishioners that need transportation to Mass. If you would like to assist in this ministry, please call the Parish Office at (478) 743-1454.

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 begin 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)

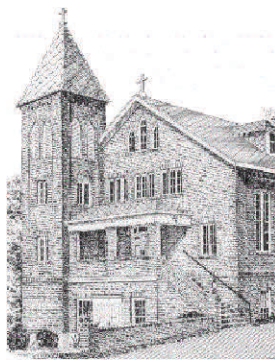
## VIRTUS

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: 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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Summer Hours (June—July):

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## 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 - 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.