



# St. Peter Claver Parish

Corner of Cochran & Stow Streets



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## PARISH SCHEDULE

### MASSES:

Saturday: 5pm Vigil ; 7pm(Español)  
Sunday: 8am(Livestreamed also); 10am;  
12pm & 5pm;  
Holy Day of Obligation: TBA  
Weekdays: 7:30am (Monday to Saturday)  
Church open for Prayer: 7am to 7pm (Monday to Friday)

**DEVOTIONS:** Perpetual Help Novena,  
Wednesdays, 7pm, Mass on First Wednesdays

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:**  
Saturdays, 3 - 4:30pm in the Church;  
(or by appointment)

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**  
Sundays, 1:30pm; 4th Sunday - Spanish Baptism

**BAPTISM INSTRUCTION:**  
Please contact Parish Office

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**  
6 months prior notification needed

## Parish Mission Statement

*We, the parish of Saint Peter Claver, are a Catholic faith community within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Universal Church. Firm in the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and inspired by the example of our patron, we proclaim the kingdom of God to embrace everyone in love without discrimination of any kind. We are devoted to worship, to witness, and joyful service in the Spirit.*



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Parish Office Address:** 5649 Pittman St.  
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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

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## Pastor's Corner

My dear Parishioners,

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! God truly has been good to us all this time, never ever abandoning us even in this difficult time. To be grateful for everything that we are and have, is a sign of our trust and confidence in God.

Let us now continue with the remaining four of the 9 truths about Purgatory that I hope has been source of comfort knowing that the souls in purgatory are surely bound to go to heaven.

*(Continuation . . .)*

6. *The holy souls intercede for us.*

*The souls in purgatory can't do anything for themselves, but the Church has long believed that they can do something for us: They can pray for us, helping obtain for us the graces we need to follow Christ more perfectly. We have such great intercessors in the holy souls. They are interested in our salvation. They want to help ensure that we understand the malice of sin and the importance of conforming our lives to God's will, so that we can go straight to heaven when we die. The same is doubly true, of the souls now in heaven, whom our prayers helped. Those souls become like our second guardian angels, taking us under their wing. That is because the gift we helped give them was the Beatific Vision, which is the greatest gift of all.*

7. *The Church's teachings on purgatory are rooted in Scripture.*

*If you are looking for scriptural evidence for purgatory, start in the Second Book of Maccabees (12:45), where Judas Maccabee orders prayers and sacrifices for fallen soldiers who committed idolatry shortly before their death. Their beseeching implies there is hope even beyond the grave for those who defiled themselves. In the New Testament, St. Paul likewise hints at the cleansing fires of purgatory when he writes, "If any man's work is burned up he will suffer loss though he himself will be saved" (1 Cor 3:12-15). He also seemingly prays for the soul of Onesiphorus in 2 Timothy 1:18.*

*Moreover, the existence of purgatory is the only way to make sense of scriptural assertions such as, "No unclean thing will enter [heaven]" (Rv 21:27), as well as commands like "Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). "Logic demands purgatory. Without some process of purification after death, the population of heaven would be infinitesimally small, comprised of only the few who allow God to perfect them in this life."*

8. *Purgatory wasn't an invention of the medieval Church.*

*Although the Church didn't begin to officially define the doctrine of purgatory until the high Middle Ages (starting at the Second Council of Lyons in 1274), the belief in a purgative state after death is as old as the Church itself. "The uninterrupted witness of Church history tells us that Christians have always prayed for their dead. Even before people used the word 'purgatory,' they recognized the need to offer up prayers and have Masses said for those who have left this life. That uninterrupted witness includes the writings of Church Fathers and Doctors from the first century onward. It also includes records of Catholics commemorating the anniversaries of departed loved ones with Masses and prayers, the inclusion of burying the dead among the spiritual works of mercy, and centuries of Christians who left money in their wills for Masses to be said for their souls. Since the damned cannot benefit by our prayers and the blessed in heaven have no need for our prayers, that enduring witness implies another place or state where souls exist who can benefit from them.*

9. *Purgatory is like spiritual summer school.*

*How's that? To start with, just as sitting in a classroom during January is easier than sitting in a classroom during July, doing the suffering and sacrificing it takes to grow in holiness is easier on earth than it is in purgatory. In part, that's because "on earth we still have our physical bodies. Our task is to become conformed to Christ. That is a task we are supposed to do here, and it is a task for which we are supposed to use our bodies. It has a physical dimension to it. Which is to say, with our bodies we can do good works that break us of attachments to sin and self. We can take a meal to the new mom across the street, buy a coffee for the homeless guy downtown, fast from chocolate for all of Lent, and go on pilgrimages to holy places. Without a body, all those corporal works of mercy — all those ways of loving and serving others, as well as atoning for sin — are impossible.*

*Even more fundamentally, purgatory is like summer school because, just like summer school, no one has to go there. Purgatory is not supposed to be the norm. God gives each and every one of us all the graces we need in this life to become saints. We can do all the work necessary to become holy here. We just need to make use of the graces he gives us now." Emily Stimpson is an OSV contributing editor.*

*Eternal rest grant unto all the souls in purgatory and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen".*

Peace,  
Fr. Riz



## Offer This Day To The Lord Parish Activities This Week

### Monday, November 29th

- 5:00pm Confessions (C)
- 6:00pm Catechists Meeting (WH)

### Tuesday, November 30th

- 9:00am Adult Bible Study (PC)
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (PC)
- 7:00pm Young Adult Choir (C)

### Wednesday, December 1st

- 9:30am Women's Bible Study (CLR)
- 7:00pm Novena and Mass (C)
- 7:00pm Confirmation Parent Night (YC)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts (WH)
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (PC)
- 8:00pm Filipino Community Monthly Meeting (PC, K)

### Thursday, December 2nd

- 4:00pm Confessions (C)
- 6:00pm Children's Christmas Choir (C)
- 6:30pm Bingo (PC, H)

### Friday, December 3rd - First Friday

- 6:45pm Parish Advent Experience (PC, WH)
- 7:00pm Holy Hour of Divine Mercy (C)
- 8:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (C)

### Saturday, December 4th

- 9:00am Combined Choir (C)
- 3:00pm Confessions (C)
- 6:15pm Confessions - Spanish (C)
- 8:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (C)

(C) Church (CLR) Children's Liturgy Room (PC) Parish Center (PO) Parish Office (WH) West Hall (YC) Youth Center (PL) Parking Lot

## Additional Advent Confession Times

We have added another opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Confessions will be heard on Mondays beginning November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6pm in the church.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, confessions will be heard from 4-4:45pm, with our Vigil Mass at 5pm. Masses on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> will be at 7:30am, 12(noon) and 7pm (Bi-lingual).



## On This Sunday We Celebrate

RCIA, 12:00pm (Noon)



## Mass Intentions for the Week



### Saturday, November 27th

- 5:00pm Sherry Clements (RIP)
- Cathy Polino (RIP)

### Sunday, November 28th

- 10:00am Laurentina Aquino (RIP)
- Belinda Quindara (INT)
- 12:00pm Ramon Clemente (RIP)
- Ronald Joe Calloway (RIP)
- 5:00pm Jeremy & Kim Sweeney (INT)
- Mykai Jackson (INT)

### Monday, November 29th

- 7:30am Dante Cioffi (RIP)
- Albert Cirigliano (RIP)
- Ramon & Mila Clemente (RIP)

### Tuesday, November 30th

- 7:30am Rafael Quinonez (RIP)
- Fr. Adrian San Juan (RIP)
- Sherry Clements (RIP)

### Wednesday, December 1st

- 7:30am Gary Clements (RIP)
- Irma Santos (RIP)
- Arturo Noches (RIP)
- Nora Santos (RIP)

### Thursday, December 2nd

- 8:00am Addison Weitzman (RIP)
- All Holy Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
- Alejandria Legaspi (RIP)

### Friday, December 3rd

- 7:30am Scott Jones (INT)
- Ramon Clemente (RIP)
- Norma Dacumos (RIP)

### Saturday, December 2nd

- 7:30am Jesus Quizon (RIP)
- Sofia Gomez (RIP)
- Sherry Clements (RIP)

## *Growing Firm in the Hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ* Offices of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

### Office of Faith Formation

(805) 526-0680 or [faithformation@saintpeterclaver.org](mailto:faithformation@saintpeterclaver.org)

Laura Diaz, Director of Faith Formation  
Carla Magnani, Administrative Assistant



*“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.  
~Luke 21:34-35*

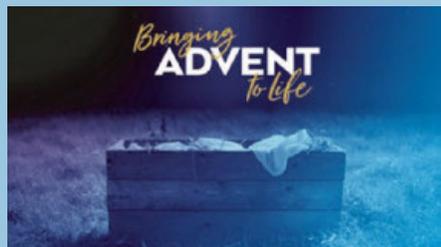
HAPPY NEW YEAR! Yes, today is a day we Catholics celebrate the first day of our Liturgical Year – the cycle of Mass Readings and Feast Days that tells us the story of our salvation, Jesus Christ. We begin our new year with Jesus telling us in today’s Gospel Reading to beware, or let His words help us to be aware of the state of our hearts. Are they lukewarm, or worse, cold? Are we easily frustrated, judgmental, selfish? Are we consumed with what-ifs? Talk as a family or with friends about how you think your heart is and what changes you may need to make. Make Liturgical New Year’s resolutions!

**Elementary Faith Formation Sessions** Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

**Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:45-8 p.m. West Hall**

All are invited to bring this holy season of Advent to life in your hearts and in the Domestic Church of your home!

Answer the call to prepare the way for Christ through stories, activities, prayers, and service that you can take home.



### St. Peter Claver Youth Ministry

Fr. Louis Sung, Director of Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Email: [cosha@saintpeterclaver.org](mailto:cosha@saintpeterclaver.org)

**Peer and Adult Leaders still needed for all ministries!**

**Contact the office for information and join our team!**

**Middle School YM:** Our next session will be held on Monday, December 6th at 7:00pm in the Youth Center. Hope to see you then!

**High School YM (M6:8):** High School YM is open to ALL high school youth to gather and discuss topics like mental health, social media, current events, etc. We will have movie nights, game nights, and bonfires, so bring a friend! The next session will be on Monday, December 13th at 7:00pm in the Youth Center.

**Confirmation Year 1 and 2:** Sessions take place on Sundays (5pm Mass-8:30pm) for Year 1 and Tuesdays (7-8:30pm) for Year 2 in the Youth Center. The next Year 1 session will be on Sunday, December 5th. The next Year 2 session will be on Tuesday, December 7th. There will be a parent night (for both Year 1 and Year 2 parents) on Wednesday, December 1st, in the Youth Center at 7:00pm, this session will be for parents only, so please leave your children at home.



**RCIA: Why Does It Take a Formal Process to Become a Catholic?**

In the early Church the whole community welcomed and evangelized newcomers. The responsibility to catechize was shared by all in the community. Vatican Council II restored this communal model of initiation and now we rely on the parish community to be catechists, sponsors, leaders and to pray for all preparing to enter the Catholic faith community.

Never been Baptized? Baptized in a different faith? Baptized Catholic but never Confirmed and/or received first Communion? Then the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is just for you!

Call the Faith Formation Office at (805) 526-0680 with any questions or for more information. Welcome!

## Everyday Stewardship

### Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

#### Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate - do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season - the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way - that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point - Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God - and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season - "advent" - encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

So let us not forget - our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS



This year, we will continue the tradition established last year for our Holiday Food Baskets. To help assist our parish families in need, we are asking for donations towards Thanksgiving and

Christmas Food Baskets. Please donate a grocery store gift card in \$25 increments from Vons, Walmart or Smart & Final, or make a monetary donation toward a grocery store gift card to be used for holiday food items for our families in need. Donations of gift cards or money can be placed in a sealed envelope and marked "Food Basket" and can be placed in the collection basket at Mass or brought to the Parish Office. Your donations will enable us to help our families in need have a brighter holiday season! Again this year we **will not** be collecting food items as we have in previous years. If you are in need of a Food Basket or know of a parishioner who could use a helping hand, please contact Debbie at the Parish Office at [saintpeterclaver@aol.com](mailto:saintpeterclaver@aol.com) or (805) 526-6499. Thank you!



#### Adoration For End To Abortion

The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments for the Mississippi case of *Dobbs vs Jackson Women's Health*, the case that could overturn *Roe v Wade* on Wednesday, December 1st. There are already 312 parishes nationwide, participating in praying before the Blessed Sacrament, praying for the Justice's discernment in this case.

Please consider visiting the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, November 30th, and Wednesday, December 1st, between the hours of 8:00am and 7:00pm, and plead for God's grace to stir in the minds and hearts of all the Justices. If you are a scheduled adorers for these 2 days, please include this very important intention among your own personal ones.

### ¿Sabia Que?

#### Comprender los peligros del monóxido de carbon

El monóxido de carbono es un gas inodoro e incoloro que a menudo no se detecta. Más de 400 personas en los Estados Unidos mueren cada año por envenenamiento involuntario por monóxido de carbono y miles más son hospitalizadas. Cuando el gas se acumula en espacios cerrados, las personas o los animales que lo respiran pueden envenenarse. Considere la instalación de un detector de monóxido de carbono que funcione con baterías y haga revisar su horno, calentador de agua y otros aparatos que funcionen con gas o carbón con regularidad, junto con su chimenea. Para obtener más información, visite <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/other-poisons/carbon-monoxide>.

### Did You Know?

#### Understanding the dangers of carbon monoxide

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is often undetected. More than 400 people in the U.S. die every year from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, and thousands more are hospitalized. When gas builds up in enclosed spaces, people or animals who breathe it in can be poisoned. Consider installing a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector, and have your furnace, water heater, and other gas or coal-burning appliances serviced regularly, along with your chimney. For more information, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/other-poisons/carbon-monoxide>.

## November 28, 2021 - First Sunday of Advent

Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.  
~ Luke 21:28



*Save the Date!*  
*Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*  
*Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
*Sunday, December 12th, 2021*

The Hispanic Community of St. Peter Claver Church wishes to invite you to this special day in which we honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas. Please join us for Mañanitas, or "Morning Serenade" at 5am in the church, with refreshments being served afterwards. In the evening, we will pray the Rosary in procession and celebrate Holy Mass, after which we will have our reception and cultural presentation in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Parish Hall. See next week's bulletin for time details.

### **Please pray for the souls of...**

Remedios Yumul, 11/18/21; Mary Jo Couch, 11/15/21; Richard Gomez, 11/12/21; Christine Melanie Pasciolco, 11/30/20; Lester "Jerry" Schumann, 12/2/20; John Villasenor, 12/1/20; Madelin "Rosalie" Anderson, 12/3/18; James "Jim" Earley, 11/30/17; Daniel Hale, 11/28/17; Robert E. Miller II, 11/28/16; Josephine Trejo, 12/3/16; Henry Diaz Fuentes, 12/1/15; John Grillo, 12/3/14; Mario Guevara Ortega, 11/30/13; Mary Boland, 12/2/09; Luigi Messina, 11/30/03; Bernard Biegel, 12/4/03; Doris Holbrook, 12/3/03; Roland Sylvestre, 11/28/00; Richard Bone, 12/4/00; Teresa Metro, 11/29/99; Celestine Vanderah, 12/2/99; Rose Jordan, 12/4/97; Esther Rangel, 12/2/97; Helen Slattery, 12/1/97; Joseph Piraino, 12/1/96; Antoinette Harvey, 12/4/94; Vicky Swayze, 12/2/94; Rose Chinoski, 11/28/92; Theodore Kazmiryk, 12/1/91; John Elpers, 11/28/88; Edna Duvelow, 11/29/86; Anthony Polino, 11/30/84; Louise Sampson, 11/29/83; Dominica Lovato, 12/2/81; Aaron McCombs, 11/30/79; Daniel Jaramillo, 11/30/74.



### **Please pray for the health of...**

Rey Dela Cruz; Jerome Ricard; Julie Milo Magee; Stephen Windle; Gail Ireland; Russ Ireland; Amy Petry; Julie Lafferty; Nino Sortino; Ray Walker; Beth Coronel; Juan Ureno; Jesus Ureno; Scarlett Jamie (Infant); Patricia Hallstein; Jamie Kohler; Dionisio Cabacungan; Dave Dooling; Mary Ryan; Amy Guieb; Sarah Ramsey; Robert Siteman; Lucas Miller; Glen Webster, Sr.; Pete Moraza.

Names will remain on the list of "Pray for the Health of" for 4 weeks. If you wish to add a name please contact the Parish Office.





**Friday,  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:45-8 p.m.  
West Hall**

**All are invited to bring this  
holy season  
to life in your hearts and minds!**

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# Our Christmas Giving Tree

**During the wonderful season of Christmas, let us remember the children, senior citizens, and special needs individuals who are less fortunate than ourselves.**

**To give from the heart to those less fortunate reflects the way of Jesus. The Giving Tree will display tags from Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> until Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> (or until all tags have been taken). Please take one home and return the **WRAPPED** or **UNWRAPPED** gift with the **TAG** securely attached to the **OUTSIDE** of it by **Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. These tags **CANNOT** be replaced and are our only way of getting the correct gifts to the correct people.**

**If you lose your tag, OR, if you prefer not to take a tag, a gift card in any amount, to any store would be greatly appreciated! Please put the gift card in an envelope marked "GIVING TREE" and place it in the Giving Tree Box under the Giving Tree.**

**ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY THE 5PM MASS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH.**

**THAT IS THE NIGHT WE SORT THEM AND THE CHARITIES PICK THEM UP.**

**For information, please call Nancy Walker at (213) 309-3547.**

*Thank you for sharing your Christmas spirit!*

