

# ST. PETER CLAVER

Catholic Parish

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2011

*"The Word became flesh:  
from his fullness,  
we have all received grace."*

*John 1:1-18*



**Father Daniel Melaba - Parochial Administrator**

## Weekly Offering



Our bulletin deadline was moved up due to the upcoming Holidays. The bulletin for January 1st will include the Offertory Collection information for December 25th and January 1st, 2011.

Second Collection today:  
 "Diocesan Catholic Social Services"  
 Thank you for your Generosity!

St. Peter Claver tithes 10% of our weekly offertory to the poor in the name of Jesus! St. Peter Claver donates \$500.00 towards FAM every month.

## Bishops Annual Appeal - 2011

Target	Pledged	% of Target	Paid	Total Families	Families Pledging	% Pledging
\$33,753	\$32,471	96.2%	\$29,267	314	102	32.5%

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

**Psalm** -- All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Ps. 98).

**Second Reading** -- God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

**Gospel** -- The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18).



## Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35  
 Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18  
 Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



## Prayer Line (478) 742-3719

Florine Billue, Willie Byrd, Sr., Shirley James, Gerry Sullivan, Aaron Wimberly, Kevin Dockrell, Annie Burnell, Jennifer Weaver, Cheryl Weaver, Dolores Konke, Joyce Konke, Julianne Kandalec, Mary Howard, Emma Patterson, Marie Chatman, Willie Bailey, Alma Johnson, Joanne Dockrell, Rachal Kellam, Margaret Billingslea, Benjamin Canada, Gary Cooper, Linda Edwards-Hanna, Donna Woodson, Barbara Hagood, Mrs. Newberry, Edgardo Rivera, Johnny Smith, Natalie Persley, Evelyn Nichols, William Booker, Marie Pacheco, Shawn Reott, Susan Yaughn, Kariem Jones, John Reott, Judy Bunge, Larry Bunge, Fred Hodges, Maridel Rivera, Mike Diaz and Kimberly Hamilton.

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

## Loved ones in the Armed Forces



David Thompson III,  
 Michelle Thompson

If you have a loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces assigned overseas, please call Marilyn 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

Cletia Wimberly, Angela Reott Bearchell,  
 Reina Cardenas

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



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 24** - In Honor of Blessed Mother, (SPC)  
**Sunday, December 25**  
 9:00 a.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Willie Hardeman, and James Hardeman, +RIP (Hardeman Fam.)  
 11:15 a.m. - Mary Reiter, +RIP (B. & T. Coyle)  
**Monday, December 26** - None  
**Tuesday, December 27** - None  
**Wednesday, December 28** - None  
**Thursday, December 29** - None  
**Friday, December 30** - None  
**Saturday, December 31** - None

## Parish Staff

### PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

FATHER DANIEL MELABA

### DEACONS

REV. MR. CEDRIC LESLIE

REV. MR. JAMES HUBBARD

REV. MR. DAVID HAYDEN

### RCIA

GABRIEL GERMANN

### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

SISTER MARGARET MARY SCALLY

### HISPANIC COORDINATOR

SISTER GRACE CALVISI



### WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY: 9:00 & 11:15 A.M.

SUNDAY, SPANISH MASS: 1:30 P.M.

### DAILY MASSES

MONDAYS: 6:00 P.M. IN CONVENT  
CHAPEL

TUESDAYS THRU THURSDAYS:  
7:00 A.M. IN CONVENT CHAPEL

NO MASS ON FRIDAYS

### ROSARY

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M., IN CHURCH

SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M., IN CHURCH

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 4:30 – 5:00 P.M.

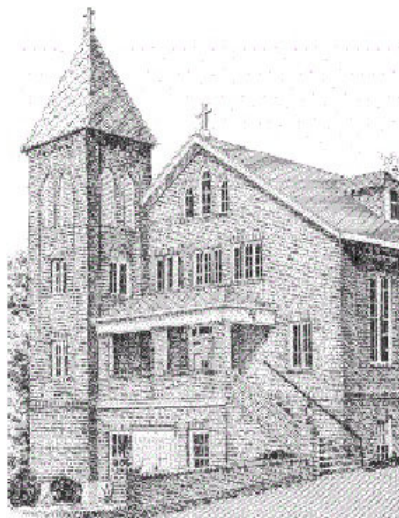
### BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS: 6:00 P.M.,  
PARISH OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

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)  
Parish email: [stpeterclaver@cbi.mgacoxmail.com](mailto:stpeterclaver@cbi.mgacoxmail.com)  
Parish website: [www.stpeterclaverchurch.org](http://www.stpeterclaverchurch.org)



## Sacraments

Parish Office (478) 743-1454

Hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**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.

**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 Dan at 743-1454.

**CHURCH ETIQUETTE** – The priest should be the last one in and first one out of the church.

**VISITORS** - We welcome you to St. Peter Claver Church. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come again.

**ILLNESS IN OUR PARISH FAMILY** - Is someone in your family or our Parish in the hospital? Please call 743-1454 and let us know.

## Sunday School Registration

Our Sunday School (CCD) classes are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the school. Students should be enrolled in a Religious Education Program for the entire school year in order to properly prepare for receiving Sacraments.

**Please call Bettye Middlebrooks, at the Parish Office (478) 743-1454 .**

## RCIA Classes

Catholic information classes are held each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. in the school library. We invite everyone to come and join us — *Gabriel Germann*.

## Catholics Come Home®

### Commercials to Air Nationwide

Starting December 16, CatholicsComeHome.org evangelization commercials will begin airing nationwide, inviting those away from the practice of their faith to return “home.” This first-time ever television event in this era of the New Evangelization will bring a message of hope and invitation to 250 million viewers across the United States during the Christmas Season. Catholics Come Home® commercials will air on a variety of national broadcast and cable networks in English and Spanish, including: CBS, NBC, TNT, TBS USA, Univision, and more!

## Mission Statement

Ours is a very diverse 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.



**THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH**

**Christmas**

*Vigil Masses: December 24th, Saturday  
5:00 p.m. Children's Mass in the Church  
11:30 p.m. Choir Concert in the Church  
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass in the Church*

*Christmas Masses: December 25th, Sunday:  
9:00 a.m. in the Church (English)  
11:15 a.m. in the Church (English)  
1:30 p.m. in the Church (Spanish)*

*(No Confessions on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day)  
Parish Office closed Friday, December 23th and  
Tuesday, December 27th*

**Mass of Thanksgiving for 2011**

*December 30th-Parish Office closed from 12:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. Mass in the Church*

**The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God; New Year's Day**

*January 1st, Sunday  
9:00 a.m. in the Church (English)  
11:15 a.m. in the Church (English)  
1:30 p.m. in the Church (Spanish)  
(No Confessions on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day)*



**2012**

**Marriage Encounters**

Who is it for ? Any married couple that desires a richer, fuller life together. A marriage can never be too good. Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married for a short time or many years. The weekends for this coming year are: February 17-19; April 20-22; June 15-17; August 17-19; September 28-30; November 16-18 For more information or to make reservations: Bernie & Rosalie Joerger 987-4689.

**Traveler's Unlimited Presents**

Mount Rushmore, Badlands & Black Hills of South Dakota.

May 18-28, 2012

**Departure:** Booker Residence,  
1270 Davis St. @ 8 am

**Contact:** Gwen Booker @ 478-745-1970



**Knights of Peter Claver  
and Ladies Auxiliary #258**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE CABARET**

Come celebrate and bring in the New Year with family and friends!

Champagne Toast at Midnight!!!

December 31, 2011, Saturday

9:00 p.m. to 12:15 a.m.

St. Peter Claver - Mother Katharine Drexel Center

131 Ward Street

Attire: Dressy

Tickets are \$30.00 per person

Contacts: Gwen Booker and other Knights  
of Peter Claver members



**Ultreya - Next Meeting**

Ultreya will be held at St. Peter Claver Church, on Monday, December 12th, at 7 p.m. If you have made your Cursillo please attend the School of Leaders beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you have not made a Cursillo and want to find out about making a Cursillo weekend, please join us at 7 p.m.





## La Navidad

Hay una gracia muy grande que pedimos durante todo este tiempo, la de conocer más íntimamente al Señor, para más amarlo y seguirlo. Te sugerimos lo siguiente:

- A** Sepárate de alguna manera de tus actividades diarias y dedica por lo menos de 20 a 30 minutos a la oración personal.
- B** Dedicar diariamente unos cuantos minutos a la Oración de atención amorosa (Examen de conciencia) para que analices los principales eventos de tu día.
- C** Trata de encontrar un amigo, o mejor aún, un grupo de diálogo con quien puedas compartir el fruto de tu oración por lo menos una vez a la semana.

Al comienzo de tu Oración, recita esta oración:

Aquí estoy Señor. Estoy ante ti con lo que soy y cuanto tengo, me dispongo en tu presencia, rodeado de tranquilidad y paz. Me encuentro en tu presencia, y te pido me dirijas. Me abro totalmente a ti que eres un Dios cercano. Eres la fuente de la vida, la fuerza de la vida que penetra mi ser más profundo. Eres el aliento que respiro, y que mantiene mi propia existencia. Deja que la paz habite dentro de mí. Concédeme la gracia de permitirte que me purifiques, de ser un recipiente que sólo se llene de ti, Dios mío. Deja que todos mis pensamientos y sentimientos, mi deseo y libertad, se dirijan totalmente a tu honor y servicio.

Amén

## CLASES DE COSTURA



# Horario Navideño

**La Solemnidad de la Santa María, Madre de Dios (Año Nuevo)**

*Domingo, 1 de enero, 2012*

*Misa en español: 1:30pm*

**Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor**

*domingo, 8 de enero, 2012*

*Misa en español: 1:30pm*

## SE BUSCA COMIDA

Cualquier comida que puedan donar para ayudar a los necesitados es bienvenida. Por favor traer sus donaciones el día domingo o también pueden traerlas a la oficina parroquial durante la semana. Gracias.



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## MINISTERIO DE LA MÚSICA

Un llamado a las personas interesadas en tocar algún instrumento, guitarra, tambores, etc. y también, a las personas que quieren integrarse en el coro...

Por favor comunicarse con la Hna. Graciela o con nuestro cantor: Jorge Moncada

## Ministros para domingo 1 de enero

### Min. de Comunión

\* Rafael  
Patricia

### Lectores

1) Leslie  
2) Edgar  
Evan: Armando

### Monitor

Veronica

### Cantor

Jorge

### Bienvenida/ Ujieres

Rufina y Nicolas

### Servidores

\*Gabi, Jazmine (I),  
Roberto (D), Raul S

## Upcoming Ministry schedules for December 31st, 2011 and January 1st, 2012

Date	Time	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Middlebrooks	S. Craddock — AS A. Craddock — C B. Cater — C*	Wright	Robinson, Middlebrooks
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Howard	P. Vickers — AS T. Vickers — AS	McIntyre	Howard, Pitts
	11:15 a.m.	Sullivan	H. Tyler — C A. Tyler — AS C. Tyler — AS K. Tong — C*	S. Johnson	Hill, Howard

St. Peter Claver Catholic School

### Open - Preschool Registration

3 year olds and 4 year olds half day or full day. We provide a caring, loving atmosphere for the little ones. Please call the School Office for additional information at 743-3985.

### Recycle Your Ink

St. Peter Claver Catholic School is now collecting empty ink cartridges for recycling. We receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge recycled. Cartridges can be deposited in our collection bin located in the School. Pick up a flyer in the church vestibule for additional information and/or call Liz Bishop at (478) 743-3985.

### Family Advancement Ministries



Help us assist families in difficult situations. You could help by donating a crib, high chair, baby items, gift card or monetary donation. Please send it to :

#### Family Advancement Ministries

(formerly Nazareth Life Ministries and Mother and Child Ministries)

570 High Place, Macon GA 31202 or PO Box 204, 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, Alicja Griffin.

**No regular adult clothes, please.**

**Thank you for your donations and God Bless!**

### St. Vincent de Paul

As we celebrate the beginning of Advent - the arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Christmas Season which is a time for giving. Let us continue to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering. For questions or more information, please email [mgstvincedepaul@yahoo.com](mailto:mgstvincedepaul@yahoo.com) or call 745-7000.

### December Wedding Anniversaries

*Roger and Martha Walden (46)*

*George and Cheryl Weaver (18)*

*Larry and Judy Bunge (33)*

*Patrick and Yunuen Davidson (2)*

*William and Judith Carrigan (39)*

*Timothy and Karla Andrews (25)*

*Chinedu and Chioma Ozioko (6)*



**May God Bless You!**

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.**



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A big thank you goes out to all of you who brought in food donations and money donations for our ChThanksgiving food pantry day. We were able to hand out 90 Thanksgiving bags to those who came to our doors! Many people expressed their thanks for such a bounty!! Please continue

to bring in food for our pantry for the numbers at our doors continue to grow. You may also call Mary Ellen at 478-254-4383 or Chris at 478-550-8575 if you can assist us.

If you would like to contribute non-perishable items for our pantry, you may place them in the designated basket in the back of the church.

**Current needs: pasta sauce, pasta, canned meats, cereals, rice, macaroni and cheese, and juices are much appreciated. Toiletries such as (food stamps do not cover these items): toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, and toilet paper.**