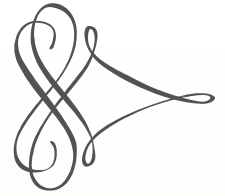


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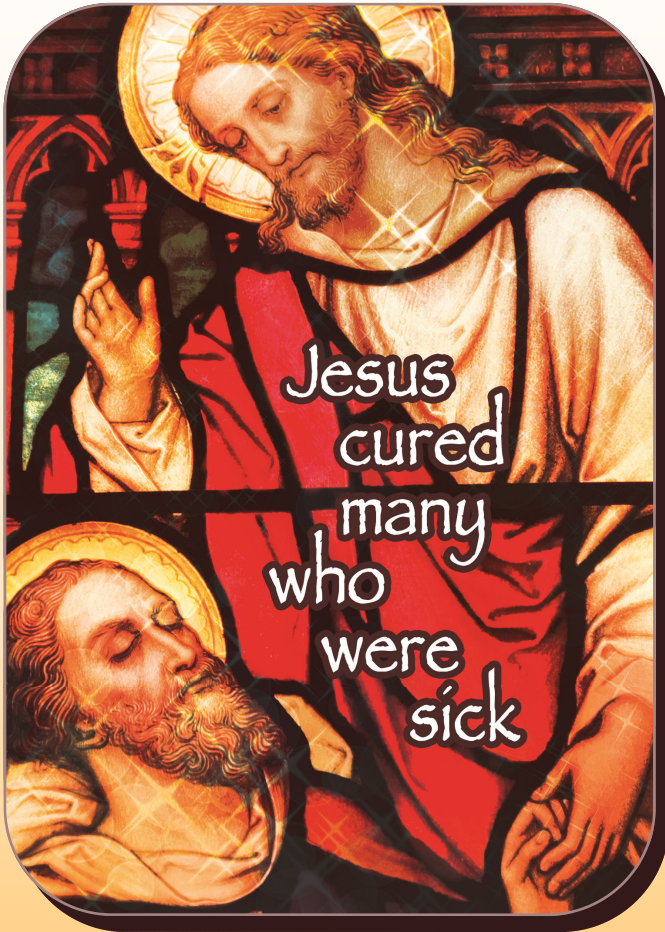


Catholic Parish

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2012

The Good News



Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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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.

Weekly Offering



Offertory 01/29/2012	6,797.09
Poor Box	41.16
St. Vincent de Paul	535.00

Second Collection today: Capital Improvement Fund.

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.



Let us build up
the Church
Together

This week we begin the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The theme this year is **"Let us build up the Church together"**. Our parish target is \$37,594 and we are confident that with everyone's participation we will be able to exceed that amount.

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Job spoke, saying: I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalms -- Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading -- I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel -- Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 -- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45



Prayer Line (478) 742-3719

Florine Billue, Willie Byrd, Sr., Shirley James, 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, Rachel Kellam, Margaret Billingslea, Benjamin Canada, Garey Cooper, Linda Edwards-Hanna, Donna Woodson, Mrs. Newberry, Edgardo Rivera, Johnny Smith, Natalie Persley, William Booker, Marie Pacheco, Shawn Reott, Kariem Jones, John Reott, Judy Bunge, Larry Bunge, Fred Hodges, Maridel Rivera, Mike Diaz, Kimberly Hamilton, Naomi Hicks, and Lea-Ann Yaughn.

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,
Bryan Craddock

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, February 4	- In Honor of St. Anthony, (S. Phagan)
Sunday, February 5	
9:00 a.m.	- Dolores Konke, Special Intentions (K. Konke)
11:15 a.m.	- In Honor of Blessed Virgin Mary (S. Phagan)
1:30 p.m.	- Missa Pro Populo
Monday, February 6	- None
Tuesday, February 7	- None
Wednesday, February 8	- None
Thursday, February 9	- None
Friday, February 10	- None
Saturday, February 11	- In Honor of St. Anthony, (S. Phagan)

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.

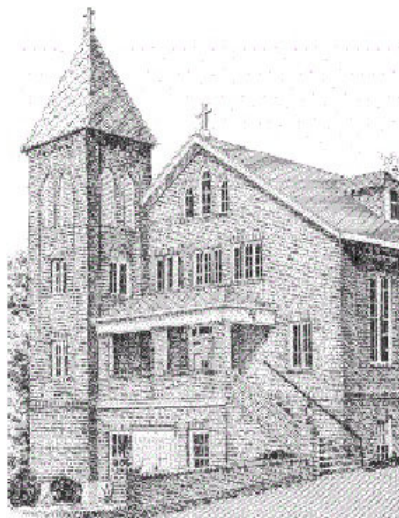
BIBLE STUDY

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

Diocese of Savannah webpage:
www.diosav.org

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

Traveling information: www.masstimes.org
Parish email: stpeterclaver@cbi.mgacoxmail.com
Parish website: 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!

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.

It's all about RICE!

Pot Luck luncheon of your favorite rice dish.

Lent starts this week:
February 19, 2012

12:15 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

Where: Mother Katharine Drexel Center
Everyone is invited!!!

Contact: Barbara White @ 478-745-5050
Bettye Middlebrooks @ 478-781-2448



The Parish would like volunteers to help out with chores/repairs around the grounds and buildings. Please contact the Parish Office (478) 743-1454, if you can spare a Saturday to assist with hanging blinds, electrical work, cutting weeds/branches, hanging doors, etc. Lunch will be provided.

Offertory Envelopes - 2012

The Offertory envelopes for St. Peter Claver Church - 2012, were mailed to your homes in December. Envelopes were only issued to Parish members that utilized their envelopes during 2011. 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.

2011-Tax Year Contribution Statements

The end of year 2011 Contribution Statements have been issued and mailed on during the first week of January, 2012. If you do not receive your statement please contact Marilyn Robinson at the Parish Office at 743-1454.



851 Orange Street
Macon, GA (478) 751-3240

Mount de Sales Academy will host an Open House for prospective students and families grades 6-12 on Thursday, February 9th from 6:00 - 6:15 p.m. Admissions information, Zuver Center: 6:15—7:30 p.m.—School Tours. Deadline for completed applications to be considered for second pool admission is February 24. All applicants will be required to take the entrance test; next testing is March 3. Financial Aid deadline: March 14. For information, contact Linda Cardwell at 478-751-3244.



Knights of Columbus, Blood Drive in St. Joseph Social Hall on Feb. 13th from 1:30- 6:30 PM. There will sign-up sheets in back of church or you can call Dennis Staples at 478-607-1818.

Before Lent Mardi Gras



When: Friday, February 17th

Time: 7:00 -11:00 p.m.

Where: Mother Katharine Drexel Center

Admission: \$5.00

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver 258

Purchase tickets from members

Wear Costume. Mask and beads will be given out at door. Dancing—prizes—snacks and fun!



You are cordially invited to attend the solemn profession of

Br. Cassian Russell, OCSO,

in the Abbey Church of Holy Spirit Monastery, Conyers, Georgia, at 9:30 a.m.,

Wednesday, February 29, 2012,
the Orthodox feast of John Cassian.

Brunch will be served afterwards.
Please share this with others who may wish to attend.
R.S.V.P. to cassian@trappist.net and please contact Bettye at the Parish Office as well.

Ultreya - Next Meeting

Ultreya will be held at St. Peter Claver Church, on Monday, February 13th, 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.



*!Feliz Aniversario de 43 Años!
Nicolas y Rufina Sandoval*

Testimonios del amor incondicional de Dios.

La Candelaria

La escena de la Presentación de Jesús en el Templo no es simplemente una devoción piadosa. Tiene enormes conotaciones bíblicas, culturales y religiosas y un profundo significado teológico.

La obligación de la purificación después del Nacimiento de un niño obligaba a la Madre. Pero el Primogenito siempre pertenece a Dios, y por lo tanto había que "rescatarlo" por medio de un sacrificio. No hacía falta llevar al niño al templo. Lucas nos indica que los padres de Jesús cumplieron con todas las prescripciones de la ley.

Cuando María entra en el Templo llevando a Jesús en brazos, Simeón, un hombre justo, que esperaba en las promesas de Dios, reconoce a Jesús como salvación, la luz del mundo. "Luz para la salvación de las naciones paganas". María es, pues, la portadora de la luz, la Candelaria. Y en esa escena están contenidas todas las promesas del Antiguo Testamento, cumplidas ahora en Jesús, y el anuncio de la Pasión, que se le hace a María: Una espada atravesará tu corazón. Y María, guardaba estas cosas en su corazón", es decir escuchaba la palabra y la seguía fielmente. Es a la vez la portadora de la luz y la primera cristiana.

Reflexión: ¿De qué maneras puedo ser yo portador de luz hoy?

Encuentro... *Quinceañera*

Este programa esta dirigido para jóvenes de 13 a 21 años que deseen profundizar en su desarrollo como mujeres; en la parte espiritual, emocional y física.

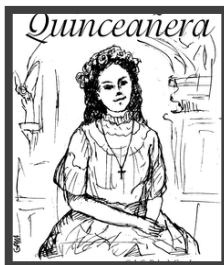
Días: 24 y 25 de Marzo

Empezando el sábado a las 9am
y terminando el domingo a las 5pm

Lugar: Lake Blackshear Resort

Cordele, GA 31015

Para mas información llamar: 741-9916



Hoy, 5 de febrero, celebramos la Jornada Mundial de la Vida Consagrada. La celebración de la Jornada Mundial de la Vida Consagrada, que tiene lugar por primera vez el 2 de febrero de 1997 tiene como objetivo ayudar a toda la Iglesia a valorar cada vez más el



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testimonio de quienes han elegido seguir a Cristo de cerca mediante la práctica de los consejos evangélicos y, al mismo tiempo, quiere ser para las personas consagradas una ocasión propicia para renovar los propósitos y reavivar los sentimientos que deben inspirar su entrega al Señor

En un mundo con frecuencia agitado y distraído, la celebración de esta Jornada anual ayudará también a las personas consagradas, comprometidas a veces en trabajos sofocantes, a volver a las fuentes de su vocación, a hacer un balance de su vida y a renovar el compromiso de su consagración. Podrán así testimoniar con alegría a los hombres y a las mujeres de nuestro tiempo, en las diversas situaciones, que el Señor es el Amor capaz de colmar el corazón de la persona humana.

Existe realmente una gran necesidad de que la vida consagrada se muestre cada vez más "llena de alegría y de Espíritu Santo", se lance con brío por los caminos de la misión, se acredite por la fuerza del testimonio vivido, ya que "el hombre contemporáneo escucha más a gusto a los testigos que a los maestros, o si escucha a los maestros lo hace porque son testi-

SE BUSCA COMIDA



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

ORAMOS POR LOS ENFERMOS

Es nuestro deber rezar siempre por los enfermos. Si usted está enfermo o si conoce alguien enfermo que necesita oraciones, por favor llama a la Oficina Hispana. Lo recordamos en nuestras oraciones y en las intercesiones de la Misa (con su permiso).

Upcoming Ministry schedules for February 11th and 12th, 2012

Date	Time	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Ford	H. Tyler—C A. Tyler—AS C. Tyler—AS	Middlebrooks	Chen, Ford
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Fletcher	T. Howard — C P. Vickers — AS T. Vickers — C	Howard	Fletcher, Green
	11:15 a.m.	Whitfield	R. Ochieng — AS E. Ochieng — C B. Nichols — AS	Johnson, S.	Johnson, McKowen

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

Where ever you live, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When they ring the rectory bell, they are in effect ringing all of our bells. Please join us. Have a Happy New Year! For questions or more information, please email mgstvincedepaul@yahoo.com or call 745-7000.

February Wedding Anniversaries

Sidney and Eldora Jordan (65)

Truong and Kim Nguyen (42)

Charles and Ann Hill (47)

Samuel and Muriel Jackson (12)



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 food pantry days. 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.