

# St. Peter Claver Feast Day September 9 (1580-1634)

The patron saint of African missions. He was born in Spain, joined the Jesuits and went to the missions in Cartagena, in Colombia, which was then the center of the slave

trade. Peter ministered for nearly 40 years to the newly arrived Africans with food, water, medicine, and the gospel.

According to Franciscan Media, Fr. Peter Claver's apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead.

Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. The city magistrates, who had previously frowned at his solicitude for the black outcasts, ordered that he should be buried at public expense and with great pomp.

St. Peter Claver, Pray for us.

## THE EUCHARIST AS HOLY COMMUNION

### Why can't I worship God on my own?

As Christians, we should pray and worship God throughout our lives. But

when we come to mass, we enter the most perfect act of love, prayer, and worship. For Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, his total gift of himself to the Father, is the perfect act of worship. And as we've seen that sacrifice of his Body and Blood is made present at the Mass so that we can join our lives with that perfect act of worship and be transformed by it. It is this central act of Eucharistic worship that Christians have been celebrating for two thousand years, ever since Jesus commanded the Apostles to offer the Lord's Supper.



Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

#### AMEN GENEROSITY

#### ASTONISHED

They were exceedingly astonished and they said, He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." Am I so familiar with the Jesus story that I am no longer astonished by who He is and what He has done? How can my eyes and ears and heart be opened wide by Jesus to see and hear and love Him in a new spirit of wonder and awe? Lord Jesus, help me again, or maybe for the first time, to be exceedingly astonished by You.

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