

To love as we ought...

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**"Blessed is the influence of one truly loving
human soul on another." - George Eliot**



Painting: *Sacred Heart of Jesus* ~ Henri Pinta

***"To love God as He ought to be loved,
we must be detached from all temporal love.
We must love nothing but Him,
or if we love anything else,
we must love it only for His sake."***

St Peter Claver

Native of Catalonia, Spain ~ 1581–1654

Jesuit, missionary to South America

Apostolate to Africans on slave ships, sailors and traders

Ten thousand African slaves arrived every month.

He entered the ships bearing food, medicine, brandy and sweets.

He taught the brutalized slaves about the mercy of God.

In 33 years, estimated to have baptized 300,000 +

FEAST DAY - Sept 9

Peter Claver understood that concrete service like the distributing of medicine, food or brandy to his black brothers and sisters could be as effective a communication of the word of God as mere verbal preaching. Peter said of the slaves, **"We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips."**

[Click here: Saint Peter Claver - YouTube \(2 mins\)](#)

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St Peter Claver, pray for us!