



ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

Staffed by the Josephite Fathers and Brothers

“To bring the community together by evangelizing, assisting and serving those hungry of food and faith, for the good of the Church and the Glory of God.”

APRIL 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A



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Welcome to St. Peter Claver Church!!!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. May you be blessed with hope, joy, love, and peace. Do have a better day! If you seek a Church Home and would like to join our parish family, please contact a Hospitality Minister, Priest, or call the Parish Office.

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Parish Clergy and Staff:

Pastor: Father Augustine Adetola

Deacon: Ignatius Joseph

Secretary: Dellanira Silva

PARISH SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses:

SATURDAY Vigil 4:30 PM

SUNDAY 9:00 AM

Spanish 11:00 AM

Weekdays

ENGLISH: TUES-THURS 6:45 AM

SPANISH: TUES 7:00 PM

Child & Adult Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled for the second weekend in the months of February, May, August and November.

Classes are held two weeks prior to the Baptism dates. Kindly call the office to make an appointment with the priest.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

and Confirmation

Call the office to register for Adult Confirmation Classes.

Marriage

Please contact the priest at least 6 months before you plan to celebrate the Marriage. Please do not set the date before meeting with the priest.

Sacrament of Penance (aka) Confession or Reconciliation
Saturdays: 3:30pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
For Children: First Communion and Confirmation

Saturdays 9-10:30 AM

September -May

Registration: contact

Parish Office



WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
(Regular Collection)
Week of April 19th
Mass Collections: \$ 3,683.00
On-line: \$ 945.00
COLLECTION TOTAL: \$ 4,628.00

ParishSOFT Online
Contributions
QR Code:



KINDLY PRAY FOR:

Laura Arceneaux, Christian Arzate, Edmund Arzate, Jerry Avery, Linda Bergeron, H. Deloris Broussard, Janice Bonin, Delores Bossier, Barbara Caesar, Oscar Carley, Gwendolyn Charles, Patricia Charles, Hilda Charlot, Anthony Chevalier, John Ricky Chevalier, Simone Davidson, Lena Dean, Verline Doyle, Chiquita Easley, Agnes Edgeron, Joyce Edwards, Chadwick Enard, Elisha Enard, John Enard, Dyain Frazier, Zentrell Gardner, Deacon Dan Gilbert, Robert Girouard III, Hope Gloria, Tina Henry, Johnett Hubert, Angel Elaine Johnson, Betty Johnson, Albert Joseph Jones, Demeitra Jones-Duffield, Paul Steven Joseph, Joubert, Robert LeBlanc, Juanita Lee, Wallace Levay, Brandon Lewis, Jazien Lewis, Leshia Lewis, Sherryl Lewis, Victor Llorens, Marilyn Marsh, Rose Marie Milton, Mary Milton, Mildred McGee, Rosemary Murphy, Petra Perez, Rita Pradier, George Jeffrey Prejean, Margie Randle, Wanda Rosemond, Brenda Sampson, Monica Gail Shaw, Spencer Stewart, Clovis Sylvester Jr., Robert Thibodeaux, Elizabeth Thomas, Roger Thomas, Lisa Pearl Toliver, Harrison Turner, Mary Louise Turner, Mary Rose Turner, Bill Wallauer, Vikki Wilson, Walter Wilson III, Andre Winrow **and all of the ill and shut-in of our parish family. Let us keep them in our daily prayers.**
Please call the office to be added or to add a loved one to the list.

Mass Intentions
for the Week

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| 04/25/26 | SATURDAY | 4:30 PM |
| | People of the Parish | |
| 04/26/26 | SUNDAY | 9:00 AM |
| | Jerry Avery | |
| | By: Mickey Sellers | |
| | Wilbert Sr (D), Ezola (D), & Christopher Sr. | |
| | Joseph (D) and Dianne J. Sewell (D) | |
| | By: Denise Crawford | |
| | Walter (D) & Helen Wilson (D) | |
| | By: Zuzette Austin | |
| | Rosie Marsh (D) | |
| | By: Rhonda Lacy | |
| | SUNDAY | 11:00 AM |
| | María Del Carmen Aguilar (D) | |
| | By: Belinda Aguilar | |
| | Leticia De La Cruz (D) | |
| | By: Francisco De La Cruz | |
| | Maricel Gutierrez (D) | |
| | Por: Maricela Franco | |
| 04/27/26 | MONDAY | ----- |
| 04/28/26 | TUESDAY | 6:45 AM |
| | Spanish Mass | 7:30 PM |
| | Tobias Zamora (D) & | |
| | Yolanda Miranda de Zamora (D) | |
| | By: Dolores Casas | |
| 04/29/26 | WEDNESDAY | 6:45 AM |
| 04/30/26 | THURSDAY | 6:45 AM |
| 05/01/26 | FRIDAY | ----- |
| 05/02/26 | SATURDAY | 4:30 PM |
| | Harvey Gardner (D) | |
| | By: Carolyn Fritz | |
| 05/03/26 | SUNDAY | 9:00 AM |
| | People of the Parish | |
| | SUNDAY | 11:00 AM |
| | Rodulfa Delgado Tenango (D) | |
| | By: Modesta Pineda | |

Know Your Faith Corner with Fr. Augustine

SAINT OF THE WEEK: SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

FEAST DAY: APRIL 29

Saint Catherine of Siena was born in Italy in 1347 and from a very young age she wanted to give her whole life to God. Even though her family hoped she would marry, Catherine chose a life of prayer, service, and holiness. She became known for helping the poor, caring for the sick, and speaking boldly about the need for the Church to be faithful. Her feast day is celebrated every year on April 29. ([Encyclopedia Britannica](#)).



What makes Saint Catherine stand out is that she was not a priest, bishop, or pope, yet she had a strong voice in the Church. She wrote letters to leaders, encouraged peace, and even convinced the pope to return to Rome during a difficult time in Church history. She is also one of the few women named a Doctor of the Church because of her wisdom and holy writings. Her courage shows that God can use anyone, even someone with little formal education, to do great things. ([Encyclopedia Britannica](#)). Many people also remember Saint Catherine because of her great devotion to the cross of Jesus. She often carried a crucifix, meditated on the suffering of Christ, and encouraged others to stay close to the cross in times of pain and struggle.

As Catholics, we can learn many lessons from her life. Saint Catherine teaches us to stay close to God through prayer, to speak up for justice, and to care for people who are suffering. She also reminds us that faith is not only about going to church but about bringing hope, peace, and love into our families and communities. Her life encourages all Catholics to trust that God can work through ordinary people in extraordinary ways.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

05/04-05/10/2026

- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

April Birthdays

Francisco De La Cruz	4/2
Eric Fontenet	4/2
Irma Jean Toliver	4/11
Brenda Sampson	4/13
Amber Boling	4/15
Keiana Hudson	4/17
José De La Cruz	4/23
Ann Dennis	4/25
Patricia Chavis	
Benjamin Sampson	4/28

Call the office to have your birthday or anniversary added to the list.

This month at SPC:

APRIL

26th, Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Second Collection: *Home Missions Collection*
- Regular Mass Schedule
- Easter Crawfish Festival **12 pm**

MAY

3rd, Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Second Collection: *Bazaar*

10th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Second Collection: *DSF*

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today!

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities.

Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other

programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



SPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) 2026 - RAINFOREST FALLS



Registration QR Code:



Welcome to Totally Catholic Rainforest Falls VBS! Get ready to venture into the wild at Rainforest Fall where kids will explore the Nature of God and discover how much their Creator loves them. Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to an epic adventure with hands-on science, team games and catchy songs.

Rainforest Falls VBS runs July 6-10, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

\$30 for one child * \$50 for two children * \$65 for three children

Golden Harvest Friendship Club

Meeting every **First (1st) Tuesday** of the month at 10 am.

Fun Day Lunch & Games is every **Third (3rd) Tuesday** of the month.

Must be at least 50 years old to participate.

If you are interested in joining call **Martha Gardner** at 713-635-3836.

Upcoming important dates:

Fun Day: 5/19

Trip: 5/20



Other Upcoming SPC Events:

- **Youth Game Night: April 30th** open to everyone 10 years and up

Flyers can be picked up on the table by the church entrance.



St. Peter Claver Catholic Church,
6005 North Wayside Dr.



LIVE Crawfish Festival

April 26, 2026 12:00-8:00 pm
featuring **Step Rideau & The Zydeco Outlaws**



DJ Jammin J

Entry Fee **\$5.00**

Kids 3 and under Free

DSF GOAL - 2026

PLEDGE GOAL	PAID	BALANCE
\$13,800	\$0	\$ 13,800

**JOIN US EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
FOR DEVOTION & PRAYER**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy Prayers,
Silent Meditations, and Rosary at 5 pm; then Mass (with Anointing of the Sick) at 6 pm.

CMG- Sacred & Safe Training

If you plan to participate or volunteer in any capacity, make sure to take the Sacred & Safe CMG class online. Please visit: <https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/> or see Dee in the office for help.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER THE SHEPHERD WHO GUIDES US

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates what is often called Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Gospel, Jesus says, “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” These words remind us that Jesus is not a distant ruler or an uncaring master. He is the Good Shepherd who knows us personally, calls us by name, protects us, and leads us to life.

The image of the shepherd is very important because sheep cannot survive on their own for too long. They need someone to guide them, protect them from danger, and lead them to good pasture. In the same way, our world today needs good shepherds and good leaders. We need leaders in the Church, in government, in our communities, and in our families who will care more about people than power, who will serve rather than dominate, and who will lead with honesty, compassion, and wisdom.

Sadly, many people in positions of leadership today are more concerned about themselves than about those entrusted to them. We see division, selfishness, violence, and lack of care for the poor and vulnerable. That is why Good Shepherd Sunday is a reminder that true leadership is not about being first; it is about serving others. Jesus Himself showed us this by laying down His life for His sheep. Peter in today’s first reading stood up with the other disciples to bear witness to the Risen Christ. He led and spoke with conviction. He urged them to save themselves and at the end, about 3000 people were converted. Leadership is about standing up for what is true and right.

This Sunday also invites me to reflect on my own vocational journey. Growing up in Nigeria, I was always very close to the life of the Church. I loved being around the altar and watching the priests celebrate Mass with reverence and joy. As an altar server, I learned discipline, prayer, and love for the liturgy. Being a member of the Legion of Mary taught me devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the importance of service. My involvement in the youth group also gave me opportunities to grow in faith, friendship, and leadership.

All these experiences slowly shaped my heart and helped me to hear God’s call to the priesthood. The priests I encountered were not perfect, but many of them were good shepherds who inspired me by their sacrifice, dedication, and closeness to the people. They became examples for me and encouraged me to desire a life of service in the Church.

Good Shepherd Sunday reminds us that vocations do not grow in isolation. They grow in families, parishes, youth groups, altar serving societies, and prayerful communities. Young people need good examples and encouragement so that they can listen to God’s voice without fear. That good example they look up to can be at home, in church, school and in society. This comes from good shepherding.

Finally, this Sunday is a call for all of us to pray more for priests and for all who hold positions of leadership. Priests need prayers because they carry many burdens and responsibilities. Parents also need prayers because they are shepherds of their families. Church leaders, teachers, and government officials all need God’s wisdom and guidance.

May Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continue to guide His Church, bless our leaders, and raise up holy priests and faithful servants for His people.