



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 19, 2026

Third 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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Pastor: Father Augustine Adetola

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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 12th
Mass Collections: \$ 3,406.00
On-line: \$ 530.00
COLLECTION TOTAL: \$ 3,936.00

ParishSOFT Online

Contributions

QR Code:



Mass Intentions for the Week

04/18/26 SATURDAY 4:30 PM
Harvey Gardner (D)
By: Mary Joyce George

04/19/26 SUNDAY 9:00 AM
Veronica Lovett (D)
Rupertha Peterson (D)
Donnell Logan (D)
By: Mickey Sellers

Wilbert Sr (D), Ezola (D), & Christopher Sr.
Joseph (D) and Dianne J. Sewell (D)
By: Denise Crawford

Maria Del Carmen Aguilar (D)
By: Belinda Augilar

Mary Chavez (D)
By: Nina Johnson & Family

Rosie Marsh (D)
By: Rhonda Lacy

SUNDAY 11:00 AM
People of the Parish

04/20/26 MONDAY -----

04/21/26 TUESDAY 6:45 AM
Spanish Mass 7:30 PM
Christpher Chavez II- *Repose of the Soul*
By: Dolores Casas

04/22/26 WEDNESDAY 6:45 AM

04/23/26 THURSDAY 6:45 AM

04/24/26 FRIDAY -----

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
Maria Del Carmen Aguilar (D)
By: Belinda Aguilar

Francisco & Leticia De La Cruz (D)
Anniversary 4/2
By: Francisco De La Cruz

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.

Know Your Faith Corner with Fr. Augustine

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

Feast Day: April 25

St. Mark the Evangelist was a faithful disciple who served both St. Peter and St. Paul. Though born in North Africa, he became one of the earliest missionaries of the Church. Mark accompanied Paul and Barnabas on missionary journeys and later became a close companion and interpreter for Peter in Rome. From Peter's preaching, he wrote the second Gospel to encourage Gentile Christians who were suffering persecution under Emperor Nero.



Mark's life shows us the importance of perseverance, humility, and service. At one point, he left Paul and Barnabas during a missionary journey, causing disagreement among them. Yet Mark did not give up. He continued serving the Church so faithfully that later Paul asked for him again, saying that Mark was useful to him in ministry. This teaches us that our mistakes do not define us. With God's grace, we can grow, improve, and continue to serve.

As Christians, we can imitate Mark by remaining faithful even in difficult times, by using our gifts to spread the Gospel, and by never giving up after failure. Like Mark, we are called to support others, remain close to Christ, and courageously witness to our faith no matter the cost.

PRAYER: Saint Mark, you were a friend of the Apostles and shared their commitment to spreading the faith. From your home in Heaven, may you strengthen all those who lack the courage to live the Gospel message in their own lives so they can witness it to others. Amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

04/26-05/03/2026

- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

This month at SPC:

APRIL

19th, Third Sunday of Easter

- Second Collection: *Bazaar*

26th, Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more 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

April Birthdays

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| 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.

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

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.

Important April dates: Fun Day: 4/21



Other Upcoming SPC Events:

- **Young Adults Gathering:** April 23rd for adults who are between 18 to 39 years of age.
- **Youth Game Night:** April 30th open to everyone 10 years and up

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



Surrounding Parish Events: 4/19/26

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Theme: Walking with the Risen Lord

Walking is a good exercise. Walking seven miles is not easy, but it can be rewarding. We feel it in our bodies, and it helps us grow stronger. Yet there is an even greater blessing: walking with Jesus. Many times, when I walk, I pray the Rosary. Sometimes I pray all twenty decades, and sometimes only five, depending on the time I have. Prayer makes the walk easier, more peaceful, and more meaningful.

In the Gospel, two disciples walked seven miles to Emmaus. Their walk was not joyful. It was filled with sadness, disappointment, and confusion. They had lost hope and no longer understood what God was doing in their lives. Even though they were walking together, they still felt lost.

Everything changed when Jesus joined them on the road. At first, they did not recognize Him, but He listened to them, spoke to them, and explained the Scriptures. Their hearts began to change. Finally, when Jesus broke the bread, their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. Then they returned to Jerusalem with joy and excitement to share the Good News with the Apostles.

We can all experience moments like those disciples. Sometimes life can feel lonely, confusing, or difficult. There are times when we may feel that we are walking alone or that no one understands what we are going through. But today we are reminded that the risen Lord is always with us. Jesus walks with us every day, even when we do not recognize His presence.

If we want our lives to change, we must be willing to walk with Jesus. The disciples were not transformed all at once. Their change happened little by little. The same is true for us. We grow closer to Christ through prayer, trust, obedience, patience, and faith. Jesus slowly changes our hearts, our thoughts, and our lives.

This is what happened to Peter and the other disciples. They were once afraid and uncertain, but after encountering the risen Lord, they became bold and courageous. They spoke with faith and conviction because they allowed Jesus to transform them.

As we continue our journey this week, let us invite Jesus to walk with us. He can turn our confusion into trust, our sadness into joy, and our fear into courage. May the risen Lord stay close to us and guide us every day of our lives. Amen.