



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 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter, Year A

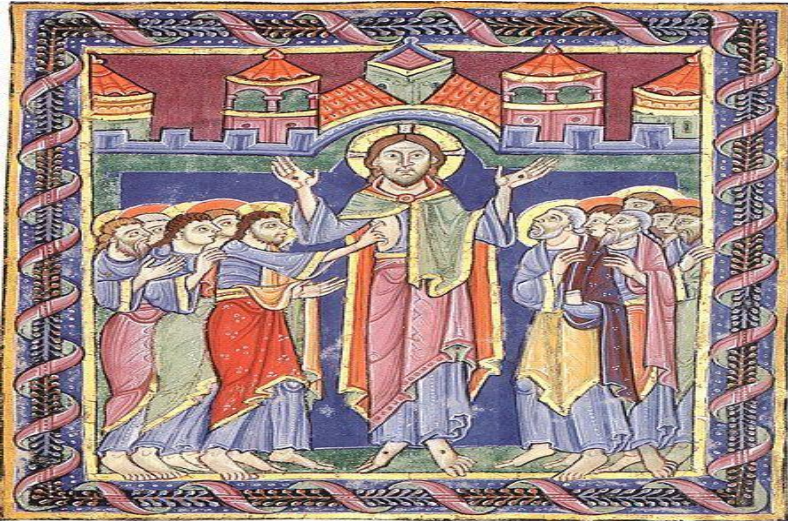


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Welcome to St. Peter Claver Church!!!

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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Office Hours: Monday-Friday; 9am-3pm

Online Giving:

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 5th

Mass Collections: \$ 3,294.00

On-line: \$ 575.00

COLLECTION TOTAL: \$ 3,869.00

ParishSOFT Online

Contributions

QR Code:



Mass Intentions for the Week

04/11/26	SATURDAY	4:30 PM
	Harvey Gardner (D)	
	By: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Andres	
	María del Carmen Aguilar (D)	
	By: Belinda Aguilar	
04/12/26	SUNDAY	9:00 AM
	People of the Parish	
	SUNDAY	11:00 AM
	Francisco & Leticia De La Cruz (Birthdays 4/2)	
	By: Francisco De La Cruz	
	Rodulfa Degado Tenango (D)	
	By: Modesta Pineda	
	Elvira, Rosalinda, Elias Mejia	
	By: Juana Mejia	
04/13/26	MONDAY	-----
04/14/26	TUESDAY	8:00 AM
	Spanish Mass	7:30 PM
04/15/26	WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM
04/16/26	THURSDAY	8:00 AM
	Helen Wilson (D) <i>Anniversary of Passing</i>	
	By: Suzette Austin	
04/17/26	FRIDAY	-----
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	

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

SPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 – RAINFOREST FALLS

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a joyful and enriching summer program that invites children to grow in faith, friendship, and understanding of God's love. Designed especially for children from kindergarten through sixth grade, VBS provides a safe and engaging environment where young minds can explore Bible stories, learn prayers, sing songs, and participate in fun, hands-on activities. As a Catholic program, it also introduces children to the beauty of the Church's teachings in ways that are age-appropriate, meaningful, and memorable.

This year marks a special milestone for our parish as we host our very first Vacation Bible School, bringing together families from both our African American and Hispanic communities. This unique gathering reflects the richness and diversity of our parish, creating an opportunity for children to learn not only about their faith but also about one another. Through shared experiences, music, storytelling, and teamwork, children will build friendships that cross cultural lines, fostering unity and a deeper sense of belonging in the Church.

The theme for this year, *Rainforest Falls*, promises an exciting adventure where children will journey through a vibrant and imaginative setting filled with lessons about God's creation and presence in their lives. Just as a rainforest is full of life, beauty, and wonder, so too is our faith. Through this theme, children will discover how God nourishes, guides, and protects them, much like the flowing waters of a waterfall. The interactive nature of the program helps children connect these spiritual lessons to their everyday lives in a way that is both fun and impactful.

Attending Vacation Bible School is important because it helps lay a strong spiritual foundation during a critical stage of a child's development. In a world filled with distractions, VBS offers a space where children can grow in faith, develop positive values, and experience the joy of being part of a loving community. It nurtures their hearts and minds, encourages curiosity about God, and inspires them to live out their faith with confidence. For these reasons, every child in kindergarten through sixth grade should take part in this meaningful and transformative summer experience. We hope to have Adult volunteers and Teen volunteers (from Grade 7-12) sign-up to help in this activity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

04/20-04/26/2026

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

This month at SPC:

APRIL

12th, **Second Sunday of Easter**

- Second Collection: Crawfish Festival

19th, **Third Sunday of Easter**

- Second Collection: Bazaar

26th, **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- Second Collection: Home Missions Collection
- Easter Crawfish Festival

MAY

3rd, **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- Second Collection: Bazaar

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

Francisco De La Cruz	4/2
Eric Fontenot	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.

SPC SUPER BINGO

Friday, April 17, 2026

Doors open at 6 PM; Games begin at 7 PM

Coverall Grand Prize **\$500**

Pre-sale \$20 At the door \$25

Last day of Pre-sale is April 13th

Zelle & Cashapp Info:

Christine Henry: 832-567-4715 **Zelle**
Barbara Fontenot: 832-766-6307 **\$CASHAPP**

Concessions will be available.

For info contact:

Barbara 832-766-6307 or Tina 832-725-7817
Church 713-674-3338

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:

Trip: 4/15

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

SPC Fish Fry

<u>Income:</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Donations			\$870
Second Collections			\$307
Good Bucket			\$1,113
Sales			<u>\$15,453</u>
Total Income	<u>\$15,057.02</u>	<u>\$14,569.75</u>	<u>\$17,744.</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>			
Fish Fry Food and Supplies			<u>\$3,836</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$2,143.46</u>	<u>\$2,781.31</u>	<u>\$3,836</u>
<u>Net Income (Loss)</u>	<u>\$12,913.56</u>	<u>\$11,788.44</u>	<u>\$13,909</u>

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.

HOMILY FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

THEME: LET US BUILD A COMMUNITY OF MERCY, LOVE AND HOPE

Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a day to remember that God's mercy is for all people. The readings tell us about faith, hope, and the joy that comes from meeting the risen Jesus. They also remind us that believing in Him brings new life.

In the first reading, we hear about the early Christians. They lived together, shared what they had, and cared for those in need. Their lives were filled with prayer, worship, and love for one another. This shows how faith can change the way we live each day. One important lesson we can take from this reading is the fact that we must learn to look out for each other. This is what community is all about. When was the last time we checked on that Church member we haven't seen in weeks or months?

In the gospel, the disciples are gathered together in fear and uncertainty. Jesus appears to them as they are united in one place. His presence brings them peace, courage, and purpose. Thomas misses the first encounter because he is not with them. But when he joins the community, he experiences the risen Lord and moves from doubt to faith.

This shows that faith is not meant to be lived alone. Divine Mercy Sunday teaches us that community is essential for growing in faith. We support each other, learn from each other, and share our joys and struggles. Being in community helps us encounter Jesus in new ways. It is in the community that we practice our faith. It is in the community that we live our faith, and it is in the community that our faith grows even stronger and deeper.

We are called to build and strengthen our faith communities. This means being present for one another, praying together, and sharing what we have. Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to create communities of mercy, love, and hope, just as the early Christians did. To create a community of mercy means that we are ready to forgive those who offend us in the community just as Jesus has forgiven us on the cross. To create a community of love means we have sincere and pure love for everyone and not a love that gossips or backbites. To create a community of hope means that we encourage ourselves and support one another even in difficult times.

Lord Jesus, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, we thank You for Your mercy and love. Help us to receive Your forgiveness and to forgive others. Give us the courage to trust in You, even when we have doubts. Unite us as a community of faith and love. Amen.


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

**For information, please contact
 Marshal Dupas or Angela Clark.**

* The Zydeco band plays at 1 pm *