



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.”

MARCH 01, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

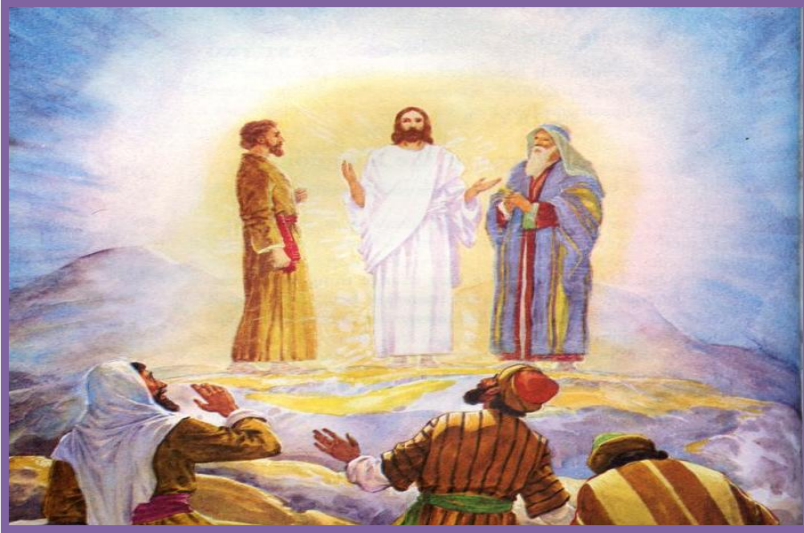


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Welcome to St. Peter Claver Church!!!

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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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 February 22

Mass Collections: \$ 3,512.00

On-line: \$ 540.00

COLLECTION TOTAL: \$ 4,052.00

Mass Intentions for the Week

02/28/26 SATURDAY 4:30 PM

Carlos Javier Casas (D) & Rafaela Casas (D)

By: Dolores Casas

The Benefactors of Raphael's Refuge

By: Therese Marcak

Harvey Gardner (D)

By: Bonnie Gardner

Mildred Alexander (D), Edgar Cormier (D)

and Anna Cormier (D)

By: Josephine Punch

03/01/26 SUNDAY 9:00 AM

People of the Parish

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

Ilda Ortiz Torres (D)

By: Ortiz Torres Family

Roberto Sanchez Delgado (D)

By: Alma Sanchez

03/02/26 MONDAY -----

03/03/26 TUESDAY 6:45 AM

The Benefactors of Raphael's Refuge

By: Therese Marcak

Spanish Mass 7:00 PM

03/04/26 WEDNESDAY 6:45 AM

Father Augustine's Father

Carlos Javier Casas (D) & Rafaela Casas (D)

By: Dolores Casas

03/05/26 THURSDAY 6:45 AM

03/06/26 FRIDAY -----

03/07/26 SATURDAY 4:30 PM

Grant Davis & Lynn Davis (D)

Repose of the Soul

By: Dolores Casas

Harvey Gardner (D)

By: Barbara Murray

03/08/26 SUNDAY 9:00 AM

Veronica Lovett (D)

By: Mickey Sellers

Hilber Sr. (D) & Sarah Soileau (D)

By: Monica Boling

Wilbert Sr., Ezola, Christopher Sr. Joseph, and

Dianna J. Sewell (D)

By: Denise Crawford

Sandra Hayden (D) &

Enola Joseph Henderson (D)

By: Agnes Haywood

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 Edgerson, Joyce Edwards, 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. The Prayer List will be revised every three months.

"Know Your Faith" Corner with Fr. Augustine

The Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation

One of the major highlights in the season of Lent is the Sacrament of Penance. This is one sacrament that has received so much criticism from both within and outside the church. For those within the church, they have a problem going for the sacrament. They run away from it not because they don't believe in the power of God to forgive sins through the priest, but the loss of the sense of sin and the fear of knowing a particular priest is keeping them far away from the sacraments. For those outside the church, they simply have a view or believe that it is impossible to confess one's sins to a human being like them. For these sets of persons, they believe they can always approach God and ask him for forgiveness on their own. Whenever we undermine the power of a priest to forgive sins, we equally question the words of Jesus Christ who gave the Apostles power to forgive sins. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us, and we must embrace it.

Three things are highly essential on the path of the penitent when approaching the sacrament of penance, they are: contrition, confession, and satisfaction. By contrition, we mean a heartfelt sorrow for our sins, because by them we have offended so good a God, together with a firm purpose of amendment. A perfect contrition is sorrow for sin arising purely from the love of God.

Secondly, confession is going to a priest and confessing all the sins we have committed against God. Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that, "Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of penance... since Christ entrusted to the apostles the ministry of reconciliation, Bishops who are their successors, and the priests, Bishops' collaborators, continue to exercise this ministry." (CCC, 1461) Thirdly, satisfaction is doing the penance given to us by the priest. It is important to look beyond the priest at the confessional. The priest is there in the name of Christ and not representing himself. We confess not to man, but to God who represented by a priest.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week of Lent

03/09-3/15/2026

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14;
John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

March Birthdays

Dexter Boling	3/2
Linda Thomas	3/2
Samuel A. Johnson, Jr.	3/8
Michael K. Lian	3/10
Anthony Freddie	3/14
Elzary Asberry	3/17
Ann Davis	3/25
Patricia Fontenot-Roberts	3/26
Barbara Caesar	3/28
Kendahl Roberts	3/29
Patrick Dupas	3/30

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

This month at SPC:

MARCH

1st, Second Sunday of Lent

- *Second Collection: Lenten Revival*

6th, Friday

- Stations of the Cross 5 pm English & 7 pm Spanish
- Lenten Fish Fry

7th, Saturday CCE Class

- CCE classes 9-10:30 am

8th, Third Sunday of Lent

- *Second Collection: None*
- Lenten Revival-Sunday to Wednesday

13th, Friday

- Stations of the Cross 5 pm English & 7 pm Spanish
- Lenten Fish Fry

14th, Saturday

- No CCE Class-Spring Break

15th, Fourth Sunday of Lent-Laetare (Pink) Sunday

- *Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services Collection*

20th, Friday

- Stations of the Cross 5 pm English & 7 pm Spanish
- Lenten Fish Fry

21st, Saturday CCE Class

- CCE classes 9-10:30 am

The Texas Education Freedom Accounts

(TEFA) is a new Texas State initiative that provides families with state-allocated funds to help cover the cost of private school tuition, uniforms, lunch, transportation, technology, and more. These funds can be used by current students, if they qualify, of our Catholic schools as well as prospective students. Regardless of your specific role or assignment, your leadership is indispensable in ensuring that every family has access to this extraordinary opportunity. The following are key points of interest about TEFA:

- 1. TEFA Funding:** Each eligible student may receive approximately \$10,500 per year to be used toward tuition, certain fees, uniforms, lunch, and other approved costs.
- 2. Eligibility:** All Pre-K through 12 grade students who reside in Texas are eligible to apply.
- 3. Tiered Priority System:** The first tier consists of student with disabilities whose families earn less than 500% of the federal poverty level, which can range from \$100,000 to \$300,000 based on household size.
The next tier includes any students whose families earn less than 200 % of the federal poverty level, which can range from \$42,000 to \$100,000 based on household size.
- 4. Important Dates:** The application window for schools to become TEFA service providers is open now. Make sure your school is signed up as a service provider. The application window for students to apply for TEFAs opens February 4, 2026. The goal is for every student in our Archdiocese to apply and be able to access a Catholic education.

ParishSOFT Online Contributions

To give online through our new platform, visit our website or scan the **QR Code**.



SPC Lenten Revival

Monday, March 9th – Wednesday, March 11, 2026

6:30-9:00 pm

Theme: Moving Together
By God's Grace!

Speaker:

Rev. Anthony Bozeman,
SSJ



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/>

HOMILY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A, MARCH 01, 2026.

THEME: LORD, IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE

The Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Lent tells the story of the Transfiguration. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain, and they see Him shining in glory. This moment is a glimpse of who He truly is. The disciples are amazed, but they are also afraid. God speaks from a cloud and tells them to listen to His Son. This moment confirms that Jesus is the one they must follow. The disciples may not fully understand what is happening, but they are given a sign of hope.

In our own lives, we may have moments when we see God's presence more clearly. These moments strengthen our faith, just as the Transfiguration strengthened the disciples. On the mountain, after experiencing the transfiguration, they were happy and Peter declared that "it is good that we are here." But we cannot stay on the mountain forever. Jesus leads the disciples back down, reminding them that faith is lived out in daily life.

Faith is not always easy. Abram had to leave behind everything familiar—his land, his family, and his security. He had to believe that God would guide him. This journey was not just about moving to a new place but about learning to rely on God. His faith transformed him and he received blessings from God.

Our own faith journey is similar. It is filled with struggles. Sometimes, God calls us to let go of things that hold us back. We may not always see where He is leading us, but we are asked to trust. Like Abram, we are called to listen to God's voice and take the next step in faith. Also, We may go through times of doubt, fear, or suffering. The Transfiguration reminds us that there is more to the story. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, we are called to a new life with Him.

During this season of Lent, the Lord invites us to listen and trust Him. Even when we do not fully understand, He is with us. We may not see His glory as clearly as the disciples did, but we can recognize His presence in prayer, in Scripture, and in the people around us.

Lord, help us to walk in faith, even when we do not see the way ahead. Teach us to listen to Jesus and follow where He leads. Give us strength in difficult times and remind us of the hope that lies ahead. May this Lenten journey bring us closer to You. Amen.

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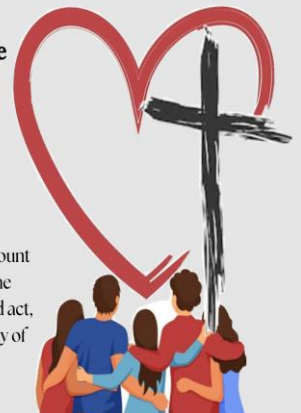
**YOUTH
GROUP**

**Every last Thursday
of each month @ 6:30pm in
the parish hall**

Where: 6005 N Wayside
Dr,
Houston, TX 77028
In the Salon Hall

1 Timothy 4:12

"Let no one reproach you on account
of your youth. Be a model to the
believers in the way you speak and act,
in your love, your faith, and purity of
life."



**Attention all Booth Chairs
from last year's Bazaar.**

Please make arrangements to
attend a short
meeting
after the 9 am Mass this
weekend.