

# ST. PETER CLAVER

JANUARY 25, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“  
As he was walking by the  
Sea of Galilee, he saw two  
brothers, Simon who is  
called Peter, and his brother  
Andrew, casting a net into  
the sea; they were fishermen.  
He said to them, “Come  
after me, and I will make  
you fishers of men.”  
At once they left their  
nets and followed him.”

MATTHEW 4:18–20

James Tissot



## ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

At St. Peter Claver we are a community of faith made up of parishioners who uphold the Catholic tradition. We believe in a community, which supports families and children, transcending racial, economic, and geographic boundaries for the purpose of worship, religious education, outreach and fellowship. St. Peter Claver promotes a worship environment that is visually and spiritually Afrocentric. The Eucharist is the source of the energy that moves us to community service and evangelization. This is done in concert with other Christian communities under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH**

485 West Fourth Street  
Lexington, KY 40508  
Phone: (859) 254-0030  
Web: [cdlex.org/stpeterclaver](http://cdlex.org/stpeterclaver)  
Email: [stpeterclaver@cdlex.org](mailto:stpeterclaver@cdlex.org)



**Office Hours**

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**After-hours Emergency**

Fr. Damian Anumba • (609) 457-0034

**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

**Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.**  
1310 West Main Street  
Lexington, KY 40508  
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**Pastor**

Fr. Damian Anumba • [Danumba@cdlex.org](mailto:Danumba@cdlex.org)

**Deacon**

Deacon James Weathers • [jweathers@cdlex.org](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org)

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

Tuesday & Wednesday: 5 p.m.  
Holy Days: 5 p.m.

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Saturdays: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass  
4th Saturday: (No Mass)  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Gospel Mass; 1 p.m. (Congolese Mass)

**MASS LIVE STREAM**

<https://tinyurl.com/yhj4ea67>



**Confessions**

Tuesday and Wednesday: 4:30-4:45 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:15-9:45 a.m.  
1st, 2nd & 3rd Saturdays: 3:45-4:15 p.m.  
Other times by appointment

**Mass Intentions**

Mass stipends are \$5 each. Call the parish office.

**Bulletin Information**

Send your information via Email to:  
[jweathers@cdlex.org](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE SCHEDULE:**

To be included in the **February 8, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, January 30, 2026.**

*(We reserve the right to edit your ad size.)*

**PARISH STAFF**

**BUSINESS MANAGER**

**Christina Weathers** • [cweathers@cdlex.org](mailto:cweathers@cdlex.org)

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**Karen Baumgartner** • [kbaumgartner@cdlex.org](mailto:kbaumgartner@cdlex.org)

**PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR & LITURGY**

**Deacon James Weathers** • [jweathers@cdlex.org](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org)

**SCRIPTURE STUDY**

**Deacon Eddie Grider** • (859) 312-7860  
[egrider@cdlex.org](mailto:egrider@cdlex.org)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (INTERIM DRE)**

**Christy Rickert** • (859) 333-5240  
[cmrick00@gmail.com](mailto:cmrick00@gmail.com)

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**Brenna Carpenter**

**YOUTH CYO EVENTS**

**ElNoel Akwa**

**CHOIR MUSICIANS**

**Michael Elery** (Choir Leader: (859) 619-8502)  
**Charles Little, Xana Plum**

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

**Jerry Cheatham** (Chair)  
Committee Members: **Sarah Turley, David Young, Amy O. Daniel, Christina Weathers**

**FUNDRAISING/FINANCE MEMBERS**

**James Keene, Ned Benson**

**KNIGHTS & LADIES OF ST. PETER CLAVER**

**David Young** (Grand Knight)  
**Valerie Jenkins** (Grand Lady)

**NULLITY FIELD ADVOCATES**

**Fr. Damian Anumba** • [Danumba@cdlex.org](mailto:Danumba@cdlex.org)  
**Deacon James Weathers** • [jweathers@cdlex.org](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org)  
**Nita Clarke** • (859) 317-3719  
[nitaclarke06@gmail.com](mailto:nitaclarke06@gmail.com)

**PROPERTY**

**Chris Weathers, Elmer Ellis, David Young, John Gerton**

**FACILITY MANAGER**

**Greg Gerton**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS (2025)**

**James Keene** (Chair), **Priscilla Johnson, Amy O. Smith, Elmer Ellis, John Gerton, Charlene Young, Felecia LaPrelle-Leach, Djakarta Ellis, ElNoel Akwa, Ima Ebong**

**SACRAMENTS**

**Infant Baptism**

If you're interested in having your infant or child baptized, please contact the office at (859) 254-0030 for parent preparation class information. Classes are held as needed.

**Anointing of the Sick**

The Sacrament of the Sick can be received periodically at the Sunday Liturgy and upon request. For emergencies, please call Fr. Damian Anumba at (609) 457-0034. Please notify the parish office for visits or communion calls to the sick and shut-ins.

**Marriage**

Parishioners planning to be married at St. Peter Claver should contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

**RCIA/OCIA**

Wednesday: 6-7:15 p.m.  
This is a process open to adults and children interested in joining the Catholic Faith.  
If interested, contact Deacon James Weathers at (859) 254-0030 or [jweathers@cdlex.org](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org) or Beth Ross • [rossbt2@gmail.com](mailto:rossbt2@gmail.com)  
Maria Fischer-Boothe • [mgfischerboothe2012@gmail.com](mailto:mgfischerboothe2012@gmail.com)

**Address Change**

If you have moved or changed your phone number in the last six months, please give this information to the parish office (859) 254-0030. It's important to keep our data current.

**Liturg Ministers Attire**

MALES: Suit or shirt & tie  
FEMALES: Pant suit, suit, skirt & blouse or dress. Please, no miniskirt, low back, or spaghetti strap dresses.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

First Sunday of each month, we recognize individuals and couples with birthdays or anniversaries for the month.

**Eating & Drinking Policy**

Your worship space is sacred and important to all of us. Eating and drinking is not permissible inside of church sanctuary.

**No Smoking Policy**

All churches in the diocese have a No Smoking policy. Please smoke only in the designated areas outside.

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

Registration forms may be obtained by contacting the parish office or through the website. Active membership is determined by the following:  
1) Completed registration form.  
2) Faithful attendance at Mass on Sunday and Holy days.  
3) Support of the parish through time, talent and treasure.

**CCD SACRAMENTAL PREP**

Please contact Deacon James Weathers at (859) 254-0030 or [jweathers@cdlex.org](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org) or Nita Clarke at (859) 317-3719 or [nitaclarke06@gmail.com](mailto:nitaclarke06@gmail.com)

**ONLINE GIVING (Offertory, Building Fund & St. Peter Claver Legacy Tree of Life)**

Go to our website [www.cdlex.org/stpeterclaver](http://www.cdlex.org/stpeterclaver) click on DONATE and follow the easy directions. Or go directly to <https://tinyurl.com/3zd3vddf>  
You may also use your smart phone to scan in the QR code.



If you have any questions or need assistance in setting up your online giving, please contact our Business Manager, Christina Weathers at (859) 254-0030.

# MAKING HISTORY

## Dr. Matilda A. Evans: Medical Pioneer

**D**r. Matilda A. Evans (1872-1935) was a groundbreaking Black female physician, surgeon, and public health advocate, famous as the **first African American woman to be licensed to practice medicine in South Carolina.** She established Columbia's first Black-owned hospital (Taylor Lane Hospital), founded nurse training schools, championed free healthcare for Black communities, and introduced health screenings in public schools, making significant strides in health equity for Black South Carolinians during segregation.

goal of placing a black nurse in each county. Although Evans did not accomplish that objective, she realized the need to deliver medical information services directly to people's homes.

- **Interracial Practice:** Gained a large clientele from wealthy white patients, using their fees to subsidize care for poor Black patients, notes *The Green Book of South Carolina* and African American Registry.



*Dr. Matilda A. Evans*

**Key Contributions & Accomplishments:**

- **Pioneering Physician:** Earned her M.D. from the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1897 and became South Carolina's first Black woman physician.
- **Hospital Founder:** Established Taylor Lane Hospital (Columbia's first Black hospital) and St. Luke's Hospital & Training School for Nurses.
- **Public Health Advocate:** Fought for health rights, providing free care to the poor and establishing school health programs.
- **Community Builder:** Owned a farm that became a community center with recreational facilities, highlighting her holistic approach to well-being.
- **Focusing on preventative medicine,** Evans established the Negro Health Care Association of South Carolina with the

**Legacy:**

Dr. Evans' work laid critical foundations for Black healthcare access and education, leaving a lasting impact on public health in South Carolina and was recognized for her profound contributions to the health industry by *The Green Book of South Carolina.*



*Dr. Matilda A. Evans and staff in front of St. Luke hospital, ca. 1930.*  
(PHOTOGRAPH BY RICHARD S. ROBERTS COLLECTION OF THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE, GIFT OF LEATRICE TROTTIE BROWN IN MEMORY OF DR. MATILDA A. EVANS.)



*Matilda Evans in the operating room of Taylor Lane Hospital, the hospital she founded in 1901*  
(COURTESY OF SOUTH CAROLINIANA LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COLUMBIA)



*Matilda Evans with a community group in front of St. Luke's hospital, Columbia, South Carolina, ca. 1930*  
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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:** January 25–31, 2026 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

African Attire.....	<b>First Sunday of each month</b>	Youth Group/Choir.....	<b>Seasonal</b>
Bible Study.....	<b>Thursday, 5:45–7 p.m.</b>	Knights of Peter Claver.....	<b>First Sunday, after 10 a.m. Mass</b>
Liturgy Committee.....	<b>Quarterly</b>	Ladies of Peter Claver.....	<b>First Sunday, after 10 a.m. Mass</b>
Parish Council.....	<b>Fourth Thursday, 4:30 p.m.</b>	RCIA/OCIA.....	<b>Every Sunday, 8:30–9:40 a.m.</b>
Adult Choir & Men’s Choir.....	<b>Thursday, 7 p.m.</b>	CCD/CYO.....	<b>First &amp; Third Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m.</b>

**IMPORTANT DATES**

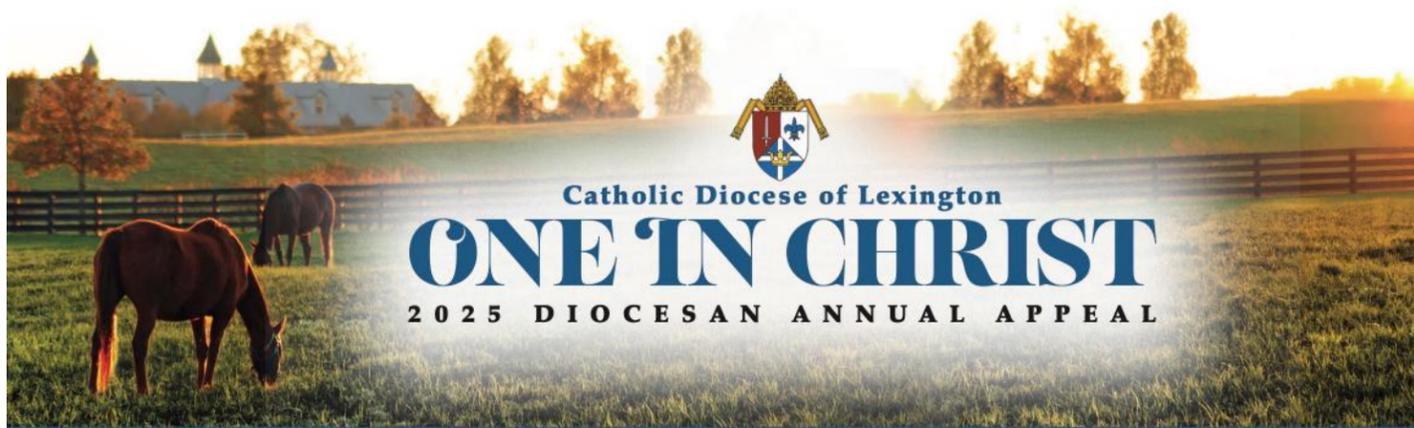
**Thursday, January 29, 5:30 p.m.:** *United in Hope Symposium* at St. Paul’s church (see announcement on page 5 for more information).  
**Saturday, January 31, 10:30 a.m.:** *Ordination of Deacon John Becerra* at Cathedral of Christ the King (see announcement on page 5 for more information).  
**Sunday, February 1, after the 10 a.m. Mass:** *Leadership Forum* at SPC (see announcement on page 6 for more information).  
**Tuesday, February 3, 5:30 p.m.:** *Stewardship Meeting* at SPC (see announcement on page 7 for more information).

**NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:** Jan. 31–Feb. 1, 2026 • Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Saturday, January 31 (4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>Sunday, February 1 (10 a.m. Gospel Mass)</b>
Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. Eddie Grider</i>	Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. Eddie Grider, Pam Johnson</i>
Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Christy Rickert, Maryam Vasiloff</i>	Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Jackie Phillips, John Phillips</i>
Ushers: <i>Maryanne Vasiloff, Cheryl Bogarty</i>	Ushers: <i>James Keene, James Gerton, Priscilla Johnson, Sharon Searcy, Stephanie Hogan</i>
Server: <i>Eli Blair</i>	Servers: <i>VJ Michael, Merritt Michael, Xavier Caird</i>
Lector: <i>Colby Blair</i>	Lectors: <i>Felecia LaPrelle-Leach, Mary Duff</i>
Response: <i>NA</i>	Response: <i>NA</i>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 1/24:** Parish • **Sunday, 1/25:** Parish



Thank you to all those that have turned in your DAA envelope. We are very close to reaching our goal. Please bring you envelope to mass this weekend or drop it in the mail. We have one more week to meet our goal!  
**DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31, 2026.**

**ORDINATION**



*Deacon John Becerra*  
 CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON  
 Ordination of Deacon John Becerra

**Saturday, January 31 • 10:30 a.m.**  
**Cathedral of Christ the King**

ALL ARE INVITED TO THIS CELEBRATION



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
 OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

At this time, Deacon John continues his service at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish. Please keep Deacon John, and all the other men in formation for service in our Diocese, in your prayers.



Interfaith, nonpartisan

**UNITED IN HOPE:  
 DENOUNCING POLITICAL VIOLENCE**



Keynote speaker  
**Gov. Andy Beshear**

**5:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JAN. 29**  
**Historic St. Paul Catholic Church,**  
**425 W. Short St.**

Sponsored by Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass  
 and Lexington UNITED Interfaith Encounters and Dialogues.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Dcn. James & Dcn. Eddie*

Please join us to celebrate the birthdays of Dcn. James and Dcn. Eddie.

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**  
**Noon**

EVENT: Birthday Potluck for Dcn. James & Dcn. Eddie  
 TIME: Potluck will begin at noon (after the 10 a.m. Mass)  
 PLACE: Fr. Norman Fischer Jr. Fellowship Hall

The church will provide a cake and beverages.

Please sign up to bring a dish of your choice. Go to this link <https://tinyurl.com/m4wpt7dr> or scan the QR code using your smart phone.





Welcome to our  
St. Peter Claver Junior Knights

# Leadership Forum

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

(Immediately after the 10 a.m. Mass)

Fr. Norman Fischer Jr. Fellowship Hall

Master of Ceremonies: Teresa Hawkins



*Lux Leverette, Austin Riggle, Jacob Konate  
Isaiah Gerton, Cruz Leverette, Joseph Konate*

### PANELISTS

*Damian Anumba (PASTOR)*

*James Weathers (DEACON)*

*Nita Clarke (EVANGELIZATION)*

*Beth Ross (ENVIRONMENT)*

*David Young (KOPC GRAND KNIGHT)*

*Michael Elery (CHOIR DIRECTOR)*

*James Keene (PARISH COUNCIL)*

*Ed Grider (DEACON)*

*Maria Boothe (CRHP)*

*Wayne Bond (USHER BOARD)*

*Valerie Jenkins (KOPC GRAND LADY)*

*Patricia Laprelle (GOLDEN MINISTRY)*

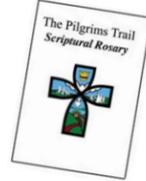
## Are you committed to daily prayer?

Join Catholics across the Diocese of Lexington in the use of the Pilgrims Trail Scriptural Rosary.

Pray daily, meditate as you read the scripture with your family, friends or by yourself. Be astonished by what scripture reveals to you and as you pray the Scriptural Rosary.

You don't need a booklet if you have a smart phone, computer or iPad. Just LOG IN <https://cdlex.org/the-pilgrims-trail/> to download The Pilgrims Trail Scriptural Rosary.

CLICK ON TOP RIGHT CORNER AND SAVE TO YOUR DESKTOP FILES OR TABS



## LEGACY TREE OF LIFE (Donor Tree)



When you make a donation to the Legacy Tree of Life, your name and or personalized message will be engraved on a Bronze Leaf.

**Bronze Leaf:**  
\$125 (cash or check);  
\$130 (debit or credit card).

Leaves are approximately 4" wide x 1.56" high. Each leaf will be personalized up to 2 lines, 20 characters per line (including punctuation and blank spaces).

To make your donation, go to <https://tinyurl.com/7wz35p5e>

You may also use your smart phone to scan in the QR code.



If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at (859) 254-0030.

## STEWARDSHIP MEETING

**Tuesday, February 3**

**5:30 p.m.** (after the 5 p.m. Mass)

Fr. Damian will be having a mandatory meeting for all Parishioners who signed up for committees during **Stewardship Sunday**.

This will be a generalized meeting and will not involve discussing specifics of the committees.

Please plan to attend.



*Give to God  
What's Right  
Not What's Left*

**ST. PETER & PAUL**  
REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
*Catholic | Academic | Arts | Downtown*

## WE'RE HIRING!

### Substitute Teachers

If you are looking for a rewarding and flexible job that allows you to make a positive impact on the lives of students and teachers, then consider applying to become a substitute teacher at Sts. Peter & Paul Regional Catholic School

**Contact Our Principal**  
Jonathan Kincheloe  
[jkincheloe@sppslex.org](mailto:jkincheloe@sppslex.org)  
859-254-9257  
[www.sppslex.org](http://www.sppslex.org)



## MEETINGS

### GOLDEN MINISTRY

Meetings are on Thursday • St. Peter Claver, Church Hall

**1st Thursday:** Community Service off site.

**2nd Thursday:** 10:30 a.m. – Noon

**3rd and 4th Thursday:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**If there's a 5th Thursday:** 10:30 a.m. or a planned outside activity.

**Contact person:** Patricia Laprelle  
[Patricia.laprelle1@icloud.com](mailto:Patricia.laprelle1@icloud.com)  
(859) 321-8124 call or text

### St. Peter Claver Golden Ministry Mission Statement:

*The Golden Ministry of St. Peter Claver is a seasoned group of men and women, age 55 and older. We aspire to bring the golden community together through fellowship, companionship and sharing of our faith while planning and participating in activities of fun, adventure and helping others with the strength of God and Christian faith.*

### HEALTH MINISTRY

**Blood Pressure checks** on the First Sunday of every month; **February 1, 2026 (Misti)**, after the 10 a.m. Mass.

### Contact persons:

Martha Crumbie • [mjcrumbie@aol.com](mailto:mjcrumbie@aol.com) • (859) 396-5178  
Kris Miller • [ck2304@aol.com](mailto:ck2304@aol.com) • (859) 351-4253

### St. Peter Claver Health Ministry's Mission:

*St. Peter Claver Health Ministry's Mission is to support the vision and ministry of the church by providing resources, information, health fairs, and other programs. To empower individuals to take active roles in managing their health and modifying their behaviors to live longer.*

### Purpose:

*To Promote Health as a part of faith and to care for our congregation and surrounding community by advocating for optimal health and wellness. To promote preventative health measures to help the congregation and community maintain overall health through initiatives such as:*

- Exercise Programs
- Blood Pressure and other Screenings
- Health awareness/education
- Volunteer activities and outreach
- Support group formation
- Informational Speakers



### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Contact information:** [SPCECKY@gmail.com](mailto:SPCECKY@gmail.com)

Jason Akwa, Elnoel Akwa, Morgan Lincoln, Mayce Brothers, Keylan Joyce, Tate Sams, Martha Crumbie

## DECEMBER 1–31, 2025 FINANCE REPORT

### December 7/2025

Total In-house: \$16,115      Total Online: \$2,415.28

### December 14/2025

Total In-house: \$3,121      Total Online: \$1,150.28

### December 21/2025

Total In-house: \$5,500      Total Online: \$1,860.41

### December 24/2025

Total In-house: \$9,925      Total Online: \$0

### December 28/2025

Total In-house: \$3,264.20      Total Online: \$ 2,160.28

### December 31/2025

Total In-house: \$1,275      Total Online: \$2,505.28

### Additional Deposit

Total In-house: \$0      Total Online: \$0

### MONTH TOTALS:

In-house: \$39,200.20      Online: \$10,091.53

Projected December Income: \$24,340 / **Total: \$49,291.73**

Net Income: \$24,951.73

### ONLINE GIVING (Offertory, Building Fund and St. Peter Claver Legacy Tree of Life)

Go to our website [www.cdlex.org/stpeterclaver](http://www.cdlex.org/stpeterclaver) click on DONATE and follow the easy directions.

Or go directly to <https://tinyurl.com/3zd3vvdv>

You may also use your smart phone to scan the QR code.

If you have any questions or need assistance in setting up your online giving, please contact our Business Manager, Christina Weathers at (859) 254-0030.



## 2025 OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS

2024 Gift Cards .....	\$1,520
2025 Gift Cards collected .....	\$1,440
Monetary Donations .....	\$700
	<b>\$3,660</b>

### DISTRIBUTIONS:

- Congolese
- Fr. Damian Distribution
- Church members & families (22 Families)
- Seniors (9 Parishioners)
- Harrison Elementary School

**Total 2025 Outreach..... \$3,660**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US  
IN PRAYER AND ADORATION  
OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS  
AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION.

What a wonderful way to start the 40 days of Lent!





**CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING**

**February 17, 2026 • 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.**

The Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Join us in Prayer and Adoration of the Holy Face of Jesus, either in-person or by live stream at <http://cathedralctk.org/howtostream>.

For more information about the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus, watch this beautiful video at this link:  
<https://youtu.be/g2T-obVMDNY>



## BUILDING FUND REPORT



Every member of our parish community of faith is being asked to:

*Reflect on how great God has blessed us as a parish. Be thankful for our individual blessings and prayerfully consider how your gift can reflect your gratitude to God and SPC. May we be filled with the same Spirit as we work to fund the cost of our new parking lot addition.*

### PARKING LOT PROJECT

Projected Parking Lot Expenses: \$400,000