

# St. Justin Martyr Parish

## Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



### Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** (Vigil Mass) 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m. in Vietnamese;  
5:00 p.m. in Spanish

**Monday and Tuesday:**  
7:00 p.m. (Chapel)

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday**  
9:00 a.m. (Chapel)

**Friday**  
6:30 p.m. (Chapel) in Vietnamese

### Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. - 8:15 p.m. (Chapel)

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**Saturday:** 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 6:30 p.m.

By appointment. Call the parish office.



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## *Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 2, 2016*

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### **ADULT BAPTISM AND ENTERING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process is ongoing. Contact one of the priests in the parish office.

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION FOR PRACTICING CATHOLICS**

Please phone the parish office.

### **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Please contact Dolores Gonzalez at 281-902-5711 or [dgonzalez@sjmtx.com](mailto:dgonzalez@sjmtx.com) six months to two years prior to the desired date.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN**

Baptism for children through age six is held monthly except during the season of Lent. There are no private baptisms. There are required preparation sessions for the parents. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish and a practicing Catholic. Expectant parents are asked to begin this process during the second trimester of pregnancy. Please phone the parish office.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN SEVEN AND OLDER**

Please contact the Religious Education office about the RCIA process, 281-902-5701.

### **SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please phone the parish office as soon as you or someone in your family schedules surgery/hospitalization or suffers an illness or injury. PLEASE DON'T DELAY in this prayer for Christian healing! The Sacrament is celebrated the fourth Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. Mass.

### **FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST PENANCE, CONFIRMATION AND QUINCEAÑERA CELEBRATIONS**

Please contact the Religious Education office, 281-902-5701.

### **NURSERY**

The nursery is open during weekend Masses and other parish activities. It is located in the Christian Formation Center building.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. JUSTIN MARTYR**

There are various activities for Middle and High School Youth throughout the year. Youth Nights take place every Wednesday 7-8:30 p.m. and are a time for youth to make friends, have fun and learn more about their faith. For more information contact the Youth Ministry Office at 281-902-5710.

### **ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PRESCHOOL**

Early childhood education - 18 months to Pre-K Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
For information, please call 281-556-1260.

### **ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Other times, call 281-556-6882. Fax is 281-752-5985.

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Bulletin e-mail: [martha@sjmtx.com](mailto:martha@sjmtx.com)

### **WELCOME TO ST. JUSTIN MARTYR**

Please let us know you have arrived. We are anxious to meet you. Contact the parish office for a welcoming packet.

### **ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH BOUNDARIES**

Beginning at a point on Barker Reservoir Dam at Briar Forest Street, East on Briar Forest to Dairy Ashford; thence South on Dairy Ashford to Westheimer Road; thence East on Westheimer Road to Old Westheimer Road; thence South on Old Westheimer Road, to Alief-Clodine; thence West on Alief-Clodine to Dairy Ashford; thence South on Dairy Ashford Bellaire Blvd; thence West on Bellaire Blvd. to Eldridge; thence South on to Beechnut; thence West on Beechnut to Addicks-Howell Road (Hwy 6); thence South on Addicks Howell Road to Keegans Bayou; thence West on Keegans Bayou to O'Brien Road; thence North on O'Brien Road to Barker Reservoir Dam; thence Northeast along the Dam to the point of beginning at Briar Forest.

## Pastoral Staff

**Dolores Gonzalez**  
Coordinator of Adult Ministry

**Lisa Hachicho**  
Director of Preschool

**Alyssa Avila**  
DRE

**Karen Rachal**  
Parish Administrator

**Alex Pina**  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

## Clergy Reflection

### *Faith that lasts, just for the asking.*

Years ago, Timex had a slogan about their watches: "Timex . . . takes a licking and keeps on ticking." The idea was simply that no matter what you did to a Timex watch, it would keep working. If I remember correctly, they even had a commercial that showed a barren wasteland after a nuclear explosion. Lying on the ground was a Timex watch . . . ticking away!

Faith is a lot like that . . . it takes a licking and keeps on ticking! So many things try to disrupt our faith. But it seems that we, the church just keep ticking away. This is the catch: Even though our faith is shaken at times, even though our faith is disrupted . . . We must understand that behind it all . . . God is at work. All we need to do is ask.

Deacon Corney

### *Today's Readings*

**First Reading** — In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will live.

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 95

**Second Reading** — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God.

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

**Gospel** — Lord, increase our faith! Luke 17:5-10

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## Financial Stewardship

### Weekend Collection

September 25	\$18,472
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 178
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1581
Louisiana Flood Collection	\$4,066
San Miguel Mass	\$2,775

### Diocesan Services Fund 2016

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 85,950
Parish Contributions:	\$ 75,391
<b>Balance Due:</b>	<b>\$ 49,389</b>

Number of Participants 412

**Please complete your 2016 DSF Pledge Envelope and submit it to our office or mail it downtown to the Archdiocese.**

### Upcoming Second Collections

Propagation of the Faith Collection	October 23
Archdiocese for Military Services	October 30
Retired Priests Collection	November 6
Campaign for Human Development Collection	November 20

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Justin Martyr Parish!*



# Prayer Needs

## Mass Intentions

### October 1st ~ October 9th

<b>Sat.</b>	Oct 1st	5:30 p.m.	David Guerrero
<b>Sun.</b>	Oct 2nd	8:00 a.m.	+ Maria Nguyen Thi Giang
<b>Sun.</b>	Oct 2nd	10:00 a.m.	+ Guadalupe Torres
<b>Sun.</b>	Oct 2nd	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Oct 2nd	5:00 p.m.	+ Jimmy Almond
<b>Mon.</b>	Oct 3rd	7:00 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>Tue.</b>	Oct 4th	7:00 p.m.	+ Maria Pham Thi Mung
<b>Wed.</b>	Oct 5th	9:00 a.m.	+ Connie McMillian
<b>Thurs.</b>	Oct 6th	9:00 a.m.	+ Segundina Gapultos
<b>Fri.</b>	Oct 7th	9:00 a.m.	+ All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Fri.</b>	Oct 7th	6:30 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>Sat.</b>	Oct 8th	9:00 a.m.	Mr. Leo Quini
<b>Sat.</b>	Oct 8th	5:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Oct 9th	8:00 a.m.	+ Helen Robideau
<b>Sun.</b>	Oct 9th	10:00 a.m.	+ Virginia Sendejo
<b>Sun.</b>	Oct 9th	12:00 p.m.	+ Catauing
<b>Sun.</b>	Oct 9th	5:00 p.m.	+ Gilberto Gomez

## Readings for the Week

Sun., Oct 2nd:	Hb 1:2-3;2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14/ Lk 17:5-10
Mon., Oct 3rd:	Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
Tues., Oct 4th:	Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
Wed., Oct 5th:	Gal 2:1-2,7-14/Lk 11:1-4
Thurs., Oct 6th:	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
Fri., Oct 7th:	Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
Sat., Oct 8th:	Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
Sun., Oct 9th:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/ Lk 17:11-19

## Vocation Brief

Family life can build values integral to a strong vocation—whether to the priesthood, religious life, or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.

*Serra for priestly and religious vocations*

## Parish Events

### Sunday, October 2nd

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 10:00 a.m. Mass  
 10:00 a.m. Little Church  
 12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass  
 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass  
 6:30 p.m. Middle School & High School CCE

### Monday, October 3rd

5:30 p.m. Elementary CCE  
 7:00 p.m. Communion Service  
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

### Tuesday, October 4th

6:30 p.m. Penance  
 7:00 p.m. Mass  
 7:00 p.m. Young Adults  
 7:30 p.m. Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary

### Wednesday, October 5th

9:00 a.m. Mass  
 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:00 p.m. Elementary CCE  
 7:00 p.m. Youth Night  
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Pre-Catechumenate  
 7:00 p.m. RCIA  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Sacrament Class

### Thursday, October 6th

9:00 a.m. Mass

### Friday, October 7th

9:00 a.m. Mass  
 6:30 p.m. Communion Service

### Saturday, October 8th

9:00 a.m. Mass  
 9:00 a.m. Elementary CCE  
 4:00 p.m. Penance  
 5:30 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, October 9th

8:00 a.m. Mass  
 10:00 a.m. Mass  
 10:00 a.m. Little Church  
 12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass  
 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass  
 6:30 p.m. NO Middle School & High School CCE

# Parish Life



## ***St. Justin Martyr's 2016 Masquerade and Costume Ball***

**It's time to party!** Please mark the date and come dressed for a night of fun and dancing. Join us on Saturday, October 29 from 7:00 p.m. to Midnight in the parish hall. Tickets are \$25.00 each and it includes dinner and drinks. There will also be a Raffle, Silent Auction and many prizes. Dinner Tickets and Raffle Tickets are on sale now in the parish hall after all Masses.

The Silent Auction for Reserved Parking Spaces has begun in the parish hall. Place your bid on the clip board sheet. The Auction will end on October 29 at 9:00 p.m. during the Masquerade and Costume Ball. The starting minimum bid is \$150.00.

It is sponsored by the St. Justin Martyr Pastoral Council.

### **The Book of Hope**

The Book of Hope is kept from year to year and placed in our worship space during the month of October and early November. Each member of the parish is invited to inscribe in the book, on both sides of the page, in any language, the names of the departed of those who have died within the past year.

### **Need Help With Your Finances**

The Stewardship Committee is hosting a one night class on the spiritual and practical aspects of good financial management. Rolando Diaz will show us how to create a personal budget and plan for the future, based on bible teachings.

There is no charge for the class which will be held on Wednesday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

### **Many Thanks**

To Harry & Connie Herber for providing the Wine and Hosts for St. Justin Martyr for the month of October.

### **Novenas & Prayer Chains.**

Please do not leave novena sheets or booklets in the church. When we find them, we put them in the recycling bin.

## **Life Chain Sunday Today, October 2, 2:00 to 3:30 P.M.**

What is a Life Chain?

It's a "prayer chain" and public (sidewalk) witness against abortion. Come let us seek God's divine intervention for the healing of our community and nation.

Who can attend?

The St. Justin Martyr Catholic Community and all who are willing to defend human life against abortion. Bring the family, including a chair for the elderly relatives.

Come, Let Us Pray:

For unborn children's protection and for legalized abortion to end in America;

For God to convict and draw to Him abortionists and all who defend them;

For all who witness our Life Chain, that their eyes and hearts will accept the truth;

For our Christian leaders, that they will extol Godliness, whatever the cost;

For our public officials, that they will uphold justice and righteousness.

Life Chain Route in Sugar Land:

We will be on the South of Hwy 6 from 1st Community Credit Union to Settler's Way. Please be considerate and not park in any open business lots.

**The Prayer Blanket / Prayer Shawl Ministry** holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 4. We gather to sew, knit and crochet blankets and shawls and to teach those who want to learn. We provide fabric, yarn and the tools to work with. This is a great ministry for those who want to work from home as you can just pick up materials as needed. You can also participate by donating fabric (preferably cotton/flannel; however any donation is welcome) and yarn. If you have any questions, please call Guadalupe V. Mussio at 281-896-4368. God Bless!

***Today, Sunday, October 2, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Youth on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.***

***Next Sunday, October 9, enjoy Vietnamese Food on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.***

# Parish Life

## St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

Tuesday we will celebrate St. Francis of Assisi! The students will bring in pictures of their pets to share with their classmates.

It is extremely hard to teach about the seasons and weather here in Houston since we seem to only have two temperatures - hot and hotter! However; it is fall and we do our best each year to try to explain this season to our students. Eventually we will get some chilly mornings to make our lessons a bit easier.

### *Daughters of Isabella*

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"I command you: be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Our next meeting is October 10 at 7:15 p.m.

Our next bake sale is October 23.

If you are interested in finding out what we do or joining our wonderful organization please call Bette Breaz at 281-493-6855.

## Knights of Columbus-SJM Council 8293

Congratulations to all 3rd Degree Knights who became 4th Degree Knights, last week during 4th Degree Exemplification.

The next Council 8293 Business meeting is Thursday, October 6, in the parish hall at 7:00 pm.

The Knights will be supporting the Life chain event on Hwy 6 in Sugarland on October 2.

The Knight of Columbus Council 8494 invites you to their Second Annual Charity Golf Classic on October 17.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Michael Akiboh [281-707-4444](tel:281-707-4444).

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight  
will be on  
- **CLOW**-

**(Children's Liturgy of the Word)**

Visit the table in the Narthex after  
Mass next weekend to learn more  
about this Ministry.

## News About the Mavericks

**October 5 – Wednesday – 2:00 p.m.** – Kitchen band practice in parish hall

**October 7 – Friday – 9:00 a.m.** – First Friday Mass followed by continental breakfast in parish hall

**October 9 – Sunday** – Bus trip to see a comedy "The Count Will Rise Again – Dracula in Dixie" at the Navasota Theater. Cost \$13. Lunch at Wrangler Steakhouse. Entrees \$10 -\$15. Buffet \$12.99. Bus leaves from church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413 by October 1.

### **LOOKING AHEAD!**

**November 5 – Saturday** – Southwest Senior Senate Recognition Luncheon at St. Cyril's. We're recognizing our own Mary Ann Sorg this year. Tickets \$16. Reservations to Jim at 281-293-8206 by October 21.

**December 2, 3 & 4 – Friday, Saturday & Sunday** – Our annual 3-Day trip will be to Northeast Texas & Northern Louisiana. Will be traveling by chartered bus. Call Marge at 281-498-3413 for more information.

The Mavericks is an organization of and for individuals 50 years and older that provides opportunities of fellowship, spiritual growth and service. For more information call Jim Beissel at 281-293-8206.

## Social Ministry News

### **A Pro-Life Prayer**

God of all goodness,  
You have entrusted us with the gift of life.  
Help us to appreciate that gift from the first  
moment of conception  
To the last breath of old age.  
Send your strength to all those  
who defend the unborn,  
the weak and the dying  
against attempts to cut short their lives.  
May your Holy Spirit touch the hearts  
of those who are tempted to choose  
the way of death rather than life.  
Grant that Your people may always  
be a sign of life in the world.

Amen



# Parish Life

## RCIA

Curious about the Catholic Faith?  
Are you unbaptized?  
Or were you baptized  
in another faith?

**RCIA is the program for you!** Please call the church office and leave your name and a contact phone number, and someone from the RCIA team will call you to give you more information

### St. Justin's Young Adult Group

Join the Young Adult Community (18-35) to explore the Bible, discuss "Why Evil Exists?", eat delicious food, and learn how to be more awesome at life! Here is our current schedule:

**October 4** - Why Evil Exists? - Conrad: Incomprehensible Terror. 7 PM in CFC 211  
**October 11** - Bible Study. 7 PM in CFC 211

Want to learn more? Find "St. Justin Martyr Young Adult Community" on Facebook or contact Robert Ontko at robert.ontko@gmail.com or 832-372-9928.

### Unbound Freedom In Christ Conference

This conference is for anyone:

- bound by past hurts
- needing hope in finding freedom
- struggling with the same sin and needing deliverance.

It will be Friday, October 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Laurence Ave Maria Parish Life Center, 3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugarland. To register: go to [HoustonUnbound.org](http://HoustonUnbound.org). For additional information please call 832-639-3371.

### *A Stewardship Prayer*

Jesus, I give my whole life to you, I thank you for creating me, dying for me, and rising for me.

Please give me a spirit of service and love so I can pour out myself for others as you did for me.

In gratitude, I offer myself to you, asking for the grace to keep you first in my heart.

Help me to use everything You have given me to serve You, my parish, and all those around me.

Amen

## *St. Justin Martyr \*Sparkle\* Day October 15, 2016*

St. Justin Martyr grounds are in need of a good clean up. Our dedicated Gardening Angels have exhausted themselves (only a few are in the group) and have been unable to keep up with the magnitude of work that needs to be done.

We have trees that are sprouted in the flower beds, weeds, lots of dead wood on trees and bushes, sidewalks that are discolored, and curbs and parking that need re-marking. Additionally, we have piles of dead brush and tree limbs that have broken and are piled on the property.

I am asking all St. Justin organizations and communities to join together for a \*sparkle\* day to attack this clean-up project.

One generous parishioner has already arranged for our trees to be professionally trimmed and reshaped. An enthusiastic Boy Scout has offered to tackle the repainting of the curbs and parking spaces for his Eagle Scout project. If we all bring our own work gloves, hoes and rakes on October 15 to weed and clean the flower beds, St. Justin Martyr will truly \*sparkle\* once again.

A meal will be provided for the workers. Hope to see you there!



*Many hands make  
for light work.*

### African Community of St. Justin Martyr

**October 2** - General Meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

**October 10** - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

**October 17** - Choir practice and prayer meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC Building, room 212. The African Community Food Drive to support Social Ministry was a great success.

For more information please contact Jude Obinyan at 832-788-3117.

# CCE News

## Elementary CCE has begun!

Parents, please arrive 5-10 minutes early so your child has time to settle in before class begins.

Remember to check your child's folder after every CCE class! Important information may be sent home this way.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Contact Us

Alyssa Avila  
Director of Religious Ed.  
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281-902-5701

Perla Galvan-Sainz  
CCE Assistant  
281-902-5712

**TWO MORE volunteer catechists needed** for the 2016-2017 CCE year. Training will be provided. No prior experience necessary. Must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic. Please contact Alyssa Avila at the above email address.



The next sacrament class for those students receiving a sacrament this year will be held on **Saturday, October 8 from 12:00-2:00.** Your child must attend all 14 classes!

There will be a parent meeting on **October 8** during the sacrament classes for parents of children receiving a sacrament this year. Please drop your child off in class then meet in room 207 for our meeting.

## Middle and High School Youth Ministry

For more information about youth events and activities contact:

Alex Pina, Coordinator of  
Youth Ministries

281-902-5710  
apina@sjmtx.com

Information is also available on the Youth Ministry page of the parish website at [www.sjmtx.org](http://www.sjmtx.org).

Youth Nights is a great opportunity for Middle School and High School teens to make friends; grow in their faith and have some fun!

The evening begins with prayer, games, scripture reflection, and ends with Eucharistic Adoration.

**When:** Wednesday Nights

**Time:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm

**Where:** Youth Room  
(Second Floor of CFC Building)



**Saint  
Justin  
Martyr  
Youth**



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