

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.



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 9, 2016

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor

Deacon Corney Llorens Deacon Nhat Tran Deacon Gary Boyd

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 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

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

Gratitude

Surely we can all recall at least a few days in our lives when things were going so well that nothing could put us in a bad mood. Maybe it was the day a very special person asked us to the senior prom, or perhaps it was our wedding day. Maybe it was the day we learned that we were expecting a long-awaited child, or the day we got an overdue promotion. There was elation in our hearts and lightness in our step, an extraordinary vitality throughout the day. We probably got on the phone right away to tell at least a few key people about our good fortune.

This is surely how Naaman and the leper must have felt when they were rid of their terrible diseases. They were hard-pressed to contain their gratitude, and although they were both unfamiliar with the customs of a foreign land, they had the good manners to thank the people responsible for their cures.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns to Elisha and pledges his belief in and allegiance to the LORD. 2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. Psalm 98

Second Reading — Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead. If we persevere, we shall reign with him. 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel — After ten lepers are cleansed by Jesus, only one, a Samaritan, returns to give him thanks. Luke 17:11-19

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

October 2	\$20,527
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 632
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1581

Diocesan Services Fund 2016

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

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 8th ~ October 16th

Sat.	Oct 8th	5:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Oct 9th	8:00 a.m.	+ Helen Robideau
Sun.	Oct 9th	10:00 a.m.	+ Virginia Sendjeo
Sun.	Oct 9th	12:00 p.m.	+ Catauing
Sun.	Oct 9th	5:00 p.m.	+ Gilbert Gomez
Mon.	Oct 10th	7:00 p.m.	Communion Service
Tue.	Oct 11th	7:00 p.m.	+ Charles & Lucille Stelly
Wed.	Oct 12th	9:00 a.m.	Bobby Manuel Sr.
Thurs.	Oct 13th	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Cao Duc Hung
Fri.	Oct 14th	9:00 a.m.	+ Friedo Diskau
Fri.	Oct 14th	6:30 p.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	Oct 15th	9:00 a.m.	+ Arsenia C. DeJesus
Sat.	Oct 15th	5:30 p.m.	+ Harvey Schulz
Sun.	Oct 16th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Oct 16th	10:00 a.m.	+ Maxine Shirley
Sun.	Oct 16th	12:00 p.m.	Allen Martin, Jr.
Sun.	Oct 16th	5:00 p.m.	+ Edelmira Jimenez

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

Word Of Life

“If you know someone . . . who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God’s unconditional love and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness.”

www.HopeAfterAbortion.org

Readings for the Week

Sun., Oct 9th:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/ Lk 17:11-19
Mon., Oct 10th:	Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31—5:1/ Lk 11:29-32
Tues., Oct 11th:	Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wed., Oct 12th:	Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thurs., Oct 13th:	Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
Fri., Oct 14th:	Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Sat., Oct 15th:	Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12
Sun., Oct 16th:	Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/ Lk 18:1-8

Parish Events

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

Monday, October 10th

5:30 p.m. NO Elementary CCE
7:00 p.m. Communion Service
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, October 11th

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 12th

9:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. NO Elementary CCE
7:00 p.m. NO Youth Night
7:00 p.m. RCIA Pre-Catechumenate
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. Adult Sacrament Class

Thursday, October 13th

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, October 14th

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

Saturday, October 15th

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

Sunday, October 16th

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

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.

Diocesan Services Fund 2016 "His Mercy Endures Forever" Psalm 136

The ministries supported by DSF are dedicated to serving the faithful from infancy to adulthood through teaching, evangelizing, and worship; ministering to the poor, sick and incarcerated; promoting, preparing and supporting the clergy; and nurturing and strengthening families. These ministries touch the hearts of every person in this Archdiocese in many capacities, and through the gifts of St. Justin Martyr Parish, the Archdiocese can continue to provide necessary resources to continue their good work. Our Parish Goal this year is \$124,780.

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

Next Sunday, October 16, enjoy Breakfast Tacos on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Administrative News

Our new File Server was installed September 24 & 25 at a cost of \$15,000. New computer upgrades will begin in December with 3 workstations a month planned. Cost per work station is \$1,200.

The South Parking Lot had trees and shrubs trimmed. A big thank you to Harry Herber for taking care of that.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

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

October 15, Saturday - "Sparkle Day" - Come and help make our parish sparkle. Work begins at 8:00 a.m.

October 17 - Choir practice and prayer meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC Building, room 212.

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

Hosts & Wine for St. Justin Martyr

The honor of providing the Bread and Wine at every Mass, can be yours. The bread and wine are consecrated into the Body and Blood of Christ. The hosts are made by the cloistered Dominican Sisters in New Caney, Texas, and the wine (made and sold for use in the Mass) is made by the Christian Brothers in California. Those who would like to donate the Hosts and Wine for the Masses of each month are invited to do so. The hosts and wine could be given in memory of departed loved ones.

The offering for the hosts for one month would be \$270 and the offering for the wine for one month would be \$150. To make this donation, contact Karen Rachal in the parish office, 281-556-5116.



Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

"Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn."
Elizabeth Lawrence.

It's hard to believe we're already into our second month of school! We love seeing your children's bright and smiling faces every day! Thank you for sharing the gift of your children with us!

We are hoping everyone is clipping and saving "Box Tops for Education" for us! You can place them in an envelope marked preschool and just drop them off in the church office and they will make sure we get them. We are off to a great start with our collection and we really appreciate everyone's help in our fundraising efforts.

Please remember we will be open tomorrow, October 10, for Columbus Day.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

We will be working on our fall charity project the end of October, watch the bulletin for more details.

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

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
- That Man Is You -
(TMIY)

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

News About the Mavericks

October 11 – Tuesday – 3:00 p.m. – Monthly birthday party for residents at West Oaks Geriatric Center.

October 18 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Kitchen band practice in parish hall.

October 19 – Wednesday – Out-to-lunch at Rudi Lechner's Restaurant, 2503 S. Gessner. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Lunch specials \$10.95. Reservations to Virginia at 281-498-6077 by October 17.

Looking Ahead!

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

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

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

Next Sunday is our monthly food drive. Any non-perishable food item is greatly appreciated.

Planning ahead items needed for Thanksgiving:

Canned sweet potatoes

Stuffing mix

Canned fruit

Sincere thanks to Mr. Jude Obinyan and the African Community for hosting the Food Drive during September—National Hunger Month.

Thank you to everyone that donated to such a worthy cause.

May God Bless you and keep you safe.



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 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.

Many Thanks

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

God is hard of hearing

Well, not really . . . but let's pretend that he is. The din of talking and laughter in the narthex before Mass echoes around the church, making it difficult for people to pray and collect themselves before Mass. Please help make the narthex a quiet place: keep the noise down! The inner narthex between the sacristy, bride's room, holy water font should be a place of absolute quiet. Thanks for helping us all to pray better!

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.**

Parish Garage Sale

Donations are requested for this garage sale to be held on Saturday & Sunday, October 22 & 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the benefit of the parish. Acceptable donations include kitchen and household items, home décor, children's books only, toys, tools, garden items, sporting equipment, religious pictures and statues, men's women's and children's clothing and shoes in good condition.

Also, please NO furniture, appliances, TV's, computer equipment, electronics, CD's tapes or books.

CCE News

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CCE classes have begun!

Parents, please arrive 5-10 minutes early so your child has time to settle in before class begins. If your child is consistently tardy, the tardies will count as an absence.

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

Thank you for your cooperation.

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 22 from 12:00-2:00.**

Your child must attend all 14 classes!

There was a parent meeting on **October 8** during the sacrament classes for parents of children receiving a sacrament this year. If you missed the meeting, please contact Alyssa Avila in the CCE office.

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.

Halloween Celebration

Join us during Youth Night on
Wednesday October 26, 2016
7:00pm - 8:30pm

**ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL TEENS
WELCOME!**

PRIZE FOR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME!



Saint
Justin
Martyr
Youth

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