

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 16, 2016

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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

Depending On God

“Getting by with a little help from our friends” is not an idea that began with the Beatles. Certainly the idea of “getting by with a little help from God” goes back at least to the first reading today from Exodus. How we get that help, however, is the key to this weekend’s scriptures.

No matter how inadequate Moses felt to the task God had given him, he persevered—even though he needed help from the people around him. The Israelites especially depended on God for freedom. The woman in the Gospel, desperate and destitute, had no one to depend on, but still she would not give up. She could not afford to bribe the unscrupulous judge, but she pestered him into weariness until finally he met her demands.

We sometimes need to turn to others to help us through difficult times; but if we always turn to God, we won’t be disappointed, for our help, the psalm assures us, is from the Lord.

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — As long as Moses’ hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek. Exodus 17:8-13

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121

Second Reading — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not. 2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2

Gospel — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night. Luke 18:1-8

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass*

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

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| October 9 | \$17,566 |
| Required Weekly Budget Amount | \$20,500 |
| Building Improvements | \$ 82 |
| Social Ministry | \$ 85 |
| Registered Families | 1581 |

Diocesan Services Fund 2016

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| Parish Goal: | \$124,780 |
| Parish Amount Pledged: | \$ 95,141 |
| Parish Contributions: | \$ 87,015 |
| Balance Due: | \$ 37,765 |

Number of Participants 464

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

Upcoming Second Collections

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| 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!

Propagation of the Faith Collection

Next weekend, October 22 & 23, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Our celebration will center on prayer and sacrifice, offered at the Eucharist for the missionary tasks: for Priests, Sisters, Brothers and lay Catechist who are helping people to know the love of Christ through their service in village missions, in small schools, in medical outposts, in orphanages, refugee camps, and crowded cities throughout Africa, Asia, the Pacific and remote regions of Latin America. Let us pray for the Church’s worldwide missionary work and offer financial help through this collection.

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

October 15th ~ October 23rd

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| 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 |
| Mon. | Oct 17th | 7:00 p.m. | Communion Service |
| Tue. | Oct 18th | 7:00 p.m. | Maria Yu Yin |
| Wed. | Oct 19th | 9:00 a.m. | + Rafael Paz, III |
| Thurs. | Oct 20th | 9:00 a.m. | + All Souls in Purgatory |
| Fri. | Oct 21st | 9:00 a.m. | In Thanksgiving Okonkwo Family |
| Fri. | Oct 21st | 6:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| Sat. | Oct 22nd | 9:00 a.m. | + Rev. Kenneth E. Mikulik |
| Sat. | Oct 22nd | 5:30 p.m. | + Stephen Barta |
| Sun. | Oct 23rd | 8:00 a.m. | + Francis & Filberto Lim |
| Sun. | Oct 23rd | 10:00 a.m. | People of St. Justin |
| Sun. | Oct 23rd | 12:00 p.m. | + Poor Souls |
| Sun. | Oct 23rd | 5:00 p.m. | + Melodee Costello |

Readings for the Week

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| Sun., Oct 16th: | Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/ Lk 18:1-8 |
| Mon., Oct 17th: | Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21 |
| Tues., Oct 18th: | 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9 |
| Wed., Oct 19th: | Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48 |
| Thurs., Oct 20th: | Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53 |
| Fri., Oct 21st: | Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59 |
| Sat., Oct 22nd: | Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9 |
| Sun., Oct 23rd: | Sir 35:12-14,16-18/ 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18/ Lk 18:9-14 |

Vocation Brief

A study commissioned by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.
Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Parish Events

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

Monday, October 17th

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

Tuesday, October 18th

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 19th

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 20th

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, October 21st

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

Saturday, October 22nd

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

Sunday, October 23rd

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.

40 Days For Life

Christians throughout the Houston Metropolitan area are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign September 28 through November 6. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 4600 Gulf Freeway for one or more hours at some time between 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on October 21, the day that St. Justin's has taken, or sign up for your own weekly hour, and then spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort! When people are present in prayer at the abortion site, through the Grace of God, hearts are changed and lives are saved.

To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: Harry Herber or Connie Herber at 832-877-4553.

St. Justin, pray for us!



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

***Next Sunday, October 23, enjoy Baked
Goodies prepared by the Daughters of
Isabella on sale in the parish hall after
morning Masses.***

The Book of Hope

The Book of Hope is kept from year to year and placed in or 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.

Solemnity of All Saints

Vigil Mass on Monday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1

6:00 a.m. - Mass 9:00 a.m. - Mass
7:00 p.m. - Multicultural Mass

When you come to Mass please consider serving as a Minister, WE NEED YOU! Sign-up sheets are in the Bridesroom.

All Souls Celebration - Wednesday, November 2

The commemoration of all the faithful departed will be observed at Forest Park Cemetery, Westheimer and Dairy Ashford, with a Rosary on Wednesday, November 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the Cemetery Chapel. Following the Rosary, the Priests and Deacons of St. Justin Martyr will visit and bless the graves of those whose loved ones are in attendance.

Masses will also be held at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at St. Justin Martyr.

African Community of St Justin Martyr

October 16th - Choir practice and prayer meeting after the 10:00am mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome to attend.

October 23rd - Choir practice and executive meeting after the 10:00am mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome to attend.

October 30 - African Community breakfast sales. Volunteers are needed for preparation and sales.

Thank you to all that attended the "Sparkle Day" program. As a result of your help our parish sparkles.

Questions, call Jude Obinyan at 832-788-3117.

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.

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

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.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"For I am the Lord, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you."
Isaiah 41:13

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

Our next bake sale is October 23.

Please join us on Saturday, November 5 at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel as we pray the rosary before Mass.

Our next meeting is November 14 at 7:15p.m.

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 Knights of Columbus Council 8484 invites you to their Second Annual Charity Gold Classic on October 17.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Michael Akiboh at 281-707-4444.

*Our altar flowers this week were donated
To Praise Mary
& Look After Their Family
by
Ha Nguyen*

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight
will be on

- Daughters of Isabella-

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

News About the Mavericks

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 South Gessner. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Lunch specials \$10.95. Reservations to Virginia at 281-498-6077 by October 17.

October 26 – Wednesday – Southwest Senior Senate meeting at St. Cyril's. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

October 28 – Friday – 5:30 p.m. – Hamburger/hot dog cookout at Amity Park. Suggested donation \$2.

November 5 – Saturday – 11:30 a.m. – Southwest Senior Senate Recognition Luncheon at St. Cyril's. Mary Ann Sorg will be recognized by our club. Tickets \$16. Reservations to Jim at 281-293-8206 by October 21.

Looking Ahead!

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

Social Ministry News

During September 2016 the Social Ministry assisted 108 households (335 individuals) of which 30 were new clients.

Statistics:

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| 97 Households | Food |
| 2 Households | Rent Pledge |
| 9 Households | Food and Rent Pledge |
| 1 Households | Utility Pledge |
| 9 Households | Food and Utility Pledge |

Breakdown of Households by ethnic group:

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|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Asian | 2 Households | 7 Individuals |
| Afro American | 71 Households | 208 Individuals |
| Hispanics | 28 Households | 102 Individuals |
| Anglos | 7 Households | 18 Individuals |

Food for Thought: During September 2016 the Social Ministry purchased 1,454 pounds of food for \$554.96, from the Houston Food Bank. Thanks to the African Community for hosting the Food Drive. Generous donations were received and the pantry is restocked.

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

Are you between 18 and 35? Want to learn more about your faith and meet some other young adults too? The Young Adult Community meets on Tuesday nights in CFC room 211 from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. We are currently Watching and discussing a video lecture series on "Why Evil Exists?"

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

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.

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

Around The Archdiocese

Cenacle Retreat Open House

Thank You! Your generosity has allowed us to serve more than 5,000 individuals. In the 50+ years at our current facility we were beginning to show our age. Thanks to you we have had the opportunity to do a bit of a face lift and would like to show you our recent renovations and future plans to make the Cenacle Retreat House. . . . Your Sanctuary in the City . . .

Where: 420 N. Kirkwood Rd., Houston, Texas

When: October 23

Please RSVP by October 19 to 281-497-3131.

Houston Catholic Women's Conference

The event features Sally Robb, Margie Mandli and Anna Nuzzo and includes Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and Music. It takes place on Saturday, October 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church, 7809 Shadyvilla Lane, Houston, Texas. Tickets are \$75 per person and this includes lunch. For additional information and to register online visit www.HoustonCWC.com.

St. Agnes Open House

St. Agnes Academy invites all interested prospective students and their families to attend our annual Open House on Wednesday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. St. Agnes Academy is an all-girls Catholic college preparatory high school located at 9000 Bellaire Blvd. in southwest Houston. For more information, visit www.st-agnes.org.

*His dominion is vast...and forever
peaceful.
Isaiah 9:6*

*"To those who have been far away from the
Sacrament of Reconciliation and forgiving love,
I make this appeal:*

*Come back to this source of grace;
do not be afraid!*

*Christ is waiting for you. He will heal you,
and you will be at peace with God!"*

—John Paul II

CCE News

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Festival of Saints

Please join us on **Wednesday, October 26** for the Festival of Saints. Families are welcome to dress as a saint and come to the parish hall to “trick-or-treat” around to the different saint stations. Families will learn about the saints in preparation for All Saints Day on November 1.

If you'd like to host a saint booth, contact the CCE office.

Ideas for saint costumes can be found at www.catholicicing.com/all-saints-day-party-ideas-for-kids/

Please check out our website and Facebook page to keep up with the latest CCE news.

Website:

www.sjmtx.org/childrens-ministrycce

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/sjmccce

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
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