

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.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 23, 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

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Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Alex Pina
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Clergy Reflection

God, Grant Me Your Mercy

Today's Gospel reminded me of something we all take for granted, our practices of faith. We often find ourselves trying to keep up with the many great things we are doing for God. If we were to list them and bring them to God, hoping to make an impression, our list may look like this:

- I go to Mass every day.
- I say the rosary.
- I smile at people I don't like.
- I am patient with "those" people.

Impressive. Maybe we are not all there. But there is hope for us. The older we get maybe the wiser we get. We may realize that we don't need to make lists to impress God. All we need to do is come to God with empty hands, and say, "I really have nothing worthwhile, except what you gave me, and I have wasted a lot of that. Grant me your mercy."

Deacon Corney

Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly. Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Psalm 34
Second Reading — The crown of righteousness awaits me. 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Luke 18:9-14

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

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

October 16	\$20,691
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 130
Social Ministry	\$ 350
Registered Families	1581

Diocesan Services Fund 2016

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

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

This 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 22nd ~ October 30th

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
Mon.	Oct 24th	7:00 p.m.	Communion Service
Tue.	Oct 25th	7:00 p.m.	+ Holy Souls
Wed.	Oct 26th	9:00 a.m.	+ Cloral Fanning
Thurs.	Oct 27th	9:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls
Fri.	Oct 28th	9:00 a.m.	Family, Albano Murasigan, Baquiran Aranela & Lim
Fri.	Oct 28th	6:30 p.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	Oct 29th	9:00 a.m.	Maria Yu Yin
Sat.	Oct 29th	5:30 p.m.	+ Nga Do
Sun.	Oct 30th	8:00 a.m.	Anik Puta Family
Sun.	Oct 30th	10:00 a.m.	+ Raul Rivera
Sun.	Oct 30th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Oct 30th	5:00 p.m.	+ Ofelia Gonzalez

Readings for the Week

Sun., Oct 23rd:	Sir 35:12-14,16-18/ 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18/ Lk 18:9-14
Mon., Oct 24th:	Eph 4:32—5:8/Lk 13:10-17
Tues., Oct 25th:	Eph 5:21-33/Lk 13:18-21
Wed., Oct 26th:	Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
Thurs., Oct 27th:	Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
Fri., Oct 28th:	Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Sat., Oct 29th:	Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1,7-11
Sun., Oct 30th:	Wis 11:22—12:2/2 Thes 1:11—2:2 /Lk 19:1-10

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 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

Monday, October 24th

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

Tuesday, October 25th

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 26th

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 27th

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, October 28th

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

Saturday, October 29th

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

Sunday, October 30th

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.

Archdiocesan for Military Services Collection

Next weekend, October 29 & 30, there will be a second collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services. Please be generous with your support.

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

Next Sunday, October 30, enjoy breakfast prepared by the African Community 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 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.

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 23rd - Choir practice and executive meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212.

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

November 1 - All Saints Day Multicultural Mass at 7:00 p.m.

November 6 - General meeting of the ACSJ after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome to attend.

*Our altar flowers this week were donated
For*

*+Maria Nguyen Thi Tuoi
By Nga Trinh-Vu*

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

This is the week before Halloween so we spend a great deal of time going over real and make believe with the children. We will celebrate Halloween here at the school, however, we encourage the parents to dress the children in their favorite super hero or Disney princess outfits instead of scary ones! We're going to have a Halloween room for the children to have fun in. They will Trick or Treat class to class and we'll have a parade so they can proudly show off their costumes!

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

Enjoy some delicious baked goodies today after Sunday Mass. We will also be taking orders for our Butter Braids Fundraiser which lasts until October 31.

We will be working on our fall charity project to benefit Angela House on Monday, October 24 at 6:30 pm at the Bellaire West Community Center 11711 Rowan.

Saturday, November 5, at 5:00 p.m. we will be praying the rosary in the chapel. This is a beautiful way to prepare for Mass.

Our next meeting is November 14 at 7:15.p.m. If you are interested in finding out what we do or joining our wonderful organization please call Bette Breaz at 281-493-6855.

Please Welcome Our Newest Members

Baptized last week:

Ryann Elizabeth Gonzalez
Jaena Angelina Custodio-Perez
George Chisimdi Nwachukwu



Next weekend is

- Newcomers Welcome Weekend-

All Newcomers to the Parish are invited to visit the table in the Narthex after Mass next weekend to sign up and learn more about the Parish.

News About the Mavericks

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

October 28 – Friday – 5:30 p.m. – Hamburger/hot dog cook-out at Amity Park. Suggested donation \$2.00.

November 1 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Kitchen band practice in parish hall.

November 4 – Friday – 9:00 a.m. – First Friday Mass being offered for deceased Mavericks followed by breakfast at The Egg and I, 14079 Memorial Dr.

November 5 – Saturday – 11:30 a.m. – Southwest Senior Senate Recognition Luncheon at St. Cyril's. We're recognizing our own Mary Ann Sorg. Tickets \$16. Reservations to Jim at 281-293-8206.

Looking Ahead!

December 2, 3 & 4 – Friday, Saturday & Sunday – Annual 3- Day trip to Northeast Texas and Northern Louisiana. Will travel 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.

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.

Social Ministry News

Saturday, October 22, is Make A Difference Day. It is the largest national day of community service. The event was created by the USA Weekend magazine in 1992. It is celebrated each year the fourth Sunday in October. What did you do to make a difference?

Sunday, October 30, is Priesthood Sunday. This is a special day set aside to honor priesthood. Priesthood Sunday is coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International.

Pray for Father Paul and for vocations.

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 cultural food, and learn how to be more awesome at life! Here is our current schedule.

October 25 - Lessons in Awesomeness! Lesson #3 - Becoming a Modern Day Saint. 7:00 p.m. in CFC 211.

October 28 - Picnic with the Mavericks at Amity Park at 5:30 p.m.

November 1 - Feast on the Feast. Join us for Mass at 7:00 p.m. and then for dinner/drinks at Chili's.

November 8 - Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. in CFC 211.

November 15 - Cultural Dinner (Japanese) - Carpool from the parish at 7:00 p.m. to Sushi Miyagi Restaurant (10600 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77072).

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.

Parish Garage Sale

Just a reminder the Parish Garage Sale takes place this weekend, Saturday & Sunday, October 22 & 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

It is for the benefit of the parish. Stop by and see what fun items you can pick up.

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

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Adoration Assembly 3053 in conjunction with the St. Justin Martyr Boy Scouts and Knights of Columbus Council 8293 will have a flag retirement ceremony on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the east parking lot. This ceremony is held to honor our veterans and our nation's flag. American flags will be retired during the ceremony, so we ask that you bring flags that you have that are old, dirty or torn, so they can be properly and honorably retired. You can drop them off in the front office of the church at any time. Also, if you see any tattered flags around your neighborhood, HOA offices or area businesses that are in need of retirement, ask them if they would let you have them. Everyone is welcomed to come and witness the retirement ceremony and see the Knights of Columbus and the Boy Scouts in action. For more information, contact either James DeGhelder at 281-496-6479 or Michael Robinson at 832-744-6749.

Founding of the Dominican Order

Come one, come all, to a wonderful presentation about St. Dominic and the founding of the Dominican Order which is celebrating its 800th anniversary this year! On Saturday, November 19, Sister Anna Marie Flusche, O.P., will present a program entitled "Dominic's Circle of Friends" at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The program will consist of a visual presentation with "questions & answers" afterward. The program will be free and open to the public. To get the full story, go to: dominicsfriends.weebly.com.

Houston Catholic Women's Conference

The event features Sally Robb, Margie Mandli and Anna Nuzzo and includes Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and Music. 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 it includes lunch. More info: www.HoustonCWC.com.

St. Thomas High School

St. Thomas High School will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, November 6, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We invite you to learn, explore, connect and experience the community of St. Thomas family. For more information and to RSVP visit www.visitsth.org.

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, November 5

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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Martyr
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