

# 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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## *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 13 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](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

### *Are We Ready For That?*

The end of the world that is our universe may seem far away. Yet, there is another end we all have to face and which is totally outside our control: the end of our bodily life here.

Are we ready for that? There is only one effective way to prepare: to live each day fully in the company of Jesus. We do not prepare for the end by guaranteeing our future (we can't) but by living fully with God and for God at every moment of every day.

We can do this:

- by personal prayer
- by absorbing the message of the Gospel so much into our way of seeing life that it saturates everything we say and do; we become "other Christs" by learning to find Jesus, to love and respond to him in every person, in every place and in every experience of our daily life.

Then no matter when Jesus comes to take us away, we will be more than ready. We will meet not as strangers but as dear and intimate friends who know each other well.

Deacon Corney

### *Parish Blood Drive*

Sunday, November 20, is our last blood drive for the year. Please consider signing up in the parish hall after Mass.



## Financial Stewardship

### Weekend Collection

November 6	\$19,924
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 1,160
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1581
Retired Priests Collection	\$2,029

### Diocesan Services Fund 2016

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$103,874
Parish Contributions:	\$ 96,868
<b>Balance Due:</b>	<b>\$ 27,912</b>

Number of Participants 486

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

### Upcoming Second Collections

Campaign for Human Development Collection	November 20
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection	December 11

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

### Campaign for Human Development Collection

For over forty years, the CCHD has helped the Church to be a helping hand to the poor and low income people in our archdiocese and throughout the country. CCHD grants provide housing, create jobs, promote living wages and improve communities. Help America's 32 million poor break the cycle of poverty, not just today but for a lifetime, by giving generously next weekend, November 19 & 20.

Thank you for your generosity.

# Prayer Needs

## Mass Intentions

November 12th ~ November 20th

<b>Sat.</b>	Nov 12th	5:30 p.m.	Patricia Gasser
<b>Sun.</b>	Nov 13th	8:00 a.m.	+ Chris Colorito
<b>Sun.</b>	Nov 13th	10:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Nov 13th	12:00 p.m.	+ Nguyen V. Tac + Cong Ton Nu Yen Tuyet
<b>Sun.</b>	Nov 13th	5:00 p.m.	+ Josefina Acero
<b>Mon.</b>	Nov 14th	7:00 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>Tue.</b>	Nov 15th	7:00 p.m.	Ana
<b>Wed.</b>	Nov 16th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rev. Kenneth E. Mikulik
<b>Thurs.</b>	Nov 17th	9:00 a.m.	+ Emanuele Cassarino
<b>Fri.</b>	Nov 18th	9:00 a.m.	+ Maria Ngoi
<b>Fri.</b>	Nov 18th	6:30 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>Sat.</b>	Nov 19th	9:00 a.m.	+ Duc Duong
<b>Sat.</b>	Nov 19th	5:30 p.m.	+ Leandro Ruante
<b>Sun.</b>	Nov 20th	8:00 a.m.	+ Dorothy L. Craig
<b>Sun.</b>	Nov 20th	10:00 a.m.	+ Joseph & Cecilia Okonkwo
<b>Sun.</b>	Nov 20th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Nov 20th	5:00 p.m.	+ Robert Scott Mayfield, Jr.

## Readings for the Week

Sun., Nov 13th:	Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/ Lk 21:5-19
Mon., Nov 14th:	Rv 1:1-4;2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
Tues., Nov 15th:	Rv 3:1-6,14-22/Lk 19:1-10
Wed., Nov 16th:	Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
Thurs., Nov 17th:	Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
Fri., Nov 18th:	Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
Sat., Nov 19th:	Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
Sun., Nov 20th:	2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/ Lk 23:35-43

## 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, November 13th

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, November 14th

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

### Tuesday, November 15th

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

### Wednesday, November 16th

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, November 17th

9:00 a.m. Mass

### Friday, November 18th

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

### Saturday, November 19th

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

### Sunday, November 20th

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

## ***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.

### **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.

### **2017 Interesting Calendars**

Father Paul is working with the staff of the Doherty Library at the University of St. Thomas to present a display at the Library about unusual and interesting calendars for 2017. If you have a calendar that you would like to donate to the exhibit, please bring it to Mass and give it to Fr. Paul as soon as possible.

### **Thanksgiving Bulletin Deadline**

All bulletin articles to be in the November 27, holiday bulletin are due to the Bulletin Editor by Wednesday, November 16 at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call Martha in the parish office at 281-556-5116.

### ***Thanksgiving Day Mass*** ***Thursday, November 24*** ***9:00 a.m. Multicultural Mass***

Please bring your Thanksgiving food to be blessed at the Mass and place it on the table in the center aisle. Please note: the Parish Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day after the special Mass.

On Friday, November 25, we will be closed and there are NO Masses.

### **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: [dominicfriends.weebly.com](http://dominicfriends.weebly.com).

### **African Community of St Justin Martyr**

**November 13** - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome to attend.

**November 20** - Choir practice and prayer meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212.

**November 24** - Thanksgiving Multicultural Mass. African Community Choir Performance.

***Today, Sunday, November 13, enjoy***  
***Vietnamese Food on sale in the parish hall***  
***after morning Masses.***

***Next Sunday, November 20, enjoy***  
***Breakfast Tacos on sale in the parish hall***  
***after morning Masses.***



*Our altar flowers this week were donated*  
*in the memory of*  
***Maria Do-Thi-Hoat***  
*by*  
*Her Daughters*

# Parish Life

## St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

This week we share with each other what we are thankful for! We will have a Thanksgiving feast for the children on Friday! The children will all sit together in the hallway to share lunch together.

Next week the school will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays!

### ***Daughters of Isabella***

Unity, Friendship and Charity

Thank you to everyone who ordered from our Butter Braid fundraiser. With your help we were able to raise money to give a St. Mary's Seminarian a \$500 scholarship. This money helps him get necessary personal items not provided by the seminary. The braids will be picked up on November 16. We will be distributing them between the November 17 and the 20. Again, thanks for your support

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.

## Knights of Columbus-SJM Council 8293

Thank you to all the Knights who were honor Guards at the Anyaechie funeral and those who served as Usher at the Diribe funeral.

We extend our appreciation to the Knights who assisted the Boy Scouts with the flag retirement ceremony and the parking for voters on election day.

November 15	Assembly Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
November 17	KC Social Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
November 27	KC VA Hospital visit at 7:00 a.m.
November 27	KC Breakfast Taco, 8:00 a.m. to Noon

More information call Grand Knight Michael Akiboh at 281-707-4444.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight  
will be on

**- Pastoral Council -**

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

## News About the Mavericks

**November 14 – Monday** – Bus trip to Lufkin to visit the Naranja Museum of Natural History and the Ellen Trout Zoo. Cost \$11. Lunch at Posadas Café \$8 -\$10. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from church parking lot.

**November 16 – Wednesday p. m.** - Monthly meeting in parish hall. Election of officers. Entertainment by Jim Connors, a long-time Astro's organist.

**December 2, 3 and 4 – Friday, Saturday and Sunday** – Annual 3-Day trip to Northeast Texas and Northern Louisiana traveling by chartered bus. Will be visiting the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, the Biedenharn Museum and Gardens and take a Christmas light tour at the Gardens of the American Rose Center and more. For a detailed itinerary and estimated cost 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 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. Thanks for helping us all to pray better!



Serving  
Others

## Social Ministry News

Thanksgiving will be here soon.

Share your blessings with those less fortunate in our community by donating a non-perishable food item to our monthly drive which is next Sunday.

Items most needed:  
pasta and canned vegetables

Adopt-A-Family Thanksgiving distribution will be on Friday, November 18.

Thank you for supporting such a worthy cause.



## 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.

**November 15** - Cultural Dinner (Japanese) - Carpool from the parish at 7:00 p.m. to Aka Japanese Cuisine (1460 Eldridge Pkwy, Ste 130, Houston, TX 77077).

**November 22** - No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

**November 29** - Lessons in Awesomeness! Lesson #4 - Defending Yourself Old School: learn how to throw axes and knives.

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

### Lighthouse Kiosk

New materials have just arrive, please stop by and check them out. They will make great Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts for you and your loved ones.

## *St. Justin, pray for us!*

### *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

### Holy Cross Chapel

Holy Cross Chapel in downtown Houston, 905 Main Street at Main Street Square invites you for prayer and Mass. A wide variety of priests deliver excellent homilies and our Bookstore provides Catholic literature based on sound Catholic teaching. The Chapel provides First Friday Devotions, the daily rosary, a prayer line, a weekly prayer group for our children, Lenten and Advent talks, venues for Catholic professional groups to meet, and special programs and celebrations. All of these activities are aimed at increasing the faith and knowledge of those who attend while always focusing on giving glory to God.

Masses are Monday through Friday at 11:35 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Confessions are 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and afternoons by appointment. Women's Morning of Recollection are the First Saturday at 10 a.m. and Men's Morning of Recollections are the Third Saturday at 9 a.m. Spiritual Direction is also available by appointment. For more information please call 713-650-1323.

### *Holy Name Passionist Retreat and Conference Center*

Treat yourself or your loved one to a Retreat weekend! This years theme is "A Retreat with Our Lady - Mother, Intercessor and Disciple." We are located on ten acres with breathtaking and prayerful gardens. We have eighty individual bedrooms with private baths, two Conference rooms and a full service dining room. Our address is 430 Bunker Hill Road, Houston, Texas. For more information please call 713-464-0211. We also offer Catholic Retreats in Spanish, 12-Step Retreats, Young Adult Retreats and Days of Reflection are also available.

### St. John XXXII College Preparatory

- Offers Daily Sacraments of Mass and Confession.
- Promotes school spirit, fellowship and academic achievement.
- Educates with a rotating College block schedule & AP Courses.
- Assists Students with learning differences.

Come and see why our small school makes a big difference! Join us for our Open House on Sunday, December 4, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Register on the Admissions Page at [www.sj23lions.org](http://www.sj23lions.org)

# CCE News

Contact  
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**There will be NO CCE classes from November 21-26. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!**

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

**Website:**

[www.sjmtx.org/childrens-ministrycce](http://www.sjmtx.org/childrens-ministrycce)

**Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/sjmcce](http://www.facebook.com/sjmcce)

## **RCIA: SAVE THE DATE**

The RCIA Rite of Welcoming (for those children in second year who have not been baptized) will be **November 26**. More information to come.

The next sacrament class for those students receiving a sacrament this year will be held on **Saturday, November 19** from **12:00-2:00**.

Your child must attend all 14 classes!

Please see handbook for attendance policy. If your child missed a class, please have them turn in make-up work ASAP.

## 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 Night*

Wednesday, November 23, 2016  
Youth Night will be canceled  
due to our Thanksgiving Break!

## *Confirmation I "Day of Reflection"*

Saturday, November 19, 2016  
12pm to 6:30pm  
CCE Students in Confirmation I  
Don't forget the Day of Reflection!



Saint  
Justin  
Martyr  
Youth



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