

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.



Christ the King, November 20 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

Kingship

The book of Samuel recounts for us today the anointing of David as king of Israel. It was the elders of Israel who declared David king that day, but it was God who called David to shepherd Israel. Thus mandated by the citizens of his kingdom and by his God, David took his place in a long line of kings.

The apostle Paul speaks to us of kingship as well, but on a much higher plane: the kingship of Jesus our Lord. As great as David was, he and all earthly monarchs who came before and after him in their kingdoms around the world are minor kings by comparison to the true King. And lastly, we hear the story of that true King in perhaps his weakest moment: near death, hanging on a cross, taunted by a common criminal and by the world at large.

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St. Nicholas Play - December 4

The play will take place Sunday, December 4 at the 8:00 a. m. and 10:00 a.m. Mass (CLOW). For more information please see the Youth article.

Please Welcome Our Newest Members

Baptized last week.

Ana Maria Campos
Julia Elena Harper
Sophia Renee Schmalz
William Daniel Schmalz



Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

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| November 13 | \$23,524 |
| Required Weekly Budget Amount | \$20,500 |
| Building Improvements | \$ 302 |
| Social Ministry | \$ 250 |
| Registered Families | 1581 |

Diocesan Services Fund 2016

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Parish Goal: | \$124,780 |
| Parish Amount Pledged: | \$103,874 |
| Parish Contributions: | \$ 96,868 |
| Balance Due: | \$ 27,912 |

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

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| 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 this weekend, November 19 & 20.

Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

November 19th ~ November 27th

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| Sat. | Nov 19th | 5:30 p.m. | + Leandro Ruante |
| Sun. | Nov 20th | 8:00 a.m. | + Dorothy L. Craig |
| Sun. | Nov 20th | 10:00 a.m. | + Joseph & Cecilia Okonkwo |
| Sun. | Nov 20th | 12:00 p.m. | People of St. Justin |
| Sun. | Nov 20th | 5:00 p.m. | + Robert Scott Mayfield, Jr. |
| Mon. | Nov 21st | 7:00 p.m. | Communion Service |
| Tue. | Nov 22nd | 7:00 p.m. | + Anton |
| Wed. | Nov 23rd | 9:00 a.m. | + James Webster |
| Thurs. | Nov 24th | 9:00 a.m. | + Jorge Olga Polit |
| Fri. | Nov 25th | 9:00 a.m. | NO Mass |
| Fri. | Nov 25th | 6:30 p.m. | NO Communion Service |
| Sat. | Nov 26th | 9:00 a.m. | + Soul of my Friend, Mohammed |
| Sat. | Nov 26th | 5:30 p.m. | + Owen S. Rachal, Sr. |
| Sun. | Nov 27th | 8:00 a.m. | + Giuse Thong |
| Sun. | Nov 27th | 10:00 a.m. | People of St. Justin |
| Sun. | Nov 27th | 12:00 p.m. | + Malid |
| Sun. | Nov 27th | 5:00 p.m. | + Julio Ramirez + Freddy Alvarez |

Readings for the Week

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| Sun., Nov 20th: | 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/ Lk 23:35-43 |
| Mon., Nov 21st: | Rv 14:1-3,4b-5/Lk 21:1-4 |
| Tues., Nov 22nd: | Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11 |
| Wed., Nov 23rd: | Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19 |
| Thurs., Nov 24th: | Rv 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a/ Lk 21:20-28 |
| Fri., Nov 25th: | Rv 20:1-4,11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33 |
| Sat., Nov 26th: | Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36 |
| Sun., Nov 27th: | Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/ Mt 24:37-44 |

*The Clergy & Staff of St. Justin Martyr
wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving*

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 20th - Christ the King

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 21st

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

Tuesday, November 22nd

6:30 p.m. Penance
7:00 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. NO Young Adults
7:30 p.m. Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary

Wednesday, November 23rd

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. NO RCIA Pre-Catechumenate
7:00 p.m. NO RCIA
7:00 p.m. NO Adult Sacrament Class

Thursday, November 24th - Thanksgiving

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, November 25th

9:00 a.m. NO Mass
6:30 p.m. NO Communion Service

Saturday, November 26th

9:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. NO Elementary CCE
4:00 p.m. Penance
5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 27th - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. NO 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

Donation for the Christmas Season

Donation envelopes are available in the pews to contribute to the cost of poinsettias and greenery for Christmas. Please help if you are able. Thank you. All memorials will be published in the bulletin.



Poinsettias for Christmas

Remember a loved one at Christmas by donating towards the Poinsettias to decorate the church. Donors and the names of loved ones will be listed in the Bulletin. Price is \$10.00 for each Memorial.

Fill in the information below and bring with payment to the Church Office or drop it in the Sunday Collection. Make your check payable to St. Justin Martyr.

— Poinsettias for Christmas —

I would like to donate towards decorating the Church with Poinsettias at \$10.00 per Memorial, for the following:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Thanksgiving Bulletin Deadline

The November 27, holiday bulletin has already gone to the printers.

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.

Silver Rose


Among the colorful and clever customs which the Knights of Columbus use to promote their ideals, the SILVER ROSE is at the top of the list. The rose symbolizes the Blessed Virgin Mary, the "Mystical Rose" and the Sacredness of Human Life. Every year, six SILVER ROSES start in Canada and are carried through the US to the Cathedral in Monterrey, Mexico. Following different routes, the ROSES are welcomed by KC Councils and parishes in the cities and towns along the way. One of the SILVER ROSES will visit Houston, and it will be here at St. Justin Martyr Parish on Thursday, December 1.

It will be featured at the regular 9:00 a.m. Mass, (there will be a special "SILVER ROSE Luncheon" for the retired priests of the Archdiocese), and then the SILVER ROSE will be presented at 6:00 p.m. at the regular meeting of the Grupo de Oracion, and later (7:00 p.m.) at the regular meeting of the KC Council of this parish.

Finally, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a formal Rosary in the church with the participation of:

- * the RCIA and Pre-Baptismal Teams (Dcn. Corney Llorens),
- * the Marriage Preparation Team and the MFCC (Dolores Gonzalez),
- * the Lectors, Bible Study Group, and the Vocations Committee (Dcn Gary Boyd),
- * the Ministry to the Sick and Homebound and the Respect Life Committee (Dcn. Nhat Tran),
- * and the Eucharistic Ministers (Sean Nguyen).

The rosaries and prayers will be open to the whole parish and to all who would like to attend.



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

Next Sunday, November 27, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the KC's on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

As I sit typing this bulletin the class across the hall from the front desk started to sing their blessing for lunch.

“God our Father, God our Father we thank you, we thank you for our many blessings, for our many blessings.
Amen, Amen

May we all be thankful for our many blessings! Happy Thanksgiving!

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

We give thanks to God for the many blessings He has given us. May you and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving.

We will not have a meeting next month. We will have our annual Christmas party at 2:00 p.m. December 11 at Lasagna House.

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 assisted the Boy Scouts with the Flag retirement ceremony and the Parking for the Voters on Election Day.

Happy Thanksgiving from KC Council 8293

The Council 8293 Business Meeting is Thursday, December 1, at St. Justin Martyr at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Upcoming Events:

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

- Newcomers Welcome Weekend -

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

News About the Mavericks

November 30 – Wednesday – Out-to-lunch at Rockfish Seafood Grill, 11805 Westheimer, Suite 370. Lunch specials \$7.99 - \$11.99. Meet at restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Reservations to Virginia at 281-498-6077 by November 28.

December 2 – Friday – 9:00 a.m. – First Friday Mass followed by a continental breakfast in parish hall.

December 2, 3 & 4 – Friday, Saturday & Sunday – Annual 3-Day trip to Northeast Texas & Northern Louisiana. Two of the places we will visit are the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame and the Biedenharn Museum & Gardens. Also, a Christmas light tour at the American Rose Center. For a more detailed itinerary and estimated cost, call Marge at 281-498-3413.

December 12 – Monday – Bus trip to see area Christmas lights & decorations. Cost \$2. Early dinner at Schultz Barbecue in Rosenberg, \$5 - \$10. Bus leaves at 3:30 p.m. from church parking lot. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413 by December 5.

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.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Social Ministry News

During October 2016, the Social Ministry assisted 137 households (476 individuals) of which 36 were new clients.

Statistics:

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| 120 Households | Food |
| 1 Household | Rent Pledge |
| 6 Households | Food and Rent Pledge |
| 3 Households | Utility Pledge |
| 7 Households | Food and Utility Pledge |

Breakdown of Households by ethnic group:

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|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Asian | 2 Households | 7 Individuals |
| Afro American | 76 Households | 244 Individuals |
| Hispanics | 47 Households | 196 Individuals |
| Anglos | 12 Households | 29 Individuals |

Food for Thought: During October the Social Ministry purchased 758 pounds of food for \$350.86 from the Houston Food Bank. We are closed Wednesday, November 23 and Friday, November 25.

Happy Thanksgiving

Parish Life

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

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.

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 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 or 832-372-9928.

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.

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank the fabulous cooks of the African, Hispanic, Filipino, and Vietnamese communities for making Saturday night's "Let's Celebrate" such an enjoyable evening. The food shared was great, the Parish Hall was beautiful, and the entertainment top notch! Many, many thanks to all involved!

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

Planned Giving

End Of The Year Gifts

This holiday season, consider adding "charitable gifts" to your list of giving ideas. If you or your loved ones value the mission of your parish or the Archdiocese, consider making a gift in their honor. Your gift will make a difference at your parish or the archdiocese and it is a great way to honor your loved ones.

Gift of Securities

Donating stock to support the mission of your parish or Archdiocese can offer even more tax benefits than writing a check. You will be exempt from paying capital gains taxes on any increase in value—taxes you would pay if you had otherwise sold the securities. You are entitled to a federal income tax deduction based on the current fair market value of the securities, regardless of their original cost.

Learn More

A tax or legal advisor can provide you additional information. The Archdioceses is also happy to assist you as well, please call them at 713-659-5461.

Faustina Messenger of Divine Mercy

This is a live multimedia drama with a modern message of mercy. The performance will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 6646 Addicks Satsuma Road, Houston, Texas 77084 on Friday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. There is a free-will offering. It is suitable for ages 13 & up. For more information phone Olivia Vizcaino at 346-804-3060 or email aedivinemeracy@gmail.com.

Parish Blood Drive

Today in the CFC building we are conducting our blood drive. Please join us in making this event successful by giving the gift of life.

*Our altar flowers this week were donated
By
Ngoc Hoang & Family*

CCE News

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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

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/sjmccc

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, December 3
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.

"St. Nicholas and the Three Dowries" ***(Sponsor by Youth Ministry)***

Sunday, December 4
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses (CLOW)

Numerous stories, some miraculous, are told about St. Nicholas. In this story, St. Nicholas aided a poor man who had three daughters, but could not afford a proper dowry for them. This meant that they would remain unmarried and probably, in absence of any other possible employment. Hearing of the three girls problem, St. Nicholas decided to help them, he went to the house under cover of night and threw purses (one for each daughter) filled with gold coins through the window opening into the house.

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