

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.



First Sunday of Advent, November 27 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

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.

Fr. Paul Chovanec

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

Please see the December 4 Bulletin for the November 27, 2016 Collection Amount!

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

Diocesan Services Fund 2016

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

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

December 11

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



Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

November 26th ~ December 4th

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
Mon.	Nov 28th	7:00 p.m.	Communion Service
Tue.	Nov 29th	7:00 p.m.	+ Giuse Nghi
Wed.	Nov 30th	9:00 a.m.	Catalina
Thurs.	Dec 1st	9:00 a.m.	+ Selmia Okonkwo Bernard Okonkwo
Fri.	Dec 2nd	9:00 a.m.	+ Clemente & Norma Alba
Fri.	Dec 2nd	6:30 p.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	Dec 3rd	9:00 a.m.	+ Angela Cassarino
Sat.	Dec 3rd	5:30 p.m.	+ Maxine Shirley
Sun.	Dec 4th	8:00 a.m.	+ Members of Conover & Perciavalle Families
Sun.	Dec 4th	10:00 a.m.	+ Loretto Torres
Sun.	Dec 4th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Dec 4th	5:00 p.m.	+ Maria DeJesus

Readings for the Week

Sun., Nov 27th:	Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/ Mt 24:37-44
Mon., Nov 28th:	Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
Tues., Nov 29th:	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wed., Nov 30th:	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Thurs., Dec 1st:	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21,24-27
Fri., Dec 2nd:	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Sat., Dec 3rd:	Is 30:19-21,23-26/ Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8
Sun., Dec 4th:	Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12

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 27th - First Sunday of Advent

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, November 28th

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

Tuesday, November 29th

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, November 30th

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, December 1st

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 2nd

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

Saturday, December 3rd

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

Sunday, December 4th - Second 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. Middle School & High School CCE

Parish Life

Immaculate Conception of Mary

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is the day we remember and celebrate that she was conceived without original sin in preparation for her vocation as the Mother of God.

Mary, under this title, is also the patroness of the United States of America. This Holy Day of Obligation is therefore a special opportunity and time to pray for our nation.

We will celebrate the Holy Day at the following Masses:

- December 7: 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
- December 8: 6:00 a.m.
- December 8: 9:00 a.m.
- December 8: 7:00 p.m.

If you are a St. Justin Martyr Liturgical Minister please consider serving at Mass. Sign-up in the brides-room.

Simbang Gabi

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Simbang Gabi a Filipino Christmas tradition on Friday, December 16. It will begin with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. For more information please call either Philip Mendoza at 832-491-3767 or Connie Herber at 832-877-4557.

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.



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

Next Sunday, December 4, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Youth on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

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.

Feast Day Of Our Lady Of Guadalupe

Everyone is invited to attend this special celebration on Monday, December 12, starting with a Rosary at 6:15 p.m. followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. There will be a reception in the parish hall after Mass where traditional food will be served. Please join us in honoring our Blessed Mother. All services will be in Spanish.

Advent Penance Service

**The Advent Penance Service is coming soon.
—Tuesday, December 13—**

There is NO Mass on Tuesday, December 13, due to the Penance Service being held at 7 p.m.

If you are unable to attend at that time, Penance Services will also be held at the following churches: St. Francis de Sales, St. Michael's and Notre Dame. Please phone these parishes for their dates and times.

The Prayer Blanket / Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you St. Justin for your overwhelming response to our ministry during our weekend spotlight on November 12 and 13! Due to the wonderful new volunteers, we will continue to provide blankets and shawls and now will also help make the Baptismal Bibs for our infant baptisms.

Please remember that the Prayer Blanket / Prayer Shawl Ministry holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 6. We gather to sew, knit and crochet blankets and shawls and to teach those who want to learn. We provide fabric, yarn and the tools to work with. This is a great ministry for those who want to work from home as you can just pick up materials as needed. You can also participate by donating yarn and fabric (preferably cotton/flannel and now felt by the yard; however any donation is welcome).

If you have any questions, please call Guadalupe V. Mussio at 281-896-4368. God Bless!

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

The children were all happy to be back after a nice long week of Thanksgiving holidays! It's nice to see all of their smiling faces, but we think the parent's smiles were bigger! I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Thanksgiving food drive benefiting Social Ministries! The children enjoyed taking over all of the food collected to the food pantry. We have just 3 short weeks to prepare for Christmas!

So many fun activities this month so be sure to check you classroom calendar! We will be kicking off our St. Nicholas toy drive beginning tomorrow Monday, November 28.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

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

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.

***“God is our refuge and our strength,
an ever-present help in distress.”***

Psalm 46:2

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight
will be on

- Homebound Ministry -

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. Meet at restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Lunch specials \$7.99 - \$11.99. 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 the parish hall.

December 2, 3 & 4 – Friday, Saturday & Sunday – Annual 3-day trip to northeast Texas and Northern Louisiana. For a detailed itinerary and cost call Marge at 281-498-3413.

December 12 – Monday – Bus trip to see area Christmas lights and 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.

Social Ministry News

The Feast of St. Nicholas, December 8

While he lived St. Nicholas gave the little ones he met, small gifts . . . some candy, a toy. The children learned what a beautiful thing giving is. He once said: “It’s good to give and have only God know.”

St. Justin Martyr will be celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 4. We invite everyone to celebrate the gift of giving.

Adopt A Child (ages 12 and under) for Christmas by taking a wish ornament from the tree located in the narthex or by bringing in a new unwrapped toy for St. Nicholas.

Your giving will bring joy to a child whose Christmas might otherwise be sad, as well as helping your family to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Share your blessings by making a donation for a Holiday meal. Donations are being accepted after all Masses in the parish hall. God bless you!



Parish Life

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

December 4 - General meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212.

December 11 - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. For more information, contact Jude Obinyan at 8327883117.

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 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.

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.

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 aedivinemercy@gmail.com.

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.

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. _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

CCE News

Contact
Us

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**CCE classes resume this
Monday, November 28**

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/sjmcece

RCIA: BOW

RCIA students will begin meeting every Sunday at the **10:00 AM** Mass beginning **December 4**.

Parents and students, remember to be here every week.

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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