

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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 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

From The desk Of Deacon Gary

A virgin shall bear a child, and He will be called Emmanuel, which means God is with us.

Behold Jesus

Behold His love

Behold happiness

And He gives happiness to those who trust their lives to Him.

Brothers & sisters, in this time when we take a fresh look at our Lord and ourselves in relation to Him, let us open our mind & hearts to the sheer beauty of His love for us and the eternal happiness He offers.

All my prayers and love to you,

Dcn. Gary

Please Pray for . . .

The following couple as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony on December 31, 2016 in Enugu, Nigeria.

Onyebuchi Ralph Nwatarali &
Francess Nwakaego Chinyere Okolo

For any inquires, please contact the Archdiocese of Lagos.



Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

December 11	\$20,746
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 307
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1581
Retired Religious Collection	\$4,286

Diocesan Services Fund 2016

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$110,691
Parish Contributions:	\$105,872
Balance Due:	\$ 18,908

Number of Participants 524

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

As DSF 2016 comes to a close on December 31 we are very close to reaching our goal. Please make your contributions as soon as possible.

Many thanks to everyone who has participated.

Upcoming Second Collections

January 29	Bishop's Fund for Latin America
February 5	DSF Sunday
March 1	Archdiocesan Social Ministries
March 5	Black & Indian Missions

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



Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

December 17th ~ December 25th

Sat.	Dec 17th	5:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Dec 18th	8:00 a.m.	+ Angela Cassarino
Sun.	Dec 18th	10:00 a.m.	+ Earl Norra
Sun.	Dec 18th	12:00 p.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
Sun.	Dec 18th	5:00 p.m.	+ Oscar Sainz
Mon.	Dec 19th	7:00 p.m.	Communion Service
Tue.	Dec 20th	7:00 p.m.	Hieu Tieu
Wed.	Dec 21st	9:00 a.m.	+ Canh Van + Mr. & Mrs. Ngoan Thi Nguyen
Thurs.	Dec 22nd	9:00 a.m.	+ Dorothy Craig
Fri.	Dec 23rd	9:00 a.m.	+ Margarita Alcala
Fri.	Dec 23rd	6:30 p.m.	NO Communion Service
Sat.	Dec 24th	9:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sat.	Dec 24th	5:30 p.m.	+ Stephen Barta
Sat.	Dec 24th	8:00 p.m.	+ Dorothy Craig
Sat.	Dec. 24th	Midnight	+ Angela D'Costa + Anita & Brian Almeida
Sun.	Dec 25th	8:00 a.m.	+ Michael Cook
Sun.	Dec 25th	10:00 a.m.	+ All Souls in Purgatory
Sun.	Dec 25th	12:00 p.m.	+ Leopoldo Lopez
Sun.	Dec 25th	5:00 p.m.	No MASS

Readings for the Week

Sun., Dec 18th:	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/ Mt 1:18-24
Mon., Dec 19th:	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Tues., Dec 20th:	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Wed., Dec 21st:	Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
Thurs., Dec 22nd:	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Fri., Dec 23rd:	Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Sat., Dec 24th:	Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17,22-25/ Mt 1:1-25
Sun., Dec 25th:	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18

Vocation Brief

All too often we forget to express appreciation to those in service-oriented jobs, including priests, sisters and brothers. We forget because we think, "It's their job to help." Priests and religious aren't superhuman. They need genuine support from those they serve. Let them know how you feel.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Parish Events

Sunday, December 18th - Fourth 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

Monday, December 19th

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

Tuesday, December 20th

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

Wednesday, December 21st

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, December 22nd

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 23rd - Parish Office closed at Noon

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

Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

9:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. NO Elementary CCE
4:00 p.m. Penance
5:30 p.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. Mass
Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 25th - The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day

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. NO Spanish Mass
6:30 p.m. NO Middle School & High School CCE

Parish Life

The Parish Office closes at Noon on Friday, December 23. There is NO 6:30 PM Communion Service

Christmas Eve - December 24

5:30 PM English Vigil Mass

8:00 PM Spanish Vigil Mass

Christmas Midnight Mass

Prelude music will begin at 11:00 PM

Mass will be at Midnight

Christmas Day - December 25

8:00 AM English 10:00 AM English

Noon Vietnamese

NO 5:00 PM Spanish Mass

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed at Noon on Friday, December 23, and all day December 26 & 27. There is NO 6:30 PM Communion Service on December 23. There are NO Masses on December 26 & December 27.

New Year's Eve Mass - December 31

9:00 AM 5:30PM

New Year's Day Mass - January 1

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule.

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on January 2. There is NO Mass.

January 1 Bulletin Deadline

All articles for this bulletin must be to the Bulletin Editor by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 21. Any questions, call Martha at 291-556-5116.



Today, Sunday, December 18, the Knights of Columbus will have a sausage sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Next Sunday, December 25, there are NO Food Sales.

Why Are You Resisting Happiness?

The book *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly, which you have been given, is published and distributed by an organization called Dynamic Catholic. This book is a gift from Fr. Paul, to each family attending Mass on Christmas weekend and was funded by our ACTS Retreat Ministry.

It was once said "the right book at the right moment can be life changing". If that book contains solid spiritual guidance and sound Catholic theology, that's even better. If this book can improve the spiritual health of just one person, that's fantastic and all glory to God. However, if this book improves the spiritual health of several lives, we can positively impact the spiritual health of our entire parish. And if we can improve the spiritual health of many parishes, we can improve the spiritual health across our country and the world . . . all because of a book.

As an added bonus, Dynamic Catholic, will also be using this book in the Spring as the basis for their program, *Best Lent Ever*, a daily online Lenten Devotional. Stay tuned for more information on that.

So, we invite you to read this book and change the world. The books will be in the pews Christmas weekend.

Christmas for St. Dominic's Seniors

St. Justin Martyr Girl Scout Troop 19406 is working with St. Dominic Village to help the seniors have a wonderful holiday season. We need families, groups, girls, troops, and parents to Adopt a Senior. There are 98 seniors that have a wish list. On the ornament is their wish list. Some need blankets, slippers, socks, Walmart or Kroger gift cards. They live at St. Dominic Village. If you can adopt a senior, please Call Jodie Estimbo at 832-421-0311. Let me know how many ornaments your family, group, or scout troop can take. We will be delivering the items on December 20. Thanks for being generous!

Please Pray for . . .

The following couple as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Justin Martyr:

January 7 Hieu Le Watt & Nhi Doan Huynh

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

The preschool is closed for the Christmas holidays, December 19 through January 2.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"Sing praise to the Lord, you faithful; give thanks to God's holy name." Psalm 30:5

Our next meeting is January 9 at 7:15 p.m.

If you are interested in finding out about 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 did the VA visit last week.

Assembly 3053 Business Meeting will be Tuesday, December 20, in the St Justin Martyr church parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus events for this week:

December 18 - K C Breakfast Taco Sale 8:00 a.m. – noon

December 20 - K C Assembly's Meeting 7:00 p.m.

December 29 - K C Officer's Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

**The Knights of Columbus wish
you all a Merry Christmas.**

Let Us Pray

For the soul of the recently deceased, Carl Dwain Clay. May eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

The next Ministry Spotlight Weekend
will be
January 8 & 9

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

News About the Mavericks

There are no activities scheduled for the next two weeks.

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.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

December 18 - Christmas Party after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Gardenia Hall, 3505 South Dairy Ashford.

December 25 - Christmas Day! We wish you a Merry Christmas.

May the blessings of the birth of our Lord abide with you today and throughout the Christmas season.

Amen

Merry Christmas!

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

Social Ministry News

During November 2016 the Social Ministry assisted 141 households (446 individuals) of which 35 were new clients.

Statistics:

120 Households	Food
2 Households	Rent Pledge
9 Households	Food and Rent Pledge
4 Households	Utility Pledge
6 Households	Food and Utility Pledge

Breakdown of Households by ethnic group:

Asian	2 Households	6 Individuals
Afro American	88 Households	263 Individuals
Hispanics	39 Households	141 Individuals
Anglos	12 Households	32 Individuals

Food for Thought: During November 2016 the Social Ministry purchased 892 pounds of food for \$114.94 from the Houston Food Bank.

20 Families received a Thanksgiving Meal.

Social Ministry will be closed December 20 through January 3.

Thanks for all the support!

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?"

December 20 - Christmas Party, at Alamo Drafthouse 531 South Mason Road, Katy, Texas 77450. Enjoy dinner, drinks and a movie to celebrate Christmas with other young adults.

December 27 - No meeting. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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.

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.

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

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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Perla Galvan-Sainz
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**There will be NO CCE from
December 17—January 7.
Classes will resume January 9.**

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

RCIA: BOW

RCIA students meet
every Sunday at the **10:00 AM** Mass.
Parents and students, remember
to be here every week.
There will be NO BOW on December
25 and January 1.

The next sacrament class for those students
receiving a sacrament this year will be held on

Saturday, January 21
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.

Christmas & New Year's Break

The Office of Youth Ministry would like
to remind parents:
Sunday, January 22, CCE will resume.

In addition, if you haven't already paid
the CCE tuition or the Confirmation
Retreat fee, please make an effort to
stop by the office to make payment
arrangements.



Saint
Justin
Martyr
Youth

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