

# 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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# *Solemnity of Mary, The Mother Of God, January 1, 2017*

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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

### *Sitting With Mary & God's Blessings*

As we begin this new year, we turn to Mary as our model, guide and mother. She is presented in the Gospel of Luke as a woman who reflected, pondered and prayed. So we take a cue from her, as we look at what January 1st means to us.

Every January 1st we ask ourselves the same thing: How am I going to be better this year? We know we all have room for improvement. "This year I will be more patient, kind, healthier, etc. It seems we are always trying to create a new and improved version of ourselves. In spite of all our "resolutions" we are basically the same person we were last year . . . and ten years ago.

Maybe we should stop! It was God who created us, after all. Maybe instead of trying to fix what's wrong, we should ask for God's blessings, place ourselves in His hands, and trust that He will continue to create me, however He sees fit.

In the words of Mary;  
*"Lord, may it be done to me according to your word."*

God's blessings in the New Year!

Deacon Corney Llorens

### *Service*

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve:  
to give, and not to count the cost,  
to fight, and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil, and not to seek for rest,  
to labor, and not to ask for any reward,  
save that of knowing that we do your will.

-St. Ignatius of Loyola

## Financial Stewardship

### Weekend Collection

Please see the January 8 Bulletin for the December 25 & January 1 Collection amounts.

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:	\$111,335
Parish Contributions:	\$107,010
<b>Balance Due:</b>	<b>\$ 17,770</b>

Number of Participants 519

### 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!*

### *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

# Prayer Needs

## Mass Intentions

**December 31st ~ January 8th**

<b>Sat.</b>	Dec 31st	5:30 p.m.	+ Dinh Do
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 1st	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 1st	10:00 a.m.	+ Gabriel & Christiana Udeh
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 1st	12:00 p.m.	+ Peter Nguyen Van Canh
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 1st	5:00 p.m.	NO Mass
<b>Mon.</b>	Jan 2nd	7:00 p.m.	NO Mass
<b>Tue.</b>	Jan 3rd	7:00 p.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
<b>Wed.</b>	Jan 4th	9:00 a.m.	+ Nancy White
<b>Thurs.</b>	Jan 5th	9:00 a.m.	+ Brenda Futch
<b>Fri.</b>	Jan 6th	9:00 a.m.	+ Ronald Oeshcler
<b>Fri.</b>	Jan 6th	6:30 p.m.	+ Rev. Thomas Hidding, SJ
<b>Sat.</b>	Jan 7th	9:00 a.m.	+ Frieda Fanning
<b>Sat.</b>	Jan 7th	5:30 p.m.	+ Stephen Barta
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 8th	8:00 a.m.	+ Dorothy Craig
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 8th	10:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 8th	12:00 p.m.	+ Rev. George Twellmeyer, SJ
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 8th	5:00 p.m.	+ Guadalupe Torres

## Readings for the Week

Sun., Jan 1st:	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Mon., Jan 2nd:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Tues., Jan 3rd:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Wed., Jan 4th:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Thurs., Jan 5th:	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Fri., Jan 6th:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11
Sat., Jan 7th:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11
Sun., Jan 8th:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/ Mk 2:1-12



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## 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, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God**

- 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

### **Monday, January 2nd**

- 5:30 p.m. NO Elementary CCE
- 7:00 p.m. NO Mass
- 7:00 p.m. NO Adult Bible Study

### **Tuesday, January 3rd**

- 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, January 4th**

- 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. RCIA Pre-Catechumenate
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Sacrament Class

### **Thursday, January 5th**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass

### **Friday, January 6th**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Mass

### **Saturday, January 7th**

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

### **Sunday, January 8th - Epiphany**

- 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

***New Year's Eve Masses - December 31***  
***9:00 AM 5:30PM***

***New Year's Day Masses - January 1***  
***8:00 AM, 10:00AM & Noon***

***There is NO 5:00 PM Spanish Mass***

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

### **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

### **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, January 3. 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 fabric (preferably cotton/flannel; however any donation is welcome) and yarn. If you have any questions, please call Guadalupe V. Mussio at 281-896-4368. God Bless!

***Dear Parishioners,***

***Thank you for your generous Christmas gifts, and may God bless you abundantly in the coming year.***

***Father Paul Chovanec***

### **Novenas & Prayer Chains.**

Please do not leave novena sheets or booklets in the church. When we find them, we put them in the recycling bin.

***Today, Sunday, January 1, enjoy breakfast prepared by the Respect Life Committee on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.***

***Next Sunday, January 8, there are NO Food Sales.***

Dear Rev. Fr. Paul Chovanec

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Corney Llorens, Rev. Mr. Nhat Tran and Rev. Mr. Gary Boyd

Staffs, Parish Council, and all parishioners of St. Justin Martyr parish:

I am Fr. Peter Thang Nguyen, born on September 27, 1944, parish of Duc Duc, Kim Son, Ninh Binh, North of Vietnam. My parents belonged to the Diocese of Phat Diem. They were very devout Catholics. My mother's brother was a priest who was raised in the diocese of Phat Diem but served in the diocese of Thanh Hoa that is a part of diocese of Phat Diem before it was established as the new diocese.

On 1954, I fled with my parents to the South of Vietnam. After the communists took over the whole country of Vietnam in 1975, on July 1980 I fled from Vietnam to a democratic country and ended up to Canada as a refugee.

From 2010 until now I have served at Our Lady Of Peace parish in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, as its pastor. At this time when I am writing this article, the weather here is very cold, at -20 degree Celsius plus windchill makes it much colder.

I gratefully thank His Excellency, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo and V. Rev. Italo for allowing me to serve the parish St. Justin Martyr as I have permission to serve in the Archdiocese of Galveston.

I am preparing to be in the parish St. Justin on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 and journey with you as part of your faith community.

In the meantime I wish all of you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the light of Christ shine on all of us to make us his faithful followers. Please keep me in your prayer. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Peter Nguyen

### **Welcome Fr. Peter Nguyen**

**Please join us after all Masses next weekend, January 7 & 8 to welcome Fr. Peter Nguyen to St. Justin Martyr Parish. Cupcakes and lemonade will be served in the parish hall after all Masses.**

# Parish Life

## St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

Everyone at the Preschool wishes everyone a very happy, healthy and blessed new year 2017! Tuesday will be our first day back after the Christmas holidays. We hope everyone has a joyous holiday.

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

Unity, Friendship and Charity

We want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year filled with many blessings.

Congratulations to our newest member Myra Costello on the birth of her son Michael Joseph Costello.

We will pray the rosary on January 7, at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. This is a beautiful way to begin Mass.

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.

## Please Do Not Leave Valuables In Your Vehicles

All parishioners are asked to be vigilant in locking their vehicles and storing anything of value out of sight or in the trunk. There have been burglaries of motor vehicles in the parking lot. The thieves are smashing in windows and stealing personal belongings. Houston and Sugarland Police have indicated a rising number of these types of break-ins all over the area. The best way to avoid having your property stolen from your vehicle is to keep everything of value out of sight! Thank you.

## Brick Donation

Donate a Brick now . . . as a gift in your name, the name of your family, or to remember a deceased loved one with a memorial gift. The cost is \$65. Please stop by or call the parish office for more information.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight  
will be on

**- The Mavericks -**

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

**Happy New Year**

## News About the Mavericks

**January 6 – Friday – 9:00 a.m.** – First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at IHOP, 6759 Hwy. 6

**January 8 – Sunday** – Bus trip to Houston Museum of Natural Science to see Mummies of the World, an exhibition of real mummies and artifacts. Cost \$17. Ticket includes admission to all permanent exhibits. Lunch at Avalon Diner. \$7 - \$10. Bus leaves at 12 o'clock noon from church parking lot. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413 by January 2.

**January 10 – Tuesday – 3:00 p.m.** – Monthly birthday party for residents at West Oaks Geriatric center. If interested in helping, call Joanne at 281-395-2123.

## **LOOKING AHEAD!**

**February 12 - Sunday** - Casino Coughatta trip. Cost \$10. Make your reservations NOW. 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.

## Social Ministry News

### ***Happy New Year to All!***

As I was searching for a cookie recipe to make I found this recipe for a "Happy Home" that I would like to share with you.

#### A Happy Home Recipe

4 c. love	2 c. loyalty
3 c. forgiveness	1 c. friendship
5 t. hope	2 t. tenderness
1 qt. faith	1 barrel laughter

Take love and loyalty. Mix it thoroughly with faith. Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding. Add friendship and hope. Sprinkle abundantly with laughter. Beat it with sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings.

Ms. Louis Wick

Social Ministry is very appreciative of the donations given to the ministry during the past year. Thank you for your generosity.

# Parish Life

## 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.

**January 3** - No meeting. Happy New Year!

**January 10** - Bible Study. 7 PM in CFC 211.

**January 17** - Spring 2017 Planning Meeting. 7 PM at Newk's on Eldridge.

**January 24** - TBD

**Save the Date!** Third Annual Chili Cook-off and Super Bowl Party will be Sunday, February 5 in the Parish Hall.

Want to learn more? Search "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.

## Many Thanks

To Gilberto & Isabel De-Freitas for providing the Wine for St. Justin Martyr for the month of January. It was in memory of Maria Garcia De-Freitas.

Also thanks to the Vietnamese Eucharistic Ministry for providing the Hosts for St. Justin Martyr for the month of January. The donation was made for the following intentions: For the departed—in memory of Our Ancestors who passed away in God and for the living - A special blessing to our members and their families for health, peace, and prosperity in the New Year.

## African Community of St. Justin Martyr

**January 1** - No meeting scheduled. Happy New Year! May the blessings of the Christmas season remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

**January 8** - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

**January 15** - Choir practice and prayer meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

**January 22** - Choir practice and executive meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212.

**January 29** - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome. For more information, contact Jude Obinyan at 832-788-3117.

**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 contact information and someone from the RCIA team will call you to give you more information.

## Parish Mail Boxes

Mail Boxes in the Parish offices are intended to be used for quick and easy communication with organizations and ministries. With our growing dependence on electronic communications we are re-evaluating our need for these boxes.

Your mail box in the parish office will be discontinued on January 15 unless you tell us you need it. Please contact Donna if you would like to keep your group's box.

The current boxes are:

5:30 Choir	8AM Choir
10AM Choir	Spanish Choir
Vietnamese Choir	African Community
Filipino Community	Spanish Ministry
Vietnamese Ministry	Blood Drive
Daughters of Isabella	MFCC
Mavericks	Knights of Columbus
RCIA	Boy Scouts
Respect Life	Stewardship Committee
Vocations Committee	Bible Study
Young Adults	Homebound
Fall Festival	Pastoral Council
Prayer Blanket Ministry	Evangelization
ACTS Retreat Teams	

## Women's ACTS Meeting

All women who completed an ACTS retreat are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, January 12, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in room 110. A discussion on Matthew Kelly's book Rediscover Jesus, focusing on chapters 24 to 29 Will Take place. Hope to see you there.

## Spring Festival Planning Committee Meeting

The parish Spring Festival is scheduled for April 29th and 30th this year. Everyone is invited to be part of the planning committee. The first meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8, in the CFC building at 1:30 p.m. Come with ideas on how to make the festival more successful.

# CCE News



## Contact Us

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

### **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  
or January 1.

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/sjmcece](http://www.facebook.com/sjmcece)

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](http://www.sjmtx.org).

### *Happy New Year!!!*

The Office of Youth Ministry wishes all  
the community of St. Justin Martyr  
Catholic Church a happy and peaceful  
New Year 2017.

*"New Year is the moment of beginning  
again... the moment in which the old  
touches the new, in which we offer  
gratitude to God."*

**-Catherine Doherty**



**Saint  
Justin  
Martyr  
Youth**



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