

# 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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## *Epiphany of the Lord, January 8, 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

### *The Star Of Bethlehem*

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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### *Perpetual Help Icon To Visit St. Justin Martyr Parish*

The original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is enshrined in the Church of St. Alphonsus in Rome, and the task and privilege of promoting devotion to Our lady was entrusted to the Redemptorist fathers and brothers 150 years ago. As part of the 150th anniversary, an exact, hand-painted replica of the icon is traveling around the world, it will be headquartered at the Redemptorist church of Holy Ghost Parish in Bellaire (January 1 – January 15) AND WILL VISIT ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH ON JANUARY 9-10. Special prayers will be prayed both nights at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate.

## Financial Stewardship

### Weekend Collection

December 25	\$ 32,250
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 20,500
Building Improvements	\$ -0-
Social Ministry	\$ 68.41
Registered Families	1581

### Diocesan Services Fund 2016

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$111,865
Parish Contributions:	\$107,665
<b>Balance Due:</b>	<b>\$ 17,114</b>
Number of Participants	522

### 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

January 7th ~ January 15th

<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
<b>Mon.</b>	Jan 9th	7:00 p.m.	+ Fidelis Nwachukwu
<b>Tue.</b>	Jan 10th	7:00 p.m.	+ Ralph Anselmi
<b>Wed.</b>	Jan 11th	9:00 a.m.	+ George Phetteplace
<b>Thurs.</b>	Jan 12th	9:00 a.m.	+ Fidelis Nwachukwu
<b>Fri.</b>	Jan 13th	9:00 a.m.	+ Allen R. Martin, Sr.
<b>Fri.</b>	Jan 13th	6:30 p.m.	+ Mattie Salvo
<b>Sat.</b>	Jan 14th	9:00 a.m.	+ Peter Salvo, Sr.
<b>Sat.</b>	Jan 14th	5:30 p.m.	+ Don Hood
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 15th	8:00 a.m.	+ Peter Salvo, Jr.
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 15th	10:00 a.m.	+ Rev. Michael F. Kennelly, SJ
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 15th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 15th	5:00 p.m.	+ Rev. Lionel Champagne, SJ

## Readings for the Week

Sun., Jan 8th:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/ Mk 2:1-12
Mon., Jan 9th:	Is 42:1-4,6-7/Mt 3:13-17
Tues., Jan 10th:	Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wed., Jan 11th:	Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thurs., Jan 12th:	Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Fri., Jan 13th:	Heb 4:1-5,11/Mk 2:1-12
Sat., Jan 14th:	Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
Sun., Jan 15th:	Is 49:3,5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34

## 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 8th

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, January 9th

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

### Tuesday, January 10th

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 11th

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, January 12th

9:00 a.m. Mass

### Friday, January 13th

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

### Saturday, January 14th

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

### Sunday, January 15th

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

# Parish Life

## 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	

## Administrator's Year End Report

The year brought many changes and updates to the Parish. I just wanted to share a quick review of the many things we have completed this year and thank all of you for the many ways you contributed to the Parish:

New Kneelers for our sanctuary; Repairs and replacements of numerous A/C units, including the matching funds fundraiser to replace the 30 ton unit in the CFC building.

New Envelope Company with mailings every 3 months which saves us money; New Security Company that monitors our property and traffic flow for the Masses on Sunday morning.

Many repairs were made to the Rectory, including new roof, repairs to the siding and new paint; At the behest of the St. Justin Ad Hoc Committee, a call to return to tithing was made and commitment cards signed. The result was a noticeable increase in tithing which has allowed us to operate within our budget and put money in savings. We left the outdated and now defunct LOGOS program for our census and moved to Parish Soft. With the coordination of the commitment cards, all records were updated with correct addresses, phone numbers and email addresses; We purchased a new file server to replace the 9 year old unit that was on the verge of total failure and converted our financial program from LOGOS to Parish Soft.

We have installed the new Divine Mercy Garden with the donation of a generous parishioner. The community joined together to beautify our grounds with Sparkle Day. Much accumulated trash and debris was hauled away, trees were trimmed, flowers planted, and mulch added. The south parking lot has again become usable. More work is planned for that lot. A hardworking Scout has undertaken repainting the parking lots for his Eagle Project. That is very much appreciated.

We still have several A/C units that need repairs and/or replacement. We will continue making those improvements as the budget allows. Just a reminder: the envelopes marked **Improvement** goes for this kind of expense. Please contribute as you are able.

We look forward to the arrival of our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Peter Nguyen, who is scheduled to arrive on January 4. The Parish will welcome him with cake and punch this weekend, January 7 and 8.



*Our altar flowers this week were donated  
in thanksgiving for blessings  
by  
Vera Engebretsen*

*Today, Sunday, January 8, there are  
NO Food sales.*

*Next Sunday, January 15, enjoy Breakfast  
Tacos on sale in the parish hall after  
morning Masses.*



# Parish Life

## St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

The preschool has had a busy but wonderful first week back after the Christmas holidays! We are always happy to see our students return and hear about all of their holiday adventures! We are looking forward to our spring semester full of new activities, learning and fun!

Catholic schools week is just around the corner! Registration for our 2017 - 2018 school year will begin next month. Please call us for information regarding registration for your preschooler!

Check us out on the web sjmtx.com or give us a call at 281-556-1260!

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

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"O Lord, my God, I cried out to you and you healed me." Psalm 30:3

Our deepest condolences to our sisters Bette Breaz on the death of her sister Ginger and Miriam Montelongo on the death of her mother Diana.

Our next meeting is January 9 at 7:15pm.

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.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight will be on  
**- Respect Life Ministry -**  
Visit the table in the Narthex after Mass next weekend to learn more about this Ministry.

## News About the Mavericks

**January 10 – Tuesday – 3:00 p.m.** – Monthly birthday party for residents at West Oaks Geriatric Center. If interested in bringing cheer to these shut-ins call Joanne at 281-395-2123.

**January 18 – Wednesday** – Out-to-lunch at Bull & Bear Tavern and Eatery, 11980 Westheimer, Suite A. Lunch specials \$6 - \$10. Meet at restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Reservations to Virginia at 281-498-6077 by January 16.

**January 20 – Friday – 6:30 p.m.** – Monthly meeting in parish hall. Installation of 2017 officers and bingo.

### **LOOKING AHEAD!**

**February 12 – Sunday** – Trip to Casino Coshatta. Cost \$10. Bus leaves at 7:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Make your reservation early to 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.

## **Please Welcome Our Newest Members**

Baptized last week

Aspen Dayle Arquiza Co

Jidenna Bryan Ndubuisi

Ryan Uchechi Obiakor

## **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.



## **Social Ministry News**

Next Sunday is our monthly food drive. Please consider donating a non-perishable food item to this worthy cause.

**Most needed crackers and canned vegetables.**

Please continue to recycle the brown grocery bags. They are most helpful and saves the ministry money.

Thank you for the generosity. May God bless you and keep you safe.

## 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 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 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.

## Parish Life

### **Virtus Notification**

If you took the "Keeping The Promise Alive" Virtus Course in 2012, you are required to complete an online refresher course within two months of the date you took the KPA course. Contact Butch Mueller at the parish office to get your ID and password along with additional information to complete the online refresher course.

### **That Man Is You**

"That Man is You" starts up again on Saturday, January 21 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Every man will benefit from this program; that I can assure you. Give it a chance by attending at least 3 sessions. For more information please contact, Raymond Torres at 713-444-1314 or at [raymondtorres@peoplepc.com](mailto:raymondtorres@peoplepc.com). Please sign up in the parish hall after the English Masses on January 14 & 15.

### **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.

### **Mercy Festival**

A Mercy Festival will be held to collect stamps for Fr. Ron Cloutier and Ministry to the Incarcerated on January 28 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the parish hall. "Stay tuned for more details."

### **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.

### **Respect Life**

On December 26, we passed about 47 total sleeping bags and a hot dog for each homeless person. They have expressed their gratitude with smiles and thanks. Although this act of charity may seem small, it has been a soothing moment for them.

# CCE News

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**CCE classes will resume  
tomorrow, January 9.**

**There will be NO CCE on January  
16 in observance of MLK, Jr. Day.**

## **First Confessions**

Students in their second year of preparation will make their first confessions during regular CCE classes in January.

Please practice the Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition with your children.

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

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).

### *Reminder:*

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.



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