

# 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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## *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 15, 2017*

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor

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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

### Three Missions

Today we begin with one of the “servant songs” from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus’ ministry of service. Isaiah’s mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today’s Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus “outranks” John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John’s baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

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### Saints And Special observances

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Tuesday: St. Anthony  
Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins  
Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)  
Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian  
Saturday: St. Agnes

## Financial Stewardship

### Weekend Collection

January 1	\$22,677
January 8	\$18,735
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 921
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1581

### Diocesan Services Fund 2016

Parish Goal: \$124,780

Although we have not received our final report, our records indicate we have met our 2016 DSF Goal of \$124,780!

Congratulations St. Justin Martyr!

### 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

January 14th ~ January 22nd

<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
<b>Mon.</b>	Jan 16th	7:00 p.m.	NO Mass
<b>Tue.</b>	Jan 17th	7:00 p.m.	+ Vincent Toochukwu Nweze
<b>Wed.</b>	Jan 18th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rafael Paz, III
<b>Thurs.</b>	Jan 19th	9:00 a.m.	+ Nita Cheramie
<b>Fri.</b>	Jan 20th	9:00 a.m.	+ Albert Fanning
<b>Fri.</b>	Jan 20th	6:30 p.m.	+ Antone
<b>Sat.</b>	Jan 21st	9:00 a.m.	Benjania Pham
<b>Sat.</b>	Jan 21st	5:30 p.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 22nd	8:00 a.m.	+ Guillermo Aldomar Martinez
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 22nd	10:00 a.m.	+ Marcelino Garcia
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 22nd	12:00 p.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 22nd	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin

## Readings for the Week

Sun., Jan 15th:	Is 49:3,5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34
Mon., Jan 16th:	Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tues., Jan 17th:	Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wed., Jan 18th:	Heb 7:1-3,15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thurs., Jan 19th:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Fri., Jan 20th:	Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
Sat., Jan 21st:	Heb 9:2-3,11-14/Mk 3:20-21
Sun., Jan 22nd:	Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13,17/ Mt 4:12-23

## Vocation Brief

A study commissioned by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.  
*Serra for priestly and religious vocations*

## Parish Events

### Sunday, January 15th

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 16th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - Office Closed

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

### Tuesday, January 17th

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 18th

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 19th

9:00 a.m. Mass

### Friday, January 20th

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

### Saturday, January 21st

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

### Sunday, January 22nd

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

# Parish Life

## ***Tax Statements***

### ***February 15 - Deadline***

Your statement of contributions for the year 2016 will be mailed soon. When you receive it, check for correctness.

If there is an error, you must contact the office before February 15 in order for us to research your record and generate a corrected report.

Our computer program does not provide the option for us to store that information indefinitely. On February 16 the entire year of 2016 will be archived.

## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 16, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. There will not be a 7:00 p.m. Mass.

## **2017 Mass Intention Book**

If you would like to Book your Mass Intentions for 2017 please stop by the parish office to do so.

## ***We invite you . . .***

On Sunday, January 22, to join the Vietnamese Community in celebrating the Vietnamese New Year, TET. TET officially marks the beginning of their lunar new year. This year, 2017, is the year of the chicken. This friendly and festive family holiday is the ultimate holiday for the Vietnamese people. The Vietnamese TET is an occasion for an entire people to share a common ideal of peace, accord, and mutual love. Let us come together as a community to celebrate on this special day. This special celebration will begin with the Vietnamese Mass at noon, followed by festivities in the parish hall.

***St. Justin, pray for us!***

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

***Next Sunday, January 22, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.***



## **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	

## **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.

Please sign up in the parish hall after the English Masses on January 14 & 15.

# Parish Life

## St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

The classrooms have been busy working on the winter unit. We have had fun with snowball fights, ice painting and paper plate skating! In science the children are working on big and small as well as, hot and cold, perfect in this Houston weather!

Please remember the preschool will be closed tomorrow in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day! Classes resume on Tuesday!

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

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine." Isiah 43:1

We are providing desserts for the Mercy Dinner on January 28. Donations of stamps are greatly appreciated for the prison ministry

Our next meeting is February 13 at 7:15pm.

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

The Council meets the First and Third Thursday of every month.

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

## 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

**- Knights of Columbus -**

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

## News About the Mavericks

**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 officers and bingo.

**January 25 – Wednesday** – Southwest Senior Senate quarterly meeting at St. Cyril's. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and meeting at 10:00 a.m.

### **LOOKING AHEAD!**

**February 12 – Sunday** – Trip to Casino Coshatta. Cost \$10. Bus leaves at 7:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Make your reservations NOW. Call Marge at 281-498-3413.

## Social Ministry News

During December 2016, the Social Ministry assisted 90 households (282 individuals) of which 25 were new clients.

Statistics:

70 Households	Food
2 Households	Rent Pledge
7 Households	Food and Rent Pledge
3 Households	Utility Pledge
8 Households	Food and Utility Pledge

Breakdown of Households by ethnic group:

Asian	1 Households	1 Individuals
Afro American	54 Households	156 Individuals
Hispanics	29 Households	110 Individuals
Anglos	6 Households	15 Individuals

Food for Thought: During December the Social Ministry participated with the Houston Food Bank for the following:

**Gift of Produce** - free pallet of produce to give to our clients.

**Share Your Holidays** - had 89 referrals through Channel 13. 59 referrals picked up 30 pounds of food.

**Adopt-A-Family** - 48 clients received a Christmas meal and 99 children 12 years old and under received gifts.

Thank you St. Justin for your support..

The Social Ministry will be closed on Monday, January 16.

## 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

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 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.

### Additional Poinsettias Memorials

Giuse Duy Huynh  
Joseph Vincente Ngo Kim Thuan

### Additional Poinsettias Donors

James & Carol Chang

Thank you for your contributions!



### *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

## Parish Life

### African Community of St. Justin Martyr

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

**January 22** - Choir practice 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.

### Mercy Event

Our Mercy Festival this year sponsored by the Jail Ministry Team of St. Justin Martyr Parish is January 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. This Festival will generate support for Fr. Ron Cloutier (Head of Ministry to the Incarcerated of the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston). Admission will consist of one book of Forever Stamps or \$5. The meal (to be prepared by the Knights of Columbus) will be like the meal served in jail on that date, and the dessert will be provided by the Daughters of Isabella. The entertainment will be a surprise provided by Deacon Gary Boyd and parish ministers to the incarcerated. Door prizes will be awarded.

### Spring Festival Planning Committee Meeting

Thank you to all that made it to the first planning meeting of this year's Spring Festival scheduled for April 29 and 30. The next meeting is January 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the CFC building. Everyone is invited. Come with ideas on how to make the Spring Festival more successful this year. For more information, please contact the parish office at 281-556-5116.

### *Home Enthronement Of The Sacred Heart Of Jesus*

Enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus makes Him the center of a family's life and links a family's home to the tabernacle in the church. Christ promised to bless the family which enshrines and honors the image of His Sacred Heart. The preparations and the enthronement ceremony are simple, and free of charge. For more information, all who are interested may contact Rosie Capalad, 832-228-6898 ([Rosycap30@yahoo.com](mailto:Rosycap30@yahoo.com)) or Harry and Connie Herber, 832-877-4553.

# CCE News

Contact  
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**We are collecting Forever stamps to benefit the prison ministry. Please bring stamps to CCE by January 28.**

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)

## **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.

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).

**The Office of Youth Ministry would like to congratulate David Uche for receiving his First Communion during the 7:00 pm Mass on December 20, 2016. The Holy Mass was presided by Rev. Paul Chovance, Pastor.**





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