

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.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 22, 2017

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor
Deacon Corney Llorens

Fr. Peter Thang Nguyen, Parochial Vicar
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

Let Him Shine

All of this talk of darkness and light, has brought me to realize something. In the past year, personally, I have experienced them both, in my own way. I have experienced darkness with the death of a loved one and light with the births of loved ones. As much as I love my grandchildren, I can only appreciate their beauty as a result of experiencing death. That has truly taught me what all of this means. When you have light, let it shine. When you experience darkness, look for the light in it also.

God has truly blessed us all, by allowing us to experience darkness in order to appreciate the light. And yes, Christ is our light. Let Him shine. We can do this by asking ourselves; "What can I do today to reveal the love and compassion of Jesus to people I encounter?"

Deacon Corney

Today's Readings

First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished. Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation. Psalm 27

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people. Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation.

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

Please see the January 29 bulletin for the January 15 & January 22 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

We exceeded our goal \$128,451

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!

Bishop's Fund for Latin America Collection

The Catholic Church in Latin America, through all aspects of evangelization, seeks to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ as a source of liberation and hope to the people of this great region.

Next weekend, January 28 & 29, Catholics in the United States will assist their brothers and sisters in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean throughout the country. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

January 21st ~ January 29th

Sat.	Jan 21st	5:30 p.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
Sun.	Jan 22nd	8:00 a.m.	+ Guillermo Aldomar Martinez
Sun.	Jan 22nd	10:00 a.m.	+ Marcelino Garcia
Sun.	Jan 22nd	12:00 p.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
Sun.	Jan 22nd	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Mon.	Jan 23rd	7:00 p.m.	+ Maria M. Vasquez
Tue.	Jan 24th	7:00 p.m.	Justina Uche
Wed.	Jan 25th	9:00 a.m.	Justina Uche
Thurs.	Jan 26th	9:00 a.m.	+ Margarita Alcalá
Fri.	Jan 27th	9:00 a.m.	Mary Louise Adams
Fri.	Jan 27th	6:30 p.m.	Vecera Family
Sat.	Jan 28th	9:00 a.m.	Maria Yu Yin
Sat.	Jan 28th	5:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Jan 29th	8:00 a.m.	+ Don Hood
Sun.	Jan 29th	10:00 a.m.	+ Rev. Fr. Alex Nzemeka
Sun.	Jan 29th	12:00 p.m.	Vecera Family
Sun.	Jan 29th	5:00 p.m.	+ Patricia Hernandez

Readings for the Week

Sun., Jan 22nd:	Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13,17/ Mt 4:12-23
Mon., Jan 23rd:	Heb 9:15,24-28/Mk 3:22-30
Tues., Jan 24th:	Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wed., Jan 25th:	Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
Thurs., Jan 26th:	2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:21-25
Fri., Jan 27th:	Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Sat., Jan 28th:	Heb 11:1-2,8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Sun., Jan 29th:	Zep 2:3;3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 5:1-12a

Word Of Life

“Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.”

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2270 CCC,
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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 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

Monday, January 23rd

5:30 p.m. Elementary CCE
7:00 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, January 24th

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 25th

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 26th

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 27th

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

Saturday, January 28th

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

Sunday, January 29th

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

St. Justin, pray for us!

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.

2017 Mass Intention Book

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

Parish Leaders

The next Parish Leadership Meeting is Thursday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. A number of important parish issues will be discussed including Stewardship Weekend on February 18 & 19, 2017. Please make every effort to attend or send someone in your place. Thanks for all that you do for SJM!
The Stewardship Committee

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.

***Today, Sunday, January 22, there are
NO Food sales.***

***Next Sunday, January 29, enjoy Breakfast
prepared by the Knights of Columbus
on sale in the parish hall after
morning Masses.***



Virtus Notification

If you took the “Keeping The Promise Alive” Virtus Course in 2012, you are required to complete an online refresher course within three 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.

Spring Festival Planning Committee Meeting

Thanks to all who made it to the first planning meeting of this year's Spring Festival scheduled for April 29 and 30. The next meeting is today, 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) or Harry and Connie Herber, 832-877-4553.

It is time to get excited with anticipation!

The Men's ACTS Retreat Co-Directors had a productive meeting last week. We have one more task to accomplish before we start “putting the band back together”. If you have attended an ACTS retreat, please be prepared to answer our February call. If you have not attended an ACTS retreat, we should open early registration in mid-February.

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

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

We will be celebrating TET this week. One of our families donated a traditional Dragon costume to the school a few years ago for the children. They love taking turns putting it on and parading up and down the hallway. It takes three to four students to fill it. The problem is everyone wants to be the head of the dragon! A great time will be had by all.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

“From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”
Mt. 4:17

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.

We will have a bake sale on February 26.

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.

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.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight
will be on

- Altar Society -

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

News About the Mavericks

January 25 – Wednesday – Southwest Senior Senate meeting at St. Cyril’s. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

February 3 – Friday – 9:00 a.m. – First Friday Mass followed by a continental breakfast in parish hall.

February 12 – Sunday – Trip to Casino Coushatta. Cost \$10. Bus leaves at 7:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Make your reservations NOW to ensure a seat on the bus. 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.

God is hard of hearing

Well, not really . . . but let’s pretend that he is. The din of talking and laughter in the narthex before Mass echoes around the church, making it difficult for people to pray and collect themselves before Mass. Please help make the narthex a quiet place: keep the noise down! The inner narthex between the sacristy, bride’s room, holy water font should be a place of absolute quiet. Thanks for helping us all to pray better!

Social Ministry News

What can you do?

Corporal Works of Mercy:

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, bury the dead, visit the sick and imprisoned.

Bring Christ’s love to the Poor:

Visit a nursing home or those who are shut in. Smile and say hello to a neighbor. Contact a lost friend.

Pray:

Your prayers count! God hears His children when they call and He answers the prayers.

Thank you St. Justin Martyr Community for supporting Social Ministry.

May God bless you and keep you safe.



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 24 - TBD

January 31 - TBD

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.

Chili Cook-Off and Super Bowl Party III

The Young Adult Community invites everyone at the parish to join in for their annual Chili Cook-off and Super Bowl Party, February 5. \$10 to enter/eat chili with snacks and drinks. \$5 off with a non-perishable food donation to the Souper Bowl of Caring. No charge to just watch the game (or commercials). Open to all ages.

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.

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

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.

Thank You For Your Consideration Of Other Worshippers

The **nursery** is located at the end of the hall, on the right, when you enter the Christian Formation Center. It is open for the 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses, except Christmas and Easter.

The **parents with infants' room** is located in the narthex, on your right, just before entering the church.

Thank you for coming to Mass dressed appropriately.

Job Fair

Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Community, 1530 Norwalk Drive, Katy, Texas is hosting a job fair on Thursday, January 26. It will be held in their Family Center from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is free and there will be numerous well-known companies attending and they are ready to hire! Positions are available in various fields ranging from engineering, finance, healthcare, IT, sales, and administrative. Please bring plenty of resumes and dress to impress. For more information contact Schottsie Hill at schottsie@epiphanycatholic.org.

CCE News

Contact Us

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281-902-5701

Perla Galvan-Sainz
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We welcome Catherine Lucia Avila, born January 11 to Alysa and Daniel Avila.

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

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

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/sjmccce

The next sacrament class for those students receiving a sacrament this year will be held on **Saturday, February 4** 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.

The Office of Youth Ministry would like to invite all Jr. High Teens to the annual **Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally 2017**.

For more information contact the Youth Minister.

Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally

FANTASTIC MIRACLES
2017
AND WHERE TO FIND THEM
2 Tim 1:9

Saturday, February 25, 2017
Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church
10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
For all youth in grades 6th - 8th

Featuring National Youth Speakers

Ricky Hernandez
Brian Lennox

Registration: \$40.00 by January 30, 2017
\$50.00 after January 30, 2017
Last Day to Register February 10, 2017

For more information contact your Youth Ministry Leader.

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