

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 in Ordinary Time, January 29, 2017

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor

Fr. Peter Thang Nguyen, Parochial Vicar

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

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Parish Administrator

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Clergy Reflection

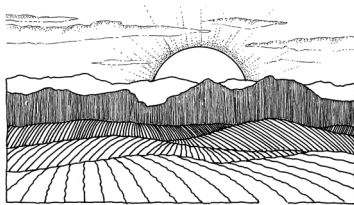
The Chosen Remnant

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

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21st World Day for Consecrated Life
Sunday, February 12, 2017
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1111 St Joseph Pkwy, Houston TX 77002
[Mass@11a.m.](mailto:Mass@11a.m)

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

January 15	\$18,899
January 22	\$18,132
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 186
Social Ministry	\$ 35
Registered Families	1581

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal: \$124,780

This Year's Theme:
"Go Make Disciples"

"The first: love is expressed more clearly in actions than in words. The second: there is greater love in giving than in receiving."

-Pope Francis

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.

This 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 28th ~ February 5th

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
Mon.	Jan 30th	7:00 p.m.	Communion Service
Tue.	Jan 31st	7:00 p.m.	Blessings for Family
Wed.	Feb 1st	9:00 a.m.	+ Maria M. Vasquez
Thurs.	Feb 2nd	9:00 a.m.	+ Brenda Futch
Fri.	Feb 3rd	9:00 a.m.	+ Connie McMillian
Fri.	Feb 3rd	6:30 p.m.	+ Forgotten Souls
Sat.	Feb 4th	9:00 a.m.	Chie Wen
Sat.	Feb 4th	5:30 p.m.	+ Wilfred Pereira
Sun.	Feb 5th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Feb 5th	10:00 a.m.	+ William Davidson
Sun.	Feb 5th	12:00 p.m.	+ Vinh Do
Sun.	Feb 5th	5:00 p.m.	+ Thomas Phetteplace

Readings for the Week

Sun., Jan 29th:	Zep 2:3;3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 5:1-12a
Mon., Jan 30th:	Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
Tues., Jan 31st:	Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
Wed., Feb 1st:	Heb 12:4-7,11-15/Mk 6:1-6
Thurs., Feb 2nd:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40
Fri., Feb 3rd:	Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Sat., Feb 4th:	Heb 13:15-17,20-21/Mk 6:30-34
Sun., Feb 5th:	Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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 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

Monday, January 30th

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

Tuesday, January 31st

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, February 1st

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, February 2nd - Presentation of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, February 3rd

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

Saturday, February 4th

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

Sunday, February 5th

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

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.

Presentation of the Lord

This is the ceremony in which the infant Jesus was brought to the Temple, and Mary was purified after childbirth. According to Luke 2:22-40, Mary came to fulfill the requirements of the Torah. Simeon greeted them and pronounced the prayer that came to be known as the Nunc Dimittis (“Now you are dismissing your servant”). Further the prophetess Anna spoke of Jerusalem’s redemption. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on February 2. There will be a 7:00 p.m. Mass.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

January 29 - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

February 5 - General meeting of the African Community ministry after the 10:00am Mass in the CFC building room 210. New members are welcome.

February 12 - Choir practice after the 10:00am Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

February 19 - Choir practice after the 10:00am Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

For more information, contact Jude Obinyan at 832-788-3117.

St. Justin, pray for us!

Donor Remembrance Day

On this day, our community is taking a moment to look around our beautiful parish and appreciate all the gifts that have been donated to St. Justin Martyr. For more than 32 years our families and friends have been making contributions to improve our church. Let us take a moment to admire and give thanks for the many gifts to our parish. An insert in our bulletin lists many of the donations to help us remember.

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.

DSF 2017

Parish Goal: \$124,780

This year’s theme for the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) is Go Make Disciples.

St. Paul writes that we are to bear one another’s burdens as an act of discipleship. When we follow Christ’s call, it is most important that we give of ourselves through stewardship for we discover that our response brings many gifts to us. The gifts given are gifts to be shared, in time, talent and treasure. When you give of your resources for DSF, you are answering the call of discipleship in a most concrete and effective way that benefits the common good of the whole archdiocese.

Each year the DSF operates in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to help carry outreach of the ministries of teaching and sanctifying. Of the sixty plus programs under its umbrella, DSF brings the needed financial resources to carry out these ministries. Envelopes are in the pews. Please, make your pledge next weekend, February 4 & 5.

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

Next Sunday, February 5, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Youth on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

This semester is filled with so many fun opportunities for learning different traditions and celebrations! The theme for January is "Children Around the World". Each family completes a poster with pictures and information about their culture! We hang them on our large bulletin boards in the hallway. It's always fun to learn everyone's heritage. We are very multi-cultural here at the preschool. This past week the preschool enjoyed learning about TET. The classrooms kept busy creating noise makers, dragons and lanterns for our TET parade. The children love taking turns and participating in the traditional dragon dance! Chuc Mung Nam Moi!

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"And God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those that are something."
1 Cor. 1:28

Our next meeting is February 13 at 7:15 p.m.

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

News About the Mavericks

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

February 7 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Kitchen band practice in parish hall.

February 12 – Sunday – Casino Coughatta trip. Cost \$10. Bus leaves at 7:00 a.m. from church parking lot. To ensure a seat of the bus, make your reservations now to Marge at 281-498-3413.

LOOKING AHEAD!

February 20 – Monday – Mystery bus trip. Cost under \$10. Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Lunch \$10 - \$12. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413 by February 13.

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.

Let Us Pray

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

Social Ministry News

Everyone is hearing about the Souper Bowl for Caring. What is the Souper Bowl for Caring and when did it begin?

The Souper Bowl for Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by the Reverend Brad Smith of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina.

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl Football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.”

The mission is to utilize this time to mobilize the youth to fight hunger and poverty in local communities.

Join St. Justin Martyr youth by donating a non-perishable food item to our food pantry.

Thanks for supporting such a worthy cause.

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!

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 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.

Spring Festival Update

This year's Spring Festival is scheduled for April 29 and 30. There will be great entertainment, music, food, games for all ages, bingo, and of course the raffle. Stay tuned for more information. Please stop by in the parish hall after Mass today to meet some of the committee members and see how you can help. For more information, please contact the parish office at 281-556-5116.

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

Sleeping Bag Distributions 2016 Summary

With all of the comforts and luxuries that we have in our homes, it becomes difficult to completely follow the Lord's command to give up our time serving the poor and the needy. This December, we, the parishioners of the St. Justin Martyr Catholic Community, have spent a few hours of our time to feed and distribute donated sleeping bags to the homeless downtown.

We arrived at an area covered by makeshift "shelters" that the homeless people had occupied. To us, the area seemed so inhospitable; to them, it was the only home they had. Their faces turned our way as we brought out the sleeping bags and prepared the food. Although the homeless men were silent, their expressions told us everything about them: their hunger and loneliness, as if they never had food or a visitor in weeks. They stood and neatly formed a line to receive their sleeping bags and food, everyone of them saying thanks and smiling. It was a wonderful experience, one that we do not see everyday. It brings us such happiness to serve others and to see the joy we have brought them through just a simple act of kindness. We all talked and laughed and had a marvelous time; but when it was time to leave, the homeless people waved and said their final thanks. We knew that what we did is God's work, but God wants each of us to continue and spread His teachings, one simple task at a time.

We had an unforgettable experience, one that we hope to repeat for many more years. I hope that the following years will have more volunteers to join us, or be able to serve larger homeless communities. Thank you for your time and donations. We are all doing our parts in God's great plan.

Respect Life Ministry

St. John XXIII College Preparatory will administer both the HSPT and ISEE Entrance Exams on Saturday, January 21, 8:30-Noon. Register and pay online through the links provided on the Admissions Page at www.sj23lions.org. Please arrive at the school by 8:00 a.m. with two #2 pencils; calculators may not be used; the student may bring a snack and a drink. There will be a prospective parent brunch at 8:30 a.m. in the Student Center. A brief school tour will be given. Please reserve your spot for the brunch at www.sj23lions.org.

CCE News

Contact
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RCIA: BOW

**RCIA students meet every Sunday at the
10:00 a.m. Mass.**

**Parents and students remember to be here
every week.**

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

First Confessions

Students in their second year of
preparation will make their first con-
fessions 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, February 18

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.

Jr. High News

**The Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally 2017
deadline for registration is
Monday, January 30, 2017. Please contact the
Youth Office ASAP to register.**

Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, February 5, 2017

**The office of Youth Ministry will be selling
coffee & donuts
after the 8am & 10am Masses**



**Saint
Justin
Martyr
Youth**

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