

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.



Second Sunday Of Lent, March 12, 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

Lisa Hachicho
Director of Preschool

Alyssa Avila
DRE

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Alex Pina
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Clergy Reflection

The Journey of Transfiguration

“We used to be such good friends. How is it that you’ve moved so far away?” one man asked another. “Perhaps,” the other replied, “you have moved away. By standing still.” This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God’s will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life’s difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God’s will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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NOTICE - Santuario Del Divino Nino Jesus

Please be advised the celebration of Mass and/or the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament has been prohibited at the following location:

Santuario Del Divino Nino Jesus
1411 Beanmont Street
South Houston, TX 77587

This facility is not owned or operated by the Archdiocese and its activities are not sanctioned by the Archdiocese.

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

March 5	\$18,843
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 1,090
Social Ministry	\$ 91
Registered Families	1581
Ash Wednesday Collection	\$7,612
Black & Indian Collection	\$3,379

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 34,863
Parish Contributions:	\$ 18,267
Balance Due:	\$106,513
Number of Participants	152

Upcoming Second Collections

March 26	Catholic Relief Services
April 14	Holy Land
April 23	Home Missions
May 14	Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
May 28	Catholic Communications

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

March 11th ~ March 19th

Sat.	Mar 11th	5:30 p.m.	+ Sr. Ann Nguyen
Sun.	Mar 12th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Mar 12th	10:00 a.m.	Conversion of Members in Family
Sun.	Mar 12th	12:00 p.m.	Marie
Sun.	Mar 12th	5:00 p.m.	+ Miguel Caceres Angel
Mon.	Mar 13th	7:00 p.m.	+ Francisco & Dolores Sererio
Tue.	Mar 14th	7:00 p.m.	Phaolo
Wed.	Mar 15th	9:00 a.m.	+ Constante Roldan
Thurs.	Mar 16th	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Fri.	Mar 17th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rev. George Twellmeyer, SJ
Fri.	Mar 17th	6:30 p.m.	Xin Cha Dang Le Va
Sat.	Mar 18th	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Cao Duc Hung
Sat.	Mar 18th	5:30 p.m.	Protection & Safety for Smart Ajaja
Sun.	Mar 19th	8:00 a.m.	Walter Timothy Heckler
Sun.	Mar 19th	10:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Mar 19th	12:00 p.m.	+ Maria Nguyen Thi Giang
Sun.	Mar 19th	5:00 p.m.	+ Alfredo Santacotoma

Lilies for Easter

Remember a loved one at Easter by donating towards the Lilies to decorate the church. Donors and the names of loved ones will be listed in the Bulletin. Price is \$10.00 for each Memorial. Fill in the information below and bring with payment to the Church Office or drop it in the Sunday Collection. Make your check payable to St. Justin Martyr. I would like to donate towards decorating the Church with Lilies at \$10.00 per Memorial, for the following:

1. _____

2. _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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, March 12th - Second Sunday of Lent

- 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

Monday, March 13th

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

Tuesday, March 14th

- 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, March 15th

- 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. NO Adult Sacrament Class

Thursday, March 16th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 7:30 p.m. Spanish Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 17th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Vietnamese Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 p.m. Mass
- 7:30 p.m. English Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18th

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

Sunday, March 19th - Third Sunday of lent

- 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

Spring Festival Update

St. Justin Spring Festival is Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30. Consider underwriting a budget item. Stop by any of the festival tables to pick up a booklet or two of raffle tickets to take home to sell to your friends, neighbors and co-workers for a chance to win \$5,000. For more information, please contact the parish office at 281-556-5116.

Many Thanks

Thanks to Cornelius Agwunobi for providing the Wine and Hosts for St. Justin Martyr for the month of March.

Living With Alzheimer's And Dementia

The effects of Alzheimer's and Dementia on individuals, families and Communities, is the topic of a presentation scheduled for March 14, at 7:45 p.m. in the parish hall. Alzheimer's poses a national health threat to the U.S. as the number of cases continues to grow. Some practical answers on memory loss, aging, research treatment, and caring along with questions and answers will be presented by Rogers J. Duplessis. Everyone is welcome.

Men's ACTS Retreat

Have you ever said, "This religion stuff is fine... If we were living in the past."? Come on the ACTS Men's Retreat and learn how this "religious stuff" intertwines with you and your modern life. (It's fascinating!) The retreat is June 1-4. Registration fee is \$260, and **YES** we do accept installment plans. If you miss us in the hall, registration forms are in the ministries rack or you can call Ben Finley at 325-338-9846.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

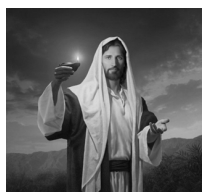
March 12 - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

March 19 - Choir practice and prayer meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212.

March 25 - Marian Festival African Community Choir Performance after the Vigil Mass. For more information, contact Jude Obinyan at 832-788-3117.

40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil

Christians throughout the Houston area are invited to participate in the International 40 Days of Life campaign, which runs March 1 through April 9. This event is co-sponsored by the Houston Coalition for Life and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. These 40 days are a call to prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. Please volunteer to pray at least one hour outside of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility located at 4600 Gulf Freeway on Tuesday Christians throughout the Houston area and the world are invited to participate in the international 40, March 21, St. Justin's day for prayer. You can sign up for your own weekly hour and spread the word to others about this life-saving effort. For more information, call Harry Herber at 832-877-4553.



2017 Lenten Mission: March 26 to 29

Theme: "Jesus the Light of Life"

A parish mission is an opportunity to hear the "Good News" and be the "Good News" for others.

Schedule:

6:00 p.m. Optional Potluck Dinner

7:00 p.m. Prayer

7:30 p.m. Presentations in Three Languages by:

English Speaker - Fr. Martin Iott OP

Spanish Speaker - Fr. Agustin Estrada

Vietnamese Speaker - Fr. Peter Dieu Quang Tran

Youth Track will be offered.

8:30 p.m. Closing Prayer

There will be NO 7:00 p.m. Mass on Monday, March 27 or Tuesday, March 28. Nursery will be available. There will be CCE on Monday and Wednesday the night of the Mission.

**Today, Sunday, March 12, enjoy
Vietnamese Food on sale in the parish hall after
morning Masses.**

**Next Sunday, March 19, enjoy Breakfast Prepared by
the KC's on sale in the parish hall after morning
Masses**

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

Happy Spring Break! Remember, the preschool is CLOSED all week for spring break! We will see you Monday, March 20.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." MT: 17:5

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

We will serve a meatless Lenten meal on March 24 in the parish hall from 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Please join us.

If you are interested in finding out about or joining our wonderful organization please call Bette Breaz at 281-493-6855.

Posting of Tithing

We would like to thank you for tithing! Your financial support is a vital asset to our parish operations. The accuracy of posting your tithing is of the utmost importance to us. Due to the number of parishioners with the same name, we ask that all donations and envelopes contain the following information:

- Your first and last name
- Address
- Envelope number
- Amount donated

Your cooperation will allow us to insure that the correct account is credited. If you would like your envelope number, please stop by or call the front office. Thank you for your support of St. Justin Martyr parish.

Daylight Savings Time

Did you remember to set your clocks ahead one hour? Daylight Savings Time began today, Sunday, March 12. Spring forward!

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight will be on
- Young Adults Community -
Visit the table in the Narthex after Mass next weekend to learn more about this Ministry.

News About the Mavericks

March 14 – 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.

March 15 – Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. – Monthly meeting in parish hall followed by a soup/salad/dessert potluck meal.

March 17 – Friday – Miller Outdoor Theater to see Celtic Fire, an Irish dance and music program. Car pool from church at 6:15 p.m. Call Marge at 281-498-3413 for reservations.

March 21 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Kitchen band practice in parish hall.

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

Our Lenten journey has begun. During this season we have an opportunity to fulfill our spiritual needs as well as physical needs by doing charitable works and almsgiving.

Let us remember those who fast because of need—not by choice—by donating a non-perishable item to our monthly food drive next Sunday.

Most needed items are:

Canned Tuna Pasta

Way of the Cross

This Lent, as we pray the Way of the Cross, parishioners are asked to bring a specific food item each week for the families who are assisted through Social Ministry.

March 17 Dried Beans - 1 Pound bag

These offerings for the poor are part of our Lenten almsgiving this year. Thank you.



Parish Life

Keeping The Promise Alive ~ VIRTUS

Preventing child sexual abuse is the goal of a new program selected by the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. "Keeping The Promise Alive" refreshes clergy, staff, and volunteers who work with children, about child sexual abuse and ways to create safe environments for children. The 1.5-hour refresher session includes a video and facilitated discussions that focus on the prevention of abuse and the protection of children.

This refresher course is required for all persons that took the original "Protecting God's Children" course.

To comply with the above requirements, a "Keeping The Promise Alive" workshop is scheduled at St. Justin Martyr on Thursday, March 23, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

To attend this class a valid ID is required. Valid ID's are: Texas Driver's License, Texas Temporary Driver's License, Passport, or Mexican Consultant ID. **These are the only ID's acceptable. The name on the ID must match the registration name.** You must register online at www.virtusonline.org.

Girl Scout Troop 19406

Wishes to congratulate Lorena Lopez and Juliana Estimbo for earning the Mary First Disciple medal offered by the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministries. *Mary, the First Disciple* is written for young Catholics, grades 7-10, to enable them to "proclaim the greatness of the Lord." This is accomplished by actively involving the participants in an understanding of Mary as a model of openness and spirituality—a woman of the church. Through various projects, discussions, and liturgical celebrations over a period of months, the participants are provided with a unique opportunity to develop new insights into their personalities, friends, parents, and the world around them.

The following Girl Scouts have earned the following badges:

Get out the Vote: Amber Crabtree, Juliana Estimbo, Lorena Lopez.

Finding Common Ground: Julie Adams, Arely Parker, and Emma Valenzuela.

Please congratulate them on their endeavors. Come out and greet us in the narthex after Mass today and learn about girl scouting in our community.

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!

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.

Stations of the Cross

Thursdays 7:30 p.m. Spanish

Fridays 6:00 p.m. Vietnamese

Fridays 7:30 p.m. English

Fridays Meals During Lent

Did you know that various communities of St. Justin will be preparing meals on Fridays during Lent? They will be serving a non-meat Lenten meal on Friday nights from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The schedule is listed below:

March 17 ACTS

March 24 Daughters of Isabella

March 31 African Community

April 7 Vietnamese Community

Way Of The Cross

This Lent, as we pray the Way of the Cross, parishioners will be asked to bring a specific food item each week for the families who are assisted through Social Ministry. A specific item will be requested each week.

Here is the list:

March 17 Dry Beans - 1 Pound Bag

March 24 Canned Tuna

March 31 Canned Fruit

April 7 Ramen Noodles/Pasta

These offerings for the poor are part of our Lenten almsgiving this year.

Giving Thanks When You Shop

Please be sure to thank the generous advertisers in our bulletin when you visit their business. Through their participation, our parish receives our weekly bulletin free of charge.

CCE News

Contact
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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, March 25

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.**



CCE Parents

Please remind your child to continue to practice his/her prayers.

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.

Parish Mission

March 27-29, 2017

The Office of Youth Ministry would like to invite all youth of the parish to its Parish Mission 2017. A youth version will be offered during our parish mission. The mission theme: "Jesus, the Light of Life."

6:00pm: *Optional Potluck Dinner*

7:00pm: Prayer

7:30pm: Presentations (Youth in CFC Building 205/207)

8:30pm: Closing Prayer

Spring Break March 12 – March 18

Parents and students of our CCE program, have a great and safe Spring Break!

CCE classes will resume on March 19, 2017.

Jr. High Youth Night will resume on March 22, 2017

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