

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 Of Lent, March 26, 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 God's Light Shine

Catholics have doubts about the teachings of the Church. So many Catholics disregard the Church's teaching about birth control. Some Catholics do not believe the consecrated bread and wine actually becomes the Body and Blood of Christ.

Nearly half of all Catholics do nothing to help the poor: no contributions to charities, no time as a volunteer. Yet, Christ told us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked.

A few Catholics don't even believe Christ rose from the dead! A key belief of all Christians, the resurrection of Jesus, and one in six Catholics do not believe it ever happened. Yet, when their time comes, nearly every baptized Catholic calls a priest for "last rites."

We can do much better. By our baptism, God empowers us to become light to the world. Let's let God's light shine into all that we do, to shine into all that we are. We give a strong response, a strong "Yes" to God by living our faith, coming to church, praying, professing the beliefs of our faith. Let's give that big "Yes" to God.

Deacon Corney Llorens

Catholic Relief Services

This appeal supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international solidarity and relief efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement services to the victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters. It also helps with development projects to improve living conditions of the poor; advocacy on behalf of the powerless; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and legal support services for poor immigrants. The collection takes place this weekend, March 25 & 26.

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

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| March 19 | \$19,520 |
| Required Weekly Budget Amount | \$20,500 |
| Building Improvements | \$ 77 |
| Social Ministry | \$ 329 |
| Registered Families | 1581 |

We have a leak on the east side of the Church roof and it will cost \$6,076 for repairs.

We received a rebate from DSF for \$4,058.25 that was a result of St. Justin Martyr making its 2016 Parish Goal.

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

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| Parish Goal: | \$124,780 |
| Parish Amount Pledged: | \$ 37,428 |
| Parish Contributions: | \$ 20,275 |
| Balance Due: | \$104,505 |
| Number of Participants | 161 |

Upcoming Second Collections

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| 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!*

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

March 25th ~ April 2nd

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| Sat. | Mar 25th | 5:30 p.m. | + Michael Cook |
| Sun. | Mar 26th | 8:00 a.m. | Ojukwu Family |
| Sun. | Mar 26th | 10:00 a.m. | + Peter Hinojosa |
| Sun. | Mar 26th | 12:00 p.m. | People of St. Justin |
| Sun. | Mar 26th | 5:00 p.m. | + Charles Almond |
| Mon. | Mar 27th | 7:00 p.m. | NO Mass |
| Tue. | Mar 28th | 7:00 p.m. | NO Mass |
| Wed. | Mar 29th | 9:00 a.m. | + Rev. Charles Borski, OMI |
| Thurs. | Mar 30th | 9:00 a.m. | + Juana Roldan |
| Fri. | Mar 31st | 9:00 a.m. | + All Departed |
| Fri. | Mar 31st | 6:30 p.m. | Chp Gia Dinh Con |
| Sat. | Apr 1st | 9:00 a.m. | Joseph Cao Duc Hung |
| Sat. | Apr 1st | 5:30 p.m. | David & Esther Uche |
| Sun. | Apr 2nd | 8:00 a.m. | + Santos Guevara |
| Sun. | Apr 2nd | 10:00 a.m. | Colin & Adrienne Hamilton |
| Sun. | Apr 2nd | 12:00 p.m. | Nguyen Family |
| Sun. | Apr 2nd | 5:00 p.m. | People of St. Justin |

Readings for the Week

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| Sun., Mar 26th: | 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 |
| Mon., Mar 27th: | Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 |
| Tues., Mar 28th: | Ez 47:1-9,12/Jn 5:1-16 |
| Wed., Mar 29th: | Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30 |
| Thurs., Mar 30th: | Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47 |
| Fri., Mar 31st: | Wis 2:1a,12-22/Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30 |
| Sat., Apr 1st: | Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 |
| Sun., Apr 2nd: | Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 |

Word Of Life

“Life is a gift from God and so is His mercy. May we cherish and promote both.”

Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-2017
Respect Life Program

Parish Events

Sunday, March 26th - Fourth 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

Monday, March 27th - Parish Mission

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

Tuesday, March 28th - Parish Mission

6:30 p.m. NO Penance
7:00 p.m. NO Mass
7:00 p.m. NO Young Adults
7:00 p.m. Parish Mission
7:30 p.m. NO Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary

Wednesday, March 29th - Parish Mission

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. NO RCIA Pre-Catechumenate
7:00 p.m. NO RCIA
7:00 p.m. NO Adult Sacrament Class
7:00 p.m. Parish Mission

Thursday, March 30th

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

Friday, March 31st

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, April 1st

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

Sunday, April 2nd - Fifth 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

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 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 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.

Let Us Pray

For the souls of the recently deceased: Graciela Vega & Reta De Bottis. May eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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 \$ _____

Spring Festival Update

St. Justin Spring Festival is Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30. Consider underwriting a budget item. Stop by the festival tables to make a donation and also purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win \$5,000 in gift cards among other prizes. Take raffle tickets home to sell to your neighbors, friends, and co-workers. For more information, please contact the parish office at 281-556-5116.



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.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

Many thanks to those who participated yesterday, March 25, in the Marian Festival African Community Choir Performance after the Vigil Mass.

March 26 - Choir practice and executive meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212.

March 31 - African Community Lenten Meal.

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

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.

*Today, Sunday, March 26, enjoy Breakfast
Tacos in the parish hall
after morning Masses*

*Next Sunday, April 2, enjoy Breakfast
prepared by the Youth on sale in the parish
hall after morning Masses.*



Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

We hope everyone enjoyed a little time off and are ready to get back to work! Registration is ongoing! Please call or come by the CFC Building for a tour and more information regarding our preschool program! Contact us at www.sjmtx.org or 281-556-1260!

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life." JN 8:12

We will be selling tickets for the Spring Festival in April.

Our next meeting will be April 10 at 7:15 p.m.

If you are interested in finding out about or joining our wonderful organization please call Bette Breaz at [281-493-6855](tel:281-493-6855).

Knights of Columbus-SJM Council 8293

Thank you to all the Knights who assisted with Corporate Sunday Mass and Breakfast last week.

The next Council #8293 Business Meeting is Thursday, April 6, in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

April 1 KC Poorman's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

The Poorman's Supper" is scheduled for April 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets are now available for \$8.00 for an all you can eat soup supper. All proceeds will benefit social ministry.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Michael 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
- Gardening Angels -
Visit the table in the Narthex after
Mass next weekend to learn more
about this Ministry.

News About the Mavericks

April 3 – Monday – Bus trip to visit Hemi Hideout in Brookshire. This facility contains antique autos, tractors, motorcycles and over 600 vintage porcelain and neon signs. Cost \$7. Lunch at Must Be Heaven Sandwich Shoppe in Brenham \$10 to \$15. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from church parking lot. Last minute reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413.

April 7 – Friday – 9:00 a.m. – First Friday Mass followed by continental breakfast in parish hall.

April 7 – Friday – Miller Outdoor Theater to see "Footloose, the Musical" presented by HITS. Car pool from church at 6:15 p.m. Reservations 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.

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.

Social Ministry News

Here's some "Food for Thought" during this Lenten season:

Spiritual Works of Mercy:

- To Counsel the doubtful.
- To Instruct the ignorant.
- To Admonish the sinner.
- To Comfort the sorrowful.
- To Forgive all injuries.
- To Bear wrongs patiently.
- To Pray for the living and the dead.

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 31

Canned Fruit

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!

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.

Music At The University of St. Thomas

Spring Student Recital

Friday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

Admission to all UST Music events is free! All take place in the Cullen Recital Hall except where noted. For email announcements, write to concerts@stthom.edu. For more information on the music program go to mystthom.edu/music or call 713-525-3159.

Lenten Penance Service

The Lenten Penance Service is coming soon. It is Tuesday, April 4.

There is NO Mass on Tuesday, April 4, due to the Penance Service being held at 7:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend at that time, Penance Services will also be held at the following churches: St. Francis de Sales, St. Michael's and Notre Dame. Please phone these parishes for their dates and times.

Christ the Incarnate Word Penance Services:

Monday, March 27

Tuesday, March 28

Monday, April 3

Tuesday, April 4

All will begin at 7:00 p.m.

April Bulletin Deadlines

All articles to be in the April 9 bulletin are due to the bulletin editor by March 29.

All articles to be in the April 16 bulletin are due to the bulletin editor by April 5.

The Ship Of The Church

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on the course.

-St. Boniface

Lighting It On Fire!

This year's Men's ACTS retreat ends on Pentecost Sunday (June 1 – 4). How fitting as we are going to light it up! There are only 28 spots left, so hurry up and register. Registration fee is \$260, and **yes** we do take installments. Registration forms are by the raffle ticket sales.

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 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 31 Canned Fruit

April 7 Ramen Noodles/Pasta

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

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

CCE News

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Perla Galvan-Sainz
CCE Assistant
281-902-5712

**Please continue to practice
prayers 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/sjmcce

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School will take place from
June 26-30, 2017.

Look for registrations and
donation forms coming soon!

The next sacrament class for those students receiving a sacrament this year will be held on

Saturday, April 8

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.

Vocation Sunday April 2

The Office of Youth Ministry will be dedicating an
entire CCE Sunday to vocations.

The Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of
Galveston-Houston will be accompanied by several priest
and religious sisters from the Archdiocese.

They will share their faith and vocation story
to our CCE students.

The evening will end with adoration of the Blessed Sacra-
ment and praise & worship

Confirmation Retreat April 21-23

The Office of Youth Ministry will be departing for
Camp Kappe on Friday April 21 for its annual
Confirmation Retreat for our CCE students. Parents
of students in **Confirmation II**, please stop by the CCE
Office to pay off any amounts due, for the Confirmation
Retreat. This retreat is mandatory if your child plans to
get confirmed in our CCE program.

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