

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.



Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 9, 2017

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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 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

Seeing Christ Clearly

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

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Good Friday Collection - April 14

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

Please see the bulletin of April 23 for the April 2, April 9 & April 16 Collections.

Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ -0-
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1581

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 41,582
Parish Contributions:	\$ 22,827
Balance Due:	\$101,953
Number of Participants	177

Upcoming Second Collections

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

April 8th ~ April 16th

Sat.	Apr 8th	5:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Apr 9th	8:00 a.m.	Nicholas Onyenobi Family
Sun.	Apr 9th	10:00 a.m.	Ojukwu Family
Sun.	Apr 9th	12:00 p.m.	Va Cong Niec Lam Duoc
Sun.	Apr 9th	5:00 p.m.	+ Rosa M. Unberto Morales
Mon.	Apr 10th	7:00 p.m.	+ Ramon Vinluan
Tue.	Apr 11th	7:00 p.m.	+ Forgotten Souls
Wed.	Apr 12th	9:00 a.m.	+ Socorro Muruato
Thurs.	Apr 13th	9:00 a.m.	NO Mass
Thurs.	Apr 13th	7:30 p.m.	Benjamin Pham
Fri.	Apr 14th	9:00 a.m.	NO Mass
Fri.	Apr 14th	6:30 p.m.	NO Mass
Sat.	Apr 15th	9:00 a.m.	NO Mass
Sat.	Apr 15th	8:30 p.m.	+ Steven Eze Jr.
Sun.	Apr 16th	8:00 a.m.	+ Stephen Barta
Sun.	Apr 16th	10:00 a.m.	Smart Ajazox Children
Sun.	Apr 16th	12:00 p.m.	Cau Nguyen Cho Linh
Sun.	Apr 16th	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin

Readings for the Week

Sun., Apr 9th:	Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66
Mon., Apr 10th:	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tues., Apr 11th:	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed., Apr 12th:	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thurs., Apr 13th:	Ex 12:1-8,11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
Fri., Apr 14th:	Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Sat., Apr 15th:	Gn 1:1 -2:2/Gn 22:1-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a,18-28/Rom 6:3-11/ Mt 28:1-10
Sun., Apr 16th:	Acts 10:34a,37-43/Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9

Parish Events

Sunday, April 9th - Passion (Palm) Sunday

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, April 10th

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

Tuesday, April 11th

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

Wednesday, April 12th

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

Thursday, April 13th - Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Multicultural Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 14th - Good Friday

3:00 p.m. Spanish Service of the Passion
 5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Service of the Passion
 7:00 p.m. English Service of the Passion

Saturday, April 15th - Holy Saturday

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 16th - Easter Sunday

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

Vocations Brief

Christ spoke of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Are you an active Christian in the parish, at your workplace, and in the home? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Parish Life

Many Thanks

Thanks to Colin & Adrienne Hamilton for providing the Wine and Hosts for St. Justin Martyr for the month of April. It is in honor of their 1st Wedding Anniversary and in celebration of the Candidates and Catechumens.

Thanks also for providing St. Justin Martyr with this year's Paschal Candle.

April Bulletin Deadlines

The deadline for the April 16 bulletin has passed. That bulletin has already gone to the printer.

***The Parish Office will be closed:
At 12:00 Noon on Holy Thursday, April 13
All day Good Friday, April 14
All day Easter Monday, April 17***

It will reopen on Tuesday, April 18

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 \$ _____



***Today, Sunday, April 9, there are
NO Food Sales.***

***Next Sunday, April 16, there
are NO Food Sales.***

Holy Week Schedule

Passion (Palm Sunday) ~ April 9

This weekend, the Church celebrates Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. We commemorate this event through the blessing and distribution of palms at the Saturday evening Mass and at each of the Masses on Sunday.

The Triduum

Holy Thursday ~ April 13

The Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is a multicultural celebration in our parish. The traditional Washing of the Feet will take place. The chapel will be especially decorated to receive the Blessed Sacrament which will be carried there in procession for exhibition on the Altar of Repose. The chapel will be open until 11:00 p.m. for adoration, prayer, and reflection.

Good Friday ~ April 14

The Service of the Passion

3:00 p.m. in Spanish

5:30 p.m. in Vietnamese

7:30 p.m. in English.

The Good Friday service consists of three parts: the Reading of the Passion, the Veneration of the Cross, and the Service of Communion. The Church will be open for private Stations of the Cross, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter

April 15 at 8:30 p.m.

The principal and most important Mass of Easter begins with the blessing of the new fire. New water will also be blessed and available for everyone. The Elect and Candidates will be received into the Church and a reception for them will follow in the parish hall.

On the above Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, there will not be any other events, i.e. no Masses nor Confessions.

Easter Sunday ~ April 16

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
English Masses at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Vietnamese Mass at 12:00 Noon
Spanish Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is underway. If you are interested in a quality preschool for your child, St. Justin Preschool has a wonderful program serving children two through 4 years of age! We offer flexible class options, developmentally appropriate curriculum, low teacher/student ratios and a very experienced staff. If you would like information you can visit us on the web at sjmtx.org or give us a call at 281-556-1260.

Please remember that the preschool will be closed April 14 & 17 in observance of Good Friday and Easter Monday.



Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"My God, My God why have you forsaken me?" PS:22

Correction: We are not selling tickets to the Spring Festival. We are selling tickets for a Fitbit and a Tablet to be given away on Father's Day.

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

We will have a bake sale on April 23.

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 Michael Akiboh at 281-707-4444.



Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight will be on

- **ACTS Community** -

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

News About the Mavericks

April 11 – 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.

April 18 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Kitchen band practice in parish hall.

April 22 – Saturday – 1:30 p.m. – Mavericks 21st birthday party in parish hall with a catered meal and live entertainment.

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

Our journey is almost over! Easter is almost here! Christ enters into Jerusalem, drawing close to the trial that awaits Him. He is doing this for you. Will you continue on the journey with Him to victory, or will you be like many in the crowd, waving palms, only to turn away in a few days? We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ. We are called to reach out to those only Jesus could love.

During this Holy Week, 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 tomato products to our monthly food drive.**

The ministry will be closed on April 14 and April 17.

May God bless you and keep you safe.



Parish Life

Spring Festival Update

Please continue to bring in your donations for canned soda, 2 liter bottles of soda, bottles of wine, good useable garage sale items including clothes and shoes and children's books. All items can be left in the parish hall. Token pre-sales are available today and on the weekend of April 22-23. You get an extra token for each 5 you buy. Tokens are \$1.00 each. We ask for everyone's continuing support with underwriting, raffle ticket sales and to sign up as festival volunteers. The Spring Festival Newsletter has a lot of information which answers many questions and it is available in the parish hall and on our church website.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

April 9 - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

April 16 - Easter, no activities scheduled.

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

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.

Please Pray For:

The Following couple as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Justin Martyr.

April 21 Raymond Clifford Pocquette &
Tina Chihchun

Welcome . . . New Parishioners

Please register by calling or coming by the office.

Active Membership is determined by:

- Registration in the parish
- Faithful attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days
- Support of the parish through time, talent and treasure

LENT

The Church invites us to join with our fellow Christians in experiencing our spiritual hunger . . . and in experiencing in our own bodies the hunger that imprisons most of the world. To that end those 14 and over are invited to abstain from meat on Good Friday. Those over 18 are invited to fast by taking only one full meal and two partial meals on Good Friday. **The important focus is whatever will bring us closer to God.**

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.

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.

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 upmost 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.

CCE News

Contact
Us

Alyssa Avila
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281-902-5701

Perla Galvan-Sainz
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**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 22

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.

Reminder:

Parents CCE Classes will be CANCELED on
Sunday April 16 & 23 due to Holy Week and
Confirmation Retreat. Please check your calendars!

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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