

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.



Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

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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

Rejoice And Be Glad

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad” (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today’s responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!

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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

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:	\$ 45,642
Parish Contributions:	\$ 27,590
Balance Due:	\$ 97,190
Number of Participants	196

Upcoming Second Collections

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!

Home Missions Collection

Next weekend, April 22 & 23, we participate in a special collection for mission parishes in the United States and its dependencies. This appeal strengthens the Church at home by supporting Catholic communities in need. It assists dioceses that serve the pastoral needs of Hispanics, and other ethnic groups. It enables Catholic parishes in the poor and remote communities to provide Mass, the Sacraments, and Religious Education for their people. The Catholic Home Mission Appeal gives us a chance to respond to the Father’s call to love our neighbor.

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

April 15th ~ April 23rd

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
Mon.	Apr 17th	7:00 p.m.	NO Mass
Tue.	Apr 18th	7:00 p.m.	+ Forgotten Souls
Wed.	Apr 19th	9:00 a.m.	+ Babang Reyes
Thurs.	Apr 20th	9:00 a.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
Fri.	Apr 21st	9:00 a.m.	+ Cardine Ikejimba nee-Agwunobi
Fri.	Apr 21st	6:30 p.m.	+ Ananias
Sat.	Apr 22nd	9:00 a.m.	+ Rolando Reyes
Sat.	Apr 22nd	5:30 p.m.	+ John Savana
Sun.	Apr 23rd	8:00 a.m.	+ Leo Quini
Sun.	Apr 23rd	10:00 a.m.	+ Marie Patterson
Sun.	Apr 23rd	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Apr 23rd	5:00 p.m.	+ Michael-Jon Helms

Word Of Life

“Be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and that ‘you can with sure hope entrust your child’ to the Father and His mercy.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-2017
Respect Life Program

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

Readings for the Week

Sun., Apr 16th:	Acts 10:34a,37-43/Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9
Mon., Apr 17th:	Acts 2:14,22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tues., Apr 18th:	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wed., Apr 19th:	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thurs., Apr 20th:	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Fri., Apr 21st:	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Sat., Apr 22nd:	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Sun., Apr 23rd:	Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31

Parish Events

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

Monday, April 17th

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

Tuesday, April 18th

- 6:30 p.m. Penance Service
- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adults
- 7:30 p.m. Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary

Wednesday, April 19th

- 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, April 20th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, April 21st

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

Saturday, April 22nd

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

Sunday, April 23rd

- 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

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.

DSF 2017

Parish Goal: \$124,780

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

Our 2017 DSF has begun in every parish throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Christ calls us to reach those who are sick or in need, to bless them, serve them, and show them mercy. The thousands of people served by the ministries of the Archdiocese need your compassion and generosity. Your kind gift to DSF enables us to reach out to people in this parish and throughout the entire Archdiocese through more than 60 important programs. Please pray about your commitment, then complete the pledge card and return it by mail or drop it off at St. Justin Martyr. Your generosity will allow our Catholic community to continue many vital programs and services.

Envelopes are in the pews. Please, make your pledge today.

Flowers say it best!

Want to help adorn our altar for weekend Masses with a beautiful floral arrangement? If so, you can donate flowers as a gift in your name, your family name, or as a remembrance for a loved one by coming by the Parish office. The cost is \$75 and mention of the gift will be made in the bulletin.

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.

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

*Next Sunday, April 23, enjoy Baked Goodies prepared
by the Daughters of Isabella on sale in the parish hall
after morning Masses.*

Welcome . . .

. . . to our parish family's celebration of the most important event in history: the triumph of Jesus Christ over sin and death. We are graced that you have joined us for worship today and we wish you a happy and joyful Easter! If you have been away from the Church or if you have no church home, know that you are welcome here, not only today, but in the days, weeks, months, and years to come! We are ready to welcome you as a visitor or a new member, a seeker or settler. We are a flawed people, still struggling with our sins, but rejoicing in God's magnificent forgiveness and healing. We try to be here to support and love one another. We want to be here for you . . .

If you would like to become a member of our community, please let us know by visiting the parish office or phoning 281-556-5116.

Thank You! Thank You!

. . . to everyone who worked so hard to make possible our Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter celebrations here at St. Justin:

Liturgy Preparers

Clergy

Water Bearers

Art & Environment

Office Staff

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

Altar Servers

Music Ministers

Godparents & Sponsors

Masters of Ceremony

Greeters

Ushers

RCIA

Sacristans

And you, the people of God!

St. Justin is a truly rich community to have so many talented, capable and willing individuals!



Happy Easter from the Clergy & Staff of St. Justin Martyr. The Parish & School Offices will be closed Good Friday, April 15 and Easter Monday, April 17. There is no 7PM Mass on Monday, April 17.

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 17 in observance of Easter Monday.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

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

Wishing you all a Happy Easter and God's blessings. Thank you to all the Knights visiting the VA Hospital today, Easter Sunday and to those helping out during Holy Week.

KC Assembly #3053 meeting is Tuesday, April 18 at St. Justin Martyr in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

April 20 - Council #8293 Social Meeting at St. Justin Martyr church in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Michael Akiboh at [281-707-4444](tel:281-707-4444).

Knights Bingo Night

Your Knights of Columbus Council 8293 is inviting everyone to enjoy a night of Bingo this coming Friday, April 21 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring all you friends and family. Children can play also and there will be snacks and drinks available for all.

"A sacrament is a remembrance of the past (Christ's Passion), a proof of the present (grace), and a promise of the future (eternal life)."

-St. Thomas Aquinas

News About the Mavericks

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. Catered meal and live entertainment.

April 26 – Wednesday – Out-to-lunch at Avalon Diner, 11611 Katy Freeway. Entrees under \$10. Meet at restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Reservations to Virginia at 281-498-6077 by April 24.

April 29 & 30 – Saturday & Sunday – Parish Spring Festival. Mavericks will sponsor the dessert booth. Members are asked to provide 2 desserts (example: cookies, cakes, cupcakes, pies, brownies, etc.)

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.

HAPPY EASTER!



Social Ministry News

Our Lenten journey is over! Today, Easter Sunday, we celebrate and share the love of the Risen Lord.

Thank you, St. Justin Community, for your generous almsgiving in the form of food and monetary donations, given to our ministry during this Lenten season. It's an amazing feeling when you give from your heart. The recipients are grateful, and it makes God happy. There's no better way to get closer to God than to serve Him through one of His children.

Social Ministry will be closed on Easter Monday, April 17.

CRS Rice Bowl Grant for 2015—2016 (Power Up With Protein) was awarded \$5,500.00 to Social Ministry.

***Have a blessed Easter
from Social Ministry***

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!

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.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

April 16 - Easter Sunday - no activities scheduled.

April 23 - Choir practice and executive meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. - No activities scheduled. **SPRING FESTIVAL.**

Happy Easter to all. May the blessings of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ abide with us forever. Amen.

For more information please contact Jude Obinyan at 832-788.3117.

Men's ACTS Retreat

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

One of my favorite sea shanties is about the Mary Ellen Carter. It tells the story of a crew helping a ship to "Rise Again". Want to learn how to help others "Rise Again"? Come to the ACTS Retreat June 1-4. Check out our Facebook page at **SJM ACTS**.

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.

Spring Festival Update

Our Spring Festival is coming up on April 29 and 30. 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. Donations of plants and garden items and tools are also being accepted. The Silent Auction items are now on display in the parish hall where you can bid on any item. Token pre-sales will take place next weekend 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 and raffle ticket sales. Volunteers are needed for the festival and signup sheets are available after Mass. 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.

Let Us Pray

For the souls of the recently deceased, Marie Louise Thi, Gustavo Ulloa and Graciela Vega. May eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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

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.

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CCE News

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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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