

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 Easter Sunday, April 23, 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

A Season Of Joy

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This first line of today’s first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles—Luke, Peter, and John—who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer. Acts 2:42-47

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. Psalm 118

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven.

1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts.

John 20:19-31

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation.

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

April 2	\$17,609
April 9	\$22,110
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 1,131
Social Ministry	\$ 2,333
Registered Families	1581

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 46,792
Parish Contributions:	\$ 29,070
Balance Due:	\$ 95,710

Number of Participants 199

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

This 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 22nd ~ April 30th

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.	+ Maria Patterson
Sun.	Apr 23rd	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Apr 23rd	5:00 p.m.	+ Michael-Jon Helms
Mon.	Apr 24th	7:00 p.m.	Bobby & Paz Castor
Tue.	Apr 25th	7:00 p.m.	+ All Departed Souls
Wed.	Apr 26th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rev. Rawlin B. Enette, S.S.J.
Thurs.	Apr 27th	9:00 a.m.	+ All Souls in Purgatory
Fri.	Apr 28th	9:00 a.m.	Maria Yu Yin
Fri.	Apr 28th	6:30 p.m.	Maria Va Ong Ba To
Sat.	Apr 29th	9:00 a.m.	Lourdes Riate
Sat.	Apr 29th	5:30 p.m.	+ Glen Brooks
Sun.	Apr 30th	8:00 a.m.	+ Timoteo Taylaron
Sun.	Apr 30th	10:00 a.m.	+ J. V. Hinojosa
Sun.	Apr 30th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Apr 30th	5:00 p.m.	Harold Hamur

Word Of Life

“Even among terminally ill patients, a request to die is nearly always a cry for help . . . And is often associated with a potentially treatable mental disorder such as depression or anxiety.

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 23rd:	Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31
Mon., Apr 24th:	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tues., Apr 25th:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Wed., Apr 26th:	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thurs., Apr 27th:	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Fri., Apr 28th:	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Sat., Apr 29th:	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Sun., Apr 30th:	Acts 2:14,22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35

Parish Events

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

Monday, April 24th

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

Tuesday, April 25th

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 26th

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 27th

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, April 28th

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

Saturday, April 29th - Spring Festival

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

Sunday, April 30th - Spring Festival

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

Giving Thanks When You Shop

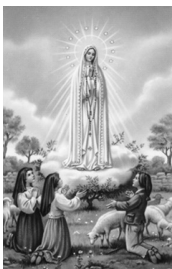
Please be sure to thank the generous advertisers in our bulletin when you visit their business. Through their participation, our parish receives our weekly bulletin free of charge.

Please Do Not Leave Valuables In Your Vehicles

All parishioners are asked to be vigilant in locking their vehicles and storing anything of value out of sight or in the trunk. There have been burglaries of motor vehicles in the parking lot. The thieves are smashing in windows and stealing personal belongings. Houston and Sugarland Police have indicated a rising number of these types of break-ins all over the area. The best way to avoid having your property stolen from your vehicle is to keep everything of value out of sight! Thank you.

Home Enthronement Of The Sacred Heart Of Jesus

Enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus makes Him the center of a family's life and links a family's home to the tabernacle in the church. Christ promised to bless the family which enshrines and honors the image of His Sacred Heart. The preparations and the enthronement ceremony are simple, and free of charge. For more information, all who are interested may contact Rosie Capalad, 832-228-6898 (Rosycap30@yahoo.com) or Harry and Connie Herber, 832-877-4553.



Mark Your Calendars!

May 13, 2017 will be the 100 year anniversary of the Virgin Mary appearing to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. St. Justin Martyr will celebrate with a movie, rosary and candle light procession. Everyone is welcome.



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

Next Sunday, April 30, come out and enjoy the St. Justin Martyr Spring Festival.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

April 23 - Choir practice and executive meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212.

April 30 - No activities scheduled. **SPRING FESTIVAL.**

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**.

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 my 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.

*Our altar flowers this week were donated
In loving memory of
Michael-Jon Helms
By Sergio & Diane Helms*

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

It is truly unbelievable we are easing our way into the last month of the school year. We are currently enrolling for the fall semester if you are interested in information regarding our program, please come by the school, give us a call at 281-556-5116, or visit our web site a www.sjmtx.org!

Parents, please make sure to check you May calendars as we have quite a few activities and fun days planned. Monday, May 1, is Mary's Crowning and we encourage each child to bring a flower for this special day.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting." PS. 118:1

We are having a bake sale this morning after Mass. Please join us for some delicious baked goodies.

Come buy your tickets for a Fitbit and a Tablet to be given away on Father's Day.

We will pray the rosary on May 6 in the chapel before the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Our next meeting will be May 8 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.

Knights of Columbus-SJM Council 8293

Thank you to all the Knights that visited the VA Hospital on Easter Sunday and those who helped out during Holy Week.

The next Council 8293 Business Meeting is Thursday, May 4, 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.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight
will be on the
- **Spring Festival** -

Please join St. Justin Martyr
Parish for this exciting weekend of
Food, Fun and Fellowship!

News About the Mavericks

April 26, 2017 – 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 (ex. cookies, cakes, pies, cupcakes, brownies). Volunteers needed to run booth. Call Susan at 832-243-6789.

May 5 – Friday – 9:00 a.m. – First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at The Egg and I, 14079 Memorial Drive.

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.

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.

Social Ministry News

During March 2017, the Social Ministry assisted 112 households (318 individuals) of which 31 were new clients.

Statistics:

95 Households	Food
4 Households	Rent Pledge
6 Households	Food and Rent Pledge
1 Households	Utility Pledge
6 Households	Food and Utility Pledge

Breakdown of Households by ethnic group:

Asian	3 Households	5 Individuals
Afro American	71 Households	185 Individuals
Hispanics	28 Households	99 Individuals
Anglos	10 Households	29 Individuals

Food for Thought: Thanks to the generous donations during the month of March no food was purchased from the Houston Food Bank.

Thank you for supporting the Social Ministry Food Pantry.

God bless you and keep you safe.

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.

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.

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

Spring Festival Update

Our Spring Festival takes place next weekend April 29 and 30. Please continue to bring in your donations for canned soda, 2 liter bottles of soda, cases of bottled water, 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. Cakes for the cake walk will be accepted starting this Friday as well as Saturday and Sunday of the festival. The silent auction items are now on display in the parish hall where you can bid on any item. Craft booth spaces are also available. Token pre-sales will take place this weekend. 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 sjmtx.org

Garden Booth Donations

The Garden Booth for the Spring Festival is in need of donations due to the hard freeze we had this winter. Plants, pots, tools or even a flat of flowers would be greatly appreciated. Questions, call Sue at 281-530-6867.

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.

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.

CCE News

Contact
Us

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281-902-5701

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First Communion Rehearsals

10:00 AM Mass—May 9 & 16

2:00 PM Mass—May 11 & 18

5:30 PM Mass—May 19

All rehearsals begin at 6:00 PM

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

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School will take place from June 26-30, 2017. Look out for registrations and donation forms coming soon!

The last sacrament class for those students receiving a sacrament this year will be held on **Saturday, May 6** 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.

Spring Festival 2017

Times still available for teens to volunteer!!!
Please contact the Youth Minister to schedule a time to serve during the Spring Festival.

May 13, 2017

The Office of Youth Ministry would like to invite all CCE parents to attend the End of the Year Mass held on ***Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 5:30pm.*** Please make an effort to attend with your family, as we conclude this CCE year.

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