

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 Easter Sunday, May 7, 2017

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor
Deacon Corney Llorens

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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
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Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Alex Pina
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Clergy Reflection

The Call Of The Good Shepherd

The Twenty-third Psalm, today's responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads "Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage" (Psalm 23:4) connects this week's scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

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Today's Readings

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Psalm 23

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian. 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life. John 10:1-10

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Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

April 30	\$17,842
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 20
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1581

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 57,798
Parish Contributions:	\$ 40,361
Balance Due:	\$ 84,419

Number of Participants 258

Upcoming Second Collections

May 28	Catholic Communications
June 18	St. Mary's Seminary Collection
(There is only one collection and the entire collection that day goes to St. Mary's Seminary)	
June 25	Peter's Pence

***Thank you for your continued support
of St. Justin Martyr Parish!***

Trinity Dome Collection

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, is the largest Roman Catholic church in North America. Designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a National Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage, the Basilica is our nation's prominent Marian shrine, dedicated to the patroness of the United States, the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. The Basilica has been a work in progress since the laying of its foundation stone in 1920. Now, as its one hundredth anniversary approaches, a national effort is underway to complete this "Hymn in Stone" as envisioned by its founder, Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, with the mosaic ornamentation of the Trinity Dome, its "Crowning Jewel." The second collection next weekend, May 13 & 14 will be for the Trinity Dome.

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

May 6th ~ May 14th

Sat.	May 6th	5:30 p.m.	+ Gregor Thomas
Sun.	May 7th	8:00 a.m.	+ Richard Allen Burk
Sun.	May 7th	10:00 a.m.	Charlotte Harding
Sun.	May 7th	12:00 p.m.	Xin Nhu Y Chi
Sun.	May 7th	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Mon.	May 8th	7:00 p.m.	Regina Nwachukwu
Tue.	May 9th	7:00 p.m.	+ Regina Ohnheiser
Wed.	May 10th	9:00 a.m.	+ Tina Baena
Thurs.	May 11th	9:00 a.m.	+ Anna & Thomas
Fri.	May 12th	9:00 a.m.	+ George Stroia
Fri.	May 12th	6:30 p.m.	Phaolo
Sat.	May 13th	9:00 a.m.	+ Juana Arredondo
Sat.	May 13th	5:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	May 14th	8:00 a.m.	+ Bob Arnold
Sun.	May 14th	10:00 a.m.	+ Nazario Abarea, Sr.
Sun.	May 14th	12:00 p.m.	Antone
Sun.	May 14th	5:00 p.m.	+ Sergio Galvan Vite

Word Of Life

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering.”

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., May 7th:	Acts 2:14a,36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10
Mon., May 8th:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
Tues., May 9th:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wed., May 10th:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thurs., May 11th:	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Fri., May 12th:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Sat., May 13th:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Sun., May 14th:	Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12

Parish Events

Sunday, May 7th

- 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, May 8th

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

Tuesday, May 9th

- 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, May 10th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 p.m. Elementary CCE
- 7:00 p.m. Last Youth Night
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA Pre-Catechumenate
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA
- 7:00 p.m. Last Adult Sacrament Class

Thursday, May 11th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, May 12th

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

Saturday, May 13th

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

Sunday, May 14th

- 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. Last Middle School & High School CCE

Parish Life

Many Thanks

Thanks to the Catholic Mothers Group of the Vietnamese Community for providing the Wine and Hosts for St. Justin Martyr for the month of May. It is in loving memory of all the deceased members. Special prayers and blessings for all current and former members and their families.

Parish Marian Festival

On Saturday night, May 13, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a parish celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima (1917). The festival will be combined with the annual Memorial Garden Party (our prayerful visit to each of the memorials on the grounds of our parish).

The festival will include the decades of the Rosary prayed at the various memorials outside, a short movie in the parish hall about the apparitions of our Lady at Fatima, Portugal, and some light refreshments afterward. (This is not a fun-raiser.) All parishioner are invited.

Archbishop Auza To Visit St. Justin Martyr Parish

On Saturday, May 13, the Archbishop who is the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, the Most Rev. Bernardito Auza will visit St. Justin Martyr Parish and celebrate Mass here at 10:00 a.m. That date will be the ninth day of a special novena for Filipino groups from the USA and Canada.

Prior to the beginning of the Mass, there will be a procession outside around the church, and following the Mass, there will be formal brunch (open to the Archbishop's guests) in the parish hall. For any further information, a person should call Archbishop Auza's Office in New York: 212-370-9622.



Today Sunday, May 7, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Young Adults on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Next Sunday, May 14, enjoy a Mother's Day Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Mother's eat free!

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

May 7 - General meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome to attend.

May 14 - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome to attend.

May 21 - Choir practice and prayer meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212.

May 28 - Choir practice and executive meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212.

Thanks to all that helped out with the Spring Festival. The success of the Spring Festival was due to your prayers and participation.

For more information please call Jude Obinyan at 832-788-3117

Men's ACTS Retreat

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 continues 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.

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

It is truly unbelievable that we only have 4 weeks left in the school year. May is filled with fun activities, so parents make sure to check your calendar for upcoming events. Of course, we had our traditional Mary's Crowning on Monday morning. All of the children brought flowers to leave with Mary and serenaded us all with "Immaculate Mary." It was absolutely beautiful!

Mom's, please check your child's schedule for our "Mommy and Me" event this week, we hope everyone can attend.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me." JN 10:14

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

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 who assisted with the Spring Festival and those who attended the Convention in Dallas last weekend.

The next Council #8293 Business Meeting is Thursday, May 4, in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus Scholarship application is available to all St. Justin Martyr Parishioners and the deadline is today, May 7. Please drop your application off at the Parrish office.

KC invites all Parishioners, family and friends on their Annual Fishing trip - Deep Sea Fishing - in the Gulf on June 17, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. All gear - fishing pole, bait etc. will be provided by the charter boat, all you need to do is show up and fish. To make reservations, please contact Michael Robinson at 832-744-6749 or the Grand Knight at 281-707-4444.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Michael Akiboh at 281-707-4444.

News About the Mavericks

May 8 – Monday – Bus trip to tour Texas Mattress Makers and the National Weather Service in Dickinson. Cost \$2. Lunch at Pappas Barbecue. Sandwiches & burgers \$7 - \$10. Plates \$10 - \$13. Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. from church parking lot.

May 9 – 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.

May 17 – Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. – Monthly meeting in parish hall followed by a chili-dog supper and table games.

May 19 – Friday – Miller Outdoor Theater to see "The Elixir of Love" a comic opera. Car pool from church at 6:15 p.m. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413.

LOOKING AHEAD!

June 11 – Sunday – Trip to Casino Coshatta. Cost \$10. Make your reservations early 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.

Social Ministry News

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for they shall be satisfied."

Where does the time go? The month of May is here. Children are busy completing their school projects and getting ready for final exams. Families will be celebrating events during May: First Communion, Mother's Day, Graduation, Confirmation, etc.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Celebrate this special day by donating a non-perishable food item to Social Ministry. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight will be on the
- Legion de Maria -
Visit the table in the Narthex after Mass next weekend to learn more about this 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.

Please Pray For:

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

May 27 Donald Williams & Monica Hill



*Our altar flowers this week were donated
By Phuong Nguyen
For Anna Nguyen Thi Soi*

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

Special Thanks

A special thanks goes out to all of this year's Spring Festival volunteers for their hard work and support! You have all given so generously of yourselves, not only for the event; but also, in the many other ways that you work to build up this part of God's kingdom. Thanks also to the people of God, our parish community who came out and supported us this past weekend!

"Oh God, thank you for the many ways You have blessed us, especially today!"

And The Winners Are . . .

1st Prize	Carolyn Nichols
2nd Prize	Galen Pyle
3rd Prize	Carlos Lopez
4th Prize	Martin Obinyan
5th Prize	Khoa Nguyen
6th Prize	Susan Pyle
7th Prize	Cesar Avila
8th Prize	Daniel Perez
9th Prize	Joni Akhiemkhalu
10th Prize	Rebecca Mendoza
11th Prize	Barbara Adams
12th Prize	Bonnie Syzdek
13th Prize	Rod dela Paz
14th Prize	F. Hartel
15th Prize	Carl Altenburger
16th Prize	Edward Caberra
17th Prize	Chris Aleman
18th Prize	Fr. Paul Chovanec
19th Prize	Christian Nweke
20th Prize	Angela Oji

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.

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.

CCE News

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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 turn in your Rice Bowls!

Proceeds will go to families in need both locally and around the world. Thank you for your generosity!

Save the Date!

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

Early registration for the 2017-2018 CCE year will be open until May 15 during all CCE class times. Early registrants will receive a discount on tuition.

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.

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.

Youth Breakfast

Please join us after Mass (8am & 10am) for our last Youth Breakfast of this CCE School Year.

Other Events

Baccalaureate Mass May 27 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass
Confirmation Mass June 24 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass

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