

# 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.



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## *Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2017*

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**Vacant**  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

## Clergy Reflection

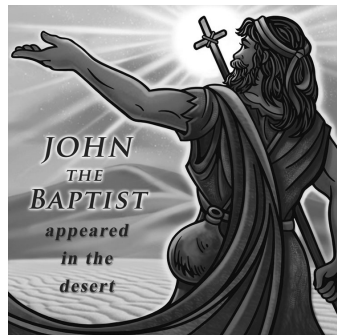
### Messenger's Of God

*"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way."*

The Gospel tells us that in the days before Jesus began his ministry, a man called John began preaching and telling the people to prepare for the coming King. When John told people to prepare for the King, he didn't mean that they should go home and sweep the floor, pick up their toys, and make their beds. He meant that they should prepare themselves to recognize Jesus and his love, by what WE say and do. You and I both have witnessed numerous examples of people showing the love of Christ, during the recent floods that affected everyone in one way or another. All of these people were messengers of God's love, as they revealed to us what God's caring is supposed to look like.

We weren't called to wait for disasters to reveal the needs; we are all called at all times to be messengers of God's love. Some of those affected by the recent disasters will never forget the outpouring of help, for it was truly a gift. In fact, in showing others the love of God at times like this is the greatest gift we can give to one another. Continue to be God's messenger, make straight his paths.

Deacon Corney



## Financial Stewardship

### Weekend Collection

December 3	\$17,716
On-line Giving	\$ 303
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Building Improvements	\$ 600
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1851

### Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$111,944
Parish Contributions:	\$106,005
<b>Balance Due:</b>	<b>\$ 18,775</b>

Number of Participants 523

### Upcoming Second Collections

December 10 Retirement Fund for Religious

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



### Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

This weekend, December 9 & 10, is the annual Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. Almost 33,000 women religious and more than 5,500 men religious are past the age of 70. Though they may withdraw from a paid full time ministry, religious continue to visit the sick, tutor children and volunteer in parishes among refugee populations.

Your donations help alleviate the spiraling cost of health care.

## Prayer Needs

### Mass Intentions

#### December 9th ~ December 17th

<b>Sat.</b>	Dec 9th	5:30 p.m.	+ Deceased Members of the Farnon Family
<b>Sun.</b>	Dec 10th	8:00 a.m.	Miriam Onyenobi
<b>Sun.</b>	Dec 10th	10:00 a.m.	+ Loreto Abarca
<b>Sun.</b>	Dec 10th	12:00 p.m.	+ St. Anne
<b>Sun.</b>	Dec 10th	5:00 p.m.	+ Michael Helms
<b>Mon.</b>	Dec 11th	7:00 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>Tue.</b>	Dec 12th	7:00 p.m.	+ Maria Mondraeon Faustino Ramirez
<b>Wed.</b>	Dec 13th	9:00 a.m.	+ Guise Nguyen Van Rat
<b>Thurs.</b>	Dec 14th	9:00 a.m.	+ Novais Rodrigues
<b>Fri.</b>	Dec 15th	9:00 a.m.	+ Pilar Morales
<b>Fri.</b>	Dec 15th	6:30 p.m.	+ St. Joachim
<b>Sat.</b>	Dec 16th	9:00 a.m.	+ Pilar Morales
<b>Sat.</b>	Dec 16th	5:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Dec 17th	8:00 a.m.	+ Sara Galindoz
<b>Sun.</b>	Dec 17th	10:00 a.m.	+ Carlos Nunez
<b>Sun.</b>	Dec 17th	12:00 p.m.	For Lucia's Family
<b>Sun.</b>	Dec 17th	5:00 p.m.	+ Elizabeth Garcia

## Readings for the Week

Sun., Dec 10th	Is 40:1-5,9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8
Mon., Dec 11th	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tues., Dec 12th	Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
Wed., Dec 13th	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thurs., Dec 14th:	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Fri., Dec 15th:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Sat., Dec 16th:	Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Mt 17:9a,10-13
Sun., Dec 17th	Is 61:1-2a,10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28



## Parish Events

### Sunday, December 10th - Second Sunday of Advent

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, December 11th

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

### Tuesday, December 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

### Wednesday, December 13th

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

### Thursday, December 14th

9:00 a.m. Mass

### Friday, December 15th

9:00 a.m. Mass  
 6:30 p.m. Mass  
 7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass

### Saturday, December 16th

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

### Sunday, December 17th - Third Sunday of Advent

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

### *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

# Parish Life

## Annual Ukrainian Christmas Celebration

The Pokrova Ukrainian Church cordially invites you to their celebration and bazaar on Sunday, December 10 from Noon to 5:00 p.m. at 9102 Meadowshire St., Houston, Texas. They will have lunch, music and entertainment.

## Donation for the Christmas Season

Donation envelopes are available in the pews to contribute to the cost of poinsettias and greenery for Christmas. Please help if you are able. Thank you. All memorials will be published in the bulletin.

### **Poinsettias for Christmas**

Remember a loved one at Christmas by donating towards the Poinsettias 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.

### — Poinsettias for Christmas —

I would like to donate towards decorating the Church with Poinsettias at \$10.00 per Memorial, for the following:

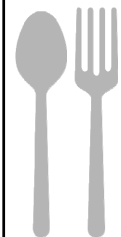
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2. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



*Today, Sunday, December 10, enjoy Vietnamese Food on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.*

*Next Sunday, December 17, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.*

## December 22

*On December 22 there is only one Mass that day, the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
There is NO 6:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass*

## Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23 & 24

*5:30 p.m. English Mass*

*8:00 a.m. English Mass*

*10:00 a.m. English Mass*

*Noon Vietnamese Mass*

*There is NO 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass*

## Christmas Eve - December 24

*5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass*

*8:00 p.m. Spanish Vigil Mass*

*Christmas Midnight Mass*

*Prelude music will begin at 11:00 p.m.  
Mass will be at Midnight*

## Christmas Day - December 25

*10:00 a.m. English Mass*

*12 Noon Vietnamese Mass*

*Please note: The Parish Office will be closed at Noon on December 22, and all day December 25 & 26.*

*There is NO 6:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass on December 22.*

*There is NO Mass on December 26.*

## *New Year's Eve Mass - December 31*

*Regular Sunday Mass Schedule*

## *New Year's Day Mass - January 1*

*10:00 a.m.*

**If you are a St. Justin Martyr Liturgical Minister please consider serving at Mass. Sign-up in the brides-room.**

**Mark Your Calendar  
Mercy Festival - January 13**

# Parish Life

## St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

The children have been working so hard on our annual Christmas program scheduled for this Friday, December 15 at 11:30 a.m.! We hope everyone has made arrangements to come and enjoy a delightful holiday performance to kick off your holidays!

The Preschool will dismiss at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15 and extended care is not available on this day.

### ***Daughters of Isabella***

Unity, Friendship and Charity

This year has been a very difficult year for many people in our city. The Daughters have adopted two families in need to assure that they have a Merry Christmas. If you are able to do the same, this is very rewarding and very much appreciated.

Our annual Christmas party will be held today December 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Lasagna House. We will have a gift exchange for whomever wants to participate. There is a \$20 limit on the gift.

Upcoming Events:

**January 6** - Rosary in the chapel before 5:30 p.m. Mass.

**January 8** - Our next meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the Mercy Festival on January 13, 2018.

## Knights of Columbus-SJM Council 8293

### **Calendar Activities:**

**December 10** - KC Officers meeting at 11:00 a.m.

**December 12** - KC Chapter Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**December 14** - KC Business meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the SJM parish hall.

**December 21** - KC Christmas Party at 7:00 p.m. at St Justin Martyr in the SJM parish hall.

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

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight will be on the

**- Grupo de Oracion Luz y Vida -**

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

## News About the Mavericks

**December 12 – Tuesday – 3:00 p.m.** – Monthly birthday party for residents at West Oaks Geriatric Center. If interested in bringing cheer to these shut-ins this holiday season call Joanne at 281-395-2123.

**December 16 – Saturday – 1:30 p.m.** – Club Christmas party in parish hall. Pot luck meal followed by a “white elephant” gift exchange. Turkey and ham will be provided.

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.

## Let Us Pray

For the souls of the recently deceased, Alfredo Velazquez & Juan Pereira May eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

## Please Welcome Our Newest Members

Baptized last weekend:

Avery Rose Gerber  
Alexis Emike Kadiri  
Leonora Roli Okah

## Social Ministry News

### **Food Drive**

Next Sunday is our monthly food drive.

As we prepare for the Birth of Jesus, during this Advent season, please consider donating a non-perishable food item and help those less fortunate.

### **Wish list for Pantry:**

**Crackers  
Mac & Cheese**

Sincere thank you to the St. Justin Martyr Preschool and all the parishioners for your generous food/monetary donations during the month of November.

**13 Families received a Thanksgiving meal.**

**May God bless and keep you safe.**

# Parish Life

## St. Justin's Young Adult Group

Are you, your child, or your grandchild between 18 and 35ish? Join the Young Adult Community for faith and fellowship.

**December 12 - Why Evil Exists?** Join us in CFC 211 (Library) at 7:00 p.m. as we learn and discuss various views on why evil exists.

**December 19 - Monthly Dinner.** Carpool from the church to Halal Guys, Westchase (11700 Westheimer Rd., Suite H, Houston Texas 77077) for food and fellowship. <https://thehalalguys.com/>.

**December 26 - NO Meeting.** Merry Christmas!

**January 2 - No meeting.** Happy New Year!  
Questions, call Robert Ontko at [832-372-9928](tel:832-372-9928).

## African Community of St. Justin Martyr

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

**December 17 - African Community Christmas party** after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

For more information, contact Okey Okafor at 832-526-6668.

## *December 31 & January 7 Bulletin Deadlines*

*All Articles for the December 31 bulletin must be to the Bulletin Editor by 9:00 a.m. on December 21. Additionally all articles for the January 7 bulletin must be to the Bulletin Editor on December 28.*

## Xavier Society For The Blind

With an existing catalog of over 1,400 braille and audio titles, Xavier Society for the Blind provides inspirational, spiritual and religious reading materials in braille, audio and/or large print to the blind and visually impaired community of faithful free of charge including

- Monthly readings, prayers and responses for the Sunday Mass and selected Feast Days and Solemnities.
- Faith Formation textbooks for children and adults.
- Many popular titles related to the Catholic Church, religion, and spiritual themes.

If you know a family member, friend or fellow parishioner who could benefit from our services visit our website—[xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org) or call (800) 637-9193.

## Many Thanks

Many thanks to Gary & Fae Knight for providing the Wine and Hosts for St. Justin Martyr for the month of December.

## Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Everyone is invited to attend this special celebration on Tuesday, December 12, Mananitas and Rosary at 5:30 a.m. Evening service will begin with a rosary at 6:15 p.m. followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. There will be a reception in the parish hall after Mass where traditional foods will be served. Please join us in honoring our Blessed Mother. All services will be in Spanish.

## Simbang Gabi Christmas Celebration

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Simbang Gabi a Filipino Christmas tradition on Friday, December 15. It will begin with a Rosary at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by fellowship in the parish hall. For more information please call Phillip Mendoza at 832-491-3767 or Connie Herber at 832-877-4557.

## *ACTS Mission - WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT "In the shadow of your Wings I shout for Joy" PS 63:8*

Yes, you heard it correctly. The Women's ACTS Retreat has been rescheduled! **Our new retreat date is February 8-11, 2018, at Our Lady of Lourdes Retreat Center, Houston, Texas, 77047.**

Women, if God is calling you to attend this spirit filled retreat please email or call; Mary Lou Grothaus at [momgrothaus@gmail.com](mailto:momgrothaus@gmail.com) / 713-582-6091, or Susan Pyle at [susan.pyle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susan.pyle@sbcglobal.net) / 713-826-0783, for your registration form. A table will soon be available in the Narthex after each Mass to sign you up and answer any questions you may have. If you have already attended a Women's ACTS retreat and are interested in teaming with a wonderful group of your sisters, we would love to have you! Meetings are Tuesday evenings in room 110 CFC building, at 7:00 p.m. (Food and fellowship starts at 6:30 p.m.) Next meeting is Tuesday, 12/12/17. (No meetings on December 19 and December 26 for the Holidays. Please join us!

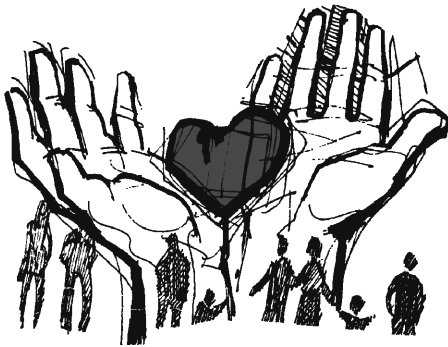
# CCE News

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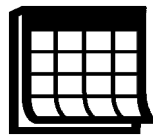
Starting this week, we will have a children's collection. We invite your family to participate in this collection to teach our children the importance of tithing.



**Our next sacrament class will be on**

**December 16 from 12-2 PM**

Please check calendar for sacrament class dates.



*Check your calendars!*

There will be **NO CCE** from **December 18 through January 7**. We will see you back on January 8.

## Middle and High School Youth Ministry

For more information about youth events and activities contact:

Vacant, Coordinator of Youth Ministries

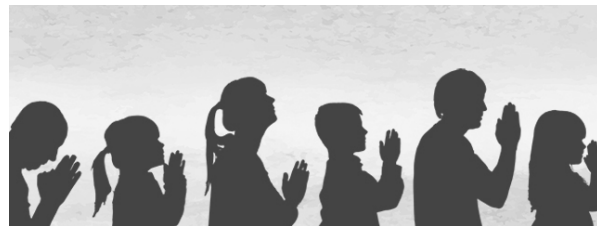
281-902-5710

Information is also available on the Youth Ministry page of the parish website at [www.sjmtx.org](http://www.sjmtx.org).

## Important Days To Remember

Sunday, December 24 & Sunday, December 31 there are NO CCE Classes

Wednesday, December 20 & Wednesday, December 27 there are NO Youth Nights





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