

# 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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## *Epiphany of the Lord , January 7, 2018*

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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](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

**Vacant**  
DRE

**Karen Rachal**  
Parish Administrator

**Vacant**  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

## Clergy Reflection

### Can We Be A Light?

What is the message of this story of the three Kings from the Orient, following a star, visiting and worshipping the baby Jesus, bringing Him gifts? The hint is that they were from the East. They are not Jews. The message is that Jesus, His message, and His salvation, is manifested (the word Epiphany means manifestation) to all people regardless of origins or nationality. Today's feast declares an end to the idea of national or personal exclusive gods. He brings an end to personally possessed gods. We cannot even personally possess Jesus. He is not anyone's personal savior. He is manifested, epiphanied to everyone.

These three guys, were not actually kings. They were star gazers. They were star trekkers. They were barrier breakers, shattering false ethnic fences. This story is not simply for entertainment. It is a challenge for us. If Jesus can be for anyone, regardless of who they are, or where they come from, can we? Jesus is the light of the whole world. Can we be a light for those different from us?

Deacon Corney

### Saints And Special Observances

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;  
National Migration Week;  
Julian Calendar Christmas

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary

## Financial Stewardship

### Weekend Collection

For the December 31 & January 7 Collections please see the January 14 bulletin.

December 24	\$19,016
December 25	\$14,592
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Building Improvements	\$ 28
Social Ministry	\$ 150
Registered Families	1851

Go to [sjm@sjmtx.org](mailto:sjm@sjmtx.org) for Online Giving.

Like us on Facebook: Saint Justin Martyr Catholic Community Church.

### New Sunday Offering Envelopes

This month you will receive new envelopes provided by Our Sunday Visitor. Envelopes will be mailed every other month beginning with the January mailing for February and March. Your envelope number will remain the same. Please call our office if you do not receive your envelopes by January 25. Thank you!

### Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$112,912
Parish Contributions:	\$109,058

**Balance Due:** \$ 15,722

Number of Participants 530

### Upcoming Second Collections

January 28	Bishop's Fund for Latin America
February 4	DSF
February 14	Archdiocesan Social Ministries

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

# Prayer Needs

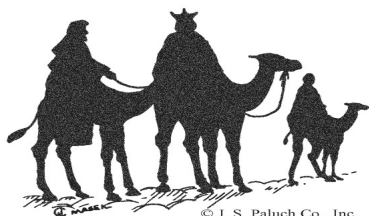
## Mass Intentions

January 6th ~ January 14th

<b>Sat.</b>	Jan 6th	5:30 p.m.	+ Stephen Barta
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 7th	8:00 a.m.	Al & Charlotte Lopez
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 7th	10:00 a.m.	+ Guadalupe Torres
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 7th	12:00 p.m.	+ Forgotten Souls
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 7th	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Mon.</b>	Jan 8th	7:00 p.m.	+ For Souls Who Have No One to Pray For Them
<b>Tue.</b>	Jan 9th	7:00 p.m.	+ For Souls In Purgatory
<b>Wed.</b>	Jan 10th	9:00 a.m.	+ George Phetteplace
<b>Thurs.</b>	Jan 11th	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
<b>Fri.</b>	Jan 12th	9:00 a.m.	+ Domnic & Anna Rodriguez
<b>Fri.</b>	Jan 12th	6:30 p.m.	+ Brenda Futch
<b>Sat.</b>	Jan 13th	9:00 a.m.	+ Jose & Rosy Barratt
<b>Sat.</b>	Jan 13th	5:30 p.m.	+ Allen Martin, Sr.
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 14th	8:00 a.m.	+ Antonio O. Marquez
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 14th	10:00 a.m.	+ Leopoldinha Raphael
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 14th	12:00 p.m.	+ Ralph Anselmi
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan 14th	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin

## Readings for the Week

Sun., Jan 7th:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/ Mt 2:1-12
Mon., Jan 8th:	Is 55:1-11/Mk 1:7-11
Tues., Jan 9th:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wed., Jan 10th:	1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thurs., Jan 11th:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Fri., Jan 12th:	1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Sat., Jan 13th:	1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1/Mk 2:13-17
Sun., Jan 14th:	1 Sm 3:3b-10,19/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42



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# Parish Events

## Sunday, January 7th - Epiphany of the Lord

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, January 8th - Baptism of the Lord

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

## Tuesday, January 9th

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, January 10th

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. NO Adult Sacrament Class  
7:00 p.m. No Youth Night  
7:00 p.m. Elementary CCE

## Thursday, January 11th

9:00 a.m. Mass

## Friday, January 12th

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

## Saturday, January 13th

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

## Sunday, January 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. Middle School & High School CCE

## Vocations Brief

Holiness is a challenge for all of us, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners—and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.

*Serra for priestly and religious vocations*

# Parish Life

## Mercy Festival

The January Mercy Festival will generate support for Father Ron Cloutier (Head of Ministry to the Incarcerated of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston). It will be sponsored by the Jail Ministry Team of St. Justin Martyr Parish. It will be held on Saturday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Admission will consist of one book of Forever Stamps or \$5. The meal (to be prepared by the Knights of Columbus) will be like the meal served in jail on that date, and the dessert will be provided by the Daughters of Isabella. The entertainment will be provided by the parish ministers to the incarcerated. Door prizes will be awarded.

## *Tax Statements*

### *February 15 - Deadline*

Your statement of contributions for the year 2017 will be mailed soon. When you receive it, check it out for correctness.

If there is an error, you must contact the office before February 15 in order for us to research your record and generate a corrected copy.

Our computer system does not provide the option for us to store that information indefinitely. On February 16, the entire year of 2017 will be archived.

## 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.



**Today, Sunday, January 7, there are NO Food Sales today.**

**Next Sunday, January 14, enjoy Vietnamese Food on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.**

## *Fr. Paul Chovanec & Fr. Peter Nguyen on Retreat*

Fr. Paul will be on Retreat Monday, January 8 through the afternoon of Friday, January 12. We will have a Communion Service on Thursday, January 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Fr. Peter will be on Retreat January 22 through the afternoon of Friday, January 26. We will have a Communion Service on Monday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m.

## Many Thanks

To Sue Leonhard for donating the wine for St. Justin Martyr for the month of January.

## **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.) Please join us!

## That Man Is You

Men of St. Justin "That Man Is You" begins again on Saturday, January 20, at 7:00 a.m. in the parish hall. "The Revelation of a Father" is the name of the series. Will you become a man after God's own heart? Get a taste of "That Man is You" with just a few sessions. Do it for yourself, for your family, for God's church, for a better society. The program is offered free. Coffee and kolaches. Contact [raymondtorres@peoplepc.com](mailto:raymondtorres@peoplepc.com).

# Parish Life

## St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

Doesn't it seem like the holidays take forever to get here and before you know it they are gone! We sure hope everyone has enjoyed their time off having fun, visiting with relatives and enjoying the Christmas season!

The teachers are well rested and ready to jump into our spring semester. Welcome to several new friends here at St. Justin Preschool. There are a few spaces still available for the remainder of the school year, so please call us at 281-556-1260 if you are interested in joining our wonderful preschool program!

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

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"Where is this newborn King of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage."

Upcoming events:

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

**Mark your calendars for the Mercy Festival on January 13.**

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 Knights of Columbus is wishing you all a happy wonderful 2018 with good health, prosperity and God's blessing.

We are selling Briskets and Sausages for the Super Bowl to raise money for Scholarships. Order forms available at the Parish Office or after Masses.

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

**St. Justin, pray for us!**

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight  
will be on the

**- Knights of Columbus -**

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

## News About the Mavericks

**January 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.

**January 19 – Friday – 6:30 p.m.** – Monthly meeting in the parish hall. Installation of officers and program on making funeral arrangements.

### **Looking Ahead!**

**February 11 – Sunday** – Casino Coushatta trip. Cost \$10. Bus begins to load at 7:30 a.m. from church parking lot. Make your reservations early.

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.

## 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.

## Social Ministry News

### ***Happy New Year to All!***

As I was searching for a cookie recipe to make, I found this recipe for a "Happy Home" and I would like to share it with you.

A Happy Home Recipe

4 c. love	2 c. loyalty
3 c. forgiveness	1 c. friendship
5 T. hope	2 T. tenderness
1 qt. faith	1 barrel laughter

Take love and loyalty. Mix it thoroughly with faith. Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding. Add friendship and hope. Sprinkle abundantly with laughter. Beat it with sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings.

Ms. Louis Wick

Social Ministry is very appreciative of the donations given to the ministry during this past year. Thank you for your generosity.

# 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

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

**January 9 - Bible Study.** Join us in CFC 211 (Library) at 7:00 p.m. as we enjoy snacks and explore the readings of the week.

**January 16 - 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.

**January 23 - Monthly Dinner.** Carpool from the church at 7:00 p.m. to The Original Marini's Empanada House for food and fellowship.

**Save The Date - February 4 - Fourth Annual Chili Cook-off and Super Bowl Watch Party.**

Questions, call Robert Ontko at [832-372-9928](tel:832-372-9928).

## 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.

## *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

## Let's Celebrate...

All the wonderful things the Holy Spirit is accomplishing in our parish: stewardship, volunteerism, diversity and unity! Come to the parish hall on Saturday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy an evening full of friendly faces, international foods, prizes, and entertainment. There is no charge for this celebration organized by the Stewardship Committee. Come and enjoy a fun evening with your SJM family!

## Please Pray For...

The following couple will celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Justin Martyr.

January 20 Pedro Ramirez-Duarte &  
Ana Gabriela Alvarez

January 26 Vy Ngoc Tran &  
Vy Tran Thuy Nguyen

## Texas Rally For Life 2018

Join thousands of Texans at the Rally in Austin. It will be held on January 27 on the south steps of the Capitol in Austin. It will commemorate the 45th anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision of 1973, which made abortion legal through out all 9 months of pregnancy. Let's fill a bus with St. Justin parishioners. The bus will be at the church west parking lot at 6:30 a.m. We will attend Mass for Life at St. Vincent de Paul at 8:15 a.m. celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo, then we will head to Austin for the Rally march at 1:00 p.m. Reboard the bus at 3:30 p.m. by the Capitol steps and return to St. Justin around 7:00 p.m. Seats on the bus are \$30 per seat with water, coffee and gatorade provided for the trip and some pastries in the morning. Please contact Nan or James DeGhelder for additional details or to reserve a seat on the bus at 281-610-8907 or 832-358-5037.

## Let Us Pray

For the souls of the recently deceased:

Nicefora Arzadon

Gerald Miller

Maria Guellelma

May eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

# **CCE News**

Contact us

Perla Galvan-Sainz  
CCE Assistant  
281-902-5712

## **First Confessions**

Students in their 2nd year of preparation will make their First Confession during regular CCE classes in January and February.

Parents please practice with your children the Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition. Please continue to spend time talking with your children about this great Sacrament.

Pray with your children to the Holy Spirit to help him/her make a good First Confession.

**Our next Sacrament Class for those students receiving a Sacrament this year will be held on Saturday, January 13 from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m.**

**Students must complete all 14 classes. Please have your children turn in make-up work ASAP.**

**CCE Classes resume tomorrow, January 8.**

**There will be no CCE Class on January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.**

## **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).



## **Youth Nights**

Youth Nights will resume on January 17. Do you need a break from homework? How about making new friends and getting closer to old ones? Ever wonder how to grow in your faith in an exciting and relevant way? Do you like having fun? Come check it out, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. 2nd floor of the CFC building.

## **CCE Classes**

They resume on Sunday, January 14.

January 7 - NO Class

January 14 - Class

January 21 - Class

January 28 - Class

February 4 - NO Class

The deadline to pay for CCE Registration, Day of Reflection or Retreat is January 14. Please make payment arrangements by this date.



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