

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.



Third Sunday In Ordinary Time, January 21, 2018

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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

Vacant
DRE

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Martha Garza
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Clergy Reflection

The Demands Of Discipleship

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways. Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord. Psalm 25

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away. 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Mark 1:14-20

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Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

For the collection amount of January 14, please see the bulletin of January 28.

Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Building Improvements	\$ -0-
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1851

Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for Online Giving.

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

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$127,386
Parish Contributions:	\$124,905
Balance Due:	(\$125)

Number of Participants 558

Although we have not received our final report, our records indicate we have topped our 2017 DSF Goal by \$125.

Congratulations St. Justin Martyr!

Upcoming Second Collections

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

Bishop's Fund For Latin American

Next week, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America in the Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

January 20th ~ January 28th

Sat.	Jan 20th	5:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Jan 21st	8:00 a.m.	+ Emanuele Cassarino
Sun.	Jan 21st	10:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving for Health
Sun.	Jan 21st	12:00 p.m.	+ Thomas
Sun.	Jan 21st	5:00 p.m.	Teresa Alvarez & Family
Mon.	Jan 22nd	7:00 p.m.	Communion Service
Tue.	Jan 23rd	7:00 p.m.	+ Frieda Fanning
Wed.	Jan 24th	9:00 a.m.	Blanca Botero
Thurs.	Jan 25th	9:00 a.m.	Justine Uche
Fri.	Jan 26th	9:00 a.m.	+ Mary Louise Adams
Fri.	Jan 26th	6:30 p.m.	+ Rev. Michael Alchediak, SJ
Sat.	Jan 27th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rev. Michael Kennelly, S.J.
Sat.	Jan 27th	5:30 p.m.	Rosario Reyes
Sun.	Jan 28th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Jan 28th	10:00 a.m.	+ William Davidson
Sun.	Jan 28th	12:00 p.m.	Ana Tran Thi Doyet
Sun.	Jan 28th	5:00 p.m.	+ Juan Carlos Castillo & Sandra Perez

Readings for the Week

Sun., Jan 21st:	Jon 3:1-5,10/1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20
Mon., Jan 22nd:	2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Mk 3:22-30
Tues., Jan 23rd:	2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19/Mk 3:31-35
Wed., Jan 24th:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thurs., Jan 25th:	Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
Fri., Jan 26th:	2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:26-34
Sat., Jan 27th:	2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Sun., Jan 28th:	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28



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Parish Events

Sunday, January 21st

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, January 22nd

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

Tuesday, January 23rd

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 24th

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. Youth Night
7:00 p.m. Elementary CCE

Thursday, January 25th

9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Adult Sacrament Class

Friday, January 26th

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

Saturday, January 27th

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

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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.

Parish Life

Coordinator of Children's Religious Education Needed

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Community is searching for a Coordinator of Children's Religious Education. This is a fulltime staff position of 40 hours.

This person will be responsible for planning, organizing and directing parish programs of Lifelong Faith Formation under the direction of the Pastor, and in collaboration with the Pastoral Staff.

This person is required to have a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies or Theology. Bi-lingual is a plus.

Please submit your resume and all references to Mrs. Karen Rachal, Parish Administrator, St. Justin Martyr, 13350 Ashford Point Drive, Houston, Texas 77082. The fax number is 281-556-6932.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

January 21 - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome to attend.

January 28 - Executive meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in in the CFC building room 212.

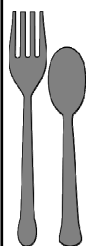
For more information, contact Okey Okafor at 832-526-6668.

Altar Flowers

Our Altar Flowers this weekend were donated by a parishioner in Thanksgiving to God.

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.



January 21, enjoy Breakfast Tacos on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

January 28, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Fr. Peter Nguyen on Retreat

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.

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 / 713-582-6091, or Susan Pyle at 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!

Grammy Award Winning Christian Music Legend Coming to Houston Co-Cathedral

Christian Music legend John Michael Talbot will bring his "Lifetime of Music & Ministry" Concert Tour on Thursday, February 8 to the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart located at 1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, Texas. Tickets are \$30 for General Admission and \$50 for a special VIP Package that includes preferred seating, early admission to the artist's sound check and an autographed CD. The concert is sponsored by God's Embrace Ministries and tickets can be purchased online at www.godsembrace.org. Questions, call Kristin Barnhill at 979-561-8883.

Bible Donation

Donate a Bible 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 \$30. Please stop by or call the parish office for more information.

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner. Registration for our 2018 - 2019 school year will begin next month. Please call us for information regarding registration for your preschooler! Check us out on the web at sjmtx.org or give us a call at 281-5561260!

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

**“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”
Mk 1:15**

Join us at the “Texas Rally For Life 2018” on January 27. Contact Nan or James DeGhelder for details 281-610-8907 or 832-358-5037.

Our next meeting is February 12@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

The Knights of Columbus Council 8293 is asking you to Support our Scholarship Project to raise Money for Scholarship awards for High school students at St Justin Martyr Parish by these two events:

1. Selling Super Bowl Raffle Tickets with Grand prize of a 55" LED, HD 4K TV. Each Raffle ticket is \$10.00 and only 500 tickets will be sold. Drawing is next Sunday, January 28 at 11:30 a.m. [right after the 10:00 a.m. Mass]. Raffle Tickets on Sale NOW text 832-455-2709 for tickets.

2. Selling of Super Bowl Meats of Brisket, Sausages and BBQ Chicken for your Super Bowl party. We are taking orders now, place your order NOW, pickup of your order is February 4, 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No meat will sold on that day. Order by Text message send to 832-455-2709; text ONLY.

Calendar Activities:

January 28 - KC Officers Meeting at 12 Noon

Drawing of Super Bowl Raffle Ticket

February 1 - KC Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

February 2 - KC Clergy Appreciation Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

February 4 - KC Super Bowl Brisket Pickup, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Questions, call please contact Grand Knight Michael Akiboh 281-707-4444.

News About the Mavericks

January 24 – Wednesday – SW Senior Senate meeting at St. Cyril’s. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

January 31 – Wednesday – Out-to-lunch at Fuddrucker’s, 2475 S. Kirkwood. Cost \$6 - \$10. Meet at restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Reservations to Virginia at 281-498-6077 by January 29.

February 2 – Friday – 9:00 a.m. – First Friday Mass followed by continental breakfast in parish hall.

Looking Ahead!

February 11 – Sunday – Casino Coushatta trip. Cost \$10. Bus begins loading at 7:30 a.m. Make your reservations NOW to Marge at 281-498-3413.

Next Weekend is

-Newcomer Welcome Weekend-

Visit the table in the Narthex after Mass next weekend to learn more about St. Justin Martyr and becoming a parishioner.

Social Ministry News

During December 2017, the Social Ministry assisted 82 households (247 individuals) of which 22 were new clients.

Statistics:

62 Households	Food
2 Households	Rent Pledge
3 Households	Food and Rent Pledge
5 Households	Utility Pledge
10 Households	Food and Utility Pledge

Breakdown of Households by ethnic group:

Asian	4 Households	7 Individuals
Afro American	52 Households	144 Individuals
Hispanics	20 Households	77 Individuals
Anglos	6 Households	19 Individuals

Food for Thought: During December the Social Ministry purchased 900 pounds of food for \$120.73 from the Houston Food Bank. 36 families received a Christmas meal and 12 children and under received presents. In addition the Mons/Dad’s received a gift thanks to the Women’s ACT’s Retreat Team.

Thank you for supporting the social ministry food pantry.

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 23 - Monthly Dinner. Carpool from the church at 7:00 p.m. to The Original Marini's Empanada House for food and fellowship. **Jan. 30 - Bible Study.** Join us in CFC 211 (Library) at 7 PM as we enjoy snacks and explore the readings for the week.

February 4 - Super Chili Bowl IV. We will need help setting up the hall starting around 4:00 p.m. Invite your friends and family.

February 6 - 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.

Questions or comments, contact Robert Ontko at robert.ontko@gmail.com or [832-372-9928](tel:832-372-9928).



Super Chili Bowl IV - The Young Adult Community (18-35ish) invites everyone at the parish to join me for their fourth annual Super Chili Bowl (Chili Cook-off and Super Bowl Party).

\$10 to enter/eat chili with snacks & drinks. \$5 off with a non-perishable food donation to the Souper Bowl of Caring. No charge to just watch the game (or commercials). Open to all ages and faiths.

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

Please Pray For . . .

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

January 26 Vy Ngoc Tran &
Vy Tran Thuy Nguyen

Monday Night Bible Study

Resumes on January 22 at 7:30 p.m. in room 110 of the CFC building. We will continue our study of 2 Corinthians. All are invited.

We invite you . . .

. . . We invite you on Sunday, February 11, to join the Vietnamese Community in celebrating the Vietnamese New Year, TET. TET officially marks the beginning of their lunar new year. This year, 2018, is the year of the dog. This friendly and festive family holiday is the ultimate holiday for the Vietnamese people.

The Vietnamese TET is an occasion for an entire people to share a common ideal of peace, accord, and mutual love. Let us come together as a community to celebrate on this special day. This special celebration will begin with the Vietnamese Mass at noon, followed by festivities in the parish hall.

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.

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 child to the Holy Spirit to help him/her make a good First Confession.

Children's Collection

SJM will have a Children's collection at each Mass. We invite your family to participate in this collection to teach our children the importance of tithing.

Our next Sacrament Class for those students receiving a Sacrament this year will be held on Saturday, January 27 from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Students must complete all 14 classes. Please have your children turn in make-up work ASAP.

Middle and High School Youth Ministry

For more information about youth events and activities contact:

Coordinator of Youth Ministries
Martha Garza

281-902-5710
mgarza@sjmtx.com

Information is also available on the Youth Ministry page of the parish website at www.sjmtx.org.

Please welcome Martha Garza as our new Youth Minister. Meet her tonight at CCE.

Confirmation Students

All students in the 2nd year of preparation of Confirmation please note that the Sponsor Forms, Baptismal Certificates, Birth Certificates, and Saint's Names are due by January 21.



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