

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.



Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time, February 11, 2018

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor
Deacon Corney Llorens

Fr. Peter Thang Nguyen, Parochial Vicar
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 C. Garza
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Clergy Reflection

From the Desk Of Deacon Corney

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus shows us what is different about him, someone who heals with authority, even chasing away demons. So the faithful people left their homes and jobs in search of this Healer, which they all desperately needed, they even told others. Keeping good news was impossible.

Today we have the same preoccupation with finding healing. Just as the Galileans flocked to Jesus, so we to clinics, hospitals, workshops, book stores, health food stores and even web sites, spending a lot of money.

Sometimes we too find something we have to share. Just as Jesus feared, in the Gospel, their faith was based on the spectacular; more interested in his healing powers than in his teachings.

Our challenge today apparently is to recognize God's goodness in Jesus, without relying on miracles to strengthen our belief. What Jesus offers is given free of charge; the basis of his healing is love, not gain.

Deacon Corney

Stewardship Weekend

Be a part of Stewardship Weekend on February 24 & 25 in the parish hall. Learn more about the many ways to share your time, talent and treasure with your parish. Come and enjoy the almost free hotdog supper following the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the Daughters of Isabella are having a bake sale on Sunday.

The Black & Indian Mission Collection is next weekend, February 17 & 18. Thank you for your support of this collection.

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

February 4	\$19,226
On-line Giving	\$ 1,236
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Building Improvements	\$ 1,254
Social Ministry	\$ 142
Registered Families	1963

Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for Online Giving.

Like us on Facebook: Saint Justin Martyr Parish.

Notes from the Parish Administrator

We have had some major expenses this past couple of weeks. We have replaced an A/C unit in the vestibule which cost \$10,972. The water heater in the CFC building ruptured on Monday evening. Replacement for the 120 gallon commercial electric tank required to service the 18 lavatories in the building cost \$11,128. Our Improvement Funds account is able to cover some of these costs. I am asking for parishioners to remember to make contributions to the Improvement Fund monthly. Thank you.

Diocesan Services Fund 2018

Parish Goal: \$124,780

This Year's Theme:

"Instruments of God's Mercy"

Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our archdiocese. Once a year, each of us is asked to make a commitment to support the work of our programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, formation and education by contributing to the Diocesan Services Fund. Help us attain our parish goal.

Archdiocesan Social Ministries Collection

The Archdiocesan Social Ministries Collection takes place on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Through your financial support of this collection, they are able to feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked, care for the ill, visit those in prison, and help bury the dead.

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

February 10th ~ February 18th

Sat.	Feb 10th	5:30 p.m.	+ Nadia & Darryl Espie
Sun.	Feb 11th	8:00 a.m.	+ Maxima Fermin
Sun.	Feb 11th	10:00 a.m.	+ Gloria Siy Bowen
Sun.	Feb 11th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Feb 11th	5:00 p.m.	+ Nancy Ruiz
Mon.	Feb 12th	7:00 p.m.	+ Phao Lo
Tue.	Feb 13th	7:00 p.m.	+ All Souls in Purgatory
Wed.	Feb 14th	6:00 a.m.	+ Fe Dazo Sulit
Wed.	Feb 14th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rev. Lionel Champagne, SJ
Wed.	Feb 14th	9:00 a.m.	+ Linda Vaughan McKernan
Thurs.	Feb 15th	9:00 a.m.	+ Danny Medellin
Fri.	Feb 16th	9:00 a.m.	Maria Yu Yin
Fri.	Feb 16th	6:30 p.m.	+ All Souls & Unborn Babies
Sat.	Feb 17th	9:00 a.m.	+ Cloral Fanning
Sat.	Feb 17th	5:30 p.m.	+ Jesus & Apolonia Martinez
Sun.	Feb 18th	8:00 a.m.	For Favors Granted to Family
Sun.	Feb 18th	10:00 a.m.	Ernie, Eddie, Isidro & Josefina Gabiola
Sun.	Feb 18th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Feb 18th	5:00 p.m.	+ Irma L. Galvan

Readings for the Week

Sun., Feb 11th:	Lv 13:1-2,44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Mon., Feb 12th:	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tues., Feb 13th:	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wed., Feb 14th:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thurs., Feb 15th:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Fri., Feb 16th:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Sat., Feb 17th:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Sun., Feb 18th:	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15

Parish Events

Sunday, February 11th - TET

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, February 12th

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

Tuesday, February 13th

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, February 14th - Ash Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
12:10 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes
4:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes
5:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes
7:00 p.m. RCIA Pre-Catechumenate
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. Youth Night
7:00 p.m. NO Elementary CCE

Thursday, February 15th

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

Friday, February 16th

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

Saturday, February 17th

9:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. NO Elementary CCE
4:00 p.m. Penance
5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 18th - First Sunday of Lent

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



SAVE THE DATE
March 5th - 7th

Parish Life

Tax Statements

February 15 - Deadline

Your statement of contributions for the year 2017 has been mailed. Please 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.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

February 11 - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building, room 212. New members welcome.

February 18 - Prayer meeting and choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building, room 212. Questions, call Okey Okafor at 832-526-6668.

Fridays Meals During Lent

Did you know that various communities of St. Justin will be preparing meals on Fridays during Lent? They will be serving a non-meat Lenten meal on Friday nights from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The schedule is listed below:

February 16	Daughters of Isabella
February 23	Women's ACT's Retreat Team
March 2	Hispanic Community
March 9	African Community
March 16	Knights of Columbus
March 23	Vietnamese Community

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

February 11, enjoy the TET Celebration in the parish hall after the Noon Mass.

February 18, enjoy Breakfast Tacos on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

LENT

Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14, is the traditional forty days of preparation for the catechumens preparing for baptism and full Christian initiation into the Church. For them it is a period of "purification and enlightenment." At the beginning of this season, the Church, represented by the Bishop, formally ratifies the catechumen's readiness for the sacraments of initiation, and the catechumens, now the elect, express the will to receive the sacraments.

We accompany them on their journey by returning to our own baptisms through repentance and conversion—turning away from sin and following the Gospel more faithfully. To assist us in this journey, we embrace Lent as a time of prayer, self denial (fasting) and charity (almsgiving).

The Church invites us to join with our fellow Christians in experiencing our spiritual hunger . . . and in experiencing in our own bodies the hunger that imprisons most of the world.

To that end those 14 and over are invited to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Those over 18 are invited to fast by taking only one full meal and two partial meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The important focus is whatever will bring us closer to God.

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

6:00 a.m. Mass	9:00 a.m. Mass
12:10 p.m. Prayer service with Ashes	
4:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes	
5:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes	
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes	
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes	

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

Stations of the Cross

Thursdays	7:30 p.m.	Spanish
Fridays	6:00 p.m.	Vietnamese
Fridays	7:30 p.m.	English

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

This week the preschool enjoyed our rendition of the "Winter Olympics"! We kicked it off on Monday with our opening ceremony with the torch run and parade. We will enjoy different events throughout the week such as paper plate ice skating, the luge on boogie boards, skiing and curling to name a few!

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation." Ps 32

We are all invited to join the Vietnamese Community in celebrating TET, the Vietnamese New Year, today beginning with Noon Mass.

Upcoming Events:

February 12 - 7:15 p.m. - Meeting.

February 16 - Lenten Meal - 5:00 p.m. - We will serve a meatless meal in the parish hall before Stations of the Cross.

February 25- Bake Sale - After Sunday Mass, please help us with this fundraiser by purchasing some of our delicious baked goods.

If you are interested in finding out more about or joining our wonderful organization please call Bette Breaz at 281-493-6855.

Knights of Columbus-SJM Council 8293

Many thanks to our parishioners for supporting our Scholarship Project. We appreciate your support. Scholarship Applications are available in the parish office.

Super Bowl Raffle Winners:

Grand Prize 55 inch HD TV

Painting

Ladies Jewelry & Watch

Slow Cooker

I-Pad

Dennis Rolter

KiraLyn Quiroz

T. Araiza

Keith Grothaus

Josh Alderete

Congratulations to new Third-Degree Knights:
Eddie Adeolu Adetoye and Eramus Ugochukwu

Upcoming Activities:

February 13 - KC Chapter meeting

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

February 15 - KC Social meeting

February 17 - KC Exemplification

News About the Mavericks

February 12 – Monday – Bus trip to Gonzales to tour the Texas Pride Mushroom Farm. A step-on guide will give us a tour of Gonzales. Cost \$5. Lunch buffet at GG's Steakhouse. Cost \$10.50. Bus leaves at 7:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Call Marge at 281-498-3413 for last minute reservations.

February 13 – 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.

February 20 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Kitchen band practice in parish hall.

February 22 – Thursday – 6:30 p.m. – Notice!!! Monthly meeting date has been changed from February 15 to February 22. Meeting in parish hall. Entertainment by Jim Connors, a longtime Astro's organist.

Looking Ahead!

March 6 – Tuesday – Annual Day of Prayer at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 6220 La Salette St. Houston. Cost \$12 which includes lunch. Bus will be available leaving at 8:00 a.m. from St. Cyril's. Call Marilyn at 281-879-7568 for reservations by February 15.

Please Welcome Our Newest Members

Baptized last weekend:

Ndumdinachukwu Melvin Onyeka-Ileka

Lilou Elsee Nguyen

Isaac Elijah Miller

Zoey GraceMiller

Social Ministry News

Thank you to all the cub scouts/boy scouts/parents for collecting food for the Souper Bowl of Caring. This donation of 941 non-perishable food items has helped to restock our shelves. The troops that participated were: St. Justin Troop 620 and 627, and Alief Community Pack 47, and Troop 47.

Also, thanks to the donations received from the SJM Young Adults and parishioners. In case you were unable to donate, next Sunday is our monthly food drive. Thank you for your support.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight will be on the

-Vocations Ministry -

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

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.

February 13 - Mardi Gras Party. Join us at 7:00 p.m. at the Flying Saucer in Sugar Land (15929 City Walk, Sugar Land, TX 77479) to celebrate Fat Tuesday with dinner and drinks. Free food for Super Chili Bowl volunteers.

February 20 - Bible Study. Join us in CFC 211 (Library) at 7:00 p.m. as we enjoy snacks and explore the readings for the week.

February 27 - 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 call Robert Ontko at [832-372-9928](tel:832-372-9928).

Super Chili Bowl IV

The Young Adult Community thanks everyone who made Super Chili Bowl a success. Congratulations to the chili cook-off winners: 3rd - George Ontko, 2nd - James DeGhelder, and 1st - Robert Sepulveda! Missed out this year? Join us on Sunday, February 3, 2019 for Super Chili Bowl V.

Spring Festival

SJM's spring festival will be held on April 21-22, 2018. This year's theme is "We are Many Parts-One Body."

Work has already begun to make this the biggest, most successful event ever for SJM. This year's goal is to raise \$100,000.00! (No, this is not a typo!) The festival committee is working to bring new ideas and fun activities. Please come to the table in the parish hall next weekend for more information on how YOU can help with this ambitious project!

Hike The Way Of St. James

Join Fr. Paul, fellow parishioners and other pilgrims on a 12 Day Camino de Santiago & Fatima trip June 25-July 7. It includes a training program to get you ready, Air and Bus Transportation, Luggage Shuttled from Hotel to Hotel while you hike, First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy, and 2 meals each day. A deposit of \$550 per person is due upon making your reservation. For more information please contact Jane Lakatos at Inspirational Tours, Inc., 832-722-0505.

We invite you . . .

. . . We invite you today, 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.

Way of the Cross 2018

This Lent, as we pray the Way of the Cross, parishioners will be asked to bring a specific food item each week for the families who are assisted through Social Ministry. A specific items will be requested each week.

Here is the list:

February 16	Tuna
February 23	Crackers
March 2	1 Pound of Rice
March 9	Canned Meat
March 16	1 Pound of Dry Beans
March 23	Spaghetti Sauce

These offerings for the poor are part of our Lenten almsgiving this year.

Let Us Pray

For the souls of the recently deceased, Rosa Santarina and Elsie Holness. May eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Palms, Palms, Palms

If you have palms left over from last Palm Sunday, please drop them in the basket in the narthex. We will be using them to make Ashes for Ash Wednesday

*Our altar flowers this week were donated
By the Vietnamese Community
In honor of The New Year*

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.

NO CCE

There will be NO CCE from February 14 - February 19.

Classes will resume on February 21.

Rice Bowls

SJM will be participating in the CRS Rice Bowl, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world.

Your children have all received a rice bowl. You may also pick one up in the church available on February 18. Please remember to fill the rice bowls with your spare cash and change and turn them into the church around Easter.

Sacrament Class - Our next Sacrament Class for those students receiving a Sacrament this year will be held on Saturday, February 24 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 C. Garza

281-902-5710
mgarza@sjmtx.com

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

High School

This year's theme for the Confirmation retreat at Camp Kappe is "My Rock: He Alone Is My Rock, My Salvation, My Fortress. I Shall Not Be Greatly Shaken. Psalm 62:2" happening April 6-8. The deadline of March 18, is fast approaching for the \$95 registration fee. While this retreat IS mandatory for all confirmation students, we pray that you find it a BLESSING to participate in and take advantage of the opportunity to focus and really think about what it means to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Special Note: You are invited to participate and help with Mass on Saturdays. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office for more information on how to be a part of your parish community.

Middle School

Remember to join us at our Youth Nights happening Wednesday nights starting at 7:00 p.m. Bring a friend as we begin to plan for this summer's B.E.A.R. Witness week. Come and find out how you can join in on the fun!

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