

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 Of Lent, March 4, 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
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Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Martha C. Garza
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Clergy Reflection

Keep Holy The Sabbath

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

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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

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

February 25	\$17,478
On-line Giving	\$ 1,818
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Building Improvements	\$ 146
Social Ministry	\$ 227
Registered Families	1963

Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for Online Giving.

Like us on Facebook: Saint Justin Martyr Parish.

Diocesan Services Fund 2018

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 29,524
Parish Contributions:	\$ 12,178
Balance Due:	\$112,602
Number of Participants	90

Upcoming Second Collections

March 11	Catholic Relief Services
March 30	Holy Land
April 22	Home Missions
May 13	Catholic Communications Collection

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

Catholic Relief Services

The appeal next weekend, March 10 & 11, supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international solidarity and relief efforts. Programs include relief and settlement services to the victims of persecution, war, natural disasters, as well as development projects to improve the living conditions of the poor; advocacy on behalf of the powerless; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and legal and support services for poor immigrants. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

March 3rd ~ March 11th

Sat.	Mar 3rd	5:30 p.m.	+ John Farnon
Sun.	Mar 4th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Mar 4th	10:00 a.m.	+ Jerry Stanley Bratton
Sun.	Mar 4th	12:00 p.m.	Randy Martin
Sun.	Mar 4th	5:00 p.m.	+ Miguel Caceros
Mon.	Mar 5th	7:00 p.m.	NO Mass
Tue.	Mar 6th	7:00 p.m.	NO Mass
Wed.	Mar 7th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rev. Michael Alchediak, SJ
Thurs.	Mar 8th	9:00 a.m.	+ Mary McMillian
Fri.	Mar 9th	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Cao Duc Hung
Fri.	Mar 9th	6:30 p.m.	Antonio Jesus Herrera
Sat.	Mar 10th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rosalinda Cerbas
Sat.	Mar 10th	5:30 p.m.	+ Miriam Serrano
Sun.	Mar 11th	8:00 a.m.	Rev. Paul Chovanec
Sun.	Mar 11th	10:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Mar 11th	12:00 p.m.	+ Sr. Ann Nguyen
Sun.	Mar 11th	5:00 p.m.	+ Jeannette Bravo

Readings for the Week

Sun., Mar 4th:	Ex 20:1-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25
Mon., Mar 5th:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tues., Mar 6th:	Dn 3:25,34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wed., Mar 7th:	Dt 4:1,5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thurs., Mar 8th:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Fri., Mar 9th:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Sat., Mar 10th:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sun., Mar 11th:	2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23/Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21

Bibles

Need a Bible for personal use? A paperback is available at the parish office for \$15.00. See Dolores to purchase your bible.

Parish Events

Sunday, March 4th - Third 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

Monday, March 5th - Parish Mission

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

Tuesday, March 6th - Parish Mission

- 6:30 p.m. NO Penance
- 7:00 p.m. NO Mass
- 7:00 p.m. NO Young Adults
- 7:30 p.m. NO Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary

Wednesday, March 7th - Parish Mission

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 p.m. NO RCIA Pre-Catechumenate
- 7:00 p.m. NO RCIA
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Night - Mission
- 7:00 p.m. Elementary CCE

Thursday, March 8th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Sacrament Class
- 7:30 p.m. Spanish Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 9th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Vietnamese Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 p.m. Mass
- 7:30 p.m. English Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 10th

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

Sunday, March 11th - Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. NO Little Church
- 12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass
- 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
- 6:30 p.m. NO Middle School & High School CCE

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.

Parish Life

2018 Mission: March 5 - 7

A parish mission is an opportunity to hear the “Good News” and be the “Good News” for others.

Theme: “Welcoming Christ into our Hearts”

Schedule: 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. - Optional Potluck Dinner

7:00 p.m. Prayer in the Church all groups

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Presentation in Three Languages

English - Rev. Robert Weiss, C.P. in the Church

Spanish - Rev. Antonio Curto, C.P. in the Chapel

Vietnamese - Rev. Joseph Ngo Van Quang in the Parish Hall

We will close the mission each night with united prayer at 8:30 p.m. There is NO 7:00 p.m. Mass on Monday or Tuesday. Nursery will be available. There will be CCE on Monday and Wednesday nights of the Mission.

DSF 2018

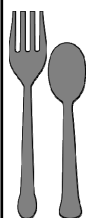
This Year’s Theme:

“Instruments of God’s Mercy”

Thank you for answering the call to express God’s love and compassion through your commitment to this year’s Diocesan Services Fund (DSF). Catholics throughout our archdiocesan community are uniting in faith, sharing their blessings, and giving gifts in Christ’s name. If you have not yet responded, we urge you to consider offering your commitment at this time, each gift helps. With every parishioner’s meaningful participation, we will succeed in reaching our DSF goal of \$124,780 and provide hope and help for those among us who are most in need. If you prefer to donate online, visit www.archgh.org/dsf. Envelopes are in the narthex.

Many Thanks

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank everyone who worked to make St. Justin Martyr’s Stewardship Weekend so successful! May God bless you abundantly for sharing your time, talent and treasure with your parish.



March 4, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the St. Ephrem’s Community on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

March 11, enjoy Vietnamese Food on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

LENT

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 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.**

Stations of the Cross

Thursdays 7:30 p.m. Spanish

Fridays 6:00 p.m. Vietnamese

Fridays 7:30 p.m. English

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:

March 9 African Community

March 16 Knights of Columbus

March 23 Vietnamese Community

Many Thanks

To an anonymous parishioner and his family for their donation of wine and hosts for St. Justin Martyr for the month of March.

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.

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

Thank you all for clipping, saving and sending us your Box Tops. Our goal is to make \$1,000 this year. Prior to this last batch we were at \$475. Thank you for supporting our fundraising goal.



Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

“Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.” PS

March 12 - Our next meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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



The Knights of Columbus Council 8293 Scholarship applications are available in the Parish office and on Sundays after Mass. All eligible St. Justin Martyr Parishioners are encouraged to apply.

Calendar Activities:

March 13 - KC Chapter meeting

March 15 - KC Social meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the SJM parish hall.

March 16 - KC Lenten Meal
KC Stations of the Cross

Any questions please contact Grand Knight Michael Akiboh at [281-707-4444](tel:281-707-4444).

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.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight will be on the

- Girl Scouts -

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

News About the Mavericks

March 6 - Tuesday - 2:00 p.m. - Kitchen Band practice in the parish hall.

March 6 - Tuesday - Annual Day of prayer at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 6220 La Salette. Cost \$12 which includes lunch. Bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. from St. Cyril's. For more information call Marilyn at 281-879-7568.

March 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.

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.

A Special Thank You

To Linda Tran & Stephen Le, Jo Ann Walton, Nga Trinh Vu & Michael Viola-Vu, Hoang Yen & To Bien for your donations towards St. Justin Martyr's new Altar Cloths.

We have 3 new cloths for the main altar and 2 for the chapel altar.

Social Ministry News

Here are ideas to do during this Lenten season:

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To counsel the doubtful.
- To instruct the ignorant.
- To admonish the sinner.
- To comfort the sorrowful.
- To forgive all injuries.
- To bear wrongs patiently.
- To pray for the living and the dead.

Sincere thanks to everyone who supports Social Ministry. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Way of the Cross—food item: Canned Meat.

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.

March 6 - Parish Mission. Join us at the Parish Mission.

March 13 - Monthly Dinner. Carpool from the church to Flip 'n Patties (1809 Eldridge Pkwy, Suite 108, Houston, TX 77077) for food and fellowship.

March 17- Archdiocesan Y A Day. Let us know if you want to car pool.

Questions or comments

March 20 - Lenten Penance Service. Join us in the church and take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation call Robert Ontko at [832-372-9928](tel:832-372-9928) or e-mail robert.ontko@gmail.com.

Archdiocesan Youth Adult Day

March 17 at 8:30 a.m. Chancery Auditorium, 2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77021. Service Project with Young Adults Come be the "hands and feet of Christ" with hundreds of young adults ages 18-39 at the Archdiocesan Young Adult Day of service, prayer and fellowship on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Teams will help serve those in need like Harvey victims, the sick, the poor, the hungry, homeless, prisoners and immigrants. The Day begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Sheltz, followed by breakfast then head out to serve in teams all over the city. Online registration required www.archgh.org/yacm or call [713-741-8778](tel:713-741-8778). Participants can choose from a list of available service projects. \$10 includes t-shirt/breakfast. Deadline to register is Monday, March 5.

40-Days For Life

The Spring Campaign for 40-days For Life has begun, and continues through March 25. St. Justin's vigil day of prayer will be Friday, March 23. We will gather for the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Justin's Chapel, then proceed by car pool to the largest abortion clinic in the western hemisphere located at 4600 Gulf Frwy, Houston, Texas 77023 near the University of Houston. We will stand there in peaceful prayer to defend life for the unborn.

*"God is our refuge and our strength,
an ever-present help in distress."*

Psalm 46:2

Sparkle Day

Saturday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day is time to plant new roses and shrubs and spread the mulch on the church property. Be here at 8:30 a.m., lunch will be served at Noon. Hope to see you here!

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:

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.

Spring Festival

Work continues on this year's festival "We Are Many Parts-One Body" to be held April 21-22, 2018. Are you doing "your part" to contribute to the success of our "one body"? Not sure how to help? Come to the table in the Parish Hall after mass today and let us help you find a way to be a part of Christ's one body! You are needed!

The SJM Spring Festival needs donations of bottled water and canned sodas. Your help would be much appreciated. Drinks can be left in the parish hall. Gratefully—SJM Festival Committee.

The Prayer Blanket / Prayer Shawl Ministry has postponed it's monthly meeting until a later date. Instead, please join us at our Parish Mission. As always, if you or someone you know is ill or struggling with a problem, please ask for a blessed blanket in the church office. If you have any questions, please call Guadalupe V. Mussio at 281-896-4368.

Lilies for Easter

Remember a loved one at Easter by donating towards the Lilies to decorate the church. Donors and the names of loved ones will be listed in the Bulletin. Price is \$10.00 for each Memorial. Envelopes are in the pews.

CCE News

Contact
Us

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Parents

When you are dropping or picking up your children, PLEASE DO NOT PARK in the spaces reserved for Priests and Deacons. We appreciate your cooperation.

Keep up with the latest CCE news
Find us on Facebook!

@sjmccce



Sacrament Classes

Next sacrament class is
March 10 from 12-2 PM.
Please check calendar for
sacrament class dates.

RCIA

First Scrutiny
Sunday March 4 10:00am
Catechumen (now Elect) and Sponsors

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

High School : Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC) Hilton Americas Hotel July 20-22

The Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC) gathers over 2,800 participants - both youth and adults - from all over the local Church. AYC is the largest evangelizing event for older adolescents that the Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization hosts annually. At this event, incoming ninth graders through outgoing high school seniors are challenged to live out their faith, learn through informative presentations, listen to outstanding national speakers, and make new friendships. AYC provides youth with a unique opportunity to celebrate the sacraments, to pray, and reflect on the role of the Young Church of Galveston-Houston. Interested? Sign-up in your CCE class.

Middle School: Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization (OACE) Extreme Challenge

On Saturday, April 21, The OACE Extreme Challenge is a day of fun and fellowship, where Junior High youth in grades 6th—8th grades play crazy games, dance, eat, pray, build community and celebrate our faith in prayer and liturgy. Physical condition or skill level doesn't matter. There are games for everyone. Interested? **Sign-up, March 7, at Youth Night, 7:00 p.m. in room 201.**

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