

# 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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## *Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 6, 2018*

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor

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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

**Martha C. Garza**  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

## Clergy Reflection

### Love One Another

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday’s selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God’s love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God’s love extends to all people, and so should ours.

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### Today’s Readings

**First Reading** — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also. Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

**Psalm** — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. Psalm 98

**Second Reading** — Let us love one another, because love is of God. 1 John 4:7-10

**Gospel** — This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. John 15:9-17

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## Financial Stewardship

### Weekend Collection

April 29	\$16,445
On-line Giving	\$ 262
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Building Improvements	\$ 26
Social Ministry	\$ 64
Registered Families	1963

Go to [sjm@sjmtx.org](mailto: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:	\$ 53,952
Parish Contributions:	\$ 35,929
Balance Due:	\$ 88,851
Number of Participants	271

### Upcoming Second Collections

May 13 Catholic Communications Collection  
June 3 St. Mary’s Seminary Collection

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 3, the total offertory in every parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is dedicated to the support of those studying for the priesthood.

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

### Catholic Communications Collection

Next weekend, May 12 & 13, supports the Catholic Communications Collection. Your gifts help CCC and our archdiocese provide television, radio and print materials that spread the Good News of Christ’s abiding love for each one of us.

For program information please visit the website [www.CatholicCommunicationsCampaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationsCampaign.org). Thank you for your generosity.

## Prayer Needs

### Mass Intentions

#### May 5th ~ May 13th

Sat.	May 5th	5:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	May 6th	8:00 a.m.	+ Dominic Savio
Sun.	May 6th	10:00 a.m.	+ Patricia Okafor
Sun.	May 6th	12:00 p.m.	+ Domingo Tam
Sun.	May 6th	5:00 p.m.	+ Horoicio & Tina Baena
Mon.	May 7th	7:00 p.m.	+ Gregor Thomas
Tue.	May 8th	7:00 p.m.	Aimie Lynn Ortiz
Wed.	May 9th	9:00 a.m.	+ Danny Medllin
Thurs.	May 10th	9:00 a.m.	Adelfa Laviela
Fri.	May 11th	9:00 a.m.	Phaolo Tran
Fri.	May 11th	6:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sat.	May 12th	9:00 a.m.	Regina Nwachukwu
Sat.	May 12th	5:30 p.m.	+ Ana Daise Valencia
Sun.	May 13th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	May 13th	10:00 a.m.	+ Fe Dazo Sulit
Sun.	May 13th	12:00 p.m.	Anton Bui True
Sun.	May 13th	5:00 p.m.	+ Gustavo Botero

### Word of Life

“Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“How to Build a Culture of Life,” [www.usccb.org/culture-of-life](http://www.usccb.org/culture-of-life)

### Vocation Brief

Christ spoke of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Are you an active Christian in the parish, at your workplace, and in the home? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

*Serra for priestly and religious vocations*

## Readings for the Week

Sun., May 6th:	Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Mon., May 7th:	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tues., May 8th:	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wed., May 9th:	Acts 17:15,22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thurs., May 10th:	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Fri., May 11th:	Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Sat., May 12th:	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Sun., May 13th:	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/ Mk 16:15-20

## Parish Events

### Sunday, May 6th

8:00 a.m.	Mass
10:00 a.m.	Mass
10:00 a.m.	Last Little Church
12:00 p.m.	Vietnamese Mass
5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
6:30 p.m.	Last Middle School & High School CCE

### Monday, May 7th

7:00 p.m.	Mass
7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study

### Tuesday, May 8th

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, May 9th

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

### Thursday, May 10th

9:00 a.m.	Mass
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### Friday, May 11th

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

### Saturday, May 12th

9:00 a.m.	Mass
10:00 a.m.	First Communion
2:00 p.m.	First Communion
4:00 p.m.	Penance
5:30 p.m.	Mass

### Sunday, May 13th - Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m.	Mass
10:00 a.m.	Mass
12:00 p.m.	Vietnamese Mass
5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass

# Parish Life

## Festival Tent

Many thanks to these good men who came out to help with the difficult job of setting up and taking down the festival tent.

Joshua Alderete	Sean Nguyen
Michael Amaechi	Victor Nguyen
Ramel Ascencio	Vincent Nguyen
Rudy Benitez	Dr. Alex Ogbodo
Edward Cabrera	Emmanuel Okah
Rolando Diaz	Armando Perez
Severo Filomeno	Robert Sepulveda
Herson Lazo	Filemon Silva
Steve Legaux	Bob Sullivent
Joseph Nguyen	Raymond Torres
Phillip Nguyen	Erasmus Ugochukwu

Also, many thanks to Schatze Sullivent for providing food and drinks during the set up.

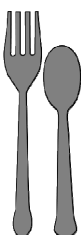
## MEN of St. Justin

The ACTS Community Cordially invite you to attend the next **Men's Acts Retreat** to be held at Holy Name Retreat Center starting Thursday evening May 31 thru Sunday (10 am Mass) June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Theme of this retreat "I am the bread of life . . . whoever eats this bread will live forever" John 6:51. Please pick up an information brochure at the narthex or contact one of the team members below for more information. The Holy Spirit is Calling You! Come Join the Adoration, Community, Theology and Service Ministry of St. Justin.

Sergio Helms, 281-844-8321, [sergiohelms@gmail.com](mailto:sergiohelms@gmail.com).  
Phil Kurtz, 713-245-1279, [philkurtzpuritan@aol.com](mailto:philkurtzpuritan@aol.com).

## **Great Catholic Reading: The St. Anthony Messenger**

Every month it presents fascinating news stories, features, and Catholic information. For more information or to order online, go to: [StAnthonyMessenger.org](http://StAnthonyMessenger.org).



**May 6, Knights of Columbus Breakfast on sale  
in the parish hall after morning Masses.**

**May 13, Knights of Columbus Breakfast on sale  
in the parish hall after morning Masses.  
Mother's eat free!**

## 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.

## 2018 Houston Astros Faith & Family Day

Join the Astros at Minute Maid Park on Saturday, May 19, for a night of faith and fellowship as they take on the Cleveland Indians at 3:10 p.m. and enjoy a post-game concert featuring Tauren Wells. For more information or to purchase a group, contact Maggie Vivero at 713-259-8386.

## Many Thanks

To the Vietnamese Mother's Group for their donation of Wine & Hosts for St. Justin Martyr for the month of May.

Their Intention: Thanks be to God and the Blessed Mother Mary and for prayers for the Souls of the Deceased members of the Vietnamese Mother's Group.

## Please Pray For . . .

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

May 24 Caoling Wang & Theresa Tran

*Our altar flowers this week were donated  
in thanksgiving for*

**15 Years of  
Being A Deacon for Deacon Nhat Tran  
&  
Seven Years of Priesthood for  
Rev. Lam Ngoc Nguyen**

*by  
Deacon Nhat Tran & Family*

# Parish Life

## **St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News**



The Preschool has begun registration for the 2018-2019 school year. St. Justin offers a quality preschool program for 2, 3 & 4 year olds. Give your child a head start to their educational career and enroll them today. Please come in for a tour of our facility or call us at 281-556-1260 for more information.



## **Daughters of Isabella Unity, Friendship and Charity**

“The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.” PS 98

Our next meeting is May 14@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 says Thank you to all those who helped out with the Knights of Columbus Texas State Convention. Special Thank you to the African Community of St. Justin Martyr Parish for their Food donations.

The Scholarship applications deadline is May 7. No application will be accepted after the date. Only fully completed applications will be processed. All eligible St. Justin Martyr Parishioners are encouraged to apply.

### **Calendar Activities:**

May 3, 2018      KC Business Meeting  
May 7, 2018      Deadline to Submit KC Scholarship Application  
May 8, 2018      KC Chapter Meeting  
Questions, call Grand Knight Michael Akiboh at [281-707-4444](tel:281-707-4444).

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight will be on the  
**- RCIA -**  
**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**  
Visit the table in the Narthex after Mass next weekend to learn more about this Ministry.

## **News About the Mavericks**

**May 8 – 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.

**May 18 – Friday – 6:30 p.m.** – Monthly meeting in parish hall followed by a chili dog supper.

### **LOOKING AHEAD!**

**June 10 – Sunday** – Trip to Casino Coshatta. Cost \$10. Make your reservation now to Marge at 281-498-3413.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to members Araceli Mowdy and Sissy Tipton on winning the Spring Festival grand prize!

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.

## **African Community of St. Justin Martyr**

**May 6** - General Meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC Building, room 212. New members are welcome.

The African Community Picnic is coming up in July, all members please mark your calendars. More information to follow.

Mother's Day is May 13 and the African Community wishes all mother's a happy Mother's Day.

## **Social Ministry News**

Where does the time go? The month of May is here. Children are busy completing their school projects and getting ready for final exams. Families will be celebrating events during May: First Communion, Mother's Day, Graduation, Confirmation, etc.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Celebrate this day by donating a baby item such as Baby Cereal, Baby Food and Baby Clothes to Social Ministry. This will take the place of the monthly food drive.

May God bless and keep you safe.



# 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.

**May 8 - 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.

**May 15 - Monthly Dinner.** Carpool from the church to Sam's Burgers, Fries, & Pies (1017 Dairy Ashford, Houston, Texas 77079 for food and fellowship.

**May 22 - Bible Study.** Join us in CFC 211 (Library) at 7 PM as we enjoy snacks and explore the readings for the week.

**Save the Date** - Cafe Catholica - July 9, 16, 23, 30 at St. Michael

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

## **SCOUT NEWS**

Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts: Devin Lemelle, Joshua Buchanan, and Christian Luna.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can attain. Devin, Joshua, and Christian completed the challenging requirements for this award, and it was bestowed upon them at their Court of Honor on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

### ***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

## ***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, requiring planning, organizing and directing religious education programs under the direction of the Pastor. This person is required to have a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies, Theology or Education. Bi-lingual is a plus.

Please submit your resume and all references to Karen Rachal, Parish Administrator, St. Justin Martyr, 13350 Ashford Point Drive, Houston, Texas 77082. The fax number is 281-556-6932/email is [krachal@sjmtx.com](mailto:krachal@sjmtx.com).

## **Posting of Tithing**

We would like to thank you for tithing! Your financial support is a vital asset to our parish operations. The accuracy of posting your tithing is of the upmost importance to us. Due to the number of parishioners with the same name, we ask that all donations and envelopes contain the following information:

- Your first and last name
- Address
- Envelope number
- Amount donated

Your cooperation will allow us to insure that the correct account is credited. If you would like your envelope number, please stop by or call the front office. Thank you for your support of St. Justin Martyr parish.

## **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.

## **Novenas & Prayer Chains.**

Please do not leave novena sheets or booklets in the church. When we find them, we put them in the recycling bin.

## First Communion Rehearsals

2:00PM MASS      May 8 and May 10      from 6:00—8:00PM  
5:30 PM MASS      May 11      from 6:00—7:30PM

**Parents MUST stay for the rehearsal**



**This coming Saturday, May 12, 97 of our young people in CCE will make their First Holy Communion. This is an important step on their journey to full initiation in our faith. Please keep them in your prayers.**



### **CCE EARLY REGISTRATION**



2018-2019 Early CCE registration begins on April 30-May 15. Be sure to come in early to receive a discount for next year.

**Parents must present a copy of the child's Baptismal certificate and Birth certificate at the time of the registration.**

## 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](http://www.sjmtx.org).

### *High School*

Congratulations to all the Confirmation II students on a wonderful retreat experience at Camp Kappe. We hope and pray that your experiences will remain with you long after you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 9. Confirmation II students, Father Paul will be available for confessions on the following dates: May 6, May 20 & June 3. Please make sure to schedule with Father Paul if you are not available on those dates before Confirmation Mass.

Pick up a registration form at the Youth Ministry office for the Archdiocese Youth Conference (AYC) taking place at Hilton Americas Hotel on July 20-22, 2018.

### *Middle School*

Join us Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for Youth Nights to plan events for summer 2018 and for next year. Have fun hanging out before worship service and build a relationship with God and make friends while growing in your faith.



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