

# 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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## *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5, 2017*

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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

**Alyssa Avila**  
DRE

**Karen Rachal**  
Parish Administrator

**Alex Pina**  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

## Clergy Reflection

### *This Little Light Of Mine*

As children we sang the lively song *This Little Light of Mine*. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke.

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### *Today's Readings*

**First Reading** — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you. Isaiah 58:7-10

**Psalm** — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright. Psalm 112

**Second Reading** — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

**Gospel** — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God. Matthew 5:13-16

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## Financial Stewardship

### Weekend Collection

January 29	\$18,300
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 91
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1581

This past week the parish replaced one of the 30 Ton Air Conditioner Units for the church. The unit had completely rusted out. The cost for replacement was almost \$30,000. We have enough in our savings to cover this expense. However, I am asking everyone to make a donation as you are able to the Improvement Fund to reduce the amount we have to take from our savings.

It is through our tithing campaign that we have been able to put money into our savings. Thank you dedicated parishioners for your continued support.

**Karen Rachal**  
Parish Administrator

Bishop's Fund for Latin America Collection  
\$3,771

### Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal: \$124,780

This Year's Theme:  
"Go Make Disciples"

St. Ignatius pointed out two criteria on love. "The first: love is expressed more clearly in actions than in words. The second: there is greater love in giving than in receiving."  
-Pope Francis

### Upcoming Second Collections

February 5	DSF Sunday
March 1	Archdiocesan Social Ministries
March 5	Black & Indian Missions

# Prayer Needs

## Mass Intentions

### February 4th ~ February 12th

<b>Sat.</b>	Feb 4th	5:30 p.m.	+ Wilfred Pereira
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 5th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 5th	10:00 a.m.	+ William Davidson
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 5th	12:00 p.m.	+ Vinh Do
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 5th	5:00 p.m.	+ Thomas Phetteplace
<b>Mon.</b>	Feb 6th	7:00 p.m.	+ Jerry Bratton
<b>Tue.</b>	Feb 7th	7:00 p.m.	+ Forgotten Souls
<b>Wed.</b>	Feb 8th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rev. Rawlin B. Enette, S.S.J.
<b>Thurs.</b>	Feb 9th	9:00 a.m.	+ Augustine
<b>Fri.</b>	Feb 10th	9:00 a.m.	+ Catherine Okereke
<b>Fri.</b>	Feb 10th	6:30 p.m.	+ Maria Nguyen Thi Ngoan
<b>Sat.</b>	Feb 11th	9:00 a.m.	+ Gloria Bowen Siy
<b>Sat.</b>	Feb 11th	5:30 p.m.	+ John Savana
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 12th	8:00 a.m.	Edilberto S. Morales
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 12th	10:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 12th	12:00 p.m.	+ Joseph
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 12th	5:00 p.m.	+ Emanuele Casarino Euanuele

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**LENTEN MISSION**

**March 26 to 29**

**Theme: "Jesus the Light of life"**



## Spring Festival Update

This year's Spring Festival is scheduled for April 29 and 30. There will be great entertainment, music, food, games for all ages, bingo, and of course the raffle. Stay tuned for more information. Please stop by the parish hall after Mass today to meet some of the committee members and see how you can help. For more information, please contact the parish office at 281-556-5116.

## Parish Events

### **Sunday, February 5th**

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, February 6th**

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

### **Tuesday, February 7th**

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 8th**

9:00 a.m. Mass  
 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:00 p.m. Elementary CCE  
 7:00 p.m. Youth Night  
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Pre-Catechumenate  
 7:00 p.m. RCIA  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Sacrament Class

### **Thursday, February 9th**

9:00 a.m. Mass

### **Friday, February 10th**

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

### **Saturday, February 11th**

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

### **Sunday, February 12th**

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

# Parish Life

## ***Tax Statements***

### ***February 15 - Deadline***

Your statement of contributions for the year 2016 has been mailed. When you receive it, check 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 report.

Our computer program does not provide the option for us to store that information indefinitely. On February 16 the entire year of 2016 will be archived.

## **2017 Mass Intention Book**

If you would like to Book your Mass Intentions for 2017 please stop by the parish office to do so.

## **Many Thanks**

Thanks to the Vietnamese Eucharistic Ministry for providing the Wine for St. Justin Martyr for the month of February. The donation was made for the following intentions: For the departed—in memory of Our Ancestors who passed away in God and for the living - A special blessing to our members and their families for health, peace, and prosperity in this New Year.

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

**February 5** - General meeting of the African Community ministry after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 210. New members are welcome.

**February 12** - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

**February 19** - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

For more information, contact Jude Obinyan at 832-788-3117.

## **Virtus Notification**

If you took the “Keeping The Promise Alive” Virtus Course in 2012, you are required to complete an online refresher course within three months of the date you took the KPA course. Contact Butch Mueller at the parish office to get your ID and password along with additional information to complete the online refresher course.

## ***DSF 2017***

**Parish Goal:                    \$124,780**

This year’s theme for the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) is Go Make Disciples.

Our 2017 DSF begins this weekend in every parish throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Christ calls us to reach those who are sick or in need, to bless them, serve them, and show them mercy. The thousands of people served by the ministries of the Archdiocese need your compassion and generosity. Your kind gift to DSF enables us to reach out to people in this parish and throughout the entire Archdiocese through more than 60 important programs. Please pray about your commitment, then complete the pledge card and return it my mail or drop it off at St. Justin Martyr. Your generosity will allow our Catholic community to continue many vital programs and services.

Envelopes are in the pews. Please, make your pledge this weekend, February 4 & 5.

## ***Home Enthronement Of The Sacred Heart Of Jesus***

Enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus makes Him the center of a family's life and links a family's home to the tabernacle in the church. Christ promised to bless the family which enshrines and honors the image of His Sacred Heart. The preparations and the enthronement ceremony are simple, and free of charge. For more information, all who are interested may contact Rosie Capalad, 832-228-6898 ([Rosycap30@yahoo.com](mailto:Rosycap30@yahoo.com)) or Harry and Connie Herber, 832-877-4553.

## **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.

***Today, Sunday, February 5, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Youth on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.***

***Next Sunday, February 12, enjoy Vietnamese Food on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.***



# Parish Life

## St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

It's Catholic Schools Week! It is that time of year again to start thinking about registration for the 2017-2018 school year! St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool offers quality programs for children 2 years of age through Pre-K4. We have 2, 3 and 5 day class options. If you are considering a preschool for your child, please come and visit us Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and see our fabulous program! You may also check us out on the web at [www.sjmtx.org](http://www.sjmtx.org) or give us a call at 281-556-1260. Come join the fun!

### *Daughters of Isabella*

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like mid-day." Isaiah 58:10

Our next meeting is February 13 at 7:15 p.m. We will have a bake sale on February 26. If you are interested in finding out about or joining our wonderful organization please call Bette Breaz at 281-493-6855.

## The Prayer Blanket / Prayer Shawl Ministry

We hold monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 7. We gather to sew, knit and crochet blankets and shawls and to teach those who want to learn. We provide fabric, yarn and the tools to work with. This is a great ministry for those who want to work from home as you can just pick up materials as needed. You can also participate by donating fabric (preferably cotton/flannel; however any donation is welcome) and yarn.

## Knights of Columbus-SJM Council 8293

The Council meets the First and Third Thursday of every month. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Michal Akiboh at 281-707-4444.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight will be on

- **Escual de Agradecimiento** -

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

## News About the Mavericks

**February 7 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.** – Kitchen band practice in parish hall. We're starting our spring concert songs. If interested in joining our group, contact Jim Beissel at 281-293-8206.

**February 12 – Sunday** – Casino Coushatta trip. Cost \$10. Bus leaves at 7:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Last chance to make your reservations! Call Marge at 281-498-3413.

**February 14 – Tuesday – 3:00 p.m.** – Monthly birthday for residents at West Oaks Geriatric Center. If interested in helping call Joanne at 281-395-2123.

**February 17 – Friday – 6:30 p.m.** – Monthly meeting in parish hall. Entertainment by Pat Gavin, the singing cowboy.

**February 20 – Monday** – Mystery trip. Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Cost under \$10. Lunch \$10 - \$12. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413 by February 13.

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.

## SMALL FAITH COMMUNITY – What? How?

Join us this Lent to experience and learn more about the development of these living cells within a parish. Our team will help you understand the dynamics and elements needed to successfully run a small faith community. Registration for this one-day-a-week, 4-week series will be held after Masses on February 18-19 and 25-26. The nursery will be available. Questions? Contact Christina Moreno at [chrissmaxx@comcast.net](mailto:chrissmaxx@comcast.net).



## Social Ministry News

Today, February 5 is Super Bowl Sunday.

The Soup Bowl for Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by the Reverend Brad Smith of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina.

**“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl Football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.”**

Join in to fight hunger by donating a non-perishable food item to our 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

Join the Young Adult Community (18-35) to explore the Bible, discuss "Why Evil Exists?", eat delicious cultural food, and learn how to be more awesome at life!

Here is our current schedule:

**February 5** - Chili Cook-off and Super Bowl Party III.

**February 7** - No meeting. Join us after the Chili Cook-off and Super Bowl Party on Sunday.

**February 14** - Bible Study in CFC 211 (Library).

**February 21** - Cultural Dinner (Mediterranean). Carpool from the parish to Petite Café (1250 Eldridge Pkwy, Houston, Texas 77077).

Want to learn more? Search "St. Justin Martyr Young Adult Community" on Facebook or contact Robert Ontko at [robert.ontko@gmail.com](mailto:robert.ontko@gmail.com) or 832-372-9928.

## Chili Cook-Off and Super Bowl Party III

The Young Adult Community invites everyone at the parish to join in for their third annual Chili Cook-off and Super Bowl Party. \$10 to enter/eat chili with snacks and 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.

### *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

SJM's STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND  
IS COMING  
ON FEBRUARY 18-19, 2017,  
IN THE PARISH HALL!

PARISH LEADERS  
Stewardship Weekend is coming  
soon on February 18-19, 2017!  
Are you ready?

Have you . . .

- Arranged for ministry members to process into Mass with your banner before **every** Mass and man your space **after** Masses?
- Created a sign and brochures or handouts for your space?
- Planned a colorful, eye-catching display for your assigned space in the Parish Hall? Will it be set up before 5:30 p.m. Mass on February 18th?
- Planned to pick up table coverings, decorations, extra handouts, etc. after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, February 19th?
- Planned training for your new volunteers?
- Decided how to quickly put your newest members to work?

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for all your efforts to make Stewardship Weekend successful!

## Let Us Pray

For the souls of the recently deceased, Hanh Therese Nguyen, Lilian Olsen and Mary Schoenstein. May eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

## Archdiocesan Young Adult Day

"Whom Are You Called To Serve?" Come and join hundreds of young adults ages 18 to 39 years old for a day of formation, music, prayer, Eucharist and fellowship. Saturday, April 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Get inspired by international and local speakers. Presented in English and Spanish. St. Jerome Catholic Church, 8825 Kempwood Drive, Houston, Texas 77080. Early bird \$25 by March 8 or \$35 after March 9. Group discounts available. Register online [www.archgh.org/yacm](http://www.archgh.org/yacm). For more information, call 713-741-8778.

# CCE News

## RCIA: BOW

RCIA students meet every Sunday at the  
10:00 a.m. Mass.

Parents and students remember to be here  
every week.



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Please check out our website and Facebook page to  
keep up with the latest CCE news.

### Website:

[www.sjmtx.org/childrens-ministrycce](http://www.sjmtx.org/childrens-ministrycce)

### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/sjmccce](http://www.facebook.com/sjmccce)

The next sacrament class for those students  
receiving a sacrament this year will be held on

**Saturday, February 18**

**from 12:00-2:00.**

Your child must attend all 14 classes!

Please see handbook for attendance policy.

If your child missed a class, **please have them  
turn in make-up work ASAP.**

## Middle and High School Youth Ministry

For more information about youth  
events and activities contact:

Alex Pina, Coordinator of  
Youth Ministries

281-902-5710  
apina@sjmtx.com

Information is also available on the  
Youth Ministry page of the parish  
website at [www.sjmtx.org](http://www.sjmtx.org).

**Adolescent  
symposium**

*Coming soon February 2017*



Saint  
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