

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.



The Transfiguration of the Lord, August 6, 2017

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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 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

Alyssa Avila
DRE

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Alex Pina
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Clergy Reflection

We See Them Everyday

A major theme in literature comes from a perspective that things aren't always what they seem. We see that in Cinderella, Beauty and the Beast and Prince Charming. This is one of the major themes in the Bible also. David, only a shepherd boy, but really is the next king of Israel. Mary, the peasant girl of Nazareth, is really the mother of the Messiah. And Jesus, traveling preacher from Galilee, is really the Son of God.

Peter, James and John witnessed Jesus' transfiguration on a mountain, but we can't limit the transfiguration to this particular event. In all honesty, we too, witness transfigurations every day in the tiny seed we plant that becomes a beautiful flower. We see a creepy little caterpillar turn into a lovely butterfly or juice from grapes becomes fine wine.

And, the greatest of all transfigurations, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

Deacon Corney

Today's Readings

First Reading — I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. Psalm 97

Second Reading — Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place.

2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light. Matthew 17:1-9

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectioary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997.

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

July 30	\$20,282
On-line Giving	\$ 542
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Building Improvements	\$ 125
Social Ministry	\$ 50
Registered Families	1851

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 79,617
Parish Contributions:	\$ 65,470
Balance Due:	\$ 59,310
Number of Participants	383

Upcoming Second Collections

August 13	Infirm Priest Collection
September 10	Catholic University of America/ University of St. Thomas
October 22	Propagation of the Faith
November 5	Retired Priests

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

Infirm Priest Collection

The annual Infirm Priest Collection is a major source of revenue through which the Archdiocese is able to provide much needed medical and emergency support for our retired and infirm priests.

The collection is next weekend, August 12 & 13. Please be generous with your donations.



Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

August 5th ~ August 13th

Sat.	Aug 5th	5:30 p.m.	+ Phao Lo
Sun.	Aug 6th	8:00 a.m.	Juana Aramayo
Sun.	Aug 6th	10:00 a.m.	Sherna Matthews
Sun.	Aug 6th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Aug 6th	5:00 p.m.	Maria Garcia de Freitas
Mon.	Aug 7th	7:00 p.m.	Maria Loredo Nunez
Tue.	Aug 8th	7:00 p.m.	Marlenia & Miguel Ponce
Wed.	Aug 9th	9:00 a.m.	+ Francis A. Tran
Wed.	Aug 9th	9:00 a.m.	+ Linda Vaughan McKernan
Thurs.	Aug 10th	9:00 a.m.	Sherna Matthews
Fri.	Aug 11th	9:00 a.m.	Immaculata Igbo
Fri.	Aug 11th	6:30 p.m.	+ Anna
Sat.	Aug 12th	9:00 a.m.	+ Connie McMillian
Sat.	Aug 12th	5:30 p.m.	+ Baltazar & Melodia Alba
Sun.	Aug 13th	8:00 a.m.	+ Helen Rachal
Sun.	Aug 13th	10:00 a.m.	Demetrio Musico
Sun.	Aug 13th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Aug 13th	5:00 p.m.	+ Eden Ramos

Word Of Life

“By opening our hearts to his love and mercy, we let Christ dwell in us and we see more deeply the intricate and unique beauty of each person.”

Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley, O.F.M., Cap., Chairman
USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Vocations Brief

Family life can build values integral to a strong vocation—whether to the priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Readings for the Week

Sun., Aug 6th:	Dn 7:9-10,13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9
Mon., Aug 7th:	Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
Tues., Aug 8th:	Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36
Wed., Aug 9th:	Nm 13:1-2,25—14:1,26-29a,34-35/ Mt 15:21-28
Thurs., Aug 10th:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Fri., Aug 11th:	Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
Sat., Aug 12th:	Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
Sun., Aug 13th:	1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33

Parish Events

Sunday, August 6th

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

Monday, August 7th

7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, August 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, August 9th

9:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. RCIA Pre-Catechumenate & RCIA
7:00 p.m. Communal Anointing of the Sick

Thursday, August 10th

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 11th

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

Saturday, August 12th

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

Sunday, August 13th

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



*Our Altars Flowers this weekend
Were donated in thanksgiving of
Answered Prayers!*

Parish Life

Calling All ACTS Women

We are looking for wonderful women who are willing to answer the call to staff the Women's ACTS retreat to be held November 9-12 at the Cenacle Retreat Center. Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30 p.m. Come join us for an amazing experience! (PS, we'll have food)!

Questions? Feel free to call Mary Lou Grothaus at 713-582-6091, or Susan Pyle at 713-826-0783.

Family Fiesta Dinner

Come and enjoy a fun night with your family and support Girl Scout Troop 19406, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Dinner includes Taco Salad, Rice and Beans, Dessert and Drink. There will also be a Silent Auction, Family Games and Door Prizes. Tickets are on sale in the parish hall after Mass. You can also purchase a dinner ticket to help feed someone in need. Questions, call Jodie Estimbo at 832-421-0311.

13-day Camino de Santiago & Fatima opportunity in 2018

Is hiking the Camino de Santiago on your bucket list? Have you seen the movie "The Way," with Martin Sheen and thought "I'd like to do that?" Pilgrims have been walking the Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James) for centuries, following the many paths to Santiago de Compostela and the tomb of St. James. This tour begins in Sarria, the most popular Camino starting point, covering the last 100km of the Camino Francés. We are currently forming a group from our parish to walk the final segment of the French Way, from Sarria to Santiago from **June 25 through July 7, 2018** for \$3,650/double occupancy. There are only 44 spots available for this pilgrimage and a lot of interest. Brochures and registration forms will be available at the parish office on July 1. We will begin accepting registrations starting on **Monday, August 14** at the parish office. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please mark your registration and deposit to the **Attention of Marget Fucich**.

Today, Sunday, August 6, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Next Sunday, August 13, there are NO food sales.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

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

August 12 - Annual Picnic at Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza Park, 4025 Eldridge, Houston, Texas 77082. Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

August 13 - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building, room 212.

August 15 - Multicultural Mass—ACSJ Choir participation at 7:00 p.m.

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

Protecting God's Children Program - VIRTUS

Preventing child sexual abuse is the goal of a new program selected by the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. "Protecting God's Children for Adults" educates clergy, staff, and volunteers who work with children, about child sexual abuse and ways to create safe environments for children. The 3-hour session includes videos and facilitated discussions that focus on the prevention of abuse and the protection of children. Adults learn how to recognize the signs and symptoms that an adult is a potential risk of harm to children and how to know that a child is being abused or exploited in some way. You will learn about steps that the faith community can take to create a safe environment for all God's children and how to respond when adults behave in a way that raises concern.

Clergy, staff, and volunteers ages 18 and above who have regular contact with children and youth are required to attend training. All other adults are invited and encouraged to participate as part of the Church's commitment to make the world a safe place for all our children.

To comply with the above requirements, a "Protecting God's Children" workshop is scheduled at St. Justin Martyr on September 14, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

To attend this class a valid ID is required. Valid ID's are: Texas Driver's License, Texas Temporary Driver's License, Passport, or Mexican Consultant ID. **These are the only ID's acceptable. The name on the ID must match the registration name.**

Registration is online at www.virtusonline.org.

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

St. Justin Preschool is closed during the summer months. We will be checking messages and scheduling tours as needed. We are currently registering for our 2017 - 2018 school year. We have programs for children 2 years - 4 years of age. Our hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. We also have before and after school care available! If you would like more information regarding our program please call 281-556-1260. The first day of school is September 5.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth".
PS 97

The Circle will have elections for new officers in September. If you are interested in an office please contact Nan DeGhelder by August 11 or let us know at the August 14 meeting. Several of the current officers are terming out.

Our next meeting will be August 14 at 7:15 pm at Bellaire West Club House, 11511- Rowan.

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 Knight of Columbus Council 8293 says a Big Thank you to everyone who made the KC baked potato fundraiser and Czech deacon visit a success.

The Council next Social Meeting is Thursday, August 17, in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

Our "KC Family week" starts TODAY August 6, and ends August 12. The Knights of Columbus invites all families and friends of St Justin Catholic Church Parish to attend these events that cater to the whole family unit. These events are designed to support and strengthen your family. Please plan to attend.

August 6 - KC Family Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.

August 7 - KC Family Mass at 7:00 p.m. All families invited.

August 8 - KC Family Night Mass & Novena at 7:00 p.m.

August 9 - Anointing of the Sick at 7:00 p.m.

August 10 - Spanish Family Event recognizing the "Monaguillos" Family at 7:00 p.m.

August 11 - KC Family Vietnamese Mass at 6:30 p.m.

August 12 - KC Family Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Girl Scout Fiesta Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

News About the Mavericks

August 8 – Tuesday – 3:00 p.m. – Monthly birthday party for residents at West Oaks Geriatric Center. If interested in bringing cheer to these patients call Joanne at 281-395-2123.

August 12 – Saturday – Miller Outdoor Theater to see Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club 50th Anniversary tribute to the Beatles featuring The Fav 5 and Texas Medical Center Orchestra. Car pool from church at 6:15 p.m. Call Marge at 281-498-3413 for last minute reservations.

LOOKING AHEAD!

September 10 – Sunday – Casino Coughatta trip. Cost \$10. Leave from church parking lot at 7:15 a.m. Make your reservations NOW to Marge at 281-498-3413 to insure a seat on the bus.

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.

Communal Anointing of the Sick

There will be a Communal Anointing of the Sick sponsored by the Mavericks as part of the KC Family Week on Wednesday, August 9, at 7 p.m. in the church.

God Is Hard Of Hearing

Well, not really . . . but let's pretend that he is. The din of talking and laughter in the narthex before Mass echoes around the church, making it difficult for people to pray and collect themselves before Mass. Please help make the narthex a quiet place: keep the noise down! The inner narthex between the sacristy, bride's room, holy water font should be a place of absolute quiet. Thanks for helping us all to pray better!



Social Ministry News

Do you have time to volunteer? Social Ministry needs a volunteer to assist interviewing clients on Fridays between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Must be virtue trained. If you are interested contact Barbara Adams at 281-556-6882 or leave your contact information with the church office.

Thank you to everyone for supporting such a worthy cause in our community.

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

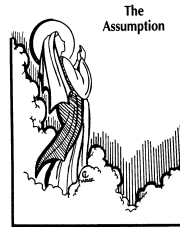
Are you, your child, or your grandchild between 18 and 35ish? Join the Young Adult Community for faith and fellowship.

- **August 8** - Dinner and Bible Study. Carpool from the church to Rockfish Seafood Grill (11805 Westheimer Rd #370, Houston, TX 77077) for food, fellowship, and scripture discussion.

- **August 15** - Feast on the Feast. Join us for the 7 PM Multicultural Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will then head out to dinner at Chili's on Hwy 6.

August 26 - Service Project. 8 AM to 12 PM at St. Vincent de Paul Society (6654 Gulf Fwy, Houston, TX 77087). Carpool from parish at 7 AM. Lunch afterwards.

Questions or comments, contact Robert Ontko at robert.ontko@gmail.com or 832-372-9928.



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption celebrates Mary's total redemption in Christ. As he rose, so he raised her up before the rest of us.

“In the bodily and spiritual glory which she possesses in heaven, the Mother of Jesus continues as the image and first flowering of the Church as she is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise, Mary shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come, as a sign of sure hope and solace for the pilgrim people of God.”

(Dogmatic Constitution on the church, n.68)

This Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated...

- * Monday, August 14th,
7:00 p.m. English Vigil
- * Tuesday, August 15th, Masses
6:00 a.m. English Mass
9:00 a.m. English Mass
7:00 p.m. Multicultural Mass

If you are a Minister here at St. Justin Martyr please consider serving when you come to Mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the Bridesroom.

Fullness of Truth

Relax and renew your faith at San Antonio's Fullness of Truth Conference, August 25-27. “The Reformation's 500 Year Report Card: Catholicism Remains Christ's Prayer for Unity” at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort and Spa. Families, Middle and High School Youth, Clergy and Ministerial Professionals will gain valuable insights, spiritual and formational development with Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, EWTN's Dr. David Anders, Dr. Michael Barber, Dr. Francis Beckwith, Gail Buckley, and Fr. Ken Geraci. The dynamic speakers will capture your attention by speaking from the context of their own conversions from Protestantism, the pitfalls they found in classic Reformation theology and Modern Evangelicalism. They will share how through ongoing study and reason they were led to the conclusion that Catholicism best addresses the needs of modern Christians. Call for details. Stay at the fantastic Hyatt Resort for half price with conference tickets. Group rates begin with groups of 10+. Register now! www.fullnessoftruth.org or call 1-877-218-7884.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight
will be on the

- Ushers Ministry -

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

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

CCE News

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Continuing Christian Education (CCE)

CCE is a catechetical program designed to systematically teach our children about the Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with Christ.

We have programs for preschool through high school. Please contact the CCE office for more information.

We are always in need of volunteers. Do not be afraid! We will train mentor all volunteers and offer several opportunities for growth to catechists of all seasons.

Students with special needs:

We have a place for all!
If your child is in need of a sacrament, please contact us to talk about our adaptive programs and special instruction.

**We will have CCE registrations
in the parish hall on Sunday,
August 13th after all Masses.**

**Come by to register your children
and receive a discount
on late registration.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

CCE Catechist Day

Save the date: August 26, 2017

9am – 12pm (Youth Room)

Please contact the Youth Office or CCE
Office

for more information!

CCE Registration

***It is not too late to register for the new
CCE School Year 2017-2018!***

Please stop the CCE Office or visit us
at www.sjmtx.org (under the Youth
Ministry tab) to register or for more in-
formation.

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