

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.



Second Sunday In Ordinary Time , January 14, 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
DRE

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Vacant
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Clergy Reflection

The Lamb Of God

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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Tax Statements

February 15 - Deadline

Your statement of contributions for the year 2017 will be mailed soon. When you receive it, 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.

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

December 24	\$19,016
On-line Giving	396
December 25	\$14,592
December 31	\$24,806
On-line Giving	\$ 1,437
January 7	\$17,893
On-line Giving	\$ 592
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Building Improvements	\$ 474
Social Ministry	\$ 135
Registered Families	1851

Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for Online Giving.

Like us on Facebook: Saint Justin Martyr Catholic Community Church.

New Sunday Offering Envelopes

This month you will receive new envelopes provided by Our Sunday Visitor. Envelopes will be mailed every other month beginning with the January mailing for February and March. Your envelope number will remain the same. Please call our office if you do not receive your envelopes by January 25. Thank you!

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$123,953
Parish Contributions:	\$121,327
Balance Due:	\$ 3,452
Number of Participants	547

Upcoming Second Collections

January 28	Bishop’s Fund for Latin America
February 4	DSF
February 14	Archdiocesan Social Ministries
February 18	Black & Indian Missions

Prayer Needs

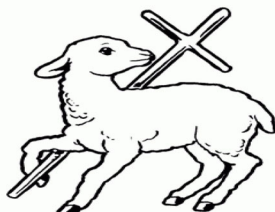
Mass Intentions

January 13th ~ January 21st

Sat.	Jan 13th	5:30 p.m.	+ Allen Martin, Sr.
Sun.	Jan 14th	8:00 a.m.	+ Antonio O. Marquez
Sun.	Jan 14th	10:00 a.m.	+ Leopoldinha Raphael
Sun.	Jan 14th	12:00 p.m.	+ Ralph Anselmi
Sun.	Jan 14th	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Mon.	Jan 15th	7:00 p.m.	No Mass
Tue.	Jan 16th	7:00 p.m.	+ Rev. George Twellmeyer, S.J.
Wed.	Jan 17th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rafael Paz, III
Thurs.	Jan 18th	9:00 a.m.	+ Jaime & Thomas Austria
Fri.	Jan 19th	9:00 a.m.	+ Federlis Nwnchukwu
Fri.	Jan 19th	6:30 p.m.	+ Phao Lo
Sat.	Jan 20th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rev. Thomas Hidding, S.J.
Sat.	Jan 20th	5:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Jan 21st	8:00 a.m.	+ Emanuele Cassarino
Sun.	Jan 21st	10:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving for Health
Sun.	Jan 21st	12:00 p.m.	+ Thomas
Sun.	Jan 21st	5:00 p.m.	Teresa Alvarez & Family

Readings for the Week

Sun., Jan 14th:	1 Sm 3:3b-10,19/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42
Mon., Jan 15th:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tues., Jan 16th:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wed., Jan 17th:	1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thurs., Jan 18th:	1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Fri., Jan 19th:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Sat., Jan 20th:	2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19, 23-27/ Mk 3:20-21
Sun., Jan 21st:	Jon 3:1-5,10/1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20



Parish Events

Sunday, January 14th

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, January 15th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

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

Tuesday, January 16th

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, January 17th

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. NO Adult Sacrament Class
7:00 p.m. Youth Night
7:00 p.m. Elementary CCE

Thursday, January 18th

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 19th

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

Saturday, January 20th

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

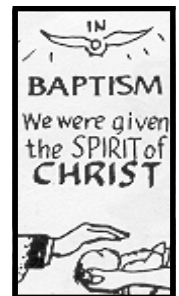
Sunday, January 21st

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

Please Welcome Our Newest Members

Baptized last weekend

Mabel Chisom Ngobidi
Angel Munachiso Ngobidi
Esther Witanene Mubuto
Jehovany Tonny Mubuto
Caryn Ann Magwira
Matilda Koko Adetoye



Parish Life

Coordinator of Children's Religious Education Needed

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Community is searching for someone to fill the Position of Coordinator of Children's Religious Education. The position is a fulltime staff position.

This person will be responsible for planning, organizing and directing parts of the parish programs of Lifelong Faith Formation under the direction of the Pastor, and in collaboration with the Pastoral Staff.

This person is required to have a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies or Theology. Bi-lingual is not necessary but a plus.

Please submit your resume and all references to Mrs. Karen Rachal, Parish Administrator, St. Justin Martyr, 13350 Ashford Point Drive, Houston, Texas 77082. The fax number is 281-556-6932.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

January 14 - Prayer meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome

January 21 - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome to attend.

January 28 - Executive meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212.

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

Let Us Pray

For the souls of the recently deceased:

Jonnie Ezeani

Joseph Nguyen Biet Van

May eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.



***Today, Sunday, January 14, there are
NO Food Sales.***

Next Sunday, January 21, enjoy Breakfast Tacos on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Fr. Peter Nguyen on Retreat

Fr. Peter will be on Retreat January 22 through the afternoon of Friday, January 26. We will have a Communion Service on Monday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m.

ACTS Mission - WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT "In the shadow of your Wings I shout for Joy" PS 63:8

Yes, you heard it correctly. The Women's ACTS Retreat has been rescheduled! **Our new retreat date is February 8-11, 2018, at Our Lady of Lourdes Retreat Center, Houston, Texas, 77047.**

Women, if God is calling you to attend this spirit filled retreat please email or call; Mary Lou Grothaus at momgrothaus@gmail.com / 713-582-6091, or Susan Pyle at susan.pyle@sbcglobal.net / 713-826-0783, for your registration form. A table will soon be available in the Narthex after each Mass to sign you up and answer any questions you may have. If you have already attended a Women's ACTS retreat and are interested in teaming with a wonderful group of your sisters, we would love to have you! Meetings are Tuesday evenings in room 110 CFC building, at 7:00 p.m. (Food and fellowship starts at 6:30 p.m.) Please join us!

That Man Is You

Men of St. Justin "That Man Is You" begins again on Saturday, January 20, at 7:00 a.m. in the parish hall. "The Revelation of a Father" is the name of the series. Will you become a man after God's own heart? Get a taste of "That Man is You" with just a few sessions. Do it for yourself, for your family, for God's church, for a better society. The program is offered free. Coffee and kolaches. Contact raymondtorres@peoplepc.com.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your generous Christmas gifts, and may God bless you abundantly in the coming year.

Father Paul Chovanec & Father Peter Nguyen

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 15 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. There will be No 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

We enrolled 5 new students this past week at the preschool and have several more arriving at the end of the month. Welcome to all of our new families.

We are busy planning for our upcoming St. Justin Martyr Preschool Olympic games! We held this event during the last Olympic Games and had such a great time we thought we would do it again. Father Paul is a fabulous curler!

The preschool will be closed on Monday, January 15 for the Martin Luther King holiday.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

Join us at the "Texas Rally For Life 2018" on January 27. Contact Nan or James DeGhelder for details 281-610-8907 or 832-358-5037.

Our next meeting is February 12@7:15 p.m.

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 Knights of Columbus Council 8293 is asking you to Support our Scholarship Project to raise Money for Scholarship awards for High school students at St Justin Martyr Parish by these two events:

1. Selling Super Bowl Raffle Tickets with Grand prize of a 55" LED, HD 4K TV. Each Raffle ticket is \$10.00 and only 500 tickets will be sold. Drawing date is January 28 at 11:30 a.m. [right after the 10:00 a.m. Mass]. Raffle Tickets on Sale NOW text 832-455-2709 for tickets.

2. Selling of Super Bowl Meats of Brisket, Sausages and BBQ Chicken for your Super Bowl party. We are taking orders now, place your order NOW, pickup of your order is February 4, 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No meat will sold on that day. Order by Text message and send to 832-455-2709; text ONLY.

The Next Council Social Meeting is Thursday January 18 in the parish hall at 7:00pm.

Calendar Activities:

January 14 - KC VA Hospital Visit 7:00 a.m.

January 15 - Martin Luther King Day

January 16 - KC Assembly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

January 18 - KC Social Meeting in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

Questions, call please contact Grand Knight Michael Akiboh 281-707-4444.

News About the Mavericks

January 19 – Friday – 6:30 p.m. – Monthly meeting in the parish hall. Installation of officers for 2018 and a program on making funeral arrangements.

January 24 – Wednesday – SW Senior Senate meeting at St. Cyril's. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Looking Ahead!

February 11 – Sunday – Casino Coushatta trip. Cost \$10. Bus begins to load at 7:30 a.m. from church parking lot. Make your reservations now to Marge at 281-498-3413.

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.

The Prayer Blanket / Prayer Shawl Ministry holds 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 6. 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 yarn and fabric. Questions, please call Guadalupe V. Mussio at 281-896-4368.

Social Ministry News

Next Sunday is our monthly food drive. When you grocery shop this week, Please consider picking up a non-perishable food item and donate it to the pantry.

At this time the most needed items are:

Canned tuna and Crackers

Thank you for supporting such a worthy cause.

May God bless you and keep you safe.



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.

January 16 - 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.

January 23 - Monthly Dinner. Carpool from the church at 7:00 p.m. to The Original Marini's Empanada House for food and fellowship. **Jan. 30 - Bible Study.** Join us in CFC 211 (Library) at 7 PM as we enjoy snacks and explore the readings for the week.

February 4 - Super Chili Bowl IV. We will need help setting up the hall starting around 4:00 p.m. Invite your friends and family.

February 6 - 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 or comments, contact Robert Ontko at robert.ontko@gmail.com or 832-372-9928.

Super Chili Bowl IV - The Young Adult Community (18-35ish) invites everyone at the parish to join me for their fourth annual Super Chili Bowl (Chili Cook-off and Super Bowl Party). \$10 to enter/eat chili with snacks & 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 and faiths.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight
will be on the

- Stewardship 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

Let's Celebrate . . .

All the wonderful things the Holy Spirit is accomplishing in our parish: stewardship, volunteerism, diversity and unity! Come to the parish hall on Saturday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy an evening full of friendly faces, international foods, prizes, and entertainment. There is no charge for this celebration organized by the Stewardship Committee. Come and enjoy a fun evening with your SJM family!

Please Pray For . . .

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

January 20 Pedro Ramirez-Duarte &
Ana Gabriela Alvarez

January 26 Vy Ngoc Tran &
Vy Tran Thuy Nguyen

Monday Night Bible Study

Resumes on January 22 at 7:30 p.m. in room 110 of the CFC building. We will continue our study of 2 Corinthians. All are invited.

Texas Rally For Life 2018

Join thousands of Texans at the Rally in Austin. It will be held on January 27 on the south steps of the Capitol in Austin. It will commemorate the 45th anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision of 1973, which made abortion legal through out all 9 months of pregnancy. Let's fill a bus with St. Justin parishioners. The bus will be at the church west parking lot at 6:30 a.m. We will attend Mass for Life at St. Vincent de Paul at 8:15 a.m. celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo, then we will head to Austin for the Rally march at 1:00 p.m. Reboard the bus at 3:30 p.m. by the Capitol steps and return to St. Justin around 7:00 p.m. Seats on the bus are \$30 per seat with water, coffee and gatorade provided for the trip and some pastries in the morning. Please contact Nan or James DeGhelder for additional details or to reserve a seat on the bus at 281-610-8907 or 832-358-5037.

St. Justin, pray for us!

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 children to the Holy Spirit to help him/her make a good First Confession.

Our next Sacrament Class for those students receiving a Sacrament this year will be held on Saturday, January 27 from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Students must complete all 14 classes. Please have your children turn in make-up work ASAP.

Children's Collection

SJM will have the Children's collection at each Mass. We invite your family to participate in this collection to teach our children the importance of tithing.

Elementary CCE

There will be no CCE Class on January 15, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Middle and High School Youth Ministry

For more information about youth events and activities contact:

Vacant, Coordinator of
Youth Ministries

281-902-5710

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

Confirmation Students

All students in the 2nd year of preparation of Confirmation please note that the Sponsor Forms, Baptismal Certificates, Birth Certificates, and Saint's Names are due by January 21.

CCE Classes

January 14 - Class

January 21 - Class

January 28 - Class

February 4 - No Class



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