

# 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 4, 2018*

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### **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

### Tireless Discipleship

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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### Stewardship Weekend

St. Justin Martyr's Stewardship Weekend is coming on February 24 & 25 in the parish hall. Have you found your place in the Body of Christ yet?



## Financial Stewardship

### Weekend Collection

January 28	\$19,887
On-line Giving	\$ 35
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Social Ministry	\$ 100
Building Improvements	\$ 79
Registered Families	1851
<b>Latin America Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,647</b>

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**

**This Year's Theme:**  
**"Instruments of God's Mercy"**

Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our archdiocese. Once a year, each of us is asked to make a commitment to support the work of our programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, formation and education by contributing to the Diocesan Services Fund. Help us attain our parish goal of \$124,780. Please make your donation today!

### Spring Festival

**SJM's spring festival will be held on  
April 21-22, 2018.**

**This year's theme is "We are Many Parts-  
One Body."**

Work has already begun to make this the biggest, most successful event ever for SJM. This year's goal is to raise \$100,000.00! (No, this is not a typo!) The festival committee is working to bring new ideas and fun activities. Please come to the table in the parish hall for more information on how YOU can help with this ambitious project!



## Prayer Needs

### Mass Intentions

February 3rd ~ February 11th

<b>Sat.</b>	Feb 4th	5:30 p.m.	+ Rosa E. Rodriguez
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 4th	8:00 a.m.	+ Benito & Margarita Alcalá
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 4th	10:00 a.m.	Charlotte Harding
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 4th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 4th	5:00 p.m.	Blanca Botero
<b>Mon.</b>	Feb 5th	7:00 p.m.	+ Albert Fanning
<b>Tue.</b>	Feb 6th	7:00 p.m.	+ All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Wed.</b>	Feb 7th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rosario Cassarino
<b>Thurs.</b>	Feb 8th	9:00 a.m.	Maria Yu Yin
<b>Fri.</b>	Feb 9th	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Cao Duc Hung
<b>Fri.</b>	Feb 9th	6:30 p.m.	+ Anna Vu
<b>Sat.</b>	Feb 10th	9:00 a.m.	+ Larry McMillian
<b>Sat.</b>	Feb 10th	5:30 p.m.	+ Nadia & Darryl Espie
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 11th	8:00 a.m.	+ Maxima Fermin
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 11th	10:00 a.m.	+ Gloria Siy Bowen
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 11th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 11th	5:00 p.m.	+ Nancy Ruiz

## Readings for the Week

Sun., Feb 4th:	Jb 7:1-4,6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
Mon., Feb 5th:	1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tues., Feb 6th:	1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wed., Feb 7th:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thurs., Feb 8th:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Fri., Feb 9th:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Sat., Feb 10th:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/ Mk 8:1-10
Sun., Feb 11th:	Lv 13:1-2,44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

*Our altar flowers this week were donated  
in honor of their wedding anniversary  
by **Dolores & Baltazar Gonzalez***

## Parish Events

### Sunday, February 4th

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 5th

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

### Tuesday, February 6th

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 7th

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  
7:00 p.m. Elementary CCE

### Thursday, February 8th

9:00 a.m. Mass  
7:00 p.m. Adult Sacrament Class

### Friday, February 9th

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

### Saturday, February 10th

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

### Sunday, February 11th

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

### 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.

# Parish Life

## 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 utmost 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.

## African Community of St. Justin Martyr

**February 4** - General meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building, room 212. New members welcome.

**February 11** - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building, room 212. New members welcome.

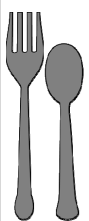
**February 18** - Prayer meeting and choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building, room 212. Questions, call Okey Okafor at 832-526-6668.

## 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:

February 16	Daughters of Isabella
February 23	Women's ACT's Retreat Team
March 2	Hispanic Community
March 9	African Community
March 16	Knights of Columbus
March 23	Vietnamese Community



*February 4, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Monday Night Adult Bible Study Group in the parish hall after morning Masses.*

*February 11, enjoy the TET Celebration in the parish hall after the Noon Mass.*

## LENT

Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14, is the traditional forty days of preparation for the catechumens preparing for baptism and full Christian initiation into the Church. For them it is a period of "purification and enlightenment." At the beginning of this season, the Church, represented by the Bishop, formally ratifies the catechumen's readiness for the sacraments of initiation, and the catechumens, now the elect, express the will to receive the sacraments.

We accompany them on their journey by returning to our own baptisms through repentance and conversion—turning away from sin and following the Gospel more faithfully. To assist us in this journey, we embrace Lent as a time of prayer, self denial (fasting) and charity (almsgiving).

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 Ash Wednesday, 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.**

## **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

6:00 a.m. Mass	9:00 a.m. Mass
12:10 p.m. Prayer service with Ashes	
4:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes	
5:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes	
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes	
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes	

**If you are a St. Justin Martyr Liturgical Minister please consider serving at Mass. Sign-up in the brides-room.**

## Stations of the Cross

Thursdays	7:30 p.m.	Spanish
Fridays	6:00 p.m.	Vietnamese
Fridays	7:30 p.m.	English

# Parish Life

## ***Daughters of Isabella***

Unity, Friendship and Charity



Upcoming Events:

February 12 - 7:15 p.m. - Meeting.

February 16 - Lenten Meal - 5:00 p.m. - We will serve a meatless meal in the parish hall before Stations of the Cross.

February 25- Bake Sale - After Sunday Mass, please help us with this fundraiser by purchasing some of our delicious baked goods.

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

## **Knights of Columbus-SJM Council 8293**

Many thanks to our parishioners for supporting our Scholarship Project. We appreciate your support. If you ordered Super Bowl Party meat, please pick up your order today from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Super Bowl Raffle Winners:

Grand Prize 55 inch HD TV  
Painting  
Ladies Jewelry & Watch  
Slow Cooker  
I-Pad

Dennis Rolter  
KiraLyn Quiroz  
T. Araiza  
Keith Grothaus  
Josh Alderete

Congratulations to new Third-Degree Knights:  
Eddie Adeolu Adetoye and Erasmus Ugochukwu

Upcoming Activities:

February 4 - KC Super Bowl Party Meat pickup

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

February 17 - KC Exemplification



Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight  
will be on the

**-Filipino Community -**

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

## **News About the Mavericks**

**February 6 – Tuesday** – Kitchen band practice in the parish hall.

**February 11 – Sunday** – Casino Coushatta trip. Cost \$10. Bus begins loading at 7:30 a.m. from church parking lot. Last chance to make your reservations! Call Marge at 281-498-3413.

**February 12 – Monday** – Bus trip to Gonzales to tour the Texas Pride Mushroom Farm. A step-on guide will give us a driving tour of Gonzales. Cost \$5. Lunch buffet at GG's Steakhouse. Cost \$10.50. Bus leaves at 7:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413.

**February 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.

## **Many Thanks**

To two anonymous parishioners and their families for their donations of wine and hosts for St. Justin Martyr for the month of February.

## **Palms, Palms, Palms**

If you have palms left over from last Palm Sunday, please drop them in the basket in the narthex. We will be using them to make Ashes for Ash Wednesday.

## **Social Ministry News**

Today, February 4, is Super Bowl Sunday.

The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple Prayer said by 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.

Most needed items are :

Crackers                      Canned Soup

Thank you for supporting such a worthy cause.

May God bless and keep you safe.

# Parish Life

## ***ACTS Mission - WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT***

*"In the shadow of your Wings I shout for Joy" PS 63:8*

**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](mailto:momgrothaus@gmail.com) / 713-582-6091, or Susan Pyle at [susan.pyle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susan.pyle@sbcglobal.net) / 713-826-0783, for your registration form. Visit the table in the hall after each Mass to sign up and answer any questions you may have.

## **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.

**February 4 - Super Chili Bowl IV. TODAY!** 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.

**February 13 - Mardi Gras Party.** Join us at 7:00 p.m. at the Flying Saucer in Sugar Land (15929 City Walk, Sugar Land, TX 77479) to celebrate Fat Tuesday with dinner and drinks. Free food for Super Chili Bowl volunteers.

**February 20 - Bible Study.** Join us in CFC 211 (Library) at 7:00 p.m. as we enjoy snacks and explore the readings for the week.

Questions call Robert Ontko at [832-372-9928](tel:832-372-9928).

**Super Chili Bowl IV - Today is the day! New England Patriots vs. Philadelphia Eagles at Super Bowl LII plus Mr. Kurtz vs. The World at 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) in the parish hall. \$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.

## **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.

## **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. These offerings for the poor are part of our Lenten almsgiving this year.

Here is the list:

February 16	Tuna
February 23	Crackers
March 2	1 Pound of Rice
March 9	Canned Meat
March 16	1 Pound of Dry Beans
March 23	Spaghetti Sauce

## **We invite you . . .**

. . . We invite you on Sunday, February 11, to join the Vietnamese Community in celebrating the Vietnamese New Year, TET. TET officially marks the beginning of their lunar new year. This year, 2018, is the year of the dog. This friendly and festive family holiday is the ultimate holiday for the Vietnamese people. The Vietnamese TET is an occasion for an entire people to share a common ideal of peace, accord, and mutual love. Let us come together as a community to celebrate on this special day. This special celebration will begin with the Vietnamese Mass at noon, followed by festivities in the parish hall.

## **World Day for Consecrated Life**

The 22nd World Day for Consecrated Life will be observed in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston today, Sunday, February 4. Our archdiocese is blessed with the ministry of approximately 400 women and 200 men in religious life. The two religious vocations from St. Justin Martyr Parish are Father Tim Mouton, CSC and Tucker Redding, SJ.

## ***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**

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

## **Children's Collection**

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

RCIA BOW students meet every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Parents and students, remember to be here every week.

Our next Sacrament Class for those students receiving a Sacrament this year will be held on Saturday, February 10 from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m.

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

## **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).

## **Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC)**

Incoming ninth graders through outgoing high school seniors for the 2017-2018 school year are invited to attend the Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC) held at the Hilton Americas Hotel July 20-22, 2018. All who are interested, please join us on Youth Night every Wednesday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. for more information. Also, sign up with your Catechist during your CCE class.

## **CCE Classes**

February 4 - Superbowl Break  
February 11 - Class  
February 18 - Class  
February 25 - Class  
March 4 - Class



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