

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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 29, 2018

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor
Deacon Corney Llorens

Fr. Peter Thang Nguyen, Parochial Vicar
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

Martha C. Garza
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Clergy Reflection

Who Does Not Need To Be Pruned?

This image of vine and branches speaks to community, both strong and weakened. It has to do with the quality of our support and dealings with one another. The Old Testament used this image several times. However, in these examples the vine itself is the community which sometimes is not up to the challenge of being God's people in harmony. The vine is therefore destroyed.

In today's gospel Jesus, not the community, is the vine which is always true; and we are the branches. Therefore, if some branches do not produce fruit, the vine as a whole does not die, making it indestructible. Be careful in case again we are tempted to be judgmental. We might want to point fingers. Look in the mirror.

The truth is that we all, each and everyone of us, have fruitful branches as well as weakened branches within ourselves. The pruning is not the destruction. Rather it is the beautifying of each of us. Who does not need to be pruned? God stands ready to prune us into ever more healthy growth, into full bloom. But we need to let go. Why hold onto shunning, selfishness, revenge, envy or dead end life plans, all petty twigs? Realizing our shortcomings is not a condemnation. This here is a resurrection theme. God is pruning us into life. We are still connected to the vine. At the Last Supper Jesus took the "fruit of the vine." Every time we receive communion, drink from the cup, we drink to our health; and Jesus presents the toast.

Deacon Corney

**PEACE IS NOT SERENITY FROM THE STORM...
PEACE IS SERENITY WITHIN THE STORM.**

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

April 22	\$17,840
On-line Giving	\$ 601
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Building Improvements	\$ 240
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1963
Home Missions Collection	\$ 3,332

Go to 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:	\$ 51,539
Parish Contributions:	\$ 35,101
Balance Due:	\$ 89,679
Number of Participants	265

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***

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

April 28th ~ May 6th

Sat.	Apr 28th	5:30 p.m.	+ Rosa Santarina
Sun.	Apr 29th	8:00 a.m.	+ Leonard Llorens, Sr.
Sun.	Apr 29th	10:00 a.m.	+ J.V. Hinojosa
Sun.	Apr 29th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Apr 29th	5:00 p.m.	+ Roberto Rodriguez
Mon.	Apr 30th	7:00 p.m.	Alexander Rogacion, Sr.
Tue.	May 1st	7:00 p.m.	+ Rosa Santarina
Wed.	May 2nd	9:00 a.m.	+ Marta Soles
Thurs.	May 3rd	9:00 a.m.	+ Rosario Cassarine
Fri.	May 4th	9:00 a.m.	+ Janice Duplessis
Fri.	May 4th	6:30 p.m.	+ Rev. Rodney Kissinger, SJ
Sat.	May 5th	9:00 a.m.	+ Phao Lo Tran Nan
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

Readings for the Week

Sun., Apr 29th:	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8
Mon., Apr 30th:	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tues., May 1st:	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wed., May 2nd:	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thurs., May 3rd:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Fri., May 4th:	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Sat., May 5th:	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sun., May 6th:	Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Word of Life

“Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2017-2018
Respect Life Reflection, www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid

Parish Events

Sunday, April 29th

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, April 30th

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

Tuesday, May 1st

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 2nd

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, May 3rd

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

Friday, May 4th

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

Saturday, May 5th

9:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Elementary CCE
4:00 p.m. Penance
5:30 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. San Miguel Mass

Sunday, May 6th

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

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

Parish Life

DSF 2018

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

Thank you for answering the call to express God's love and compassion through your commitment to this year's Diocesan Services Fund (DSF). Catholics throughout our archdiocesan community are uniting in faith, sharing their blessings, and giving gifts in Christ's name. If you have not yet responded, we urge you to consider offering your commitment at this time, each gift helps. With every parishioner's meaningful participation, we will succeed in reaching our DSF goal of \$124,780 and provide hope and help for those among us who are most in need. If you prefer to donate online, visit www.archgh.org/dsf. Envelopes are in the narthex.

Posting of Tithing

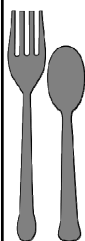
We would like to thank you for tithing! Your financial support is a vital asset to our parish operations. The accuracy of posting your tithing is of the utmost importance to us. Due to the number of parishioners with the same name, we ask that all donations and envelopes contain the following information:

- 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.

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.



April 29, Young Adults Breakfast on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

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

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.

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 3rd. 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. Phil Kurtz, 713-245-1279, philkurtzpuritan@aol.com.

Parish Blood Drive

Blood donors, just a reminder that Gulf Coast Regional is in the CFC building room 101 today, ready to collect your precious gift of life. Thank you for your consideration.

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.

St. Justin, pray for us!

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 Daughters of Isabella would like to thank everyone who donated a cake or worked at the cakewalk. Your generosity benefited our cakewalk booth, the festival and especially our wonderful St. Justin parish. A special thank you to Jodie Estimbo and her Girl Scout troop for all the cakes and all the hours they contributed.

"I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people." PS 22

Congratulations to our sister Marian Mingen on the birth of her new grandson Logan Joseph!

Please join us on May 5 @5:00 p.m. as we pray the rosary before Saturday evening mass.

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.



The Knights of Columbus Council 8293 says Thank you to all those who helped out with the Spring Festival.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8293 Scholarship applications deadline is May 5, 2018. 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 - KC Business Meeting at St. Justin in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m..

May 5 - Deadline to Submit KC Scholarship Application.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Michael Akiboh 281-707-4444.

News About the Mavericks

May 4 – Friday – 9:00 a.m. – First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at The Egg and I, 14079 Memorial Drive.

May 5 – Saturday – Bus trip to Liberty, Texas to hear gospel music at the Liberty Opry. Cost \$16. Lunch at Simply Country. Entrees \$8 to \$15. Bus leaves at 12 noon from church parking lot. Approx. time returning is 8:30 p.m. Call Marge at 281-498-3413 for reservations.

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.

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.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight
will be on the

- Legion of Mary Ministry -

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

Social Ministry News

During March 2018 the Social Ministry assisted 47 households (118 individuals) of which 19 were new clients.

Statistics:

40 Households	Food
1 Households	Rent Pledge
2 Households	Food and Rent Pledge
0 Households	Utility Pledge
4 Households	Food and Utility Pledge

Breakdown of Households by ethnic group:

Asian	3 Households	7 Individuals
Afro American	29 Households	67 Individuals
Hispanics	8 Households	26 Individuals
Anglos	7 Households	18 Individuals

Food for Thought: During March 2018 the Social Ministry did not purchase Food from the Houston Food Bank. The Lenten almsgiving was great!

Thank you for supporting the Social Ministry 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

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

May 1 - 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 8 - Bible Study. Join us in CFC 211 (Library) at 7:00 p.m. as we enjoy snacks and explore the readings for the week.

Save the Date - Café Catholica - July 9, 16, 23 & 30 at St. Michael's.

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

Bibles

Need a Bible for personal use? A paperback is available at the parish office for \$15.00. See Dolores to purchase your bible.

Flowers say it best!

Want to help adorn our altar for weekend Masses with a beautiful floral arrangement? If so, you can donate flowers as a gift in your name, your family name, or as a remembrance for a loved one by coming by the Parish office. The cost is \$75 and mention of the gift will be made in the bulletin.

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

Spring Festival 2018

The Festival Committee wishes to thank the "many parts of our one body" who worked so hard to make last weekend successful! Many thanks for each effort-large or small-brought grace and blessing to our parish. Many, many thanks!

And The Winners Are:

\$10,000 1st Prize Francis Tipton & Cely Mowdy
\$3,000 2nd Prize Luis Frias

And the 10 \$200 Gift Cards:

\$200 Gary Knight
\$200 Rudy Benitez
\$200 Diep Kim Nguyen
\$200 R. Bennett
\$200 Thao Tran
\$200 Juanita & Robert
\$200 Craig Crabtree
\$200 Kathleen Pham
\$200 Fr. Peter Nguyen
\$200 Savana

A special thanks goes out to all this years Spring Festival volunteers for their hard work and support! You have all given so generously of yourselves, not only for the event; but also, in the many other ways that you work to build up this part of God's kingdom.

Thanks also to the people of God, our parish community who came out and supported us this past weekend.

"Oh God, thank you for the many ways You have blessed us, especially today!"

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.

CCE News

Contact
Us

Perla Galvan
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281-902-5712

First Communion Rehearsals

10:00 AM MASS	May 1 and May 3	from 6:00—8:00PM
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

Save the Date!

June 25-29

Vacation Bible School



*Vacation Bible
School*

June 25-29

Volunteer Training

May 16 at 6:30 p.m.

For more info please contact Perla Galvan
(281)902-5712

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.

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: April 29, 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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