

# 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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## *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 19, 2017*

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor

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Deacon Corney Llorens

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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

**Alyssa Avila**  
DRE

**Karen Rachal**  
Parish Administrator

**Alex Pina**  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

## Clergy Reflection

### Divine Wisdom

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

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### African Community of St. Justin Martyr

**February 19 & 26** - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

#### **March 5th**

General meeting of the African Community of St Justin 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.

## Financial Stewardship

### Weekend Collection

February 12	\$18,224
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ -0-
Social Ministry	\$ 585
Registered Families	1581

### 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

March 1	Archdiocesan Social Ministries
March 5	Black & Indian Missions
March 26	Catholic Relief Services
April 14	Holy Land

**THIS IS STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND!  
COME TO THE PARISH HALL  
AFTER MASS.  
LEARN NEW WAYS TO  
SHARE YOUR TIME, TALENT, AND  
TREASURE  
WITH YOUR PARISH.**

### *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

# Prayer Needs

## Mass Intentions

February 18th ~ February 26th

<b>Sat.</b>	Feb 18th	5:30 p.m.	+ Ginger Rudovich
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 19th	8:00 a.m.	+ Michelle Brosius-Perkins
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 19th	10:00 a.m.	Blessings for Family
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 19th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 19th	5:00 p.m.	+ Jose Claro Favila Family
<b>Mon.</b>	Feb 20th	7:00 p.m.	Owen & Karen Rachal
<b>Tue.</b>	Feb 21st	7:00 p.m.	+ Antonio Marquez
<b>Wed.</b>	Feb 22nd	9:00 a.m.	+ Maria
<b>Thurs.</b>	Feb 23rd	9:00 a.m.	+ Marcelino Garcia
<b>Fri.</b>	Feb 24th	9:00 a.m.	Giuse
<b>Fri.</b>	Feb 24th	6:30 p.m.	+ Augustine
<b>Sat.</b>	Feb 25th	9:00 a.m.	+ Angela Di Bartolo
<b>Sat.</b>	Feb 25th	5:30 p.m.	+ Natasja Duffin
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 26th	8:00 a.m.	+ Bobby McMillian
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 26th	10:00 a.m.	+ Bartolo Gonzalez
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 26th	12:00 p.m.	Mama
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb 26th	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin

### Lilies for Easter

Remember a loved one at Easter by donating towards the Lilies to decorate the church. Donors and the names of loved ones will be listed in the Bulletin. Price is \$10.00 for each Memorial. Fill in the information below and bring with payment to the Church Office or drop it in the Sunday Collection. Make your check payable to St. Justin Martyr. I would like to donate towards decorating the Church with Lilies at \$10.00 per Memorial, for the following:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



*Our altar flowers this week were donated  
in honor of  
their 45th Wedding Anniversary  
by  
Owen & Karen Rachal*

## Parish Events

### Sunday, February 19th

- 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, February 20th

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

### Tuesday, February 21st

- 6:30 p.m. Penance
- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- 7:30 p.m. Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary

### Wednesday, February 22nd

- 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 23rd

- 9:00 a.m. Mass

### Friday, February 24th

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

### Saturday, February 25th

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

### Sunday, February 26th

- 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

## Way Of The Cross

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 item will be requested each week.

Here is the list:

March 3	Crackers
March 10	Rice - 1 Pound Bag
March 17	Dry Beans - 1 Pound Bag
March 24	Canned Tuna
March 31	Canned Fruit
April 7	Ramen Noodles/Pasta

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

## ***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.

## University of St. Thomas

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming event:

Miller Lecture: "Has Pope Francis Changed the Church"? Monday, February 27, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Jones Hall at UST. Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver and former president of UST, will give the annual Miller Lecture. Free.

***Today, Sunday, February 19, enjoy Breakfast Tacos on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.***

***Next Sunday, February 26, enjoy Baked Goodies prepared by the Daughters of Isabella on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.***



## 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 has begun 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 today.

## Organ Concert

**Coming Soon:** Dr. Anna Marie Flusche, O.P., an accomplished organist, will present an organ concert here at St. Justin Martyr Parish on Saturday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. The concert will include some well known organ works, and the program will feature the premiere of a new work composed by Joseph Bertolozzi especially for the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Order. Following the concert, there will be a reception in the parish hall and a display about famous Dominican organbuilders. The concert and the display will be free of charge and open to the interested public.

## Stations of the Cross

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

# Parish Life

## St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

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 aged two years through Pre-K 4! We have 2, 3 and 5 day class options. 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.

### ***Daughters of Isabella***

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" 1 Cor. 3:16

Dues notices went out in January. If you did not get yours, please contact Nan. Please try to take care of this soon. There is financial aid available if needed, please contact Nan.

Our upcoming events include :

Bake sale on February 26.

Rosary in the chapel March 3, at 5:00 p.m.

Our next meeting is March 13 at 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

Thanks to all the Knights who will participate in the VA visit and those who assisted with the Houston Chapter KC Cooking event

Assembly 3053 Business Meeting is Tuesday, February 21, at St. Justin Martyr in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

This weeks events:

February 19 - KC Council 8293 VA visit at 7:00 a.m.

February 21 - Assembly Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

February 23 - KC Council 8293 Officers Meeting, Room 110 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the KC's, contact Grand Knight Michael Akiboh at 281-707-4444.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight  
will be on  
- **Social Ministry** -

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

## News About the Mavericks

**February 20 – Monday** – Mystery bus trip. Cost under \$10. Lunch \$10 – \$12. Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. from church parking lot.

**February 21 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.** – Kitchen band practice in parish hall. We're starting our spring concert music. If interested in joining our group, call Jim at 281-293-8206.

**February 22 – Wednesday** – Out-to-lunch at Jason's Deli, 14604 Memorial Dr. Meet at restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Reservations to Virginia at 281-498-6077 by February 20.

**March 3 – Friday – 9:00 a.m.** – First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Pastelitos Café, 1809 Eldridge Pkwy.

**March 7 - Tuesday** - Annual Day of Prayer at St. Edward's in Spring, TX. Time 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost \$12 which includes lunch. To register, call Marilyn at 281-879-7568.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**LENTEN MISSION**  
**March 26 to 29**  
**Theme: "Jesus the Light of life"**

## Social Ministry News

During January 2017 the Social Ministry assisted 108 households (340 individuals) of which 35 were new clients.

Statistics:

90 Households	Food
1 Households	Rent Pledge
7 Households	Food and Rent Pledge
2 Households	Utility Pledge
9 Households	Food and Utility Pledge

Breakdown of Households by ethnic group:

Asian	2 Households	6 Individuals
Afro American	62 Households	187 Individuals
Hispanics	34 Households	124 Individuals
Anglos	10 Households	23 Individuals

Food for Thought: During January 2017 the Social Ministry purchased 1,874 pounds of food for \$486.14 from the Houston Food Bank.

Thank you St. Justin Martyr for your support to such a worthy cause.

# Parish Life

## Spring Festival Update

This year's Spring Festival is scheduled for April 29 and 30. The festival budget underwriting campaign is well on the way. Please stop by the Spring Festival table in the parish hall after Mass to see what budget item you can underwrite. Also, do you know that the Spring Festival raffle first prize is a \$5,000 gift card? Stop by the table in the parish hall to find out when the raffle tickets go on sale. For more information, please contact the parish office at 281-556-5116.

## 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 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.

## 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:

March 3 Knights of Columbus  
March 10 Spanish Ministry  
March 17 ACTS  
March 24 Daughters of Isabella  
March 31 African Community  
April 7 Vietnamese Community

## Men's ACTS Retreat Team

The ACTS Men Retreat Team will begin meeting on February 21 in "The Upper Room". If you have been on an ACTS Retreat, and would like to help put on the 2017 Retreat, please make sure you make this meeting!

If you are a man (18 years of age or older) and have not been on this retreat, we will be planning a great time for you. We are limited to attendees, so it is advised to register early to reserve your spot. Early registration begins the weekend of February 25 & 26.



## Spring Sparkle Day is March 4.

## LENT

Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday, March 1, 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, March 1, 2017

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.**

# CCE News

Contact  
Us

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## RCIA: Rite of Sending

**The RCIA Rite of Sending (for those children in second year who have not been baptized) will be on March 4, 4:15 p.m. in the Parish hall .**

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)

## Ash Wednesday



Children's Ash Wednesday Service  
March 1, 7:00 p.m. in the  
CFC Building room 205-207.

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

**Saturday, March 4**  
**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).

## High School Youth Night

*"Adolescent Symposium"*

The Office of Youth Ministry would like to invite all high school students to its Adolescent Symposium. It will be a night to socialize, eat, have refreshments, and listen to a discussion on Justice. Best of all it's FREE!

The Adolescent Symposiums will take place once a month throughout the CCE school year.

**When:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017

**Time:** 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**Where:** Youth Room (CFC Building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

### Reminder:

CCE & Confirmation parents, please stop by the office to pay off any registration fees or confirmation retreat fees that are still due. Thank you.



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