

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.



First Sunday Of Lent, March 5, 2017

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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

Alyssa Avila
DRE

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Alex Pina
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Clergy Reflection

We Have Times That Test Us

Today's readings remind us of the need for food to sustain our bodies, for life. We also see a need for spiritual food to sustain our souls. We see that from the beginning of creation, God created man in his image and provided for him all he needs to nourish body and soul. He is both our daily bread and the source of all spiritual nourishment. We are reminded in today's readings, that we have somehow felt a need to change things. The temptation to do that comes at us from all directions all the time.

We all though, have desert times, just like Jesus. We have times that test us, strain our courage and wear down our hope. We are hungry for safety, for happiness and for peace. Jesus reminds us today to direct our needs to God, and feast off his Words. Besides, he is God's beloved one in whom he is well pleased. So let's listen this Lent. This is indeed a time of listening for what God's word has to tell us as it speaks to our own hungers, yet deepens our trust that we are also God's beloved.

To consumer this Word is an act of faith, of hope and of love; it is to participate in the divine life, meant for us from the very dawn of creation. Create in me a clean heart my Jesus.

Deacon Corney



Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert.

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

February 26	\$17,228
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 195
Social Ministry	\$ 92.76
Registered Families	1581

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 26,595
Parish Contributions:	\$ 14,166
Balance Due:	\$110,614

Number of Participants 129

Upcoming Second Collections

March 26	Catholic Relief Services
April 14	Holy Land

Black & Indian Collection

The collection this weekend, March 4 & 5, meets the needs of those who would bring the light of Christ's witness to the impoverished, the isolated, and the despairing among the Black and Indian people. It is an important National Collection, vital to the church because it is used to support current and new evangelization programs. Our Holy Father has stressed over and over again, the importance of evangelizing. Your support will help many programs begun in the parishes and schools to continue. Thank you for your contributions.

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

March 4th ~ March 12th

Sat.	Mar 4th	5:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Mar 5th	8:00 a.m.	+ Diana Gittens
Sun.	Mar 5th	10:00 a.m.	+ J. B. Morin
Sun.	Mar 5th	12:00 p.m.	Nguyen Family
Sun.	Mar 5th	5:00 p.m.	+ Anton
Mon.	Mar 6th	7:00 p.m.	+ Consuelo Quiniquini
Tue.	Mar 7th	7:00 p.m.	+ Ralph Anselmi
Wed.	Mar 8th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rev. Rawlin B. Enette, S.S.J.
Thurs.	Mar 9th	9:00 a.m.	+ Mary Perrone
Fri.	Mar 10th	9:00 a.m.	+ Danny Medinnin
Fri.	Mar 10th	6:30 p.m.	+ Abandoned Soul
Sat.	Mar 11th	9:00 a.m.	+ Carmina Marquez
Sat.	Mar 11th	5:30 p.m.	+ Sr. Ann Nguyen
Sun.	Mar 12th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Mar 12th	10:00 a.m.	Conversion of Members in Family
Sun.	Mar 12th	12:00 p.m.	Marie
Sun.	Mar 12th	5:00 p.m.	+ Miguel Caceres Angel

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 \$ _____

NOTICE - Santuario Del Divino Nino Jesus

Please be advised the celebration of Mass and/or the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament has been prohibited at the following location:

Santuario Del Divino Nino Jesus
1411 Beanmont Street
South Houston, TX 77587

This facility is not owned or operated by the Archdiocese and its activities are not sanctioned by the Archdiocese.

Parish Events

Sunday, March 5th - First Sunday of Lent

- 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, March 6th

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

Tuesday, March 7th

- 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, March 8th

- 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, March 9th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 7:30 p.m. Spanish Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 10th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Vietnamese Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 p.m. Mass
- 7:30 p.m. English Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. NO Elementary CCE
- 4:00 p.m. Penance
- 5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 12th - Second Sunday of Lent

- 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

Parish Life

Many Thanks

Thanks to Cornelius Agwunobi for providing the Wine and Hosts for St. Justin Martyr for the month of March.

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.



2017 Lenten Mission: March 26 to 29

Theme: "Jesus the Light of Life"

A parish mission is an opportunity to hear the "Good News" and be the "Good News" for others.

Schedule:

6:00 p.m. Optional Potluck Dinner

7:00 p.m. Prayer

7:30 p.m. Presentations in Three Languages by:

English Speaker - Fr. Martin Iott OP

Spanish Speaker - Fr. Agustin Estrada Vietnamese

Speaker - Fr. Peter Dieu Quang Tran

Youth Track will be offered.

8:30 p.m. Closing Prayer

There will be NO 7:00 p.m. Mass on Monday, March 27 or Tuesday, March 28. Nursery will be available.

There will be CCE on Monday and Wednesday the night of the Mission.

Today, Sunday, March 5, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Youth on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Next Sunday, March 12, enjoy Vietnamese Food on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.



Spring Festival Update

St. Justin Spring Festival is Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30. Consider underwriting a budget item. Stop by the festival table in the parish hall to make a donation and also purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win \$5,000 in gift cards among other prizes. Take raffle tickets home to sell to your neighbors, friends, and co-workers. For more information, please contact the parish office at 281-556-5116.

40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil

Christians throughout the Houston area are invited to participate in the International 40 Days of Life campaign, which runs March 1 through April 9th. This event is co-sponsored by the Houston Coalition for Life and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. These 40 days are a call to prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. Please volunteer to pray at least one hour outside of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility located at 4600 Gulf Freeway on Tuesday Christians throughout the Houston area and the world are invited to participate in the international 40, March 21, St. Justin's day for prayer. You can sign up for your own weekly hour and spread the word to others about this life-saving effort. For more information, call Harry Herber at 832-877-4553.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

March 5 - General meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

March 12 - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members welcome.

March 19 - Prayer meeting and choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members welcome.

March 25 - Marian Festival African Community Choir performance, after the Vigil Mass.

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, March 7.

It's Here!! On-Line giving is available on the St. Justin web page.

Our Bulletin Insert this weekend gives easy instructions to sign up. Check us out and set up your on-line account today.

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

The preschool is recovering from a busy week of activities! Our focus is now on Lent and preparing for Easter! Please remember the preschool will be closed for Spring Break from Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is underway! If you are looking for a wonderful preschool for your child, please stop by for a tour and more information or call us at 281-556-1260 or www.sjmtx.org.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

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.

Gabriel Project - Baby Items Needed

St. Justin's Gabriel Project helping mothers in crisis, is in need of the following baby items:

Baby Bottles- 4 oz and 8 oz

Formula- Similac or Enfamil only

Baby clothes- Onesies/sleeper- new or gently used

Cash donations also accepted

Please drop off at the church office or Social Ministry cart. Information, call Barbara Adams, 281-556-6882.

Knights of Columbus-SJM Council 8293

Thank you to all the Knights who served on Ash Wednesday and those who assisted on Sparkle Day.

Events for this week:

March 10 KC Stations of the Cross

March 11 KC Poor Man Supper Ticket Sale

March 16 KC Social Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the KC's, please contact Grand Knight Michael Akiboh at 281-707-4444.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight
will be on
- **Girl Scouts** -

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

News About the Mavericks

March 7 – Tuesday – Diocesan Annual Day of Prayer at St. Edward's in Spring. Bus leaves at 8:15 a.m. from St. Cyril's Church. Tickets must have been purchased earlier.

March 11 – Saturday – Bus trip to see the Houston Cistern, Houston's first underground drinking water reservoir built in 1927. Will also see 3 large murals downtown and visit the Farmer's Market. Cost \$10. Lunch at Otto's Barbeque. Lunch plates \$9.95 - \$13.45. Sandwiches \$5.45 - \$8.75. Bus leaves at 10:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Call Marge at 281-498-3413 for last minute reservations.

March 14 – Tuesday – 3:00 p.m. – Monthly birthday party for residents at West Oaks Geriatric Center.

March 15 – Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. – Monthly meeting in parish hall followed by a soup/salad/dessert pot-luck meal.

March 17 – Friday – Miller Outdoor Theater to see Celtic Fire, an Irish dance and music program. Car pool from church at 6:15 p.m. Call Marge at 281-498-3413 for last minute reservations.

Social Ministry News

Our Lenten journey has begun. What will you do this Lenten Season?

Here are some thoughts:

Corporal Works of Mercy:

Feed the hungry, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Bury the dead, Visit the sick and imprisoned.

Bring Christ's love to the Poor:

Visit a nursing home or those who are shut in. Smile and say hello to a neighbor. Contact a lost friend.

Pray:

Your Prayers count! God hears His children when they call and He answers their prayers.

Way of the Cross March 10 1 Pound Bag of Rice



Parish Life

Spring Sparkle Day Thanks

A huge thank you goes to all the hard workers who came out for Spring Sparkle Day. We look forward to a healthy, green and flowering landscape. Great work!

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

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!

Want to learn more? Search "St. Justin Martyr Young Adult Community" on Facebook or contact Robert Ontko at robert.ontko@gmail.com or 832-372-9928.

Living With Alzheimer's And Dementia

The effects of Alzheimer's and Dementia on individuals, families and Communities, is the topic of a presentation scheduled for March 14, at 7:45 p.m. in the parish hall. Alzheimer's poses a national health threat to the U.S. as the number of cases continues to grow. Some practical answers on memory loss, aging, research treatment, and caring along with questions and answers will be presented by Rogers J. Duplessis. Everyone is welcome.

Men's ACTS Retreat

Have you ever said, "This religion stuff is fine... If we were living in the past.?" Come on the ACTS Men's Retreat and learn how this "religious stuff" intertwines with you and your modern life. (It's fascinating!) The retreat is June 1-4. Registration fee is \$260, and **YES** we do accept installment plans. If you miss us in the hall, registration forms are in the ministries rack or you can call Ben Finley at 325-338-9846.

LENT

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.**

Stations of the Cross

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

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

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 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.

CCE News

Contact Us

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RCIA: Rite of Election

The RCIA Rite of Election will take place on
Sunday, March 5, 2017
4:20 p.m. at St. Laurence Catholic Church
Sugarland, Texas

Please check out our website and Facebook page to keep up with the latest CCE news.

Website:

www.sjmtx.org/childrens-ministrycce

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/sjmccce



CCE Parents

Please reminder your child to continue to practice his/her prayers.

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

Saturday, March 25

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.

Parish Mission

March 27-29, 2017

The Office of Youth Ministry would like to invite all youth of the parish to its Parish Mission 2017. A youth version will be offered during our parish mission.

The mission theme: "Jesus, the Light of Life."

6:00pm: *Optional Potluck Dinner*

7:00pm: Prayer

7:30pm: Presentations (Youth in CFC Building 205/207)

8:30pm: Closing Prayer

Jr. High Lock-In:

The Office of Youth Ministry will be hosting a Jr. High Lock In on March 11, 2017 in the Parish Hall. Please email or call the Youth Minister to RSVP.

When: Saturday March 11 – Sunday March 12

Time: 5:30pm – 8:00am

Where: Parish Hall

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