

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.



Third Sunday Of Lent, March 19, 2017

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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

Alyssa Avila
DRE

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Alex Pina
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Clergy Reflection

Thirsting For Life-giving Waters

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

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St. Justin, pray for us!

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

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

March 12	\$19,112
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 312
Social Ministry	\$ 430
Registered Families	1581

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 36,228
Parish Contributions:	\$ 19,060
Balance Due:	\$105,720

Number of Participants 154

Upcoming Second Collections

March 26	Catholic Relief Services
April 14	Holy Land
April 23	Home Missions
May 14	Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
May 28	Catholic Communications

Thank you for your continued support of St. Justin Martyr Parish!

Catholic Relief Services

This appeal supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international solidarity and relief efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement services to the victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters. It also helps with development projects to improve living conditions of the poor; advocacy on behalf of the powerless; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and legal support services for poor immigrants. The collection takes place next weekend, March 25 & 26.

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

March 18th ~ March 26th

Sat.	Mar 18th	5:30 p.m.	Protection & Safety for Smart Ajaja
Sun.	Mar 19th	8:00 a.m.	Walter Timothy Heckler
Sun.	Mar 19th	10:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Mar 19th	12:00 p.m.	+ Maria Nguyen Thi Giang
Sun.	Mar 19th	5:00 p.m.	+ Alfredo Santacotoma
Mon.	Mar 20th	7:00 p.m.	+ Benito Alcala
Tue.	Mar 21st	7:00 p.m.	Charles Tangu
Wed.	Mar 22nd	9:00 a.m.	+ Dory Santos
Thurs.	Mar 23rd	9:00 a.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
Fri.	Mar 24th	9:00 a.m.	Blessings for Family
Fri.	Mar 24th	6:30 p.m.	+ Francis Nguyen
Sat.	Mar 25th	9:00 a.m.	+ Wilfred Pereira
Sat.	Mar 25th	5:30 p.m.	+ Michael Cook
Sun.	Mar 26th	8:00 a.m.	Ojukwu Family
Sun.	Mar 26th	10:00 a.m.	+ Peter Hinojosa
Sun.	Mar 26th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Mar 26th	5:00 p.m.	+ Charles Almond

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 \$ _____

Vocation Brief

A study commissioned by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Parish Events

Sunday, March 19th - Third 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 20th

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

Tuesday, March 21st

- 6:30 p.m. Penance
- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. NO Young Adults
- 7:30 p.m. Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary

Wednesday, March 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, March 23rd

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

Friday, March 24th

- 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 25th

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

Sunday, March 26th - Fourth 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

Parish Life

Spring Festival Update

St. Justin Spring Festival is Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30. Consider underwriting a budget item. Stop by the festival tables 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.

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.

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.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

March 19 - Choir practice and prayer meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212.

New members are welcome

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

March 26 - Choir practice and executive meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212.

For more information, contact Jude Obinyan at 832-788-3117

Let Us Pray

For the souls of the recently deceased, Louis Reynold Julien & Obinna Kingsley Anyansinti. May eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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 9. 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, March 21. Christians throughout the Houston area and the world are invited to participate. 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.



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 19, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the KC's on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses

Next Sunday, March 26, enjoy Breakfast Tacos on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

We hope everyone enjoyed a little time off and are ready to get back to work! Registration is ongoing! Please call or come by the CFC Building for a tour and more information regarding our preschool program! Contact us at www.sjmtx.org or 281-556-1260!

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. "

We will serve a meatless Lenten meal on March 24 in the parish hall from 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Please join us.

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

Thank you to all the Knights who assisted with the KC Corporate Communion events.

The next Business Meeting is Thursday, April 6, in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

Events for this week:

March 21 KC Assembly meeting at 6:30 p.m.

March 24 KC Stations of the Cross

April 1 KC Poorman's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

The Poorman's Supper" is scheduled for April 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets are now available for \$8.00 for an all you can eat soup supper. All proceeds will benefit social ministry.

Brick Donation

Donate a Brick now . . . as a gift in your name, the name of your family, or to remember a deceased loved one with a memorial gift. The cost is \$65. Please stop by or call the parish office for more information.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight will be on

- Newcomers Welcome Weekend -

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

News About the Mavericks

March 21 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Kitchen band practice in parish hall.

March 22 – Wednesday – Out-to-lunch at Mike's Seafood, 9449 Hwy 6 South. Entrees under \$10. Meet at restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Reservations to Virginia at 281-498-6077 by March 20.

April 3 – Monday – Bus trip to visit Hemi Hideout in Brookshire. This facility contains antique autos, tractors & motorcycles and over 600 vintage porcelain & neon signs. Cost \$10. Lunch at Must Be Heaven Sandwich Shoppe in Brenham - \$10 - \$15. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from church parking lot. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413 by March 24.

April 7 – Friday – Miller Outdoor Theater to see "Foot Loose, the Musical" presented by HITS. Car pool from church at 6:15 p.m. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413 by March 25.

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.

Social Ministry News

During February 2017 the Social Ministry assisted 98 households (300 individuals) of which 26 were new clients.

Statistics:

78 Households	Food
4 Households	Rent Pledge
4 Households	Food and Rent Pledge
6 Households	Utility Pledge
6 Households	Food and Utility Pledge

Breakdown of Households by ethnic group:

Asian	2 Households	6 Individuals
Afro American	55 Households	150 Individuals
Hispanics	32 Households	119 Individuals
Anglos	9 Households	25 Individuals

Food for Thought: With the generous donations received during February, no food was purchased from the Houston Food Bank.

Way of the Cross

March 24

Canned Tuna

Parish Life

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.

St. Joseph Altar

There will be a St. Joseph Altar set up in the parish hall starting this Thursday, March 23 and continuing until Sunday, March 26. Parishioners are asked to bring non-perishable food items and place them on the altar when you come to the Stations of the Cross as well as the Saturday and Sunday Masses. On the altar, you will find information on the history of this Catholic tradition.

The St. Joseph Altar tradition reminds us to share our blessings with those in need and therefore all items collected will go to social ministry in keeping with our Lenten observation of Almsgiving.

Keeping The Promise Alive ~ VIRTUS

Preventing child sexual abuse is the goal of a new program selected by the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. "Keeping The Promise Alive" refreshes clergy, staff, and volunteers who work with children, about child sexual abuse and ways to create safe environments for children. The 1.5-hour refresher session includes a video and facilitated discussions that focus on the prevention of abuse and the protection of children.

This refresher course is required for all persons that took the original "Protecting God's Children" course.

To comply with the above requirements, a "Keeping The Promise Alive" workshop is scheduled at St. Justin Martyr on Thursday, March 23, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

To attend this class a valid ID is required. Valid ID's are: Texas Driver's License, Texas Temporary Driver's License, Passport, or Mexican Consultant ID. **These are the only ID's acceptable. The name on the ID must match the registration name.**

You **must** register online at www.virtusonline.org.



Marian Festival For The Gabriel Project

March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Everyone is invited to attend a Multicultural Rosary at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. This is a fundraiser for the Gabriel Project, we are collecting items that are needed by an expectant mother. Any questions call the parish office.

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 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 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.

Giving Thanks When You Shop

Please be sure to thank the generous advertisers in our bulletin when you visit their business. Through their participation, our parish receives our weekly bulletin free of charge.

CCE News

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**Please continue to practice
prayers with your children.**



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/sjmcce

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School will take place from
June 26-30, 2017.

Look for registrations and
donation forms coming soon!

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

Vocation Sunday April 2

The Office of Youth Ministry will be dedicating an
entire CCE Sunday to vocations. The Vocations Director
for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will be
accompanied by several priest and religious sisters
from the Archdiocese. They will share their faith and
vocation story to our CCE students. The evening
will end with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
and praise & worship.

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