

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 Lent, April 2, 2017

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor

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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

Jesus' Ministry Summarized

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Psalm 130

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin. Romans 8:8-11

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus. John 11:1-45

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997.

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

March 26	\$20,715
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 75
Social Ministry	\$ 252
Registered Families	1581
Catholic Relief Services Collection	\$3,367

We have a leak on the east side of the Church roof and it will cost \$6,076 for repairs.

We received a rebate from DSF for \$4,058.25 that was a result of St. Justin Martyr making its 2016 Parish Goal.

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 41,582
Parish Contributions:	\$ 22,827
Balance Due:	\$101,953

Number of Participants 177

Upcoming Second Collections

April 14	Holy Land
April 23	Home Missions
May 14	Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

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

April 1st ~ April 9th

Sat.	Apr 1st	5:30 p.m.	David & Esther Uche
Sun.	Apr 2nd	8:00 a.m.	+ Santos Guevara
Sun.	Apr 2nd	10:00 a.m.	Colin & Adrienne Hamilton
Sun.	Apr 2nd	12:00 p.m.	Nguyen Family
Sun.	Apr 2nd	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Mon.	Apr 3rd	7:00 p.m.	+ Joseba & Francisca Landete
Tue.	Apr 4th	7:00 p.m.	NO Mass
Wed.	Apr 5th	9:00 a.m.	+ Alfredo Roldan
Thurs.	Apr 6th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rev. Charles Borski, OMI
Fri.	Apr 7th	9:00 a.m.	+ Forgotten Souls
Fri.	Apr 7th	6:30 p.m.	Phaolo
Sat.	Apr 8th	9:00 a.m.	Blessings for Family
Sat.	Apr 8th	5:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Apr 9th	8:00 a.m.	Nicholas Onyenobi Family
Sun.	Apr 9th	10:00 a.m.	Ojukwu Family
Sun.	Apr 9th	12:00 p.m.	Va Cong Niec Lam Duoc
Sun.	Apr 9th	5:00 p.m.	+ Rosa M. Unberto Morales

Readings for the Week

Sun., Apr 2nd:	Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45
Mon., Apr 3rd:	Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62/ Jn 8:1-11
Tues., Apr 4th:	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wed., Apr 5th:	Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Jn 8:31-42
Thurs., Apr 6th:	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Fri., Apr 7th:	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Sat., Apr 8th:	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-46
Sun., Apr 9th:	Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66

Word Of Life

“Life is a gift from God and so is His mercy. May we cherish and promote both.”

Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-2017
Respect Life Program

Parish Events

Sunday, April 2nd - Fifth 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, April 3rd

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

Tuesday, April 4th

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

Wednesday, April 5th

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, April 6th

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

Friday, April 7th

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, April 8th

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

Sunday, April 9th - Passion (Palm) Sunday

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

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.

Parish Life

Many Thanks

Thanks to Colin & Adrienne Hamilton for providing the Wine and Hosts for St. Justin Martyr for the month of April. It is in honor of their 1st Wedding Anniversary and in celebration of the Candidates and Catechumens.

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.

April Bulletin Deadlines

All articles to be in the April 16 bulletin are due to the bulletin editor by April 5.

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 \$ _____

Holy Week Schedule

Passion (Palm Sunday) ~ April 9

Next weekend, the Church celebrates Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. We commemorate this event through the blessing and distribution of palms at the Saturday evening Mass and at each of the Masses on Sunday.

The Triduum

Holy Thursday ~ April 13

The Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is a multicultural celebration in our parish. The traditional Washing of the Feet will take place. The chapel will be especially decorated to receive the Blessed Sacrament which will be carried there in procession for exhibition on the Altar of Repose. The chapel will be open until 11:00 p.m. for adoration, prayer, and reflection.

Good Friday ~ April 14

The Service of the Passion

3:00 p.m. in Spanish

5:30 p.m. in Vietnamese

7:30 p.m. in English.

The Good Friday service consists of three parts: the Reading of the Passion, the Veneration of the Cross, and the Service of Communion. The Church will be open for private Stations of the Cross, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter

April 15 at 8:30 p.m.

The principal and most important Mass of Easter begins with the blessing of the new fire. New water will also be blessed and available for everyone. The Elect and Candidates will be received into the Church and a reception for them will follow in the parish hall.

On the above Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, there will not be any other events, i.e. no Masses nor Confessions.

Easter Sunday ~ April 16

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
English Masses at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Vietnamese Mass at 12:00 Noon
Spanish Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Today, Sunday, April 2, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Youth on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Next Sunday, April 9, enjoy Vietnamese Food on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.



Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

Spring is such a fun time at the preschool! The children have been planting on our playground. We now have Bluebonnets and Sun Flowers started. Every day the children enjoy watering them and they are waiting for them to grow.

We also have a Lenten Prayer Chain in our hallway. Please feel free to add a prayer the next time you visit the CFC building. There is paper and writing materials available.

The preschool is once again offering before and after school care. The times are 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. before class and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. after school.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
JN 11:25

We will be selling tickets for the Spring Festival in April.

Our next meeting will be April 10 at 7:15 p.m.

We will have a bake sale on April 23.

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 answered the Assembly call for a "turnout" last week.

The next Council #8293 Business Meeting is Thursday, April 6, in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight
will be on

- Greeter's Ministry -

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

News About the Mavericks

April 3 – Monday – Bus trip to Brookshire to visit Hemi Hideout. Cost \$7. Lunch at Must Be Heaven Sandwich Shoppe in Brenham \$10 - \$15. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from church parking lot.

April 7 – Friday – 9:00 a.m. – First Friday Mass followed by continental breakfast in parish hall.

April 7 – Friday – Miller Outdoor Theater to see "Footloose, the Musical" presented by HITS. Car pool from church at 6:15 p.m. Last minute reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413.

April 11 – 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.

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.

Social Ministry News

During this Lenten season, we have an opportunity to fulfill our spiritual needs as well as physical needs by doing charitable works and almsgiving.

Way of the Cross

This Lent, as we pray the Way of the Cross, parishioners are asked to bring a specific food item each week for the families who are assisted through Social Ministry.

April 7 Ramen Noodles/Pasta

The ministry is grateful for all the donations received this Lenten season.

Thanks to all for supporting the Social Ministry. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to provide assistance to those less fortunate in our community.



Parish Life

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

April 2 - 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.

April 9 - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

April 16 - Easter, no activities scheduled.

Thanks to all those that helped to prepare and serve the lenten meal.

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.

Lenten Penance Service

The Lenten Penance Service is coming soon. It is Tuesday, April 4.

There is NO Mass on Tuesday, April 4, due to the Penance Service being held at 7:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend at that time, Penance Services will also be held at the following churches: St. Francis de Sales, St. Michael's and Notre Dame. Please phone these parishes for their dates and times.

Christ the Incarnate Word Penance Services:

Monday, March 27

Tuesday, March 28

Monday, April 3

Tuesday, April 4

All will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Please Pray For:

The Following couple as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Justin Martyr.

April 21 Raymond Clifford Pocquette &
Tina Chihchun

St. Justin, pray for us!

Spring Festival Update

Starting this weekend, please bring in your donations for canned soda, 2 liter bottles of soda, bottles of wine, good useable garage sale items including clothes and shoes and children's books. All items can be left in the parish hall. Token pre-sales will be on April 9 and 23. You get an extra token for each 5 you buy. Tokens are \$1.00 each. We ask for everyone's continuing support with underwriting, raffle ticket sales and to sign up as festival volunteers. The Spring Festival Newsletter has a lot of information which answers many questions and it is available in the parish hall and on our church website.

Lighting It On Fire!

This year's Men's ACTS retreat ends on Pentecost Sunday (June 1 – 4). How fitting as we are going to light it up! There are only 28 spots left, so hurry up and register. Registration fee is \$260, and **yes** we do take installments. Registration forms are by the raffle ticket sales.

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:

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:

April 7 Ramen Noodles/Pasta

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

CCE News

Contact
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CCE Assistant
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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/sjmccce

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, April 8

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.

Breakfast Tacos today!!!

The Office of Youth Ministry and the Preschool
will be selling breakfast tacos, today!

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the **8:00 a.m. &
10:00 a.m. Mass**. This is a great opportunity to learn
more about our Preschool and upcoming events
in Youth Ministry.

Confirmation Retreat April 21-23

The Office of Youth Ministry will be departing for Camp
Kappe on Friday April 21 for its annual Confirmation
Retreat for our CCE students. Parents of students in
Confirmation II, please stop by the CCE Office to pay
off any amounts due, for the Confirmation Retreat. This
retreat is mandatory if your child plans to get confirmed
in our CCE program.

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