

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.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 30, 2017

13350 Ashford Point Drive • Houston, TX 77082-5100

Telephone: 281-556-5116 • FAX: 281-556-6932

E-Mail: sjm@sjmtx.com • Web page: www.sjmtx.org

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

Listen To Your Dreams

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart. 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands. Psalm 119

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God. Romans 8:28-30

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom.

Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation.

All rights reserved.

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

July 23	\$16,764
On-line Giving	\$ 1,463
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Building Improvements	\$ 330
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1851
DSF Collection	\$3,997

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 78,600
Parish Contributions:	\$ 63,164
Balance Due:	\$ 61,616

Number of Participants 380

Upcoming Second Collections

August 13	Infirm Priest Collection
September 10	Catholic University of America/ University of St. Thomas
October 22	Propagation of the Faith
November 5	Retired Priests

***Thank you for your continued support
of St. Justin Martyr 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

July 29th ~ August 6th

Sat.	July 29th	5:30 p.m.	+ Florencio Ochoco
Sun.	July 30th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	July 30th	10:00 a.m.	Sherna Matthews
Sun.	July 30th	12:00 p.m.	Antone
Sun.	July 30th	5:00 p.m.	+ Nestor Gutierrez
Mon.	July 31st	7:00 p.m.	Nieva Azurin
Tue.	Aug 1st	7:00 p.m.	+ Ramon Zavalla
Wed.	Aug 2nd	9:00 a.m.	+ Segundina Gapultos
Thurs.	Aug 3rd	9:00 a.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
Fri.	Aug 4th	9:00 a.m.	+ Myrna Kenefick
Fri.	Aug 4th	6:30 p.m.	+ Francis Assisi Tran
Sat.	Aug 5th	9:00 a.m.	Famy Ly
Sat.	Aug 5th	5:30 p.m.	+ Phao Lo
Sun.	Aug 6th	8:00 a.m.	Juana Aramayo
Sun.	Aug 6th	10:00 a.m.	Sherna Matthews
Sun.	Aug 6th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Aug 6th	5:00 p.m.	Maria Gracia de Freitas

Word Of Life

“An unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew possible!”

-10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
Respect Life Program

Vocations Brief

Family life can build values integral to a strong vocation—whether to the priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Readings for the Week

Sun., July 30th:	1 Kgs 3:5,7-12/Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52
Mon., July 31st:	Ex 32:15-24,30-34/Mt 13:31-35
Tues., Aug 1st:	Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28/Mt 13:36-43
Wed., Aug 2nd:	Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thurs., Aug 3rd:	Ex 40:16-21,34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Fri., Aug 4th:	Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37/ Mt 13:54-58
Sat., Aug 5th:	Lv 25:1,8-17/Mt 14:1-12
Sun., Aug 6th:	Dn 7:9-10,13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9

Parish Events

Sunday, July 30th

8:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass
12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass
5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Monday, July 31st

7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, August 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, August 2nd

9:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. RCIA Pre-Catechumenate

Thursday, August 3rd

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 4th

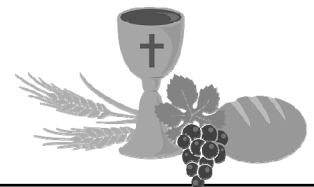
9:00 a.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Mass

Saturday, August 5th

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

Sunday, August 6th

8:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass
12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass
5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass



Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

St. Justin Preschool is closed during the summer months. We will be checking messages and scheduling tours as needed. We are currently registering for our 2017 - 2018 school year. We have programs for children 2 years - 4 years of age. Our hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. We also have before and after school care available! If you would like more information regarding our program please call 281-556-1260. The first day of school is September 5.

13-day Camino de Santiago & Fatima opportunity in 2018

Is hiking the Camino de Santiago on your bucket list? Have you seen the movie "The Way," with Martin Sheen and thought "I'd like to do that?" Pilgrims have been walking the Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James) for centuries, following the many paths to Santiago de Compostela and the tomb of St. James. This tour begins in Sarria, the most popular Camino starting point, covering the last 100km of the Camino Francés. We are currently forming a group from our parish to walk the final segment of the French Way, from Sarria to Santiago from **June 25 through July 7, 2018** for \$3,650/ double occupancy. There are only 44 spots available for this pilgrimage and a lot of interest. Brochures and registration forms will be available at the parish office on July 1. We will begin accepting registrations starting on **Monday, August 14** at the parish office. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please mark your registration and deposit to the **Attention of Margot Fucich**.

Communal Anointing of the Sick

There will be a **Communal Anointing of the Sick** sponsored by the Mavericks as part of the **KC Family Week on Wednesday, August 9, at 7 p.m. in the church.**



Today, Sunday, July 30, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Respect Life Committee on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Next Sunday, August 6, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.



Wednesday Movie Novena Night Week #9 - August 2

The final movie for our novena series is "Beauty and the Beast" hosted by the Hispanic Parishioners. Movie admission is canned beans. Feature begins at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. There will be drawings for a door prize after the movie.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

July 30 - No activity scheduled.

August 6 - General Meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC Building, room 212. New members are welcome.

August 12 - Annual Picnic at Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza Park, 4025 Eldridge, Houston, Texas 77082. Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

August 13 - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building, room 212.

For more information, contact Okey Okafor at 832-526-6668.

CFC Building Closure

The CFC Building is closed for annual summer cleaning and refurbishing. The A/C will be set on higher temperatures to reduce our electric costs.

Family Fiesta Dinner

Come and enjoy a fun night with your family and support Girl Scout Troop 19406, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Dinner includes Taco Salad, Rice and Beans, Dessert and Drink. There will also be a Silent Auction, Family Games and Door Prizes. Tickets are on sale in the parish hall after Mass. You can also purchase a dinner ticket to help feed someone in need. Questions, call Jodie Estimbo at 832-421-0311.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight will be on the

- Women's ACTS Retreat -

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

Parish Life



Daughters of Isabella Unity, Friendship and Charity

God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you."

1 KGS

The Circle will have elections for new officers in September. If you are interested in an office please contact Nan DeGhelder by August 11 or let us know at the August 14 meeting. Several of the current officers are terming out.

Our next meeting will be August 14 at 7:15 pm at Bellaire West Club House, 11511- Rowan.

To join the DOI please call Bette Breaz at 281-493-6855.

Knights of Columbus-SJM Council 8293

The KC Council 8293 congratulates our newly Exemplified Knight Filemon Silva.

Our "KC Family Week" starts on August 6 and ends on August 12. The KC's invite all families and friends of St. Justin Martyr to attend the following events that cater to the whole family unit. These events are designed to support and strengthen the family. Please plan to attend.

August 3 - KC Business meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

August 5 - KC Family Week begins, "That Man Is You", 7:00 a.m.

August 6 - KC Family Day Mass, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

August 7 - KC Family Week "Family Mass" 7:00 p.m. all families invited.

August 8 - KC Family Night Family Mass & Novena at 7:00 p.m.

August 8 - KC Chapter Meeting, offsite.

August 9 - Communal Anointing of the Sick at 7:00 p.m.

August 10 - Spanish Family Week Event.

August 11 - KC Family Vietnamese Mass - Renewal of Marriage Vows at 6:30 p.m.

August 12 - KC Family Mass at 5:30 p.m.

August 12 - Girl Scout Fiesta Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Questions, call Grand Knight Michael Akiboh at 281-707-4444.

News About the Mavericks

August 4 – Friday – 9:00 a.m. – First Friday Mass followed by a continental breakfast in the parish hall.

August 5 – Saturday – Bus trip to Smithville to tour the Bones Spirits Distillery. Will also visit the Heritage and Railroad Museums. Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Cost \$6. Lunch \$10 - \$15. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413.

August 8 – Tuesday – 3:00 p.m. – Monthly birthday party at West Oaks Geriatric Center. If interested in bringing cheer to these patients call Joanne at 281-395-2123.

August 12 – Saturday – Miller Outdoor Theater to see Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club 50th anniversary tribute to the Beatles featuring The Fav 5 and Texas Medical Center Orchestra. Car pool from church at 6:15 p.m. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413 by August 4.

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

A Powerful Tool

"Prayer" is such a little word,
But, it's a powerful tool;
It quiets us when we are sad,
And helps us when we're blue.

It's one sure way of being close
To God, our heavenly Father;
He likes to hear our voices, each;
He never says "Don't bother!"

Yes, prayer can be our friend at night,
Or in the morning hour;
Anytime, you bow your head,
It has the same sweet power!

It calms our nerves and dries our tears,
It can even help us sleep;
It's God's sweet way of showing us
His love that runs so deep.

Janice E. Leitz



Parish Life

Calling All ACTS Women

We are looking for wonderful women who are willing to answer the call to staff the Women's ACTS retreat to be held November 9-12 at the Cenacle Retreat Center. Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30 p.m. Come join us for an amazing experience! (PS, we'll have food!)

Questions? Feel free to call Mary Lou Grothaus at 713-582-6091, or Susan Pyle at 713-826-0783.

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.

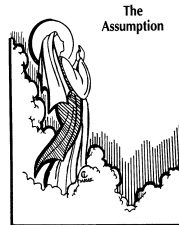
- Dinner and Bible Study. Carpool from the church to a nearby restaurant for food, fellowship, and scripture discussion.
- **August 1** - Torchy's Tacos (2675 Wilcrest Dr. Houston, TX 77042)
- **August 8** - Rockfish Seafood Grill (11805 Westheimer Rd #370, Houston, TX 77077)

August 26 - Service Project. 8 AM to 12 PM at St. Vincent de Paul Society (6654 Gulf Fwy, Houston, TX 77087). Carpool from parish at 7 AM. Lunch afterwards.

Questions or comments, contact Robert Ontko at robert.ontko@gmail.com or 832-372-9928.

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 Vincent Reyes at the parish office to get your ID and password along with additional information to complete the online refresher course.



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption celebrates Mary's total redemption in Christ. As he rose, so he raised her up before the rest of us.

"In the bodily and spiritual glory which she possesses in heaven, the Mother of Jesus continues as the image and first flowering of the Church as she is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise, Mary shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come, as a sign of sure hope and solace for the pilgrim people of God."

(Dogmatic Constitution on the church, n.68)

This Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated...

- * Monday, August 14th,
7:00 p.m. English Vigil
- * Tuesday, August 15th, Masses
6:00 a.m. English Mass
9:00 a.m. English Mass
7:00 p.m. Multicultural Mass

If you are a Minister here at St. Justin Martyr please consider serving when you come to Mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the Bridesroom.

Cafe Catholica 2017

Attention Young Adults (18-30's) come join 700 fellow young Catholics for dinner & great talks in 3 new locations! **Cafe Catholica 2017 "Be Not Afraid"** is a dinner-lecture series for young adults, featuring dynamic speakers. The Cafe continues on Mondays, 5:15 p.m. Confessions, 6:15 p.m. Mass, 7:15 p.m. dinner, 8:15 p.m. speaker, table exhibits, and socializing. Come for all or part of the evening! Free event. www.CafeCatholica.com Sponsored by the Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry. Info: 713-741-8778.

July 31st St. Simon and Jude, 26777 Glen Loch Dr. Sr. Bethany Madonna SV (Sister of Life NYC) "Be Not Afraid of God's Call."

CCE News

Contact
Us

Alyssa Avila
*Director of Religious
Ed.*
aavila@sjmtx.com
281-902-5701

Perla Galvan-Sainz
CCE Assistant
281-902-5712

Continuing Christian Education (CCE)

CCE is a catechetical program designed to systematically teach our children about the Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with Christ.

We have programs for preschool through high school. Please contact the CCE office for more information.

We are always in need of volunteers. Do not be afraid! We will train mentor all volunteers and offer several opportunities for growth to catechists of all seasons.

Students with special needs:

We have a place for all!
If your child is in need of a sacrament, please contact us to talk about our adaptive programs and special instruction.

**We will have CCE registrations
in the parish hall on Sunday,
August 13th after all Masses.**

**Come by to register your children
and receive a discount
on late registration.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

XV Años Preparation Class

When: August 5, 2017

Time: 9am – 12pm

Where: Youth Room (Second Floor
CFC Building)

Catechist Day

Save the date: August 19, 2017
Please contact the Youth Office for
more information!

INFORMATION SHEET:

Church name & address
St. Justin Martyr #515169
13350 Ashford Point Drive
Houston, Texas 77082

Contact person: Martha Martin @ 281-556-5116

Software used:
Win 7, MSPub 2010, AA-9

Date of publication: July 30, 2017
(Sunday's date)

Number of pages transmitted: Cover + 7 text pages + this page = 9 (2 ad pages)

Special instructions for Production:

FedEx shipping address: 13350 Ashford Point Drive, Houston, Texas 77082

Special instructions for FedEx delivery:

FedEx tracking e-mail: mmartin@sjmtx.com