

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.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 13, 2017

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Deacon Corney Llorens

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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

Vacant
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Clergy Reflection

Nothing To Fear

A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. "Because God gets lonely for his people" was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today's Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don't turn to God for saving help until we're in a bind. Peter's role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter's faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying "Lord, save me!" is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God's hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Elijah waits on the mountain for the LORD to pass by. 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. Psalm 85

Second Reading — From the Israelites, with their law and the prophets, comes the Christ. Romans 9:1-5

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified. Matthew 14:22-33

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

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

August 6	\$17,552
On-line Giving	\$ 341
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Building Improvements	\$ 906
Social Ministry	\$ 172
Registered Families	1851

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 80,142
Parish Contributions:	\$ 66,420
Balance Due:	\$ 58,360
Number of Participants	386

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!***

Infirm Priest Collection

The annual Infirm Priest Collection is a major source of revenue through which the Archdiocese is able to provide much needed medical and emergency support for our retired and infirm priests.

The collection is this weekend, August 12 & 13. Please be generous with your donations.



Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

August 12th ~ August 20th

Sat.	Aug 12th	5:30 p.m.	+ Baltazar & Melodia Alba
Sun.	Aug 13th	8:00 a.m.	+ Helen Rachal
Sun.	Aug 13th	10:00 a.m.	Demetrio Musico
Sun.	Aug 13th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Aug 13th	5:00 p.m.	+ Eden Ramos
Mon.	Aug 14th	7:00 p.m.	Maria Louise Tangu
Tue.	Aug 15th	6:00 a.m.	+ Anton
Tue.	Aug 15th	9:00 a.m.	+ Maria Angela D'Costa
Tue.	Aug 15th	7:00 p.m.	+ Mercedes S. Soon
Wed.	Aug 16th	9:00 a.m.	+ Bobby McMillian
Thurs.	Aug 17th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rev. Joseph Bang Doan
Fri.	Aug 18th	9:00 a.m.	Raymond Uche
Fri.	Aug 18th	6:30 p.m.	+ Phao Lo
Sat.	Aug 19th	9:00 a.m.	+ Bernardino Roldan
Sat.	Aug 19th	5:30 p.m.	+ Veronica Egbor
Sun.	Aug 20th	8:00 a.m.	Maria Yu Yin
Sun.	Aug 20th	10:00 a.m.	+ Joseba & Francisca Landete
Sun.	Aug 20th	12:00 p.m.	+ Juse Bui V Nghin + Maria Bui
Sun.	Aug 20th	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin

Word Of Life

“God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others . . . No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly—everyone should be cherished and protected!”

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Chairman USCCB
Committee on Pro-Life Activities

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., Aug 13th:	1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33
Mon., Aug 14th:	Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
Tues., Aug 15th:	Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Wed., Aug 16th:	Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
Thurs., Aug 17th:	Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17/ Mt 18:21—19:1
Fri., Aug 18th:	Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Sat., Aug 19th:	Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
Sun., Aug 20th:	Is 56:1,6-7/Rom 11:13-15,29-32 Mt 15:21-28

Parish Events

Sunday, August 13th

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

Monday, August 14th - Assumption Vigil

7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, August 15th - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Mass
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 16th

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

Thursday, August 17th

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 18th

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

Saturday, August 19th

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

Sunday, August 20th

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

Parish Life

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**.

Hosts & Wine for St. Justin Martyr

The honor of providing the Bread and Wine at every Mass, can be yours. The bread and wine are consecrated into the Body and Blood of Christ. The hosts are made by the cloistered Dominican Sisters in New Caney, Texas, and the wine (made and sold for use in the Mass) is made by the Christian Brothers in California. Those who would like to donate the Hosts and Wine for the Masses of each month are invited to do so. The hosts and wine could be given in memory of departed loved ones.

The offering for the hosts for one month would be \$270 and the offering for the wine for one month would be \$150. To make this donation, contact Karen Rachal in the parish office, 281-556-5116.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

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

August 15 - Multicultural Mass—ACSJ Choir participation at 7:00 p.m.

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

Protecting God's Children Program - VIRTUS


Preventing child sexual abuse is the goal of a new program selected by the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. "Protecting God's Children for Adults" educates clergy, staff, and volunteers who work with children, about child sexual abuse and ways to create safe environments for children. The 3-hour session includes videos and facilitated discussions that focus on the prevention of abuse and the protection of children. Adults learn how to recognize the signs and symptoms that an adult is a potential risk of harm to children and how to know that a child is being abused or exploited in some way. You will learn about steps that the faith community can take to create a safe environment for all God's children and how to respond when adults behave in a way that raises concern.

Clergy, staff, and volunteers ages 18 and above who have regular contact with children and youth are required to attend training. All other adults are invited and encouraged to participate as part of the Church's commitment to make the world a safe place for all our children.

To comply with the above requirements, a "Protecting God's Children" workshop is scheduled at St. Justin Martyr on September 14, from 6:00 to 9:00 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.**

Registration is online at www.virtusonline.org.



Today, Sunday, August 13, there are NO food sales.

Next Sunday, August 20, enjoy Breakfast Tacos on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.



Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

St. Justin Preschool is dusting off the cobwebs and preparing for the upcoming school year beginning on Tuesday, September 5! We are so looking forward to the start of a great year and most of all, we are elated that we are bringing back EXTENDED CARE! We offer programming for 2, 3 and 4 year olds! We have 3 class day options to choose from and we have the most amazing staff of educators that are dedicated to the children and families of our program! If you would like to come by for more information and/or a tour, please call us at 281-556-1260!

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

The Circle will have elections for new officers in September. If you are interested in an office please contact Nan DeGhelder. 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.

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

Many thanks to our parishioners for participating in the KC "Family Week." We also thank the KC Supreme Council for their support and free brochures they donated to the parish. We also appreciate the visit from Javier Martinez the Supreme Director and Special Advisor to the Supreme Knight.

August 15 - The Ascension of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

August 15 - KC Assembly 3053 Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

August 17 - KC Social Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

August 31 - KC Officers Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight
will be on the

- Adult Sacraments -

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

News About the Mavericks

August 18 – Friday – 6:30 p.m. – Monthly meeting in parish hall followed by an ice cream social.

August 25 – Friday - Miller Outdoor Theater to see "Godspell" produced by AD Players. This musical is based on Jesus' last days as told in the Gospel of St. Matthew. Carpool from church at 6:15 p.m. Call Marge at 281-498-3413 for reservations by August 17.

LOOKING AHEAD!

September 10 – Sunday – Coushatta Casino trip. Cost \$10. Leave from church at 7:15 a.m. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413.

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.

Gardening Angels

The Gardening Angels will be meeting on Tuesday, August 22, at 7:00 p.m. outside in the Rosary Garden. We'll be planning for the fall and everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Sue at 281-530-6867 or Dave at dbarrett2020@comcast.net.

God is hard of hearing

Well, not really . . . but let's pretend that he is. The din of talking and laughter in the narthex before Mass echoes around the church, making it difficult for people to pray and collect themselves before Mass. Please help make the narthex a quiet place: keep the noise down! The inner narthex between the sacristy, bride's room, holy water font should be a place of absolute quiet. Thanks for helping us all to pray better!

Social Ministry News

Next Sunday is our monthly food drive. The summer months are a busy time. As you grocery shop this week consider picking up a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.

Items most needed:

Pasta Canned Soup

The Ministry is very appreciative for all the support and donations received from the Wednesday Movie Nights and from other various activities throughout the year.

Parish Life

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

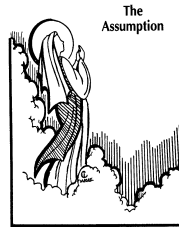
Are you, your child, or your grandchild between 18 and 35ish? Join the Young Adult Community for faith and fellowship.

August 15 - Feast on the Feast. Join us for the 7 PM Multicultural Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will then head out to dinner at Chili's on Hwy 6.

August 22 - Why Evil Exists? Join us in CFC 211 (Library) at 7 PM as we learn and discuss various views on the question of why evil exists.

August 29 - Bible Study. Join us in CFC 211 (Library) as we enjoy snacks and explore the readings for the week.

Service Project - Postponed to September. Garrett is organizing this event next month. Questions or comments, contact Robert Ontko at robert.ontko@gmail.com or 832-372-9928.



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.

Fullness of Truth

**"Praise in the Hill Country with Matt Maher and special guest, John Tibbs"
Friday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m.
Door Registration opens at 4:30 p.m.**

Relax and renew your faith at San Antonio's Fullness of Truth Concert, Friday, August 25, "Praise in the Hill Country with Matt Maher and special guest, John Tibbs" at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort and Spa. Families, Middle and High School Youth, and Christians of all denominations are invited! Let us unite our voices, our faith, and our praise to our God and Lord, Jesus Christ! We want to fill the resort with praise. Help us share the word and get all the folks throughout San Antonio and beyond to participate. Groups of 10+ can get special rates. Call 1-877-218-7884 for more information. Register Now! www.fullnessoftruth.org.

*Our altar flowers this week were donated
By Mai Lan/Khoa Family
Asking for Prayers for the Soul of
Gioanbaotixita*

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

CCE News

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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 TODAY
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:

Vacant, Coordinator of
Youth Ministries

281-902-5710

Information is also available on the Youth Ministry page of the parish website at www.sjmtx.org.

*Alex Pina has resigned as
Youth Minister of St. Justin
Martyr Parish effective
August 12.*

*We appreciate his year and a
half of service and wish him
well in his future endeavors.*

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