

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.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 20, 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

Vacant
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

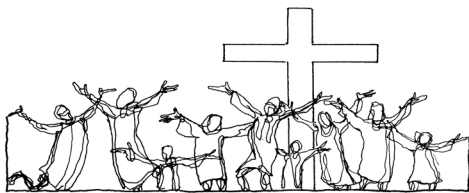
Clergy Reflection

Called To Act In God's Name

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

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Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

August 13	\$17,956
On-line Giving	\$ 223

Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
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Building Improvements	\$ 132
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Social Ministry	\$ 535
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Registered Families	1851
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Infirm Priest Collection	\$4,448
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Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
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Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 80,880
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Parish Contributions:	\$ 67,068
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Balance Due:	\$ 57,712
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Number of Participants	388
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Upcoming Second Collections

September 10	Catholic University of America/ University of St. Thomas
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October 22	Propagation of the Faith
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November 5	Retired Priests
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November 19	Campaign for Human Development
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***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

August 19th ~ August 27th

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
Mon.	Aug 21st	7:00 p.m.	+ Louise Adams
Tue.	Aug 22nd	7:00 p.m.	Maria Yu Yin
Wed.	Aug 23rd	9:00 a.m.	+ Alfredo Santacoloma
Wed.	Aug 23rd	9:00 a.m.	+ Linda Vaughan McKernan
Thurs.	Aug 24th	9:00 a.m.	+ Francis Assisi Tran
Fri.	Aug 25th	9:00 a.m.	Sixta Roldan
Fri.	Aug 25th	6:30 p.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	Aug 26th	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Cao Duc Hung
Sat.	Aug 26th	5:30 p.m.	+ Richard Fanning
Sun.	Aug 27th	8:00 a.m.	+ Nita Cheramie
Sun.	Aug 27th	10:00 a.m.	+ Servillano Abarca
Sun.	Aug 27th	12:00 p.m.	+ Josh Dela Rosa
Sun.	Aug 27th	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin

Word Of Life

“The effectiveness of our commitment to peace depends on our understanding of human life. If we want peace, let us defend life!”

Pope Benedict XVI, Morning Address, September 15, 2012, Apostolic Journey to Lebanon

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 20th:	Is 56:1,6-7/Rom 11:13-15,29-32 Mt 15:21-28
Mon., Aug 21st:	Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
Tues., Aug 22nd:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
Wed., Aug 23rd:	Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
Thurs., Aug 24th:	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Fri., Aug 25th:	Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22/Mt 22:34-40
Sat., Aug 26th:	Ru 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
Sun., Aug 27th:	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20

Parish Events

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

Monday, August 21st

7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, August 22nd

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 23rd

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 24th

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 25th

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

Saturday, August 26th

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

Sunday, August 27th

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

*Our altar flowers this week were donated
in honor of their 38th Wedding Anniversary*

*by
Keith & Mary Lou Grothaus*

Parish Life

Job Opening: Coordinator of Youth Ministry

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church
13350 Ashford Point Drive
Houston, Texas 77082

Summary: St. Justin Martyr Church is currently looking for a full time Coordinator of Youth Ministry. The primary responsibility of this position is to implement a comprehensive youth program for middle school (6th - 8th grade) and high school (9th - 12th grade) youth. This includes planning the religious education programs, preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, youth ministry activities, retreats, fundraising, service opportunities and any other activities that can build the faith of the young church. A part time assistant is available to help with administrative tasks and program facilitation.

Requirements: Applicants must be a least 25 years of age with a minimum of 2 to 3 years youth ministry experience. This experience includes administration/budgeting, comprehensive youth ministry program development, recruitment and formation of volunteers, music and relational ministry, etc. The applicant must also possess a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Theology, Religious Education, Youth Ministry or Related Field. All applicants will be expected to have completed or be willing to complete formation required by the Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry.

If you are interested, please submit your resume via email to sjm@sjmtx.com or via mail to:

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church
Attention: Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor
13350 Ashford Point Drive
Houston, Texas 77082

Girl Scouts

Girl Scout troop 19406 wishes to thank our parish Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella for their support and for helping us make the Fiesta family night a success. We also want to congratulate Amber Crabtree for earning the Silver Award. If you are interested in learning about Girl Scouts please contact Jodie Estimbo at 832-421-0311.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

August 20 - Choir practice and prayer meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC Building, room 212.

August 27 - Choir practice and executive meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC Building, room 212.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make the African Community annual picnic a huge success. Questions, call 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 20, enjoy Breakfast Tacos on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Next Sunday, August 27, enjoy Baked Goodies prepared by the Daughters of Isabella 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

"O God, let all the nations praise you!" PS 67

We will have a bake sale August 27, after morning Mass. Please support us by enjoying our delicious baked goodies.

Our next meeting is September 10, 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.

Knights of Columbus-SJM Council 8293

Many thanks to all the Knights who participated and helped out with the "KC Family week" events and made it a success.

We have free Brochures and pamphlets in English and Spanish in the parish hall for parishioners to take home. These Brochures and pamphlets were donated by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council

August 31 - KC Officers Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

September 7 - KC Business Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

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 the

- Newcomer Welcome Weekend -

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

News About the Mavericks

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. Car pool from church at 6:15 p.m. Call Marge at 281-498-3413 for last minute reservations.

August 30 – Wednesday – Out-to-lunch at Red Lobster, 2760 S. Hwy 6. Lunch entrees start at \$7.99. Meet at restaurant 11:30 a.m. Reservations to Virginia at 281-498-6077 by August 28.

September 1 – Friday – 9:00 a.m. – First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Frank's Grill, 12225 Westheimer.

September 10 – Sunday – Coushatta Casino trip. Cost \$10. Leave from church parking lot at 7:15 a.m. Make your reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413 NOW.

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.

Parish Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive is Sunday August 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in room 110 of the CFC building. Please sign up today in the hall after Mass or on line at Giveblood.org.

Thank you

Social Ministry News

As another school year is about to begin, recite this prayer.

Father,

We thank you for the opportunity to begin this new school year, and we ask that you bless

the students, faculty, and student families that make our school a great place.

We pray that you will guide us in all ways, so that we will seek your will in everything that we do. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

David Bennett

Parish Life

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 22 - Why Evil Exists? Join us in CFC 211 (Library) at 7 PM as we learn and discuss various views on the subject 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.

September 5 - Why Evil Exists? Join us in CFC 211 (Library) at 7 PM as we learn and discuss various views on the subject of why evil exists.

September 6 - Monthly Trivia. Join us at 8 PM on the first Wednesday of each month for trivia at Fox and Hound pub (11470 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77077).

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.

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.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, in collaboration with RV Houston, Inc., will offer its first Rachel's Vineyard retreat for post-abortion healing during the weekend of August 25-27. The retreat is for men and women, grandparents or friends of those who are suffering. This Scripture-based retreat offers opportunities for sacramental reconciliation, counseling, spiritual direction and reflection and meditation. Those interested may contact Julie Fritsch at the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or jkfritsch@archgh.org or Cindy Renaudo at RV Houston, crenaudo@rvhouston.org or 713-825-0649. All inquiries, registration and retreat location are confidential.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As you know, the Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary every year on September 8. Here at St. Justin Martyr parish, we will have a "birthday party" for Mary on that date; and naturally, we'll want to bring her a gift.

To prepare your gift for Mary, please use a large empty vase, and each day, pray the Hail Mary and drop your loose change into the vase. Then, bring the vase of money to Mary's birthday, beginning with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. in the Church followed by a cookie and punch reception in the narthex afterward. We will view the video of the Great Storm of 1900 and the money will be given to Social Ministry to help families who request assistance.

So take a vase and collect your coins, come to the party and bring your gift, and let's honor our Blessed Mother!

Fullness of Truth

Relax and renew your faith at San Antonio's Fullness of Truth Conference, August 25-27. "The Reformation's 500 Year Report Card: Catholicism Remains Christ's Prayer for Unity" at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort and Spa. Families, Middle and High School Youth, Clergy and Ministerial Professionals will gain valuable insights, spiritual and formational development with Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, EWTN's Dr. David Anders, Dr. Michael Barber, Dr. Francis Beckwith, Gail Buckley, and Fr. Ken Geraci. The dynamic speakers will capture your attention by speaking from the context of their own conversions from Protestantism, the pitfalls they found in classis Reformation theology and Modern Evangelicalism. They will share how through ongoing study and reason they were led to the conclusion that Catholicism best addresses the needs of modern Christians. Call for details. Stay at the fantastic Hyatt Resort for half price with conference tickets. Group rates begin with groups of 10+. Register now! www.fullnessoftruth.org or call 1-877-218-7884.

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.

CCE News

Contact
Us

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281-902-5701

Perla Galvan-Sainz
CCE Assistant
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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.

Children ages 3-Kinder:

**We have a program for you!
Little Church takes place during the
10:00 AM Mass on Sundays.**

**Please contact the CCE office
to register. We hope to see 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.

CCE Catechist Day

Save the date: August 26, 2017
9am – 12pm (Youth Room)
Please contact the Youth Office or
CCE Office
for more information!

XV Anos Preparation Class

When: September 9
Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Where: Room 101, CFC Building

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