

St. Justin Martyr Parish

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. in Vietnamese;
5:00 p.m. in Spanish

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday and Saturday**
9:00 a.m. (Chapel)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

By appointment.
Call the parish office.

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Saint Justin Martyr Parish.**



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 24, 2021

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor Fr. Peter Thang Nguyen, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Corney Llorens Deacon Nhat Tran

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 6 months to 2 years prior to 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.

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 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: mmartin@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

Vacant
Coordinator of Adult Ministry

Jackie Baca
Coordinator of Religious Education
& Youth Ministry

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Clergy Reflection

A New Day Dawns

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the Apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah’s message.
Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord.
Psalm 25

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away.
1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel — Jesus proclaims, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him.

Mark 1:14-20

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Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

Please see the January 31 Bulletin for the January 17 Collection amount.

Required Weekly Budget Amount \$16,000

Registered Families 1989

Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for Online Giving.

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Diocesan Services Fund 2020

Great Work SJM!

This is a salute of gratitude and acknowledgement of an awesome achievement. We made our DSF goal for 2020! We received pledges of \$85,199.89 from 478 parishioners. With the proceeds of our Fun Run, the Boothless Bazaar and regular donations added, we were able to fulfill our goal of \$124,780. You are the best!

Ignite Campaign

Parish Goal: \$907,414

Parish Amount Pledged: \$553,872

Parish Contributions \$319,893

Balance Due: \$587,521

Number of Participants 242

Bishop’s Fund for Latin America

The Catholic Church in Latin America, through all aspects of evangelization, seeks to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ as a source of liberation and hope to the people of this great region. This weekend, January 23 & 24, Catholics in the United States will assist their brothers and sisters in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean throughout the country. Thank you for your generosity.

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



Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

January 23rd ~ January 31st

Sun.	Jan 24th	8:00 a.m.	+ Christopher Lee Pedraza, Jr.
Sun.	Jan 24th	10:00 a.m.	Lien Hoang
Sun.	Jan 24th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Jan 24th	5:00 p.m.	Juan Carlos Catano
Mon.	Jan 25th	9:00 a.m.	Nneka Uche
Tue.	Jan 26th	9:00 a.m.	+ Estanislao P. Rodriguez
Wed.	Jan 27th	9:00 a.m.	+ Mary Louise Adams
Thurs.	Jan 28th	9:00 a.m.	+ Theresa & Joseph Doan
Fri.	Jan 29th	9:00 a.m.	+ Marvin Nguyen
Sat.	Jan 30th	9:00 a.m.	Gracie Jones
Sun.	Jan 31st	8:00 a.m.	+ Jerry Bratton
Sun.	Jan 31st	10:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Jan 31st	12:00 p.m.	+ Rev. Michael F. Kennelly, SJ
Sun.	Jan 31st	5:00 p.m.	+ Elizabeth Quintero

Vocation Brief

Christ spoke of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Are you an active Christian in the parish, at your workplace, and in the home? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

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

RESPECT LIFE
respect · love · protect

Parish Events

Sunday, January 24th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
- 12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass

Monday, January 25th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass

Tuesday, January 26th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass

Wednesday, January 27th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA

Thursday, January 28th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass

Friday, January 29th

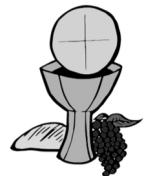
- 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass

Saturday, January 30th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 4:00 p.m. Penance
Fr. Paul in the Church Sacristy
Fr. Peter in the Cryroom

Sunday, January 31st

- 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
- 12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass



Readings for the Week

Sun., Jan 24th:	Jon 3:1-5,10/1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20
Mon., Jan 25th:	Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
Tues., Jan 26th:	2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 3:31-35
Wed., Jan 27th:	Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thurs., Jan 28th:	Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Fri., Jan 29th:	Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Sat., Jan 30th:	Heb 11:1-2,8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Sun., Jan 31st:	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28

Parish Life

Property Improvements:

Thank you to all the dedicated parishioners who regularly contribute to our Improvement Fund. All these monies go toward the improvement of our facilities. During the past 6 months we have been able to replace the lights in the East parking lot with LED lights (\$4,200), replace the A/C unit in the Bride's room and Infant's room (\$6,980), repair the sidewalk at the west entrance (work performed by maintenance staff), make repairs on the roof of the Social Ministry building (work performed by maintenance staff) and trim the trees on the property that were overgrown and might cause roof damage (\$2,500). We continue to plan for future improvements to the driveways and parking lots, (estimated cost \$48,000) and add a sealant to the flat top roof over the parish hall and offices, (estimated cost \$27,000). Other projects that are awaiting funding are the replacement of all the lights in our sanctuary and chapel (\$50,000), inspecting and cleaning all the drains connected to our sewer lines (cost undetermined), replacing the large A/C unit on the east side of the church (to be covered by IGNITE funds) and the smaller unit at the front west side of the church (received a donation for this unit). Our buildings are aging and with age comes increased maintenance costs. Your donations to the Improvement Fund are wisely spend to maintain the operation of our facilities.

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Sparkle Day

Our spring Sparkle Day is scheduled. Mark your calendars for March 6, at 9:00 a.m.

Tax Statement February 26—Deadline

Your statement of contributions for the year 2020 will be mailed soon. When you receive it, check it out for correctness. If there is an error, you must contact the office before February 26 in order for us to research your record and generate a corrected copy. Our computer system does not provide the option for us to store that information indefinitely. On March 1, the entire year of 2020 will be archived.

Fr. Peter Nguyen on Retreat

Fr. Peter will be on Retreat Monday, February 1 through the afternoon of Friday, February 5. We will have a Communion Service on Monday, February 1.

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 San Antonio, 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.

Ordination to the Diaconate for Son (Sean) Nguyen



It is herewith announced that Son (Sean), will be ordained a deacon on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at a Mass to be celebrated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston. Due to COVID restrictions, the Mass will be live-streamed at <https://www.sacredheartheouston.org/live-streaming>.

Please keep Son (Sean) in your prayers as he prepares for ordination into this sacred ministry. May he always be faithful to the diaconal ministry of service of word, liturgy and charity to which he is about to be ordained.

*“To those who have been far away from the
Sacrament of Reconciliation and forgiving love,
I make this appeal:
Come back to this source of grace;
do not be afraid!
Christ is waiting for you. He will heal you,
and you will be at peace with God!”
—John Paul II*

Parish Life

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity



“Teach me your ways, O Lord.” Ps. 25

Our next meeting will be February 8, at 7:15 p.m. in Joanne’s clubhouse, 11511 Rowan St.

New members are always welcome, if you are interested in finding out more about us or would like to join our wonderful organization please call or text Mary Christo at 832-788-5897.



Knights of Columbus SJM Council 8293

We are now starting our 2021 Super Bowl Raffle and BBQ Sales event! We are selling raffle tickets for the prizes in the Narthex and open for orders! Food Items can be picked up behind the parish hall on Sunday February 7, between 9:00 a.m. and Noon. We will be preparing Beef Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs, Whole Chicken and sausage for you to enjoy the big game. Place your orders for food or raffle tickets now, online at our website: www.KofC8293.org.

DSF Sunday 2021

February 7

This year’s theme is:

“Walk in the Light of Christ”

The weekend of February 6 & 7, is the 2021 Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) kick-off weekend. Cardinal DiNardo invites us to make our annual commitment to help those parishes and ministries that need our help. That week, all registered parishioners will receive a letter from Cardinal DiNardo, along with a personalized response card, inviting you to **Walk in the Light of Christ**. Complete the enclosed response card and return it via mail, bring it to Mass that weekend or go online at www.archgh.org/dsf. Your generosity will allow our Catholic community to continue many vital programs and services through 60 important ministries.



News About the Mavericks

All activities have been cancelled due to the corona virus restrictions until further notice. Stay home and be safe.

Social Ministry News

The statistics for the Drive thru Food Distribution on Wednesday, January 13, are not available. They will be posted in the next bulletin.

Thank you for the donations both food and monetary. It is a blessing to be able to help those in need.

May God bless you and keep you safe.



How About A Virtual Trip To Rome?

The Texas Catholic Herald has curated a ‘Diversions’ website online with links to FREE digital offerings, including digital pilgrimages, online video tours, puzzles and links to religious exhibits. Take a trip online at www.archgh.org/diversions.

Generosity, Redefined

Many are shocked at the idea of biblical tithing. Give 10 percent—10 percent—of our resources to the Lord? Who would do this? Yet some Christians do it as a matter of course. No statistics indicate that anyone ever died of tithing—or of generosity exercised on any scale. The gospel doesn’t follow the widow who put her whole livelihood into the temple treasury after her signature gesture of trust. Yet we’re led to believe God will care for her with the same extravagance that she shows. The best counsel on generosity remains: give until it scares you.

Readings: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

***“But she, from her poverty,
has contributed all she had.”***

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.

Go to sjm@sjmtx.com for Online Giving.

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Mass Intentions

Why do Catholics offer Masses for the dead? When we die in God's friendship we eventually go to Heaven, but if we haven't properly atoned for certain sins, we have to be purified in Purgatory first. We pray for the souls in Purgatory to help them pass through faster than they would otherwise. The 2021 Book for Mass Intentions is open. Please visit the church office for your Mass Intention requests.

Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday—February 2nd

This is the ceremony in which the infant Jesus was brought to the Temple, and Mary was purified after childbirth. According to Luke 2:22-40, Mary came to fulfill the requirements of the Torah. Simeon greeted them and pronounced the prayer that came to be known as the Nunc Dimittis ("Now you are dismissing your servant"). Further the prophetess Anna spoke of Jerusalem's redemption. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on February 2, Mass is at 9:00 a.m.

This is also the Candelmas Mass. It is the patronal feast of Altar Societies and Art & Environment Committees, and of all who beautify the Sanctuary and grounds of the Church. The candles used for all Masses this year will be blessed at this Mass.



The mission of the Catholic Church in Galveston – Houston is dependent upon both DSF and Ignite. These funds address the short and long term needs of our Church and those God

calls to serve.

DSF funds vital ministry programs annually, 1) Teaching, Evangelizing, and Worship; 2) Ministering to the poor, sick and incarcerated; 3) Promoting, Preparing and Supporting Clergy; and 4) Nurturing and Strengthening Families.

IGNITE funds vital, long term needs for a more secure future by 1) rebuilding and improving St. Mary's Seminary; 2) establishing a future Disaster Recovery Fund; 3) rebuilding our Parishes and Schools in light of Hurricane Harvey; 4) establish Catholic School Endowments 5) Faith Formation Endowment; and 6) individual Parish Needs. Our parish need is to replace the A/C units and install LED lights in the Church.

Please make a pledge to support Ignite for the next two years and make an annual pledge to support DSF.

Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talent, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. Amen.

St Francis de Sales Catholic School

Pre-K through 8th Grades

A **safe place** to grow in Faith and Knowledge.

Start planning for your 2021-2022 school year!

Open House tours by appointment on Wednesday,

February 3, and & Saturday, February 6.

Claim your time slot now!

Call Stephen Klein (Admissions) at 713-774-4447 to schedule a tour or visit: www.sfdsschool.org.

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.

CCE & Youth News

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First Reconciliation



**CCE Students in their 2nd year
of Sacrament preparation
(1st Holy Communion)**

January 23 & January 30

12:00 PM | Parish Hall

**Parents, please contact the CCE Office for
scheduling**

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