

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. (Church)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

By appointment.
Call the parish office.

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Saint Justin Martyr Parish.**

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21, 2021

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

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

10 days prior to date of publication. Bulletin email: dgroves@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

THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

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Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

March 14	\$ 9,332
On-line Giving	\$ 2,974
Received via mail	\$ 3,867
Total	\$ 16,173
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$16,000
Building Improvements	\$ 174
Social Ministry	\$ 820
CRS	\$ 1,688
Registered Families	1989

Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for Online Giving.

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Diocesan Services Fund 2021

Parish Goal:	\$110,000
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$
Parish Contributions:	\$ 10,974
Balance Due:	\$ 99,026
Number of Participants	

Ignite Campaign

Parish Goal:	\$907,414
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$555,076
Parish Contributions	\$352,338
Balance Due:	\$555,076
Number of Participants	242

Upcoming Second Collections

Holy Land	April 2
Home Missions	April 25
Catholic Communications	May 16



Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

March 21st ~ March 28th

Sun.	Mar 21st	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Mar 21st	10:00 a.m.	+ Bartolo Gonzalez
Sun.	Mar 21st	12:00 p.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
Sun.	Mar 21st	5:00 p.m.	+ Arturo Manulid
Mon.	Mar 22nd	9:00 a.m.	+ Ana Nguyen
Tue.	Mar 23rd	9:00 a.m.	+ Phaolo Tran + Alma Rachal
		7:00 p.m.	Lenten Penance Service
Wed.	Mar 24th	9:00 a.m.	Allen Martin, Jr.
Thurs.	Mar 25th	9:00 a.m.	+ Bobby McMillian
Fri.	Mar 26th	9:00 a.m.	+ Sandra Castillo
Sat.	Mar 27th	9:00 a.m.	+ Maria Tseng
Sun.	Mar 28th	8:00 a.m.	+ Rosalie Nanema
Sun.	Mar 28th	10:00 a.m.	+ Petra Hinojosa
Sun.	Mar 28th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Mar 28th	5:00 p.m.	+ Juan Orea

Readings for the Week

Sun., Mar 21st:	Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33
Mon., Mar 22nd:	Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30, 33-62/ Jn 8:1-11
Tues., Mar 23rd:	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wed., Mar 24th:	Dn 3:14-20,91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thurs., Mar 25th:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
Fri., Mar 26th:	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Sat., Mar 27th:	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Sun., Mar 28th:	Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1-15:47

Parish Events

Sunday, March 21st - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 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, March 22nd

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

Tuesday, March 23rd

- 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Penance Service

Wednesday, March 24th

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

Thursday, March 25th - Annunciation of the Lord

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

Friday, March 26th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Vietnamese Stations of the Cross
- 7:30 p.m. English Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27th

- 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 Cry room

Sunday, March 28th - Passion (Palm) Sunday

- 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



Parish Life

Holy Week Schedule

Passion (Palm Sunday) ~ March 28

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 each of the Masses on Sunday.

The Triduum

Holy Thursday ~ April 1

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 parish hall will be especially decorated to receive the Blessed Sacrament which will be carried there in procession for exhibition on the Altar of Repose. The hall will be opened until 11:00 p.m. for adoration, prayer, and reflection. Please remember your masks and social distancing.

Good Friday ~ April 2 *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 prayer, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter *April 3 at 8:30 p.m.*

The principal and most important Mass of Easter begins with the blessing of the new fire. 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 4

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
English Masses at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

LENT

The Church invites us to join with our fellow Christians in experiencing our spiritual hunger . . . and in experiencing in our own bodies the hunger that imprisons most of the world.

To that end those 14 and over are invited to abstain from meat on Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Those over 18 are invited to fast by taking only one full meal and two partial meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. **The important focus is whatever will bring us closer to God.**

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. Envelopes are in the back of the church.

Way of the Cross, 2021

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. Here is the list:

March 26 Canned Fruit

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

Lenten Penance Service

The Lenten Penance Service is coming soon. It is Tuesday, **March 23, at 7:00 p.m.** Mark your calendars.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 6:00 p.m. Vietnamese

Fridays 7:30 p.m. English

Parish Life

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity



The Daughters of Isabella will be selecting a young lady for a scholarship award in Bette Breaz's honor.

Scholarships are available to students graduating this year and who are members of St. Justin Martyr.

An applicant will be selected from the Knight of Columbus applications.

Our next meeting will be April 12th @ 7:15 pm. at Joanne's club house on 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



Family Holy Hour

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8293, will sponsor a Holy Hour with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday March 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Families are invited to come and pray in person or to watch and pray along with the Holy Hour from their homes on Face Book.

For more information, go to the Knights of Columbus Webpage, kofc8293.org.

Wedding Banns

Please pray for the following couple as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony:

April 10 - Rick Dao & Hannah Nguyen



News About the Mavericks

March 23 – Tuesday – A Bus trip to La Grange to tour the Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center is being planned. It includes a working sawmill, tavern, several homes & more that portray the Texas Czech immigrant life in the late 1800's to early 1900's. Cost is \$17 which includes a lunch of chicken noodle soup, chicken salad or pimento cheese sandwich, kolache & drink – all homemade Czech style. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from church parking lot. Reservations to Marge at 832-239-8579.

Social Ministry News

Here's some "Food for Thought" during this Lenten season: **Spiritual Works of Mercy:**

- To Counsel the doubtful
- To instruct the ignorant
- To admonish the sinner
- To Comfort the sorrowful
- To forgive all injuries
- To Bear wrongs patiently
- To pray for the living and the dead.

Drive thru food distribution for March 10 assisted 85 families 218 adults and 158 children. Thank you for the generous donations.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Our Current Mass Schedule & Prayer Time

Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, (English) 12:00 PM (Vietnamese) and 5:00 PM (Spanish). We continue to have daily Masses at 9:00 a.m. Monday thru Saturday. The Chapel will be open before the daily Mass and after - until 12:00 PM. The church is sanitized after each Mass. We have quite a few seats to fill. We have adequate amounts of sanitizer, gloves and masks if needed. We look forward to seeing our pews full (with current restrictions) and for you to receive the

Parish Life



Christians throughout Houston and beyond have been invited to take part in the International 40 Days for Life effort that started February 17th through March 28th, co-sponsored by the Houston Coalition for Life and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 4600 Gulf Freeway for one or more hours on Saturday, March 27, 2021 (from 9:00am – 12:00pm) the day that St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church has taken, or sign up for your own weekly hour, and then spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort! When people are present in prayer at the abortion site, through the Grace of God, hearts are changed and lives are saved.

To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact:
Harry and Connie Herber: 832-877-4553 All are welcome!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.



Ignite Prayer

God our Father, you are the source of all goodness and of every blessing under heaven.

We give you praise and thanks for the gift of our Catholic faith and for more than 170 years of living and witnessing to that faith in Texas.

We ask for your blessings upon our effort to help secure the future of the Church in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

May your people respond with hope and generosity to our capital campaign, *IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission*.

May the sacrifices we make together today bear fruit in lives of faith for generations to come.

Amen

Diocesan Service Fund 2021 ***Parish Goal: \$110,000***

This Year's Theme: ***"Walk in the Light of Christ"***

Each of us is asked to make a commitment to support the work of our programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, formation and education by contributing to DSF.

To donate pick up an envelope from the narthex or go online to www.archgh.org/dsf.

Archdiocese to maintain current COVID-19 health protocols

The Archdiocese announced March 5 that current COVID-19 protocols will remain in place until further notice, including the requirement for face coverings at Mass and other liturgical celebrations.



*Holy Mary Mother of God
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death*

Amen

Virtual Rosary

Wednesday, March 24 | 6:00PM

*Join us for a special appearance of
The Children's Choir
during the Rosary*

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