

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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Second Sunday of Easter , April 11, 2021 Divine Mercy Sunday

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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

Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Bulletin e-mail: 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

Today, we hear that familiar story of Thomas, the one that has labeled him forever; Poor doubting Thomas.

Given the terror and grief and swirling around him during the previous days, it's no wonder that he failed to believe the good news of Jesus' rising. It's no surprise that he blew off the other disciples' excited description of what *they* had seen and heard. He, after all, had missed it; he had seen nothing. He was confused.

Time and time again we find ourselves in those same places of doubt and confusion. As darkness holds us in its grip, we sometimes lose faith in God's power. During the past year, we've been in places we've never experienced before and didn't like it. Feeling alone, feeling as though even God has abandoned us. Like Thomas, we need to remember those times when we *have* experienced God's presence and know that those moments and more like are yet to come.

Deacon Corney Llorens



Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

Collections will be published April 18th

Collections	\$
On-line Giving	\$
Received via mail	\$
Total	\$

Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$16,000
Building Improvements	\$
Social Ministry	\$
Registered Families	1989

Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for Online Giving.

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Diocesan Services Fund 2021

Parish Goal:	\$110,000
Parish Contributions:	\$ 10,974
Balance Due:	\$ 99,026

Number of Participants

Ignite Campaign

Parish Goal:	\$907,414
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$553,872
Parish Contributions	\$328,127
Balance Due:	\$579,287

Number of Participants 242

Upcoming Second Collections

Home Missions	April 25
Catholic Communications	May 16
St. Mary's Seminary	June 6
(The entire collection of St. Justin Martyr Parish goes to St. Mary's Seminary.)	
Peter's Pence	June 27
St. Vincent de Paul	July 11

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

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions April 11th ~ April 18th

Sun.	Apr 11th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Apr 11th	10:00 a.m.	+ Robert Moolchen
Sun.	Apr 11th	12:00 p.m.	+ Emmanuel Huong Tho
Sun.	Apr 11th	5:00 p.m.	+ Maria Diaz
Mon.	Apr 12th	9:00 a.m.	+ Gertrudis Paras
Tue.	Apr 13th	9:00 a.m.	+ Emmanuel Huong Tho + Angela Cassarino
Wed.	Apr 14th	9:00 a.m.	+ Joseph Tuan Nguyen Dawn Davis
Thurs.	Apr 15th	9:00 a.m.	+ Joseph Tu Nguyen
Fri.	Apr 16th	9:00 a.m.	+ Dominico Nguyen Thiem
Sat.	Apr 17th	9:00 a.m.	+ Bartolome Esmos, Jr.
Sun.	Apr 18th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Apr 18th	10:00 a.m.	+ Paul Tran
Sun.	Apr 18th	12:00 p.m.	+ Dominico Nguyen Thiem
Sun.	Apr 18th	5:00 p.m.	+ Anna Maria Aguado

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 11, 2021

Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes
that Jesus is the Son of God?
1 John 5:5



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Parish Events

Sunday, April 11th

- 8:00 a.m. English Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 10:00 a.m. English 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, April 12th

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

Tuesday, April 13th

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

Wednesday, April 14th

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

Thursday, April 15th

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

Friday, April 16th

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

Saturday, April 17th

- 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, April 18th

- 8:00 a.m. English Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 10:00 a.m. English 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

Sunday,	Apr 11th:	Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31
Monday,	Apr 12th:	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday,	Apr 13th:	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Apr 14th:	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Apr 15th:	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Apr 16th:	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Apr 17th:	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Apr 18th:	Acts 3:13-15,17-19/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/

Parish Life

Lighting A Candle

The custom of making a donation for the poor and lighting a candle in church has been a part of Catholic piety for a long time. It probably goes back to the pre-electric times when lighting lamps and candles was a practical necessity for reading music and scriptures in dark churches. In modern times, it has remained a quaint and beloved custom not entirely devoid of difficulties, e.g. cleaning wax-dripped candle stands, preventing fire hazards, deterring would-be thieves from stealing the candle money, and paying the sales tax on money made from the sales of candles. The symbolism of this custom, though, is deeply rooted in the Catholic psyche.

The candle flame symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World. The candle, which is consumed as it gives light, symbolizes Christ who gave His life so as to be the Light of the World. The donations made in connection with lighting a candle help the parish to do its work in the world. The custom of making offerings for the poor and lighting candles in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary continues here at St. Justin Martyr Parish.

The candle stands are located in the narthex. Please pick up a candle from the front desk and make your donation there. Please use the lighters provided to light a candle.

Please Do Not Leave Valuables In Your Vehicles

All parishioners are asked to be vigilant in locking their vehicles and storing anything of value out of sight or in the trunk. There have been several burglaries of motor vehicles in the parking lot. The thieves are smashing in windows and stealing personal belongings. The best way to avoid having property stolen from your vehicle is to not leave anything of value inside your vehicle! Thank you.

Wedding Banns

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

April 17 Elias Marin & Jessica Duque



DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.



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St. Justin Martyr Needs Your Help!

Let's help St. Justin during this trying time we have all experienced. We are trying to collect 1 million pennies, \$10,000. The appeal kicks off at all Sunday Masses, April 18th by the Pastoral Council members. There will be a "wishing well" in the narthex. St. Justin Martyr Catholic community needs your help—not to only survive—but to thrive and be able to serve our Catholic Community to the best our ability.

Thanks for your help!

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.



News About the Mavericks

April 13 – Tuesday – There is a bus trip planned to go to Brenham to see the Texas bluebonnets & other wildflowers. For additional information and/or reservations call Marge at 832-239-8579.

Social Ministry News

Next Sunday is the monthly food drive. Most needed items are canned vegetables and pasta.

Thank you St, Justin community for your generous almsgiving during this Lenten Season.

Drive thru food distribution for March 31, assisted 70 families, 191 adults and 129 children.

Sincere appreciation to the dedicated volunteers that make the food distribution successful.

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 Blessed Sacrament.

Have Things Changed?

Has your address changed since you registered in our Parish? Did you get a new cell phone number? Or maybe you changed your email address. This could be why you are not receiving your envelopes. If so, please let us know at the front office. We will be happy to make the corrections. Thanks.

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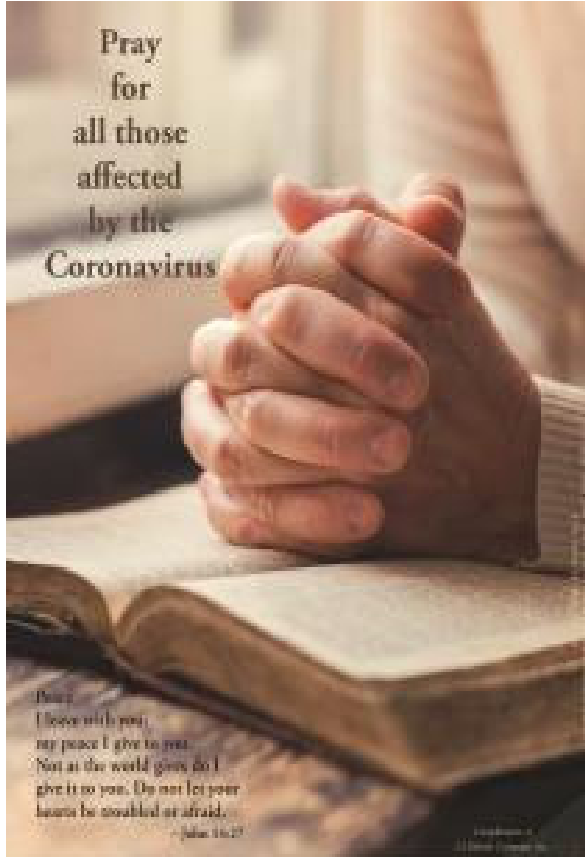


RCIA

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.

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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 or 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.

Diocesan Service Fund 2021

Parish Goal: \$110,000

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

Once a year, 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.

**“Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God.”
(Romans 15:7)**

**On April 10th St. Justin Martyr Parish
Welcomed 6 young people into the Catholic
Church**



Congratulations!

**Please keep them in your prayers
as they continue their spiritual
journey as Catholics.**

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