

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.**

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 11, 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

GOD CHOSE US

Who chose first, God or you? That is the question explored in today's three readings. The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, reads almost like a hymn. It praises God for choosing us, for calling us to serve, and for blessing us in our service. Paul makes it clear how honored we are and how special is the call to live as children of God. This is through no doing of our own. The first reading and the Gospel use prose rather than poetry to describe the same truth: God did the choosing, not us. When the prophet Amos was berated for being a prophet, he retorted that the whole thing wasn't his idea in the first place. Neither did the twelve apostles in today's Gospel ask for their calling. Jesus sent them forth, two by two, to do the work of His kingdom.

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Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

July 4th

Collections 8:00 & 10:00	\$ 5,043
On-line Giving	\$ 2,851
Received via mail	\$ 1,964
Total	\$ 9,858

Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$16,000
Building Improvements	\$ 348
Social Ministry	\$ 63
Registered Families	1989

Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for Online Giving.

Like us on Facebook: Saint Justin Martyr Parish.

Diocesan Services Fund 2021

Parish Goal:	\$110,000
Parish Contributions:	\$ 51,304
Balance Due:	\$ 58,696

Number of Participants

Ignite Campaign

Parish Goal:	\$907,414
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$555,176
Parish Contributions	\$362,101
Balance Due:	\$545,313

Number of Participants 242

Upcoming Second Collections

Infirm Priests August 8

St. Vincent de Paul

Today **July 11th**, we will participate in the St. Vincent de Paul Collection. Could you look a hungry child in the eye and say, *"The problem of hunger and shelter is beyond our means to solve; I am so sorry but there is nothing I can do for you."* The Society of St. Vincent de Paul faces this challenge and many others daily. Through your financial support of the Archdiocesan Black Bag Collection, we are able to feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked, care for the sick, visit those in prison, and help bury the dead.

Thank you for your support.

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions July 11th– July 18th

Sun.	July 11th	8:00 a.m.	+ Uche Diribe
Sun.	July 11th	10:00 a.m.	+ Maria Gallegos
Sun.	July 11th	12:00 p.m.	People of SJM
Sun.	July 11th	5:00 p.m.	+ Asela Guillermo
Mon.	July 12th	9:00 a.m.	+ Anna Thanh Nguyen
Tue.	July 13th	9:00 a.m.	+ Cecilia Nguyen + Ike Igbo
Wed.	July 14th	9:00 a.m.	+ Julieta Agudal + Gregr Thomas
Thurs.	July 15th	9:00 a.m.	+Joseph Tu Nguyen
Fri.	July 16th	9:00 a.m.	+ Phaolo Tran
Sat.	July 17th	9:00 a.m.	+ Ana Nguyen
Sun.	July 18th	8:00 a.m.	+ Juana Diate
Sun.	July 18th	10:00 a.m.	Rachel Anderson
Sun.	July 18th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	July 18th	5:00 p.m.	+Macario Diate

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Amos said, “The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people” (Amos 7:12-15)

Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10])

Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34 - 11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10 - 12:14/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

Parish Events

Sunday,	July 11th
8:00 a.m.	English Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
10:00 a.m.	English Mass in the Church Livestream
12:00 p.m.	Vietnamese Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
Monday,	July 12th
9:00 a.m.	Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
Tuesday,	July 13th
9:00 a.m.	Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
Wednesday,	July 14th
9:00 a.m.	Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
9:30 a.m.	Adoration
Thursday,	July 15th
9:00 a.m.	Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
Friday,	July 16th
9:00 a.m.	Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
Saturday,	July 17th
9:00 a.m.	Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
4:00 p.m.	Penance Fr. Paul in the Chapel Fr. Peter in the Chapel
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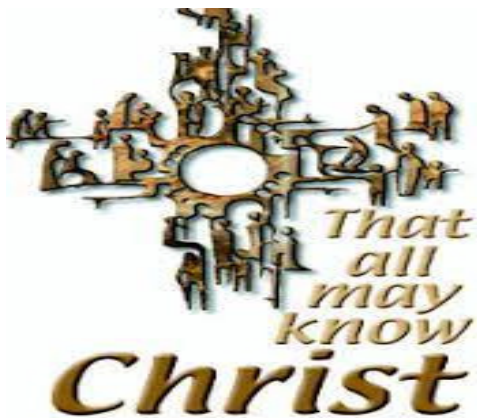
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Henry
Wednesday:	St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Thursday:	St. Bonaventure
Friday:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Life



The altar flowers are in memory of Bette Breaz.
Donated by Kathy Martin, Vera Rabalais, and Karen Rachal.



EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH

The ministry of the Evangelization Committee is (1) to cultivate the evangelical spirit of the parish community, (2) to devise ways of reaching out to lapsed Catholics, and (3) to invite non-Catholics to embrace Christ and the Catholic Faith.

Those who would like to become an Evangelization Committee Member, please contact Fr. Paul at 281-556-5116.

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

The first Circle of the Order was founded in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1897, as an auxiliary to Rev. John Russell Council of the Knights of Columbus for the purpose of uniting all Catholic women in a sisterhood to achieve the following aims: To know one another better, to extend our circle of friends, to centralize all our resources, to better help one another, and to be a greater force to contend with in the pursuit of good in our society.

Today, it is one of the largest Catholic women's organizations, with a membership of over 60,000 women from the United States and Canada and has continued to prosper and establish bonds among Catholic women throughout the world. Members encourage each other's total development and foster growth of every aspect of life—spiritual, social and charitable—adding up to a more fulfilling life.

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.

A Summer Blessing

Walk along beside me, Jesus, as I begin the months of summer. As I work, play, enjoy family time and friendships, may I hear Your voice within me, guiding me toward all that is right and good. Give me faith in Your presence, knowing that You walk beside me in everything I do. Gracious and loving Jesus, thank You for the gift of summer. May the warmth of its sun and the beauty of its light remind me daily of Your love for me. Amen

Enjoy a peaceful and restful summer and when away from St. Justin's you can find other Churches and Mass times at www.masstimes.org.



Parish Life

Thank You For Your Consideration Of Other Worshipper

The parents with infants' room is located in the narthex, on your right, just before entering the church. If your child starts fussing or crying during Mass, we ask that you be considerate of your fellow parishioners and take the child to the infant's room to meet the child's needs. Thank you for coming to Mass dressed appropriately. Thank you for turning off your cellular phone during Mass. Thank you for not eating, drinking or chewing gum in the church.

Café Catholica

Courageous Love, Friends, Faith, Fellowship!

This series is opened to all young adults (ages 18-39) and features dynamic speakers, prayer, and socializing. This series continues on Mondays in July. Each Monday night includes Mass, at 6:00 p.m., with the talks starting at 7:15 p.m. and at 8:15 p.m. there will be confessions and a tailgate gathering. It will last until 9:15 p.m. Come for all or part of the evening! No registration is necessary. Donations will be accepted. The series takes place at the Catholic Charismatic Center, 1949 Cullen Blvd., Houston, TX 77033. This year's theme is Courageous Love, Friends-Faith-Fellowship.

July 12: Spirit Night Caught in the Waiting: When Our timing isn't God's timing. Chika Anyanwu.

July 19: Anxiety, Fear, Depression? Come to His Divine Mercy! Colin Nykaza.

July 26: Living The Gospel with Courage. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo.

For more information go to www.archgh.org/cafecatholica.



Social Ministry News

The CRS Rice Bowl money has been counted. The total amounted to \$5,610.12. Thank you for your generous donations.

Next Sunday, July 18th is the monthly food drive for the food pantry. Share your blessings with those less fortunate by donating a non-perishable food item. Wish list —canned tomato products or canned brown beans.

Remember to check the expiration date on the items to be donated. If expired do not donate. *Please do not leave food donations outside during the hot summer months.*

Wednesday June 30th, food distribution assisted 60 families, 162 adults, and 82 children.

Thank you for support Social Ministry.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

MAVERICKS ACTIVITES

July 19 – Monday – There will be a bus trip to Galveston to take a tour of the historic harbor & to see dolphins aboard the Seagull II, a sightseeing vessel. Cost \$12. Lunch at Shrimp & Stuff. Entrees \$11 - \$15. Sandwiches \$8 - \$11. Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. from church East parking lot. Call Marge at 832-239-8579 for reservations.

August 8 – Sunday – Another great bus trip is planned. We will be going to Rosenberg to see Cast Theatrical Company's annual production of a melodrama. This is such a fun time. The cost is \$17. Bus leaves at 1:00 p.m. from church East parking lot. Reservations to Marge at 832-239-8579 by July 25.



Parish Life

COME MAKE A SCHOLA!

There's still time to come and learn the soul's song of God's word in the Liturgy. Join the 2021 Summer Chant Intensive, at St. Mary's Seminary, Houston. Come and spend four summer evenings learning and singing 2,000 years of the forever tones of the Mass and psalms. Dates are T-W-Th-F-S, July 13,14,15,16, 17, 2021. Tuition is \$185.00. We will close singing and praying all we learned at a special Mass. For information and to register visit our **website:** www.chantschool.org/SCI-21/. or call Lowell Davis at 713-376-0289 there's still time!

Welcome to Our Newest Member

CATHERINE TIEN TRAN
Catherine was baptized last weekend



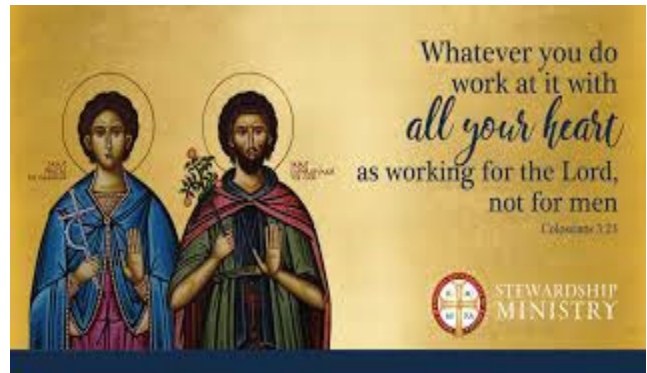
Regina Caeli Academy

Accepting Applications for the Houston Center in 2021!

Regina Caeli is a private, independent, *University-Style Hybrid*® operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool - 12th grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week, and homeschool the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. To learn more, contact our admissions office at admissions@rcahybrid.org or 470.239.0259

Regina Caeli Academy is HIRING part time tutors for the 2021-22 academic year! Please email

vragusa@rcahybrid.org for more information or visit www.rcahybrid.org



For Christian stewards, the search for God in our lives can never be a half-hearted, tepid response. It must be all or nothing. The search is a lifelong commitment. Thomas Merton offered a basic principle of stewardship: "A life is either all spiritual or not spiritual at all." What is the stewardship question for me? Am I ready and willing to commit to the long search for God in my life?

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.

Brown Scapulars

"BROWN SCAPULARS" are associated with Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and her feast day will be **Friday, July 16th**. At the Mass at 9:00 a.m., Brown Scapulars will be blessed. Those who already have a Scapular should bring it to have it blessed, and there will be a few extra scapulars to be given free.





RCIA

Adapted for Children

RCIA is for any child over the age of 7 -18 who has never been baptized, baptized in an other denomination.

RCIA begins September 8th and meets weekly each Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 PM

For more information about how this process works for children please contact us

281-902-5712 or 281-902-5701

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