

# St. Justin Martyr Parish

## Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday:

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

**Monday and Thursday**  
9:00 a.m. (Chapel)

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
and Saturday**  
9:00 a.m. (Church)

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**Saturday: 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.**

By appointment.  
Call the parish office.

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Saint Justin Martyr Parish.**



# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY— SEPTEMBER 12, 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 Mary Elliott at 281-902-5711 or [melliott@sjmtx.com](mailto:melliott@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**

Wednesday - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Curbside food distribution. 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](mailto: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**

## Sunday Reflection

### IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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### **PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER**

They were all baptized last weekend

**Paul Tobeckukwu Nwokoye**  
**Jonathan Chukwuebuka Okwuwa**  
**Ifechukwu Divine Okolo**

## Financial Stewardship

### Weekend Collection

Will be recorded on September 19th due to Holiday

Collections	
On-line Giving	\$
Received via mail	\$ -0-
Total	\$ -0-
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$16,000
Building Improvements	\$
Social Ministry	\$
Registered Families	1989

**Go to [sjm@sjmtx.org](mailto:sjm@sjmtx.org) for Online Giving.**

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### Diocesan Services Fund 2021

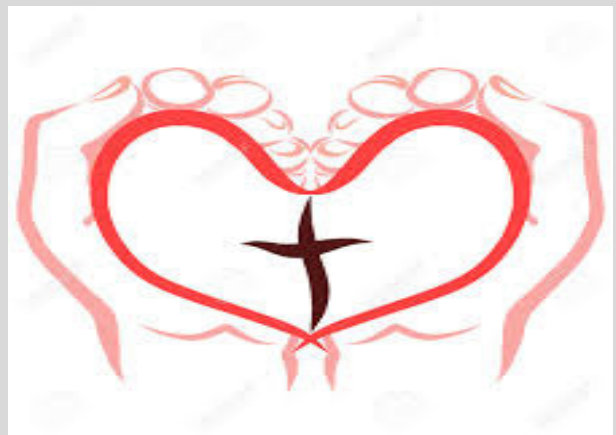
Parish Goal:	\$110,000
Parish Contributions:	\$ 89,677
Balance Due:	\$ 20,323
Number of Participants	

### Ignite Campaign

Parish Goal:	\$907,414
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$555,772
Parish Contributions	\$351,442
Balance Due:	\$579,287
Number of Participants	242

### Upcoming Second Collections

World Mission Sunday/ October 24  
Propagation of Faith



## Prayer Needs

### Mass Intentions

September 12th—September 19th

<b>Sun.</b>	Sept. 12th	8:00 a.m.	+ Virginia Sendejo
<b>Sun.</b>	Sept. 12th	10:00 a.m.	+ Chude Okwuwa
<b>Sun.</b>	Sept. 12th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Sept. 12th	5:00 p.m.	Alexander, Pablo, Jonathan Rodriquez
<b>Mon.</b>	Sept. 13th	9:00 a.m.	Prayers for Souls
<b>Tues.</b>	Sept. 14th	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving + Joseph
<b>Wed.</b>	Sept. 15th	9:00 a.m.	+ Joseph Tu Nguyen Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thurs.</b>	Sept. 16th	9:00 a.m.	+ Dominic Nguyen Thiem
<b>Fri.</b>	Sept. 17th	9:00 a.m.	Prayers for Souls
<b>Sat.</b>	Sept. 18th	9:00 a.m.	+ Alejo Alba
<b>Sun.</b>	Sept. 19th	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving
<b>Sun.</b>	Sept. 19th	10:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Sept. 19th	12:00 p.m.	Ngo Thi Le Chi
<b>Sun.</b>	Sept. 19th	5:00 p.m.	+ Robert Moolchan

### TODAY'S READING

**First Reading** — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

**Second Reading** — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35). speak (Mark 7:31-37).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Jn 19:25-27
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

## Parish Events

<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>September 12, 2021</b>
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
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>September 13, 2021</b>
9:00 a.m.	Mass in the Chapel Livestream Mass
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>September 14, 2021</b>
9:00 a.m.	Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>September 15, 2021</b>
9:00 a.m.	Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
9:30 a.m.	Adoration
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>September 16, 2021</b>
9:00 a.m.	Mass in the Chapel Livestream Mass
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>September 17, 2021</b>
9:00 a.m.	Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>September 18, 2021</b>
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
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>September 19, 2021</b>
8:00 a.m.	English Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
10:00 a.m.	English Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
12:00 p.m.	Vietnamese Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
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# Parish Life

## *DSF in Action - Your Gifts at Work Changing Lives and Strengthening Formation Angela House*

**“These are really just human beings and not evil-doers.”**

- Sister Maureen O’Connell, OP, a social worker by training who also spent 13 years as a Chicago police officer and chaplain and is now the director of the Archdiocese’s Secretariat for Social Concerns.

“It all started for me when I was a volunteer chaplain in Gatesville (women’s prison) and realized that the women who had been incarcerated two or three times basically needed a safe place to live when they left prison to get away from negative people, places and things,” Sister O’Connell said.

Since 2002, Angela House has provided trauma-informed rehabilitative services in a safe, homelike atmosphere structured for the unique needs of formerly incarcerated women. The program provides individual and group therapy, referrals for medical and mental health care, dental and vision care, job readiness training, twelve step-recovery groups, as well as emotional and spiritual support. Residents are encouraged to set realistic and attainable goals for their future.

Angela House has a life-changing impact on the women we serve. It creates a ripple effect in their families and the greater community. They learn the skills needed for independent living and obtain the resources to shed the behaviors that led to their incarceration. The program reduces the recidivism rates for women in Harris County and contributes to public safety.

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### *St. Justin Martyr Parish Altar Flowers*



The Altar flowers were donated by  
**Keith & Mary Lou Grothaus.**

## **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. **The next meeting will be on September 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sunday sacristy.**

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

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### ***MAVERICKS ACTIVITIES***

**September 17 – Friday –** Bus trip to Burton to visit Peeka Ranch, home to over 100 alpacas. Cost \$5. Lunch at Cannery Kitchen in Brenham. Buffet \$10, all inclusive. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from church parking lot. Reservations to Marge at 832-239-8579.

**September 18 – Saturday – 1:00 p.m. –** Monthly meeting in parish hall. **Note the change of day and time!**

**September 21 – Tuesday –** Sugar Land Skeeters baseball game. Bus leaves at 5:45 p.m. from church parking lot. Call Marge at 832-239-8579 to see if any tickets are available.

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### ***ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH***

**WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO SJM’S  
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING AND FESTIVAL**

#### **JOIN US ON OCTOBER 17, 2021**

There will be prizes, auctions, raffle booklets for \$50/(10 tickets in 1 booklet), and a Collective brochure.

Thanksgiving Mass Dates & Times:

September 26<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Multicultural Presentation at 2:00 p.m.,

October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Thanksgiving Presentations during the Masses Vietnamese at 12:00 p.m.

Spanish at 5:00 p.m.

October 9<sup>th</sup>: Final Thanksgiving Multicultural Presentation at 5:00 p.m.

# Parish Life

## **WELCOME BACK COME ONE, COME ALL.**

St. Justin Martyr Parish invites all back **October 4, 2021** at 7:00 pm to celebrate our Fall Mission. Father Paul Chovanec, Father Peter Nguyen, Deacon Corney Llorens, Deacon Nhat Tran Deacon Sean Nguyen, and Deacon-Candidate Gilberto DeFreitas will lead the Fall Mission on the following days::

### **MONDAY, October 4th**

- \* 7:00 pm - Multi-cultural Rosary in the church.
- \* 7:30 pm - English in Church (Dcn. Corney), Spanish in the Chapel (Fr. Paul & Gilberto), Vietnamese in the hall (Fr. Peter & Dcn. Nhat)  
A presentation in each language: St. Joseph in "Our Life"
- \* 8:15 pm - Benediction for all in the church.

### **TUESDAY, October 5th**

- \* 7:00 pm - Multi-cultural Liturgy of the Word for all in the church.
- \* 7:30 pm – Groups to their rooms  
Presentation in each language – by the Evangelization Committee  
"Welcome Home, Let's invite others to our Parish"
- \* 8:30 pm - Benediction for all in the church.

### **WEDNESDAY, October 6th**

- \* 7:00 pm – Wrap up remarks for all in the church.
- \* 7:30 pm – Multi-cultural Mass – the Votive Mass of St. Justin Martyr.  
Collection for Meals for the Social Ministry  
Welcome Back and see you all soon.

"But seek first His Kingdom, and all these things will be given to you" (Mathew 6:33)"

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## **MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

Welcome Back! Bible study will resume in-person classes tomorrow **Monday, September 13th**. Classes will be held in Room 110 in the CFC building from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration is not required. We will be studying the Book of Romans.

For more information contact Joe Sindelar at [joseph.sindelar@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.sindelar@gmail.com)

## **Social Ministry News**

Wednesday, September 1st Drive– Thru food distribution assisted 66 families, which consisted of 173 adults and 51 children.

*This Sunday, September 12th is Grandparent's Day.* Here's a great way to honor your grandparents, donate a non-perishable food item or make a monetary donation to the food pantry. Next Sunday is our monthly food drive. Most needed items are **Peanut Butter and Jelly**.

**Volunteers** are needed to help with the food distribution on Wednesday morning. The process starts at 8:30 am and ends at 11:00 am, Any help would be greatly appreciate. Just show up and help where you are needed. You do not need to stay the entire time.

Thank you for supporting such a worthy cause.

"Happy Grandparent's Day!

May God Bless you and keep you safe!

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## **WEDDDING ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MASSES**

To honor your marriage, his eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, invites you to join him for these Eucharistic Celebrations commemorating your anniversary.

### **50th Anniversary celebration**

September 26th at 3:00 p.m.

### **25th Anniversary celebration**

October 24th at 3:00 p.m.

**\$25 per family**

Jubilarian couples will receive:

- \* Archdiocesan anniversary certificate
- \* Special mention in the Worship Aid
- \* Commemorative pin

[www.archgh.org/familylife](http://www.archgh.org/familylife) or 713-741-8710

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## **Thank You to the Hispanic Ministry**

For the donation of the Wine & Hosts for the month of September.

# Parish Life



## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 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.

## ***FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS***

Unsuspected richness. Multiple encounters with Christ.

**Full Participation in the Mass** is a video series that will rekindle your appreciation for our magnificent Sunday Celebration and will deepen your knowledge in our faith.

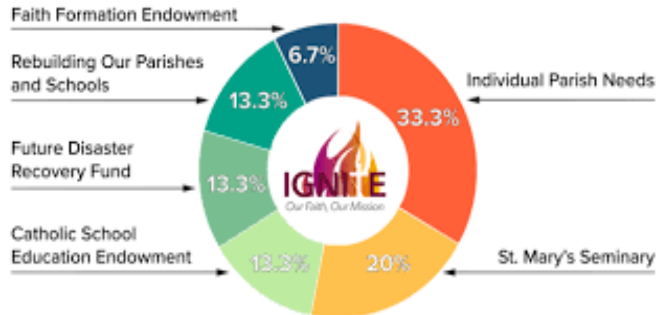
Walk with Fr. James Burkart in exploring our millenary Sunday tradition. Enjoy the revealed aspects of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Discover why we cherish every single component of the Mass, and why they are in that precise sequence.

Whether you are a cradle Catholic or new to our faith, this online formation program is a must in your journey.

[www.archgh.org/fullparticipation](http://www.archgh.org/fullparticipation)

## ***IGNITE CAMPAIGN***

### ***Our Faith, our Mission***



*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 at [www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf).



**2021-2022**

**CCE OPEN HOUSE**

**Room 205-207**

**Elementary -RCIA**  
**Wednesday Sep 22nd, 7:15 pm**

**Middle School- High School**  
**Thursday Sep 23rd, 7:15 pm**

**Parents - Please attend this  
mandatory Open House**



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