

St. Justin Martyr Parish

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Mass Schedule

Saturday: (Vigil Mass) 5:30 p.m.

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

Monday and Tuesday:
7:00 p.m. (Chapel)

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

Friday
6:30 p.m. (Chapel) in Vietnamese

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. - 8:15 p.m. (Chapel)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.

By appointment. Call the parish office.



Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2017

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor

Fr. Peter Thang Nguyen, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Corney Llorens

Deacon Nhat Tran

Deacon Gary Boyd

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 six months to two years prior to the 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.

NURSERY

The nursery is open during weekend Masses and other parish activities. It is located in the Christian Formation Center building.

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 PRESCHOOL

Early childhood education - 18 months to Pre-K Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For information, please call 281-556-1260.

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: martha@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

Dolores Gonzalez
Coordinator of Adult Ministry

Lisa Hachicho
Director of Preschool

Alyssa Avila
DRE

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Vacant
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Clergy Reflection

God's Promise

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. Psalm 89

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever. Romans 16:25-27

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. Luke 1:26-38

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Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

December 17	\$19,647
On-line Giving	\$ 132
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Building Improvements	\$ 100
Social Ministry	\$ 1,250
Registered Families	1851

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$112,467
Parish Contributions:	\$108,011
Balance Due:	\$ 16,769
Number of Participants	526

Upcoming Second Collections

January 28	Bishop's Fund for Latin America
February 4	DSF
February 14	Archdiocesan Social Ministries
February 18	Black & Indian Missions

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

A Stewardship Prayer

Jesus, I give my whole life to you, I thank you for creating me, dying for me, and rising for me.

Please give me a spirit of service and love so I can pour out myself for others as you did for me.

In gratitude, I offer myself to you, asking for the grace to keep you first in my heart.

Help me to use everything You have given me to serve You, my parish, and all those around me. Amen

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

December 23rd ~ December 31st

Sat.	Dec 23rd	5:30 p.m.	+ Lloyd E. Anderson
Sun.	Dec 24th	8:00 a.m.	+ Canh & Ngoan Nguyen
Sun.	Dec 24th	10:00 a.m.	+ Andre & Reine Kliebert
Sun.	Dec 24th	12:00 p.m.	+ All Souls who passed away in 2016 & 2017
Sun.	Dec 24th	5:00 p.m.	No Mass
Sun.	Dec 24th	5:30 p.m.	Jaime & Belinda Moreno & Family
Sun.	Dec 24th	8:00 p.m.	For well being of Oanh Do's Family
Sun.	Dec 24th	Midnight	People of St. Justin
Mon.	Dec 25th	10:00 a.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
Mon.	Dec 25th	12:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving from Hue Pham
Mon.	Dec 25th	7:00 p.m.	No Mass
Tue.	Dec 26th	7:00 p.m.	No Mass
Wed.	Dec 27th	9:00 a.m.	+ Anna Nguyen Thi Min
Thurs.	Dec 28th	9:00 a.m.	+ Barbara Brown
Fri.	Dec 29th	9:00 a.m.	+ Santiago Gapultos
Fri.	Dec 29th	6:30 p.m.	For the well being of Uncle Nhan Do
Sat.	Dec 30th	9:00 a.m.	The Nguyen Family
Sat.	Dec 30th	5:30 p.m.	+ Pope Pius XII
Sun.	Dec 31st	8:00 a.m.	+ Benito & Margarita Alcala
Sun.	Dec 31st	10:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Dec 31st	12:00 p.m.	+ Gioan Do Van Dinh
Sun.	Dec 31st	5:00 p.m.	+ Juan D. Ruiz

Vocations Brief

Holiness is a challenge for all of us, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners—and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Parish Events

Sunday, December 24th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.	Mass
10:00 a.m.	Mass
10:00 a.m.	No Little Church
12:00 p.m.	Vietnamese Mass
5:00 p.m.	No Spanish Mass
6:30 p.m.	No Middle School & High School CCE

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Masses

5:30 p.m.	Mass - English
8:00 p.m.	Mass - Spanish
Midnight	Mass - English

Monday, December 25th - The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 a.m.	Mass - English
12:00 p.m.	Mass - Vietnamese
5:30 p.m.	No Elementary CCE
7:00 p.m.	No Mass

Tuesday, December 26th

6:30 p.m.	No Penance
7:00 p.m.	No Mass
7:00 p.m.	No Young Adults
7:30 p.m.	No Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary

Wednesday, December 27th

9:00 a.m.	Mass
9:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m.	No RCIA Pre-Catechumenate
7:00 p.m.	No RCIA
7:00 p.m.	No Adult Sacrament Class
7:00 p.m.	No Youth Night
7:00 p.m.	No Elementary CCE

Thursday, December 28th

9:00 a.m.	Mass
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Friday, December 29th

9:00 a.m.	Mass
6:30 p.m.	Mass

Saturday, December 30th

9:00 a.m.	Mass
9:00 a.m.	No Elementary CCE
4:00 p.m.	Penance
5:30 p.m.	Mass

Sunday, December 31st - The Holy Family

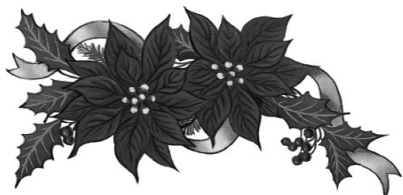
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Parish Life

Donation for the Christmas Season

Donation envelopes are available in the pews to contribute to the cost of poinsettias and greenery for Christmas. Please help if you are able. Thank you. All memorials will be published in the bulletin.



Poinsettias for Christmas

Remember a loved one at Christmas by donating towards the Poinsettias to decorate the church. Donors and the names of loved ones will be listed in the Bulletin. Price is \$10.00 for each Memorial.

Fill in the information below and bring with payment to the Church Office or drop it in the Sunday Collection. Make your check payable to St. Justin Martyr.

—— Poinsettias for Christmas ——

I would like to donate towards decorating the Church with Poinsettias at \$10.00 per Memorial, for the following:

1. _____

2. _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23 & 24

5:30 p.m. English Mass

8:00 a.m. English Mass

10:00 a.m. English Mass

Noon Vietnamese Mass

There is NO 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Christmas Eve - December 24

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

8:00 p.m. Spanish Vigil Mass

Christmas Midnight Mass

Prelude music will begin at 11:00 p.m.
Mass will be at Midnight

Christmas Day - December 25

10:00 a.m. English Mass

12 Noon Vietnamese Mass

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed at Noon on December 22, and all day December 25 & 26.

There is NO 6:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass on December 22.

There is NO Mass on December 26.

New Year's Eve Mass - December 31

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

New Year's Day Mass - January 1

10:00 a.m.

If you are a St. Justin Martyr Liturgical Minister please consider serving at Mass. Sign-up in the brides-room.



Today, Sunday, December 24, there are NO Food Sales.

Next Sunday, December 31, enjoy baked goodies prepared the Daughters of Isabella on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Clergy & Staff of St. Justin Martyr!



Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

All of us at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool wish you all a very Merry Christmas filled with Peace, Hope and Love! "God bless us everyone."

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congratulations to our sister Linh Luu and her husband Bruce on the birth of their Snow Baby: Adelaide "Tuyet-Linh" Luu born on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and a snow day!

Upcoming events:

January 6 - Rosary in the chapel before 5:30 p.m. Mass

January 8 - Our next meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the Mercy Festival on January 13.

If you are interested in finding out about or joining our wonderful organization please call Bette Breaz at 281-493-6855.

Knights of Columbus-SJM Council 8293

The Knights of Columbus Council 8293 is wishing you all A Happy and Merry Christmas!

We are selling Briskets and Sausages for the Super Bowl to raise money for Scholarships. We are taking orders now.

Calendar Activities:

December 31 - KC Officers meeting at 11:00 a.m.

January 4 - KC Business meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

January 6 - KC VA Hospital visit at 7:00 a.m.

If you are interested in joining the KC's, call Grand Knight Michael Akiboh at 281-707-4444.

The Ministries of St. Justin Martyr wish a very Merry Christmas to All!



News About the Mavericks

January 5 – Friday – 9:00 a.m. - First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at La Madeleine, 1560 Eldridge Parkway.

January 6 – Saturday – Bus trip to visit the Dunham Bible Museum at Houston Baptist University. After lunch we'll have a guided tour of the Houston Maritime Museum. Cost \$10. Lunch \$10 - \$15. Bus leaves at 9:15 a.m. from church parking lot. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413.

January 9 – Tuesday – 3:00 p.m. – Monthly birthday party for residents at West Oaks Geriatric Center. If interested in bringing cheer to these shut-ins call Joanne at 281-395-2123.

Looking Ahead!

February 11 – Sunday – Casino Coughatta trip. Cost \$10. Call Marge at 281-498-3413 for reservations.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Rev. Timothy Mouton, C.S.C., will be the guest celebrant at the 8:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, December 31. He is a member of the Order of the Holy Cross. Father Tim and his family have been part of SJM for many years.

Social Ministry News

Thank you St. Justin Martyr Community for making the Adopt A Family project a great success. Your donations helped 36 families receive a Holiday meal and 71 children received presents. 33 Moms received a gift thanks to the Women's ACT Retreat and 3 Dad's received a gift thanks to Social Ministry. Toys were given to 3 clients on Friday, December 15 and the remaining were given to Fire Station 76.

Thank you Ms. Lisa and the preschool for the Thanksgiving food drive and the Christmas toy drive.

A sincere thank you to all the social ministry volunteers for their talents and time helping those less fortunate in our community.

Social Ministry is closed until January 3.

Merry Christmas to All!

Parish Life

Respect Life Ministry Sleeping Bag Distributions

I truly believe it is in giving to others that we receive the best gift of all; knowing that we've helped those who need it most. The Respect Life Ministry and Father Peter visited the downtown homeless to pass out 60 sleeping bags and feed them 120 hot dogs. Thank you Father Paul and Parishioners for helping with donations throughout the year.

Mai Tran, Harry & Connie Herber

St. Justin's Young Adult Group

Are you, your child, or your grandchild between 18 and 35ish? Join the Young Adult Community for faith and fellowship.

December 26 - NO Meeting. Merry Christmas!

January 2 - NO meeting. Happy New Year!

January 9 - Bible Study. Join us in CFC 211 (Library) as we enjoy snacks and explore the readings of the week.

January 16 - Why Evil Exists? Join us in CFC 211 (Library) at 7:00 p.m. as we learn and discuss various views on why evil exists.

Save The Date - February 4 - Fourth Annual Chili Cook-off and Super Bowl Watch Party.

Questions, call Robert Ontko at 832-372-9928.

Mark Your Calendar
Mercy Festival - January 13

Readings for the Week

Sun., Dec 24th	2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/ Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Vigil	Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17,22-25/ Mt 1:1-25
Night	Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Mon., Dec 25th	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Tues., Dec 26th	Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Wed., Dec 27th	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a,2-8
Thurs., Dec 28th:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Fri., Dec 29th	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Sat., Dec 30th:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Sun., Dec 31st	Sir 3:2-6,12-14/Col 3:12-21/ Lk 2:22-40

January 7 Bulletin Deadline

All articles for the January 7 bulletin must be to the Bulletin Editor on December 28.

Please Pray For . . .

The following couple will celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Justin Martyr.

January 6 Nguyen Huynh & Truc Tran

ACTS Mission - WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT **"In the shadow of your Wings I shout for Joy"** **PS 63:8**

Yes, you heard it correctly. The Women's ACTS Retreat has been rescheduled! **Our new retreat date is February 8-11, 2018, at Our Lady of Lourdes Retreat Center, Houston, Texas, 77047.**

Women, if God is calling you to attend this spirit filled retreat please email or call; Mary Lou Grothaus at momgrothaus@gmail.com / 713-582-6091, or Susan Pyle at susan.pyle@sbcglobal.net / 713-826-0783, for your registration form. A table will soon be available in the Narthex after each Mass to sign you up and answer any questions you may have. If you have already attended a Women's ACTS retreat and are interested in teaming with a wonderful group of your sisters, we would love to have you! Meetings are Tuesday evenings in room 110 CFC building, at 7:00 p.m. (Food and fellowship starts at 6:30 p.m.) There is no meeting on December 26 for the Holidays.

African Community of St. Justin Martyr

December 24 - No event scheduled.

For more information, contact Okey Okafor at 832-526-6668.

Let Us Pray

For the souls of the recently deceased, Thi Lieu (Teresa) Nguyen, Jacqueline Wright and Jonnie Ezeani. May eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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 News

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Farewell to Alyssa

Effective December 26, Alyssa Avila is leaving St. Justin Martyr to take a Position at St. Michael's. We thank her for her time and dedication to the Children's Ministry here at St. Justin.

We wish her much success in her new endeavors .

Our CCE Program will continue with dedicated teachers who volunteer every week to teach the faith to our children.

**Our next sacrament
class will be on
January 13 from 12-2 PM**

Please check calendar for
sacrament class dates.

**There will be NO CCE
from December 18—
January 7. We will see
you back on January 8.**

Middle and High School Youth Ministry

For more information about youth
events and activities contact:

Vacant, Coordinator of
Youth Ministries

281-902-5710

Information is also available on the
Youth Ministry page of the parish
website at www.sjmtx.org.

Important Days To Remember

Today, Sunday, December 24 &
Sunday, December 31 there are
NO CCE Classes

Wednesday, December 27 there is
NO Youth Night



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