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.

Third Sunday in ordinary Time, January 26, 2020

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

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 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: mmartin@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 Dariy 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

Lisa Hachicho
Director of Preschool

Jackie Baca
Coordinator of Religious Education
& Youth Ministry

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Clergy Reflection

Seeking The Light

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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Upcoming Second Collections

January 26	Bishops' Fund for Latin America
February 2	DSF
February 26	Archdiocesan Social Ministries
March 1	Black & Indian Missions
March 22	Catholic Relief Services

Bishops Fund For Latin America

This weekend, January 25 & 26, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America in the Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechists, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

For the collection amount of January 19, please see the bulletin of February 2.

Required Weekly Budget Amount	$20,300
Registered Families	2397

Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for Online Giving.

Like us on Facebook: Saint Justin Martyr Parish.

Diocesan Services Fund 2020

DSF 2020 Commitment Weekend,
February 1 & 2

Parish Goal: $124,780

Theme:
"Bring Your Greatest Gifts to the Lord."

Our 2020 Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) begins next weekend in every parish throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Christ calls us to serve one another and reach those who are sick or in need, to bless and serve them. Your compassion and generosity is needed by the Archdiocese. When you share your greatest gifts with the Lord, you enable us to reach out to people in this parish and throughout the entire Archdiocese through more than 60 important ministries.

This week, all registered parishioners will receive a letter from Cardinal DiNardo, along with a personalized pledge card, inviting you to **Bring Your Greatest Gifts to the Lord.** Pray about your DSF 2020 commitment, them complete the enclosed pledge card and return it via mail in the special envelope provided or bring it to Mass next weekend.

Ignite Campaign

Parish Goal:	$907,414
Parish Amount Pledged:	$549,047
Parish Contributions	$203,144
Balance Due:	$704,270
Number of Participants	240

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

January 25th~ February 2nd

Sat.	Jan 25th	5:30 p.m.	+	Joe & Gloria Zimmermann
Sun.	Jan 26th	8:00 a.m.	+	Elsie Holness
Sun.	Jan 26th	10:00 a.m.		Adannaya Igbo
Sun.	Jan 26th	12:00 p.m.		People of St. Justin
Sun.	Jan 26th	5:00 p.m.	+	William Davidson
Mon.	Jan 27th	7:00 p.m.	+	Carlisle Sweatman
Tue.	Jan 28th	7:00 p.m.	+	Marvin Nguyen
Wed.	Jan 29th	9:00 a.m.	+	Mary Louise Adams
Thurs.	Jan 30th	9:00 a.m.	+	Hien Nguyen
Fri.	Jan 31st	9:00 a.m.	+	Emanuele Canssarino
Fri.	Jan 31st	6:30 p.m.	+	Phaolo Tran
Sat.	Feb 1st	9:00 a.m.	+	Joseph Trinh
Sat.	Feb 1st	5:30 p.m.		Isidro Buenaventura
Sun.	Feb 2nd	8:00 a.m.	+	Jerry Bratton
Sun.	Feb 2nd	10:00 a.m.	+	James Staples
Sun.	Feb 2nd	12:00 p.m.		Phero Tran
Sun.	Feb 2nd	5:00 p.m.		People of St. Justin

Guidelines for Mass Announcements & Speakers

Announcements

1. All announcement requests must be submitted to Martha Martin in writing by Tuesday of the week of the request.
2. Announcements must pertain to the whole parish, not individual groups or organizations.
3. Announcements must be short and direct, no phone numbers or other contact information. Limit of approximately 20 words.

Speakers

1. Requests to speak after the Masses must be in regard to parish wide events.
2. Must be limited to 2 minutes.
3. Will be limited to one time per event.
4. Must be approved in writing in advance by the Pastor.

Parish Events

Sunday, January 26th
8:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Little Church
12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass
5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
6:30 p.m. Middle School & High School CCE

Monday, January 27th
7:00 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, January 28th
6:00 p.m. No Elementary CCE
6:30 p.m. Penance
7:00 p.m. Adult Sacrament Class
7:00 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. Perpetual Help Devotion

Wednesday, January 29th
9:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. RCIA Pre-Catechumenate
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. Youth Night
7:00 p.m. No Elementary CCE

Thursday, January 30th
9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 31st
9:00 a.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Mass

Saturday, February 1st
9:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 p.m. Elementary CCE
4:00 p.m. Penance
5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 2nd - Presentation of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Little Church
12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass
5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
6:30 p.m. No Middle School & High School CCE

Readings for the Week

Sun., Jan 26th:	Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13,17/ Mt 4:12-23
Mon., Jan 27th:	2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Mk 3:22-30
Tues., Jan 28th:	2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19/Mk 3:31-35
Wed., Jan 29th:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thurs., Jan 30th:	2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29/Mk 4:21-25
Fri., Jan 31st:	2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17/ Mk 4:26-34
Sat., Feb 1st:	2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Sun., Feb 2nd:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Parish Life

Fr. Paul on Retreat

Fr. Paul will be on Retreat Monday, January 27 through Friday, January 31.

Tax Statement February 17—Deadline

Your statement of contributions for the year 2019 will be mailed soon. When you receive it, check it out for correctness. If there is an error, you must contact the office before February 17 in order for us to research your record and generate a corrected copy. Our computer system does not provide the option for us to store that information indefinitely. On February 16, the entire year of 2019 will be archived.

Giving Thanks When You Shop

Please be sure to thank the generous advertisers in our bulletin when you visit their business. Through their participation, our parish receives our weekly bulletin free of charge.

Many Thanks

Correction: The Prayer Blanket Ministry donated the wine for St. Justin Martyr Parish for the month of January.

They are also donating the host for St. Justin Martyr Parish for the month of April.

We Invite You . . .

. . . We invite you on **Sunday, January 26 at the Noon Vietnamese Mass,** to join the Vietnamese Community in celebrating the Vietnamese New Year, TET. TET officially marks the beginning of their lunar new year. This year, 2020, is the year of the rat. This friendly and festive family holiday is the ultimate holiday for the Vietnamese people.

The Vietnamese TET is an occasion for an entire people to share a common ideal of peace, accord, and mutual love. Let us come together as a community to celebrate on this special day. **The TET party will be celebrated in the parish hall on Saturday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m.**

Please Pray For . . .

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

February 22 Thanh Vo & Thanh-tam Nguyen

Adult Ministry Coordinator Needed

St. Justin is presently interviewing for the position of Adult Ministry Coordinator. This position is specifically assigned the duties of Adult Sacraments, Wedding Coordinator, Spanish Baptism preparations, and coordinating all other adult faith and prayer groups. It is a 30 hour per week (full time) position and requires a flexible schedule to meet with different groups and with couples preparing for marriage. Resume and application to Mrs. Karen Rachal in the parish office.

African Parishioners of St. Justin Martyr

First Sunday: General Meeting
Second Sunday: African Catholic Women/Youth & Young Adult
Third Sunday: Executive Meeting/Choir Practice
Fourth Sunday: Family Prayer Meeting
All meetings take place in the CFC building, room 212 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
Third Wednesday: 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Conference Prayer line Tel: 712-451-0606 Access Code 975858#
For more information please click on www.africancommunitysj.org.

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 New Caney, 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.

World Day for Consecrated Life

The World Day for Consecrated Life will be observed in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston on Sunday, February 2. Our Archdiocese is blessed with the ministry of approximately 400 women and 200m men in religious life. The two religious vocations from St. Justin Martyr Parish are Father Tim Mouton, CSC and Tucker Redding, SJ.

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

This week is Catholic Schools Week! We will be hosting fun and exciting activities each day to showcase our amazing Early Childhood Education program that we have right here at St. Justin Martyr. Flyers are available with these activities in the parish hall on the St. Justin Preschool table. If you would like information about our preschool please call us at 281-556-1260.

We will also be starting the week celebrating TET/ Chinese Lunar New Year of the Rat. So we wish all of our families "Gong Xi Fa Cai" or Chuc Mung Nam Moi". We will end the week on Friday with our annual family tailgate party! A fun week for all of us!

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"The Lord is my light and my salvation."
Ps. 27:1

The Mercy Festival will be Saturday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Meals will be a book of Forever Stamps or $11 (the cost of a book of stamps). Please come and support Fr. Ron Cloutier, Head of Ministry of the Incarcerated of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Our next meeting will be February 10, at 7:15 p.m. in the CFC building, room 101.

If you are interested in finding out more about us or joining our wonderful organization please call or text Mary Christo at 832-788-5897.

Knights of Columbus SJM Council 8293

Friday evening January 31, is the annual Knights of Columbus priest appreciation dinner. It is a lot of fun and a great meal. I still have tickets, any knight that would like to attend please contact me at 832-265-2282.

Your KC council is cooking BBQ of all kinds for Super Bowl Sunday. Orders can be made in the parish hall after Mass or by emailing Josh Alderete at xalderete@gmail.com.

Mass Intention Correction

The Mass Intention for Sunday, January 19, at 8:00 a.m. should have read:

+Deanna Marie Anglin

News About the Mavericks

January 29 - Wednesday - Out-to-lunch at Pot Belly Sandwich Shop, 13410 Briar Forest and Eldridge Pkwy. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Reservations to Sherry at 832-725-5979.

February 4 - Tuesday - Bus trip to tour The Printing Museum. Cost $10. Lunch at Luby's Cafeteria. Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. from the church parking lot. Reservations to Marge at 832-239-8579.

February 7 - Friday - 9:00 a.m. - First Friday Mass followed by continental breakfast in the parish hall.

February 9 - Sunday - Bus trip to Coushatta Casino. Cost $10. Bus boards at 7:30 a.m. from the church parking lot. Reservations to Marge at 832-239-8579.

The Mavericks is an organization of and for individuals 50 years and older that provides opportunities of fellowship, spiritual growth and service. For more information call Jim at 281-293-8206.

Social Ministry News

Next Sunday, February 2, is Super Bowl Sunday.
The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina.

"Lord even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

Join in to fight hunger by donating a non-perishable food item to our food pantry.

Most needed items are:
Canned Corn Peanut Butter

Thank you for supporting such a worthy cause. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Save the Date!

Women's ACTS Retreat
April 2 to 5, 2020

Directors: Linda Davis, Hester King,
Sandra Mouton and Bernadette Sullivent.

"…not as I will, but Your will be done."
Mt 26:39b and 26:42b

Parish Life

Super Chili Bowl VI

The Young Adults invite the entire parish to their annual Chili Cook-off and Super Bowl Watch Party on Sunday, February 2, at 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall. $10 for chili, snacks, and drinks. $5 if you participate in the chili cook -off. Open to all ages and faiths. Contact robert.ontko@gmail.com with questions.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight

will be on the

- Vocations Ministry -

Visit the table in the Narthex after Mass next weekend to learn more about this Ministry.

Mercy Festival

Our Mercy Festival this year sponsored by the Jail Ministry Team of St. Justin Martyr Parish is February 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. This Festival will generate support for Fr. Ron Cloutier (Head of Ministry to the Incarcerated of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston). Admission will consist of one book of Forever Stamps. The meal (to be prepared by the Knights of Columbus) will be like the meal served in jail on that date, and the dessert will be provided by the Daughters of Isabella. Door prizes will be awarded.

Mass Intentions

Why do Catholics offer Masses for the dead? When we die in God's friendship we eventually go to Heaven, but if we haven't properly atoned for certain sins we have to be purified in Purgatory first. We pray for the souls in Purgatory to help them pass through faster than they would otherwise. The 2020 Book for Mass Intentions is open. Please visit the church office for your Mass Intention requests.

Our altar flowers this week were donated
In special thanks for blessings received
by
Mr. & Mrs. Nguyen Luoc

IGNITE
Our Faith, Our Mission

Our 4 year Ignite Campaign kicked off in October 2018. At the end of 2019 St. Justin has received $65,562.07 in return for the $193,687 paid toward our goal of $907,414.

The Ignite Campaign is designed to accomplish 6 goals:

1. Establish a future Disaster Recovery Fund.
2. Rebuild Parishes and Schools damaged by Hurricane Harvey in 2017 and Imelda in 2019.
3. Improvements to St. Mary's Seminary.
4. Faith Formation Endowment Fund.
5. Catholic School Endowments.
6. Individual Parish Needs.

To date we have replaced one 30 Ton A/C Unit for our church - $45,055 and the A/C Unit for the Chapel - $22,618.

For this New Year, please make a pledge to support Ignite and allow us to continue making improvements to St. Justin Martyr.

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.

Food Sales

January 26	Girl Scouts
February 2	Youth Breakfast

St. John XXIII College Preparatory

We are now accepting applications for fall 2020.

Grades 9-12 apply online: sj23.org/admissions.

If you have any questions, please e-mail admissions@sj23lions.org
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CCE News

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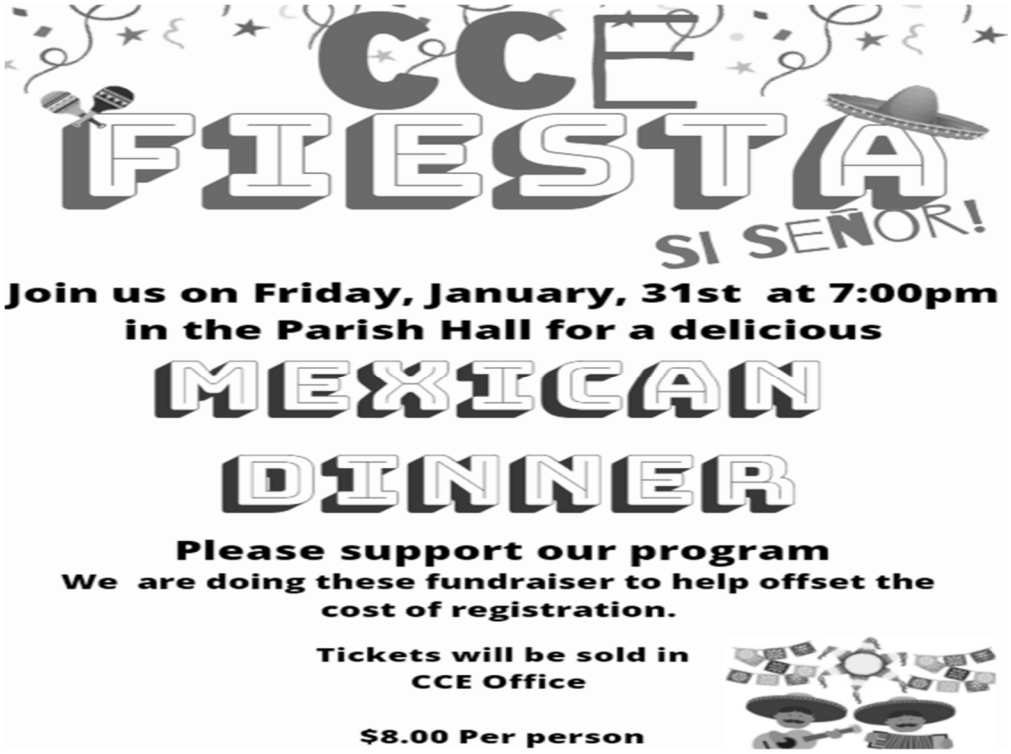

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