

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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 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 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

Lisa Hachicho

Director of Preschool

Jackie Baca

Coordinator of Religious Education
& Youth Ministry

Karen Rachal

Parish Administrator

Clergy Reflection

Vocation

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers. Acts 6:1-7

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. Psalm 33

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house. 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father”. John 14:1-12

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Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

May 3	\$ 3,765
On-line Giving	\$ 4,585
Received via mail	\$ 5,863
Total	\$14,213
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,300
Building Improvements	\$ 154
Social Ministry	\$ 104
Registered Families	1975

Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for Online Giving.

Like us on Facebook: Saint Justin Martyr Parish.

Diocesan Services Fund 2020

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 65,701
Parish Contributions:	\$ 43,601
Balance Due:	\$ 81,179
Number of Participants	353

Ignite Campaign

Parish Goal:	\$907,414
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$556,450
Parish Contributions	\$250,041
Balance Due:	\$657,373
Number of Participants	243

Upcoming Second Collections

May 24	Catholic Communications
June 14	St. Mary’s Seminary
June 28	Peter’s Pence
July 12	St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag
August 9	Infirm Priest

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

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

May 9th ~ May 17th

Sat.	May 9th	5:30 p.m.	No Mass
Sun.	May 10th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	May 10th	10:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sun.	May 10th	12:00 p.m.	No Mass
Sun.	May 10th	5:00 p.m.	No Mass
Mon.	May 11th	9:00 a.m.	+ Debra Baker Oliva
Tue.	May 12th	9:00 a.m.	+ Pablo & Robin Santamria
Wed.	May 13th	9:00 a.m.	Thanks to Our Lady of Fatima Regina Nwachukwu
Thurs.	May 14th	9:00 a.m.	+ Patricia Alle Lewis
Fri.	May 15th	9:00 a.m.	+ Rafael Paz
Fri.	May 15th	6:30 p.m.	No Mass
Sat.	May 16th	9:00 a.m.	+ Alice Phetteplace
Sat.	May 16th	5:30 p.m.	No Mass
Sun.	May 17th	8:00 a.m.	People of St Justin
Sun.	May 17th	10:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sun.	May 17th	12:00 p.m.	No Mass
Sun.	May 17th	5:00 p.m.	No Mass

Vocation Brief

Family life can build values integral to a strong vocation—whether to priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Word of Life

“Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person’s heart; we humbly need to follow where He leads.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“How to Build a Culture of Life” www.usccb.org/culture-of-life

May 10, 2020

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

— John 14:6

Parish Events

Sunday, May 10th

8:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass

Monday, May 11th

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

Tuesday, May 12th

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

Wednesday, May 13th

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

Thursday, May 14th

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

Friday, May 15th

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

Saturday, May 16th

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 Cryroom

Sunday, May 17th

8:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass

Saints And Special Observances

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day
Tuesday:	Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday:	St. Matthias
Friday:	St. Isidore the Farmer
Saturday:	Armed Forces Day

Readings for the Week

Sun., May 10th:	Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12
Mon., May 11th:	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tues., May 12th:	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wed., May 13th:	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thurs., May 14th:	Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Fri., May 15th:	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Sat., May 16th:	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sun., May 17th:	Acts 8:5-8,14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/ Jn 14:15-21

Parish Life

A letter for our Archbishop of Galveston-Houston Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

The past several weeks have been a great trial for our world and for our communities as we cope with the hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the great suffering of the sick and dying, many have struggled with isolation, financial hardship, and other stresses. For the Catholic faithful, this hardship has been compounded by the inability to gather for the Eucharistic celebration as well as the difficulty in receiving the sacraments or at times even being able to come to the church to pray. On one hand, this closure of churches to the public has been necessary for the safeguarding of public health, and we must continue to be mindful of the advice of governmental authorities. At the same time, I have heard the continued plea of so many of the faithful and priests for access to the spiritual strength and nourishment of the sacraments after enduring so many weeks of stay-at-home orders.

Therefore, I believe the time has arrived to look forward to how this local church can cautiously resume some of its essential activities. Following Governor Abbott's announcement on Monday of his plan to allow a reopening of the state beginning on Friday, May 1, I have asked all parishes to begin preparations to allow for the reopening of our churches in a controlled manner. Effective this weekend, I have asked that all parishes be opened for a least several hours each day to allow access for private prayer. Furthermore, I ask that parishes resume provision for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis, while respecting and complying with social distancing and sanitary requirements.

Due to the demanding (yet prudent) requirements of the state, the resumption of the celebration of public Masses will be more challenging. Beginning this weekend, I will allow (but not require) parishes to resume the public celebration of Masses. In light of the Governor's guidelines for the reopening of other buildings and institutions, including the requirements that social distancing be maintained and that no more than 25% of occupancy be filled, I have requested that parishes not resume public celebration of the Mass until they have implemented policies and procedures consistent with my guidelines, which are a reflection of Governor Abbott's orders. I have suggested that each parish form a pandemic response team to assist in developing protocols to follow the guidelines. Since massive efforts for the provision of safe and sterile spaces must be undertaken, some parishes may need longer than others to prudently meet this need. I ask that you be patient and cooperative with your priests and parishes as they work to provide for your spiritual needs while taking the necessary precautions to protect you and the common good. I would further ask that you be collaborative with them as they will likely need a lot of help from many volunteers to make all of his possible.

I also ask that you cooperate with your parishes in following an instruction which I have given for the whole Archdiocese. I am asking that during this time of gradual reopening, all people coming to churches, including clergy and staff, wear masks to cover their noses and mouths. This helps diminish widespread exposure if an infected person were to sneeze, cough, or in any manner spread airborne contamination, especially at a time when others are gathered.

In the meantime, I gently remind you that **the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remain suspended.** It is still recommended that people, especially, those who are 65 and older or are vulnerable, should remain at home and participate by livestream. Even more urgently, if you have any reason to believe you might be sick or exposed to COVID-19, please remain at home as an act of charity to others! I have asked our parishes to maintain the livestreaming that they have adopted during the last several weeks. Furthermore, since it still will not be possible for all people to come to Mass on Sundays, I ask that the faithful be flexible in considering attendance on a different day of the week. We are still limited in our ability to fully congregate, but the most important consideration is the faithful have access to Eucharist and Confession.

Let us remain united in prayer for one another especially for those on the front lines, who continue to work and put themselves in harm's way for the provision for the welfare of all of us. With Easter greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News



The St. Justin Martyr Preschool is closed until further notice.



Knights of Columbus SJM Council 8293

The Knights of Columbus wants to wish all mothers a happy and blessed Mother's Day. Unfortunately we were not able to hold our annual Mother Day breakfast and rose give away today. Please know that we celebrate all Mothers on this Glorious Sunday. All Mother's are in our prayers and thoughts.

Please remember our Mass schedule. Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. Please remember all of the special rules on capacity and procedures for all Masses. Governor Abbott said he will have a new order on May 18. Hopefully all will go good these next two weeks and we can open even further on or about May 22. Please stay safe and wear your mask when out in public to help defeat this devil called covid 19.

Many Thanks

To the Vietnamese Mother's Group for their donation of Wine & Hosts for St. Justin Martyr for the month of May.

**Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for
Online Giving.**

**Like us on Facebook: Saint Justin
Martyr Parish.**

***Happy Mothers Day from the Clergy &
Staff of St. Justin Martyr Parish!***

***"Motherhood involves a special
communion with the mystery of life."***

St. John Paul II

News About the Mavericks

All activities have been cancelled due to the corona virus restrictions until further notice. Stay home and be safe.

Social Ministry News

Social Ministry is closed until further notice.

There are 2 ministries in the area where you can receive food.

West Houston Assistance ministry located at 10501 Meadowglen Lane. Drive thru on Monday thru Friday.

Mission Bells Food Pantry located at 15325 Bellarie Blvd. They are open Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Happy Mother's Day to Mothers, Grandmothers, and expecting Mother's.

Financial Stewardship

Although we are able to have Masses only on a shortened schedule, the expenses of the Church continue.

Please consider making your tithe by dropping your envelope at the front office, by mail, through your bank pay or online giving.

Our Mass schedule:

Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. At the Sunday morning Mass you may drop your tithe in the collection basket at the back of the church.

Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for Online Giving.

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



Parish Life



*Our altar flowers this week were donated
For Mother's Day
in the memory of
**Gloria Zimmerman &
Margaret Carfagno**
Donated by Jane & Ken Carfagno*

A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult
decisions between food on the table or public
safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health
insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial
burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to
immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given
dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign
of hope, comfort and love to all.
Grant peace.
Grant comfort.
Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord.

Amen



Our IGNITE campaign continues to grow. This spring all the parishes in the Archdiocese will join the IGNITE campaign. St. Justin's goal is \$907,414 and we have 3 years to achieve that goal. We have pledges totaling \$549,048. That leaves us with a shortfall of \$358,367. Every quarter, St. Justin receives a return of one third the amount our donors have given to IGNITE. This program directly benefits the Archdiocese by establishing a Disaster Recovery Fund, rebuilds parishes and parochial schools damaged by recent hurricanes, continues to improve St. Mary's Seminary, establish Catholic School endowments, and assist individual parish needs.

St. Justin's needs are to continue replacing our HVAC units and install LED lights in the church. Please make a pledge to IGNITE and help us reach our goal.

Ignite Prayer

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 Services Fund 2020

"Bring Your Greatest Gifts to the Lord."

Everything we have, everything we are, and everything we will become is a gift from the Lord. As faithful Catholics, we are called to return our time, talent, and gifts in gratitude for God's bounty. DSF 2020 reminds us to Bring Your Greatest Gifts to the Lord, and through our willingness to share our gifts, we provide support to ministries that serve thousands and thousands of our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Make your contribution today to DSF, and help us answer God's call to give in 2020. To give online, please visit www.archgh.org/dsf. Please help us reach our parish goal of \$124,780.

CCE News

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**Dear Elementary Students
and Parents,**

**This is a friendly reminder for you
to complete the lessons that have
been emailed to you.**

**Should you have any questions,
please do not hesitate to contact
the CCE office.**

All of you are doing a great job!

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**Dear 6th-8th Grade Students
and Parents,**

**This is a friendly reminder for
you to complete the lessons that
have been emailed to you.**

**Should you have any questions,
please do not hesitate to contact
the CCE office.**

All of you are doing a great job!

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