

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, Tuesday, 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.

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Martyr Parish.**

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 27, 2020

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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 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

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Coordinator of Adult Ministry

Jackie Baca
Coordinator of Religious Education
& Youth Ministry

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Clergy Reflection

Our Lives Need To Say YES TO God

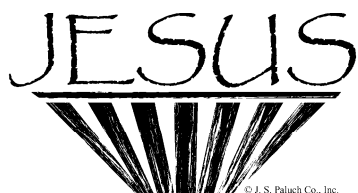
In the Gospel parable, the first son who says "YES" to his father doesn't actually do what his father wants him to do. It's the son who says "NO!" to his father who actually does the father's will. Whereas the NO words may be contrary to God's will, the *deeds* are in agreement with God's will.

Jesus' point is that the chief priests and elders of the people, the respected wise ones, are like the first son who talked a good line but did not obey. In contrast Jesus says that even prostitutes and tax collectors are ultimately on the right track.

In our individual lives can we relate more to the ultimately obedient second son, or to the first son who has sensible talk but no walk? Perhaps most people are in the first son category, most of us try to do what is right. We may be confused at times, which causes us to make wrong decisions. Life may throw us an unexpected curve that makes us truly wonder what God could possibly want us to do. However, most people are doing the best they can. God honors that. If God himself can cut us some slack, let us do so for each other. God takes our misdirected, uncertain lives and gives them direction. Obedience to God is not a simple matter of following orders or rules. It has to do with being open to Jesus's shaping of our lives. It is a work in progress.

And so, the Psalm, 25, gives us the right prayer to go with this parable: "Lord, teach us your ways!" Our ways need to be God's ways. It is our *lives* that need to say YES to God.

Deacon Corney



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Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

September 20	\$ 6,473
On-line Giving	\$ 4,783
Received via mail	\$ 5,881
Total	\$17,137
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$16,000
Building Improvements	\$ 75
Social Ministry	\$ 110
Registered Families	1989

Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for Online Giving.

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Diocesan Services Fund 2020

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 77,433
Parish Contributions:	\$ 66,713
Balance Due:	\$ 58,067
Number of Gifts	737

Ignite Campaign

Parish Goal:	\$907,414
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$554,982
Parish Contributions	\$279,790
Balance Due:	\$627,624
Number of Participants	242

Upcoming Second Collections

Peter's Pence	October 4
Propagation of the Faith	October 18
Retired Priests	November 8
Campaign for Human Development	November 22
Retirement Fund for Religious (Sisters)	December 13

Peter's Pence Collection

Next weekend, September 27 & October 4, we will participate in the Peter's Pence Collection for the Works of the Holy Father. This collection enables the Holy Father to respond to requests for emergency funds for the most needy throughout the world. The gospel continually challenges us to lend a helping hand to those in need, to help build a better world with justice for all. This special collection is an opportunity to demonstrate justice as well as kindness to our brothers and sisters in need. Please pray for the Holy Father's work.

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

September 26th ~ October 4th

Sat.	Sep 26th	5:30 p.m.	No Mass
Sun.	Sep 27th	8:00 a.m.	Prayers for Our Country
Sun.	Sep 27th	10:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sun.	Sep 27th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Sep 27th	5:00 p.m.	+ Ma Guadalupe
Mon.	Sep 28th	9:00 a.m.	Maria Portillo
Tue.	Sep 29th	9:00 a.m.	+ Jose Lizama
Wed.	Sep 30th	9:00 a.m.	+ Augustin Castillo
Thurs.	Oct 1st	9:00 a.m.	+ J. B. Morin
Fri.	Oct 2nd	9:00 a.m.	+ Ines Mondragon
Fri.	Oct 2nd	6:30 p.m.	No Mass
Sat.	Oct 2nd	9:00 a.m.	+ Joseph Hanh
Sat.	Oct 2nd	5:30 p.m.	No Mass
Sun.	Oct 2nd	8:00 a.m.	+ Lucille Maria Garren
Sun.	Oct 2nd	10:00 a.m.	Prayers for Our Country
Sun.	Oct 2nd	12:00 p.m.	Dominico Tran V. Vien
Sun.	Oct 2nd	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin

Vocation Brief

A study commissioned by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Word of Life

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in His own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

*-Pope Francis, Day for Life Greeting
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Parish Events

Sunday, September 27th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 10:00 a.m. No Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass

Monday, September 28th

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

Tuesday, September 29th

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

Wednesday, September 30th

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

Thursday, October 1st

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

Friday, October 2nd

- 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 6:30 p.m. No Mass

Saturday, October 3rd

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. No Mass

Sunday, October 4th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass
- 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass in the Church
Livestream Mass



Readings for the Week

- Sun., Sep 27th: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/
Mt 21:28-32
- Mon., Sep 28th: Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50
- Tues., Sep 29th: Dn 7:9-10,13-14/Jn 1:47-51
- Wed., Sep 30th: Jb 9:1-12,14-16/Lk 9:57-62
- Thurs., Oct 1st: Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12
- Fri., Oct 2nd: Jb 38:1,12-21;40:3-5/
Mt 18:1-5,10
- Sat., Oct 3rd: Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17/Lk 10:17-24
- Sun., Oct 4th: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Parish Life

Addition of Our 10:00 AM Sunday Mass

Please note that on Sunday, October 4 we will begin having our 10:00 a.m. Sunday Masses again.

Mass Intention Requests

Intentions are available on a first come, first served basis. An offering of \$5 is requested for the priest celebrating the Mass. Intentions are most often for the deceased but can also be for the living, e.g. birthday blessings, anniversaries, or in thanksgiving. Please allow at least 4 weeks for days or times. Sorry, no intentions can be accepted over the phone. Mass Intentions are being rotated from Mass times which are not currently being celebrated. We appreciate your patience as we make sure all intentions are relocated to another Mass in the near future.

Keep Holy The Sabbath

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston continues to offer an online central hub of **Spiritual Resources** and links to digital guides on keeping the faith while at home including:

- Links to Spiritual Reflections videos presented by priests in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.
- Links to Daily Readings, online prayer guides and links to Pope Francis's prayers and Liturgies.
- Special prayers for the pandemic.

WWW.ARCH.ORG/SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Go to sjm@sjmtx.com for Online Giving.

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Let Us Pray

For the soul of the recently deceased, Epifanio Avila. May eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

OCTOBER 17 & 18 FALL BOTHLESS BAZAAR, 2020

Saturday October 17th: The Saint Justin Martyr Fun Run/Walk - Grab your family and friends to join us from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Joseph A. Fiorenza park. \$25 to register. Register at <https://sjmtx.org/funwalkrun> (Two running loops, one is 1 mile and the other is almost 3 miles) in case you don't feel comfortable meeting at the park, you can do it at a location of your choice!

Sunday October 18th: Knights of Columbus Food Sales - All food must be pre-ordered and purchased using the www.KofC8293.org website.

Items available for purchase are:

- Pork Ribs \$20.00 (whole rack)
 - Turkey legs \$8/each or 2 for \$15.00
- BBQ Chicken & Sausage Plate with beans and rice \$10.00

Note: The food sales above will be drive thru pick only.

Raffle tickets are available to purchase at \$10.00 each. Drawing will be held on October 18, at 2:00 p.m. Raffle prizes are listed in the image of a sample raffle ticket,

We are reaching out to all of our SJM Parishioners to ask for your help in spreading the word and making these events a success!

There are many different ways you can help. for more information contact Viviana Alderete @ 832-6307670.

Our Current Mass Schedule & Prayer Time

Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM (Vietnamese) and 5:00 PM (Spanish).

We continue to have daily Masses at 9:00 a.m. Monday thru Saturday. The Chapel will be open before the daily Mass and after - until 12:00 PM. The church is sanitized after each Mass. We have quite a few seats to fill. We have adequate amounts of sanitizer, gloves and masks if needed. Every other pew has been roped off to enforce the 6' seating between families. We look forward to seeing our pews full (with current restrictions) and for you to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Life

Monday Night Bible Study

When: Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

St. Justin's is offering an in-dept Study of the New Testament Book "Letter to the Hebrews" this fall. Come and join us on **Zoom** as we reflect on the Priesthood of Jesus Christ and the New Covenant. We will study the Catholic Church's teachings and understandings of the "Letter to the Hebrews."

This will be a 12 week study. We will meet via **Zoom** on Monday nights. There is no cost to join a meeting on **Zoom**. Registration is not required. There is no cost to join the class. The meeting ID and password will be sent to all participants. Please contact Joe Sindelar at 281-309-1249 or email to joseph.sindelar@gmail.com if you need additional information.



Brick Donation

Donate a Brick now . . . as a gift in your name, the name of your family, or to remember a deceased loved one with a memorial gift. The cost is \$80. Please stop by or call the parish office for more information.

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.



News About the Mavericks

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

Let Us Pray

For the soul of the recently deceased, Kevin Carroll. May eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Social Ministry News

On Wednesday, September 16, a total of 53 households (149 adults and 78 children) were provided food. This service is provided by volunteers who donate their time and talent.

Mary's Gifts has been rolled and \$1,565.98 was deposited in Social Ministry account.

Sincere thanks for donations and supporting such a worthy cause.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

LISTEN TO GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK – AM 1430

AM 1430 is Radio for Your Soul. Faithful Catholic talk radio that lifts your spirit. It's also easy to listen with the Guadalupe Radio Network phone app. Learn more at www.GRNonline.com.

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico (MFCC) /

The Catholic Christian Family Movement

The MFCC is inviting couples and families to join the group, which is about to start again in the Fall. The group functions in Spanish. The MFCC promotes human and Christian values in the family so that the family would form its members in the Faith so as to be better spouses and better parents. Informacion llamar / For more information call: Vincente and Leticia Yanez, 713-586-9301, or Antonio and Tere Hernandez, 832-994-9701.



Parish Life



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.

Did You Know That Catholics Can Make An Act Of Spiritual Communion?

(Source: Archdiocese of Detroit) - It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an **Act of Spiritual Communion** which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting oneself in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping Him in His Body & Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily. **When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separate from You.

Amen

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following couples that received the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Justin Martyr during the month of September.

Placid Tankie & Emenkeng Ngu
Trenton Friend & Monserrat Rodriguez



Our contributions to IGNITE have dropped since the coronavirus began. Our quarterly contributions ending in December 2019 totaled \$11,784 and our March 2020 contributions were \$11,805. However, our quarterly contributions ending in June have fallen to \$7,100. I would like to remind all donors that the pledge to IGNITE will continue through 2022. Please continue to honor your pledges if at all possible. We have made great progress on the replacement of our A/C units. However, we still need to replace the unit in the kitchen and the large east side unit in the church. If you have not made a pledge, you can still do so. Stop by the office to request a pledge form or check the basket at the IGNITE display at the back of the church. May God bless you for all you have done.

***"Every man shall give as he is able,
according to the blessing of the
Lord your God which He has given you."***

Deuteronomy 16:17

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

Please Do Not Leave Valuables In Your Vehicles

All parishioners are asked to be vigilant in locking their vehicles and storing anything of value out of sight or in the trunk. There have been several burglaries of motor vehicles in the parking lot. The thieves are smashing in windows and stealing personal belongings.

The best way to avoid having property stolen from your vehicle is to not leave anything of value inside your vehicle! Thank you.

CCE News & Youth News

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FIRST COMMUNION-RCIA SACRAMENT CLASSES

In order to receive the Sacraments for the first time, Children must attend two consecutive years of Religious Education Classes. Sacrament preparation is separate and distinct from CCE classes. Separate sessions will be held for the preparation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and for the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Preparation requirements include:

- Child and parent must attend virtual Mass regularly
- Child must attend virtual CCE classes Wednesdays 7:00 pm
- Child must attend CCE classes online and must attend 80% of the time
- Parents are responsible for teaching children the required traditional prayers and basic beliefs of the Catholic faith.
- Child must attend six virtual Sacrament classes October 24, November 21, December 12, February 27, March 27 and April 24 at 2:00pm
- Sacrament attendance is MANDATORY and no classes may be missed. We will be covering up to 3 chapters per class, there will be no makeup sessions available. ^{**}100% attendance is required^{**}
- Parents must attend six virtual Parent Sacrament classes October 24, November 21, December 12, February 27, March 27 and April 24 at 3:30pm
- Child is required to attend a Sacrament Retreat for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion as part of their preparation for the Sacraments

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