

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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 11, 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 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

Jackie Baca

Coordinator of Religious Education
& Youth Ministry

Karen Rachal

Parish Administrator

Clergy Reflection

God Revealed To The Nations

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace.

Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.
Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Psalm 23

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need.

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast!

Matthew 22:1-14

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Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

October 4	\$ 8,935
On-line Giving	\$ 3,667
Received via mail	\$ 3,833
Total	\$16,435
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$16,000
Building Improvements	\$ 767
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1989
Peter's Pence Collection	\$1,643

Go to sjm@sjmtx.org for Online Giving.

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Diocesan Services Fund 2020

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 78,448
Parish Contributions:	\$ 68,738
Balance Due:	\$ 56,042
Number of Gifts	758

Ignite Campaign

Parish Goal:	\$907,414
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$554,982
Parish Contributions	\$284,689
Balance Due:	\$622,725
Number of Participants	242

Upcoming Second Collections

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

Propagation of the Faith Collection

Next weekend, October 17 & 18, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Our celebration will center on prayer and sacrifice, offered at the Eucharist for the missionary tasks: for Priests, Sisters, Brothers and lay Catechist who are helping people to know the love of Christ through their service in village missions, in small schools, in medical outposts, in orphanages, refugee camps, and crowded cities throughout Africa, Asia, the Pacific and remote regions of Latin America.

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

October 10th ~ October 18th

Sat.	Oct 10th	5:30 p.m.	No Mass
Sun.	Oct 11th	8:00 a.m.	+ Norma Da Jose
Sun.	Oct 11th	10:00 a.m.	+ Charles & Lucille Stelly
Sun.	Oct 11th	12:00 p.m.	+ Paul Binh Nguyen
Sun.	Oct 11th	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Mon.	Oct 12th	9:00 a.m.	Connie Herber
Tue.	Oct 13th	9:00 a.m.	Hargar Family
Wed.	Oct 14th	9:00 a.m.	Elsie Wu Chude Okwuwa
Thurs.	Oct 15th	9:00 a.m.	+ Harvey Schulz
Fri.	Oct 16th	9:00 a.m.	+ Maria Luisa Infante
Fri.	Oct 16th	6:30 p.m.	No Mass
Sat.	Oct 17th	9:00 a.m.	+ Ben Luanzon Agustin
Sat.	Oct 17th	5:30 p.m.	No Mass
Sun.	Oct 18th	8:00 a.m.	+ Egdardo
Sun.	Oct 18th	10:00 a.m.	Tammy & Peter Tran
Sun.	Oct 18th	12:00 p.m.	+ Phaolo Tran
Sun.	Oct 18th	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin

Readings for the Week

Sun., Oct 11th:	Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14,19-20/ Mt 22:1-14
Mon., Oct 12th:	Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31—5:1/ Lk 11:29-32
Tues., Oct 13th:	Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wed., Oct 14th:	Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thurs., Oct 15th:	Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
Fri., Oct 16th:	Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Sat., Oct 17th:	Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12
Sun., Oct 18th:	Is 45:1,4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21

**Jesus
is the
way**



Parish Events

Sunday, October 11th

- 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

Monday, October 12th

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

Tuesday, October 13th

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

Wednesday, October 14th

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

Thursday, October 15th

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

Friday, October 16th

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

6:30 p.m. No Mass

Saturday, October 17th

- 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 18th

- 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



Vocation Brief

All too often we forget to express gratitude to those in service-oriented jobs, including priests, sisters and brothers. We forget because we think, "It's their job to help." Priests and religious aren't superhuman. They need genuine support from those they serve. Let them know how you feel.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Word of Life

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-2017
Respect Life Program

Parish Life

OCTOBER 17 & 18 BOTHLESS BAZAAR

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 up 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, 10:00 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.

The Book of Hope

The Book of Hope is a register of our deceased loved ones. The Book is kept from year to year and placed in our worship space during the month of October and early November. Each member of the parish is invited to inscribe in the book, in any language, the names of their dearly departed who have died within the past year. Due to Covid-19 the Book will not be displayed this year. To enroll your loved ones, please fill out the form below and submit it to the front office.

Name _____

Deceased Date _____

Life Chain Sunday

What is a Life Chain?

It's a "prayer chain" and public (sidewalk) witness against abortion. Come and let us seek God's divine intervention for the healing of our community and nation.

Who can attend?

The St. Justin Martyr Catholic Community and all who are willing to defend human life against abortion. Bring the family, including a chair for the elderly relatives. November 1, is LIFE CHAIN Sunday, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., at three near-by locations, SJM parishioners will join men and women of other churches—Catholic and non-Catholic—to carry signs beside local highways to proclaim the sacredness of human life. Sign-ups begin today, October 11. For more information contact James or Nan DeGhelder at deghelder@sbcglobal.net.

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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.

Parish Life

40 Days For Life

Is a worldwide campaign to call the community's attention to the sacredness of human life and to the evil that is abortion. 40 Days for human life began on September 23, and it will end on November 1. Each day, parishes and groups will send representatives to pray on the sidewalk by an abortion clinic. St. Justin Martyr's prayer day will be on October 24, From 10:00 a.m. to Noon. After the regular St. Justin 9:00 a.m. Mass, the group will proceed to Planned Parenthood by car. We will drive there using our respective vehicles: Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic, 4600 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77023. Covid-19 protocols are in place: please wear your mask and keep the 6 foot distance between participants. Any questions, please contact Harry & Connie Herber at 832-877-4553.

Building & Grounds Committee

We need volunteers for this new committee from the Vietnamese, Hispanic and African Communities. If you are interested please phone Raymond Torres at 713-444-1314.

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.

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.

News About the Mavericks

October 16 – Friday – Annual picnic at Amity Park on Alief-Clodine Road in Alief. Because of COVID 19 restrictions, we will not have our usual hamburger/hot dog meal. Instead we will have Subway sandwiches, chips & a cookie. Members are asked to bring their own drinks. A \$2.00 donation per person is being asked. Remember to wear your masks. Reservations are needed so we can order appropriately. Call Jim at 281-352-5721 or Marge at 832-239-8579 by October 14.

Social Ministry News

On Wednesday, September 30 a total of 46 households (120 adults and 64 children) were provided food.

Thank you to the volunteers who donate their time and talent to make this distribution happen.

Also, Sincere thanks for donations from the St. Justin Martyr parishioners who support such a worthy cause.

The needed food items at this time are:

Cereal, Oatmeal, and Ramen Noodles.

May God bless you and keep you safe!



Priesthood Sunday

On Sunday, October 25, the parish will celebrate Priesthood Sunday, a time set aside to thank and honor our Priests, Reverend Paul Chovanec and Reverend Peter Nguyen, without whom the Mass and many of the Sacraments could not be celebrated. Please take a moment to thank our priests for the hard work they do in the parish. Offer a special prayer to them on this day.

National Vocations Awareness Week

National Vocations Awareness Week will be celebrated in our parish November 1 - 7, 2020. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation. Look for the poster at the back of the church to add the names of bishops, priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons who have answered the call, helped you in your life and brought you closer to God.

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.

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

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico (MFCC) /

The Catholic Christian Family Movement

The MFCC is inviting couples and families to join the group, which is starting up again. 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.

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.

Radio For Your Soul!



The continued growth and diversity of our Archdiocese has created needs no single parish can address on its own. Join us in our Capital Campaign to **IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission.** The Archdiocese allocated \$30 million of the campaign to address all the needs of refurbishing the plant infrastructure of St. Mary's Seminary.

St. Justin is participating as a Good Faith Effort Campaign participant and as such received 33% of funds collected quarterly. As of July 2020, we have received \$92,845 and expensed \$45,000. All of these funds are dedicated to the replacement of our A/C Units and lighting improvements. Thank you for making this sacrifice to IGNITE!

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

The St. John Paul II Foundation invites all married and engaged couples to the 6th annual ***Together in Holiness* marriage conference** on the **NEW DATE** of **Saturday, November 7, 2020** from **9:15 am – 3:45 pm** at the **St. John Paul II Foundation**, on the campus of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter and the Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham

Dynamic Presentations | Mass | Scholarships
Eucharistic Adoration | Reconciliation
Featuring: Danielle Bean and other dynamic speakers!

Registration: \$59/couple and \$35/individual
At-Home Conference Experience*: \$15

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For more information, please visit
togetherinholiness.org

**VIRTUAL
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CCE 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

Youth News

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St. Justin Martyr Parish

May the Father always watch over you.
May the Son ever bless you,
and may the Spirit ever guide you.



**Congratulations to all of our
2020 Confirmed Students
Remember that**

**St. Justin Martyr Parish
loves you and will pray for you as you set forth on
your journey of new experiences
and growth in your Faith.**

Confirmation 2020

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