

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 18, 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

Allow God To Be Our Center

Today's first reading and the Gospel remind us of one thing and one thing only.

Cut and dry and crystal clear: There is only one true God.

While we acknowledge worshipping the "one true God," most of us do not have to look far to find other "gods" to worship. For example; the gods of status, wealth, pleasure, power, popularity, even politics. Maybe that's why we see the Pharisees, with their agenda, try to bring Caesar, the political head, into the mix, to trick or confuse, in order to trap Jesus. It doesn't work. His response in essence reminds us, everything belongs to God! The "one true God."

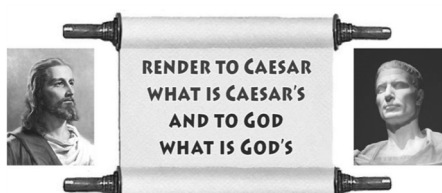
The most deceptive form of idolatry, or worship, however, is self-worship, that is, the sin of placing oneself at the center of the universe.

The more we focus on our own ego-needs, the more limited our view becomes.

Yet, when we allow God to be our center, then our concerns widen and our hearts embrace all creation. We would do well to hold up to government the Christian beliefs of caring for the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, distributive justice.

These are the moral issues that were at the heart of Jesus' agenda. The authentic Christian agenda is seldom found in politics or power. And since all, even government, belongs to God, let us give to God what belongs to God.

Deacon Corney Llorens



Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

October 11	\$ 9,459
On-line Giving	\$ 2,538
Received via mail	\$ 5,183
Total	\$17,180
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$16,000
Building Improvements	\$ 177
Social Ministry	\$ 45
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:	\$ 74,874
Parish Contributions:	\$ 70,325
Balance Due:	\$ 54,455
Number of Gifts	771

Ignite Campaign

Parish Goal:	\$907,414
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$553,772
Parish Contributions	\$285,808
Balance Due:	\$621,606
Number of Participants	241

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

This 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 17th ~ October 25th

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
Mon.	Oct 19th	9:00 a.m.	For Peace & My Family to Love God
Tue.	Oct 20th	9:00 a.m.	+ Ben Luanzon Agustin + Julian De Luna
Wed.	Oct 21st	9:00 a.m.	+ Loraine Suarez + Robert Moolchan
Thurs.	Oct 22nd	9:00 a.m.	+ Rosarion Merin
Fri.	Oct 23rd	9:00 a.m.	+ Jeanine Fontenot
Fri.	Oct 23rd	6:30 p.m.	No Mass
Sat.	Oct 24th	9:00 a.m.	+ Kenneth F. Heimann
Sat.	Oct 24th	5:30 p.m.	No Mass
Sun.	Oct 25th	8:00 a.m.	Prayers for Our Country
Sun.	Oct 25th	10:00 a.m.	+ Uche Diribe
Sun.	Oct 25th	12:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Oct 25th	5:00 p.m.	+ All Souls

Vocation Brief

Christ spoke of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Are you an active Christian in the parish, at your workplace, and in the home? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Word of Life

“An unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew possible.”

-10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
Respect Life Program

Parish Events

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

Monday, October 19th

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

Tuesday, October 20th

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

Wednesday, October 21st

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

Thursday, October 22nd

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

Friday, October 23rd

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

6:30 p.m. No Mass

Saturday, October 24th

- 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 25th

- 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., Oct 18th:	Is 45:1,4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21
Mon., Oct 19th:	Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21
Tues., Oct 20th:	Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
Wed., Oct 21st:	Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
Thurs., Oct 22nd:	Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
Fri., Oct 23rd:	Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Sat., Oct 24th:	Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9
Sun., Oct 25th:	Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40

Parish Life

Solemnity of All Saints

**All Saints Day
Sunday, November 1
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule**

8:00 a.m. English
10:00 a.m. English
Noon Vietnamese
5:00 p.m. Spanish

All Souls Celebration - November 2

Join us for 9:00 a.m. Mass here at St. Justin Martyr before heading to Forest Park Cemetery for the blessing of the graves at 10:30 a.m. There will not be a Rosary there this year.

We will also have Mass here at St. Justin Martyr at 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 18 BOTHLESS BAZAAR

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

Novenas And Prayer Chains

Please do not leave novena sheets or booklets in the church. When we find them, we put them in the recycling bin.

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.

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 have begun 11. For more information contact James or Nan DeGhelder at deghelder@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Parish Life

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.

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

"Give the Lord glory and honor." Ps. 96

Butter Braid Bread orders are being taken for our fundraiser. Order must be in by October 28. Please contact Mary Cristo at 832-788-5897 or see one of the ladies in the Daughters of Isabella group to place an order.

Delivery will be in November.

Please support our Booth-less Festival.

Thank you.



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.



*Our altar flowers last week,
October 11, were donated
by Trieu Nguyen*

World Mission Sunday

Archdiocesan Eucharistic Celebration

***Today, Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. Mass
St. Anthony of Padua Church, The Woodlands
<https://ap.church/mass-live-stream>***

***Celebrant and Homilist:
Rev. Italo Dell'Oro, C.R.S.***

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

On Wednesday, October 7, the ministry provided 51 households (146 adults and 70 children) food.

Needed food items are:

canned goods, green beans, corn, mixed vegetables.

Sincere thanks to St. Justin community for supporting the food pantry.

Make a difference Day is Saturday October 24. What will you do to make a difference this year?

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.

Food Sales

Next Sunday morning, October 25, as you leave the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses, pick up your breakfast Tacos. Drive thru only on the East side parking lot. Please have your dollar bills ready.



Go to sjm@sjmtx.com for Online Giving.

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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.

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.



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!

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.

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**
**Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*

For more information, please visit
togetherinholiness.org or email
TH@forlifeandfamily.org.

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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