

St. Justin Martyr Parish Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Mass Schedule

Sunday:

8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. in English;
12:00 p.m. in Vietnamese;
5:00 p.m. in Spanish

Monday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. (Chapel)

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
and Saturday**
9:00 a.m. (Church)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Confession by appointment.
Call the parish office.



THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
DECEMBER 26, 2021

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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 Mary Elliott at 281-902-5711 or melliott@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

Wednesday - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Curbside food distribution. Other times, call 281-556-6882. Fax is 281-752-5985.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

10 days prior to date of publication. Bulletin email: dgroves@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 North-east along the Dam to the point of beginning at Briar Forest.

Pastoral Staff

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator
Jackie Baca
Coordinator of Religious Education

Sunday Reflection

These past four weeks, we have relived the advent season. We waited patiently as we re-celebrated the arrival of Jesus; of God becoming man.... And in that moment, God gave us a pathway to salvation, **to be welcomed back to Him** as his adopted children through his Son. As St. John mentioned in our second reading, we can now call ourselves children of God, a family of Jesus Christ, the family of the Holy Family; of Joseph and Mary... And as part of that family, we carry on the traditions and examples set by our Lord's earthly family, the tradition of love, honor and obedience.

In listening to our first reading today, I am reminded of a tradition that some of our communities have, and still follow; that is caring for our elderly parents. The effort of supporting a family and to also care for an elderly parent or parents is a very difficult job. However, our children mirror the examples that we set; from tone, to language and behaviors. Thus, when they see the willingness to struggle, the hard work and the example of love and honor of the elderly, it sets a model for them to follow and hopefully care for their parents (um...that's us!).

Each year, we celebrate the Mass of the Holy Family on the Sunday immediately after Christmas. We recognize the roles that Joseph, Mary and Jesus play in God's plan; that is the willingness to follow the will of God. The Church place importance on this day because she recognizes that God planned for this. He planned for it with the creation of Eve for Adam; the first family. With Mary and Joseph, He became human to make the earthly family holy, so that we too can be invited to become sons and daughters of God. Even as God, Jesus "was obedient to" his earthly parents. In this one act, He honored his Spiritual Father as well as his earthly parents.

As parents, as children, **as a family..**, we can use the Holy family as our model and guide. Honoring, cherishing and respecting one another. For only by following the example of a father, mother or child, can we hope to show to the world that **God is in our family**. That we live by the word of God and exemplify God's church in our domestic Church.

Dcn. Sean Nguyen

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

Collection for Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,774
Collection for Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 922
Collection for December 12, 2021	\$ 11,960
On-line Giving	\$ 1,776
Received via mail	\$ 7,892
Total	\$ 21,628
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 16,000
Building Improvements	\$ 172
Social Ministry	\$ 20

Registered Families 1989

Diocesan Services Fund 2021

Parish Goal:	\$110,000
Parish Contributions:	\$109,956
Balance Due:	\$ 44
Number of Participants	311

Ignite Campaign

Parish Goal:	\$907,414
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$557,207
Parish Contributions	\$398,928
Balance Due:	\$508,486

Number of Participants 242



Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

December 26, 2021 – January 2, 2022

Sun.	Dec. 26th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Dec. 26th	10:00 a.m.	Praying for Souls
Sun.	Dec. 26th	12:00 p.m.	Gioa Kim Chau
Sun.	Dec. 26th	5:00 p.m.	Joseph Luong
Mon.	Dec. 27th	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tues.	Dec. 28th	9:00 a.m.	+ Santan E. Fernandez + Catherine Okereke
Wed.	Dec. 29th	9:00 a.m.	+ Santiago M. Gapultos + Mary McMillian
Thurs	Dec. 30th	9:00 a.m.	+ Dominico Nguyen Thiem
Fri.	Dec. 31st	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sat.	Jan. 1st	9:00 a.m.	Rev. Timothy Bucek
Sun.	Jan. 2nd	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Jan. 2nd	10:00 a.m.	+ Sylvia C. Diano
Sun.	Jan. 2nd	12:00 p.m.	+ Phero Tran
Sun.	Jan. 2nd	5:00 p.m.	Familia Tovar

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2/Mt 2:13-18
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Parish Events

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	December 26, 2021 English Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
10:00 a.m.	English Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
12:00 p.m.	Vietnamese Mass in the Church
5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass in the Church
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	December 27, 2021 No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	December 28, 2021 Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	December 29, 2021 Mass in the Church Livestream Mass Adoration
9:30 a.m.	
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	December 30, 2021 Mass in the Chapel Livestream Mass
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	December 31, 2021 No Mass
Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	January 1, 2022 Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	January 2, 2022 English Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
10:00 a.m.	English Mass in the Church Livestream Mass
12:00 p.m.	Vietnamese Mass in the Church
5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass in the Church



***MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR***

Parish Life

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

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ST. JUSTIN MARTYR COMMEMORATIVE BROCHURE

The deadline for the brochure pages has been extended until March 2, 2022 (Ash Wednesday). All the families of St. Justin are invited to have a picture in the Commemorative Brochure pages. This is a great way to celebrate and acknowledge St. Justin Martyr's anniversary along with the Golden Anniversary of Fr. Paul's ordination.

Wouldn't it be a pleasing thought, that a prayer was said when someone looked at those pages with a picture of all the families in our Parish?

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed all day December 27th and December 31st. There is NO Mass on December 27 and December 31.

January 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, however there is a 9:00 a.m. Mass

ATTENTION LADIES!

The 2022 Women's **Adoration, Community, Theology and Service** (ACTS) Retreat Team is now forming and all Women who have attended an ACTS Retreat, are eligible to team!

The first team meeting is Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00pm., in the Parish Hall. Dinner at 6:30pm.

This year's Retreat Theme, "...not as I will, but Your will be done." Matthew 26:39b, and 26:42b

Join us, for this opportunity to serve!

St. Justin Respect Life Ministry

The sleeping bag and warm blanket drive went very well. St. Justin parishioners have donated over 70 items.

Thank you all for your generosity.

The ladies of the Prayer Blanket Ministry made some beautiful blankets and hats. They had them blessed and included a Christ-mas prayer card.

Another interesting item that was made by JoAnn Schofield from the Social Ministry, was all weather handmade mats from recycled plastic grocery bags. She is amazing and I will include a picture on the next update.

On Dec. 16th, the Knights of Columbus helped deliver all the items to the distribution site at Casa Juan Diego near downtown. The homeless and those in need come there daily seeking assistance.

Wishing everyone a blessed and joyful Christ-mas and New Years' season.

Parish Life



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.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practicing the virtues of family life
and in the bonds of charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



Parish Life

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

On Wednesday, December 8th, the Social Ministry provided 88 families (223 adults and 54 children) with food. In addition, the households received a child's box of food/snacks & milk for each child from the Sodexo School Services, Melissa Garza.

Sincere thank you to the dedicated Social Ministry volunteers. Without your time and talents this ministry would not function as efficiently as it does.

Also a big thank you to the St. Justin Martyr Parishioners for your support to this ministry.

Social ministry will reopen on January 5, 2022 with weekly food distribution .

Happy New Year and may God bless you and keep you safe during this holiday season.



Stewardship Prayer

*Generous and loving God,
You call us to be disciples of your Son Jesus
and good stewards of all your many gifts.*

*Open our minds and hearts to a greater
awareness and deeper appreciation
of your countless blessings.*

*Transform us through the power of your Spirit
to nurture a Stewardship way of life
marked by faith-filled prayer,
service to our neighbor
and generous sharing.*

*Teach us to be faithful servants of your gifts.
With Mary's help, may we return ten-fold
the gifts entrusted to us.*

We pray through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

CCE & Youth News

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May the New Year bring you happiness,
peace, and prosperity.

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