

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 23, 2022

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor

Fr. Peter Thang Nguyen, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Corney Llorens

Deacon Nhat Tran

Deacon Sean Nguyen

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
& Youth Ministry

Sunday Reflection

How many of us can say that I've done what God asked of me. I've fulfilled my task. **"Your will is done"**.... I would surmise that most of us would say not yet. Some may say, I'm too busy for that. Or I don't even know what is ahead of me so how do I know what my calling is?

This year, we will spend time to hear the Gospel written by St Luke. Interestingly, he began in Jesus' home town, in Nazareth. And Jesus' first act was to read the scroll of Isaiah. Jesus chose chapter 42, saying that He is sent to bring "liberty to captives... sight to the blind... the oppressed go free."

And, instead of a drawn-out sermon to show His knowledge, his understanding. Jesus gave one of His shortest homilies recorded. Consisting of only 9 English words. ***'Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing'***.

These 9 simple words shocked the community. How is it that the "son of a carpenter" was able to say that the prophesy of Isaiah be fulfilled by this Jesus? How can this young man of 30 be God's anointed? They could not believe, they could not comprehend, they could not accept.

With hindsight, we know this to be true. That Jesus completed His task, to bring salvation to all of us. Now, wouldn't it be good if God really talks to us like He does with Jesus? Tell us what He wants so that we know what to do?

The thing is, God speaks to of each us differently. He speaks to us through Scriptures; sometimes through the urging of the Spirit; sometimes through words, signs and messages around us. The problem is: are we listening? Are we opening our hearts and spirit to the nudging of God? Do we recognize our roles as part of His Church; to do the will of God? Do we answer the call of the Spirit; fulfill the call that our baptism and confirmation has prepared for us. Do we allow the gifts of the Holy Spirit to bring us to action? Do we help build Christ' church here at home, at St. Justin? So, when we are asked, we can stand upright and say, yes, I did the will of God. Your task for me has been fulfilled.

Dcn. Sean Nguyen

Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

Week of Sunday January 16th collections will be reported next week.

Collection	\$
On-line Giving	\$ 2,404
Received via mail	\$ 3,045
Total	\$
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$16,000
Building Improvements	\$ 40
Social Ministry	\$ 250

Registered Families 1989

Diocesan Services Fund 2021

Parish Goal:	\$110,000
Parish Contributions:	\$116,674
Balance Due:	\$ - 6,674
Number of Participants	333

Ignite Campaign

Parish Goal:	\$907,414
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$557,207
Parish Contributions	\$405,368
Balance Due:	\$502,046
Number of Participants	243



Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

January 23, 2022 – January 30, 2022

Sun.	Jan. 23rd	8:00 a.m.	† Guadalupe & Gregorio Garcia
Sun.	Jan. 23rd	10:00 a.m.	† Rosa Santarina
Sun.	Jan. 23rd	12:00 p.m.	Giuse Nguyen V. Kim
Sun.	Jan. 23rd	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Mon.	Jan. 24th	9:00 a.m.	† Nazario Abarca
Tues.	Jan. 25th	9:00 a.m.	† Eustaquid Dela Cerna
Wed.	Jan. 26th	9:00 a.m.	† Timoted Taylaran
Thurs	Jan. 27th	9:00 a.m.	† Mary Louise Adams
Fri.	Jan. 28th	9:00 a.m.	† All Souls Days
Sat.	Jan. 29th	9:00 a.m.	† Dominique Marvin N.
Sun.	Jan. 30th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Jan. 30th	10:00 a.m.	† Livinus C. Anucha
Sun.	Jan. 30th	12:00 p.m.	† Dominico Thiem Nguyen
Sun.	Jan. 30th	5:00 p.m.	Luis y Eva Tovar

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarian synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

Parish Events

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	January 23, 2022 English Mass in the Church
10:00 a.m.	English Mass in the Church
12:00 p.m.	Vietnamese Mass in the Church
5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass in the Church
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	January 24, 2022 Mass in the Chapel
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	January 25, 2022 Mass in the Church
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	January 26, 2022 Mass in the Church
9:30 a.m.	Adoration
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	January 27, 2022 Mass in the Chapel
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	January 28, 2022 Mass in the Church
Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	January 29, 2022 Mass in the Church
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	January 30, 2022 English Mass in the Church
10:00 a.m.	English Mass in the Church
12:00 p.m.	Vietnamese Mass in the Church
5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass in the Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31 -13:13/
Lk 4:21-30

Parish Life

On Holy Ground, Where Miracles Happen

The retreat theme for the Catholic Men or Women's 2021-2022 Retreats is "PORTRAIT OF CHRIST: ENCOUNTERING THE TRUTH."

We are excited to welcome you back On Holy Ground, Where Miracles Happen and to share with you our upcoming events.

The next retreat will be the Catholic Married Couples Retreat. It will be held on February 11-13, 2022. The retreat center is located at The Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill Rd., Houston, TX 77024. If you are unable to attend this retreat more are scheduled in the coming weeks.

MERCY FESTIVAL

STAMPS FOR THE JAIL MINISTRY

It's time for the Mercy Festival! We'll collect postage stamps for the use of the staff of priests, deacons, and lay ministers who work in the Archdiocesan Office of Ministry to the Incarcerated in the jails and prisons of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The stamps may also be used to help inmates stay in contact by mail with their families relatives and friends in the free world. **Please drop books or rolls of the US Flag Stamps into the collection at Mass.** The stamps will be presented to the Office of Ministry to the Incarcerated at the Mercy Festival February 5th.

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? Purchase a page at <https://sjmtx.org/brochure-page>



Altar Flowers

The flowers were donated to remember
Nguyen-Thi-Nhi and Ha Van Dua

The donor was
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WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 and in parishes over the weekend of February 5-6, 2022. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Parish Life

Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

O Purest Mary, O Sweetest Mary, let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me whenever I call on you, for, in all my needs, in all my temptations I shall never cease to call on you, ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.



Weekly prayers in honor of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** are being held after the rosary on **Wednesday nights at 7 p.m.** in the chapel. Come and join us on January 26th.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Sunday of the Word of God

Monday: St. Francis de Sales

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Wednesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Thursday: St. Angela Merici

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets to their Valentines Dinner & Dance to be held on Saturday, February 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The dinner and dance and meal entry is \$10. Also remember to buy raffle tickets for \$10 each for prizes that will be given out the night of the dance.



FAMILY FUN NITE

The Daughters of Isabella presents Family Fun Nite on Saturday, January 29th at 5:30 pm in the parish hall.

We will be playing Bingo for prizes not cash money. We will also have concessions sold for a small price. Come and have some fun and fellowship time. For more information on the event call Joanne Radford at 281-433-9508.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining us, please call or text Mary Christo at 832-788-5897

CAR RAFFLE

Win a Car and Support Catholic Radio!

The Guadalupe Radio Network is selling car raffle tickets for their annual fundraiser. On January 23rd stop by their table as you leave Mass and be generous in your support of Houston's Catholic Radio Station, AM 1430, KSHJ!

PRIZE: A 2022 Mercedes-Benz GLA 250

DRAWING: February 25th, 2022

COST: \$25/ticket or \$100/five tickets

RULES and INFORMATION: www.grnonline.com

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.

St. Justin is Looking for a Receptionist

We are currently seeking to fill the position for front desk clerk/receptionist. The position is full time and requires the candidate to be computer literate and have a working knowledge of Microsoft Word; be service oriented with a friendly personality; and be bilingual. Please complete an application at the office or submit a resume to Karen Rachal, Parish Administrator krachal@sjmtx.com.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

On Wednesday, January 12, 2022, the Social Ministry assisted 84 families, consisting of 187 adults and 55 children. A BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers that give their time and talent to make the distributions happen.

Thank you, St. Justin Martyr parishioners for supporting the Social Ministry with your food and monetary donations.



Parish Life



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.

***Our parish's DSF (Diocesan Service Fund)
Campaign will begin on February 6, 2022.***

MAVERICKS ACTIVITY

January 25 – Tuesday – Out-to-lunch at The Burger House, 8751 Hwy 6 South. Burgers \$5 - \$6. Combos \$8 - \$9. Chicken fingers, catfish & salads also available. Meet at restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

Reservations to Sherry at 832-725-5979 by January 23.



Parents,
All unpaid CCE fees are due.
Please check your email.



1st. Reconciliation

Students in their second year of Sacrament preparation will make their
1st. Reconciliation

Please read, understand and memorize your prayers by heart.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in
heaven, hallowed be thy
name; Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread and
forgive us our
trespasses, as we
forgive those who
trespass against us; and
lead us not into
temptation, but deliver
us from evil. Amen

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of
Grace, the Lord is
with thee. Blessed
art thou amongst
women and blessed
is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of
God, pray for us
sinners, now and at
the hour of our death.
Amen

Act or Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins
with all my heart. In choosing
to do wrong and failing to do
good, I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all
things. I firmly intend, with your
help, to do penance, to sin no
more and to avoid whatever
leads me to sin, Our Savior
Jesus Christ suffered and died
for us, In his name, my God,
have mercy. Amen

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