

# 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. 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: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

Confession by appointment.  
Call the parish office.



# *FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT*

## *APRIL 3, 2022*

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor      Fr. Peter Thang Nguyen, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Corney Llorens      Deacon Nhat Tran      Deacon Son (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](mailto: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](mailto: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*



### ***SOMETHING NEW IN CHRIST***

Jesus knew that the Scribes and Pharisees were trying to trap him. They put Him in what seemed to be a no-win situation. Let the woman who was caught in adultery go, and He would have been accused of ignoring the law. Let her be stoned, and He would fail to show mercy toward her, contradicting His life's message. Jesus' response teaches three crucial lessons: none of us is free of sin; we are not the ultimate judges of others; Jesus is the mercy of God, in whom we can always trust. In Christ, God does something new. When we give our hearts to Christ, we have the hope of new life, a life in which mercy reigns.

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### **Hosts & Wine**

For the month of April the Hosts and Wine  
were donated in memory of :

***MARGARET TANGU***

## Financial Stewardship

### **Weekend Collection**

Collection	\$ 12,639
On-line Giving	\$ 2,204
Received via mail	\$ 1,439
Total	\$ 16,282

Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 16,000
Building Improvements	\$ 95
Social Ministry	\$ 73

Registered Families	1989
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### **Diocesan Services Fund 2022**

Parish Goal:	\$ 95,000
Parish Contributions:	\$ 15,204
Balance Due:	\$ 79,796
Number of Participants	86

### **Ignite Campaign**

Parish Goal:	\$ 907,414
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 559,200
Parish Contributions	\$ 422,066
Balance Due:	\$ 485,348

Number of Participants	244
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***Thank you for your continued generosity &  
support of St. Justin Martyr Parish***

### ***Upcoming Second Collections***

April 15, 2022  
**Holy Land Collection (Good Friday)**

April 24, 2022  
**Home Mission**

## Prayer Needs

### Mass Intentions

April 2 — April 10, 2022

<b>Sat.</b>	Apr. 2nd	5:30 p.m.	† William Smith
<b>Sun.</b>	Apr. 3rd	8:00 a.m.	Isabella Rachal
<b>Sun.</b>	Apr. 3rd	10:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Apr. 3rd	12:00 p.m.	Tessy Okelere
<b>Sun.</b>	Apr. 3rd	5:00 p.m.	† Robert Moolchan
<b>Mon.</b>	Apr. 4th	9:00 a.m.	† Usita Akubuo
<b>Tues.</b>	Apr. 5th	9:00 a.m.	† Dhero & Maria † Phero
<b>Wed.</b>	Apr. 6th	9:00 a.m.	† Maria Pham
<b>Thurs</b>	Apr. 7th	9:00 a.m.	John Paul Le
<b>Fri.</b>	Apr. 8th	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Hoang
<b>Sat.</b>	Apr. 9th	9:00 a.m.	Nancy Nguyen
		5:30 p.m.	† William Smith
<b>Sun.</b>	Apr. 10th	8:00 a.m.	People of St. Justin
<b>Sun.</b>	Apr. 10th	10:00 a.m.	† Livinus Chijioke Anucha
<b>Sun.</b>	Apr. 10th	12:00 p.m.	Ethan Hoang
<b>Sun.</b>	Apr. 10th	5:00 p.m.	† Santos Guevara

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Lord does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126)

**Second Reading** — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11).

## Parish Events

<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>April 3, 2022</b> English Mass
10:00 a.m.	English Mass
12:00 p.m.	Vietnamese Mass
5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
<b>Monday,</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 4, 2022</b> Mass in the Chapel
<b>Tuesday,</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 5, 2022</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 6, 2022</b> Mass
9:30 a.m.	Adoration
<b>Thursday,</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 7, 2022</b> Mass in the Chapel
<b>Friday,</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 8, 2022</b> Mass
<b>Saturday,</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 9, 2022</b> Mass
5:30 p.m.	Saturday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>April 10, 2022—Palm Sunday</b> English Mass
10:00 a.m.	English Mass
12:00 p.m.	Vietnamese Mass
5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 /Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40 (procession)/Is 50:4-7  
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56



# Parish Life



## *The Knights of Columbus*

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone to support our fundraiser for a BBQ Chicken and Sausage Plate or Turkey legs that will be sold for pick up on Sunday April 24th, 2022. Please see in the Narthex after mass, or order online at

**KofC8293.org.**

Also High School Seniors about to graduate, are encouraged to check the rack in the Narthex for applications for the 2022 KC Scholarships.

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## ***SOCIAL MINISTRY***

**Here are ideas to do during this Lenten season:**

### **Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- To counsel the doubtful.
- To instruct the ignorant.
- To admonish the sinner.
- To comfort the sorrowful.
- To forgive all injuries.
- To bear wrongs patiently.
- To pray for the living and the dead.

Sincere thanks to everyone who supports Social Ministry. May God bless you and keep you safe.

### **Way of the Cross—food item:**

Breakfast bars, cereal, oatmeal.

Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> food distribution:  
115 families consisting of 251 Adults and 57 children

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## ***ST. JUSTIN LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE***

This Tuesday, **April 5th** is our Lenten Penance Service. The service will begin at 7:00 pm. The Priest's names and the languages they speak will be posted near their area.

## ***Pontifical Good Friday Collection***

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

### **PLEASE BE GENEROUS**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [\*\*www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday\*\*](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday)

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## ***Lilies for Easter***

Remember a loved one at Easter by donating Lilies to decorate the church. Donors and the names of loved ones will be listed in the Bulletin. Price is \$10.00 for each Memorial. Envelopes are in the back of the church.

I would like to donate a memorial of flowers for decorating the Church each Lily memorial is \$10. each.

Please print clearly

Memorial for:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Parish Life

## ***Holy Week Schedule Passion (Palm Sunday) ~ April 10***

On this weekend, the Church celebrates Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. We commemorate this event through the blessing and distribution of palms at all Masses for Sunday.

## ***The Triduum Holy Thursday ~ April 14***

***The Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.***  
The Mass of the Lord's Supper is a multicultural celebration in our parish. The parish hall will be especially decorated to receive the Blessed Sacrament which will be carried there in procession for adoration on the Altar of Repose. The parish hall will be opened until 11:00 p.m. for adoration, prayer, and reflection.

## ***Good Friday ~ April 15 The Service of the Passion***

***3:00 p.m. in Spanish  
5:30 p.m. in Vietnamese  
7:30 p.m. in English***

The Good Friday service consists of three parts: the Reading of the Passion, the Veneration of the Cross, and the Service of Communion. The Church will be open for private prayer from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

## ***The Great Vigil of Easter April 16 at 8:30 p.m.***

The principal and most important Mass of Easter begins with the blessing of the new fire. New water will be blessed for the baptism and sprinkling rite. The Elect and Candidates will be joyfully received into the Church and a reception for them will follow in the parish hall.

**On the above Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, there will not be any other events, i.e. no Masses nor Confessions.**

***Easter Sunday ~ April 17***  
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule  
English Masses at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Vietnamese Mass at 12:00 Noon

## ***40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil***

Christians throughout the Houston Metropolitan area are invited to take part in the International 40 Days for Life effort March 2 through April 10th 2022.

To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact:

Harry and Connie Herber: 832-877-4553

## ***TAKE TIME OUT TO WELCOME***

Take a moment when you come and visit the church during the week to introduce yourself and welcome our new receptionist. We are happy to have her aboard!

Welcome!  
***Reina Marengo***

## ***MAVERICK ACTIVITIES***

**April 23 – Saturday** – Bus trip to the Chappell Hill/Brenham area to see Texas wildflowers. Lunch at Chappell Hill Bakery & Deli - \$8 to \$15. Will take a tour of the town of Chappell Hill after lunch. Cost \$5. Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Reservations to Marge at 832-239-8579 by April 19.

**April 26 – Tuesday** – Out-to-lunch at London Café, 2310 Hwy 6 South. Entrees \$10 - \$15. Meet at restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Reservations to Sherry at 832-725-5979 by April 25.



## **DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA**

The next meeting for the Daughters of Isabella will be Monday, April 11th, in the parish hall. We are in the process of planning events and projects. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining us please call or text Mary Christo at 832-788-5897.

## 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.



### WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Adoration, Community, Theology and Service

***“...not as I will, but Your will be done.”***

*Mt 26:39b, and 26:42b*

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Community  
**Women's ACTS Retreat**  
**April 7th to 10th, 2022!**

Register today after Mass in the Parish Hall!

## Parish Life

### *The Hispanic Ministry*

The Hispanic Ministry sponsored a Spring Garage Sale on March 19-20, 2022 which was a great success, and we are happy to report a profit of \$3,248 for the two days of the sale.

We want to thank all our parishioners and others for their donations as well as those who came out and purchased the items offered. We especially want to thank all the team members of our Ministry who so generously donated their time to help with setting up, selling, and cleaning up at the end of Sunday.

The Hispanic Ministry would like to request that the profit for the garage sale be used as follows:

- \$500 for the Social Ministry Fund to purchase new freezers, as needed.
- Remaining funds to be used as needed and as determined by Fr. Paul and the Parish Administrator.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to help our parish and thank you for your purchase of that white shirt we heard so much about.

God bless you Fr. Paul!

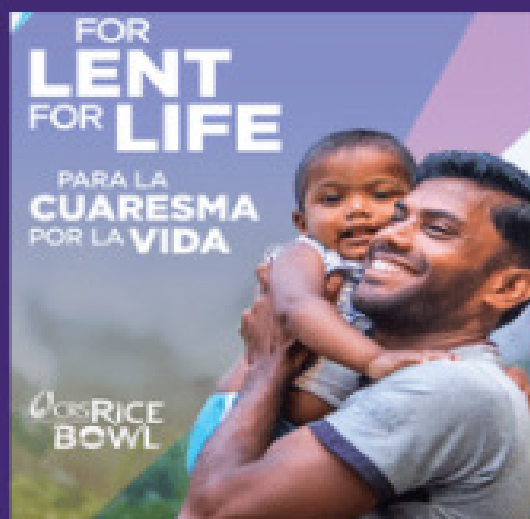
### *Stewardship Reflections*

#### **“Fifth Sunday of Lent (April 3, 2022)”**

***“I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus is my Lord. For His sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ.”*** *Philippians 3:8*



## RICE BOWL DUE ON PALM SUNDAY



**APRIL 10TH, 2022**  
**YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED**



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