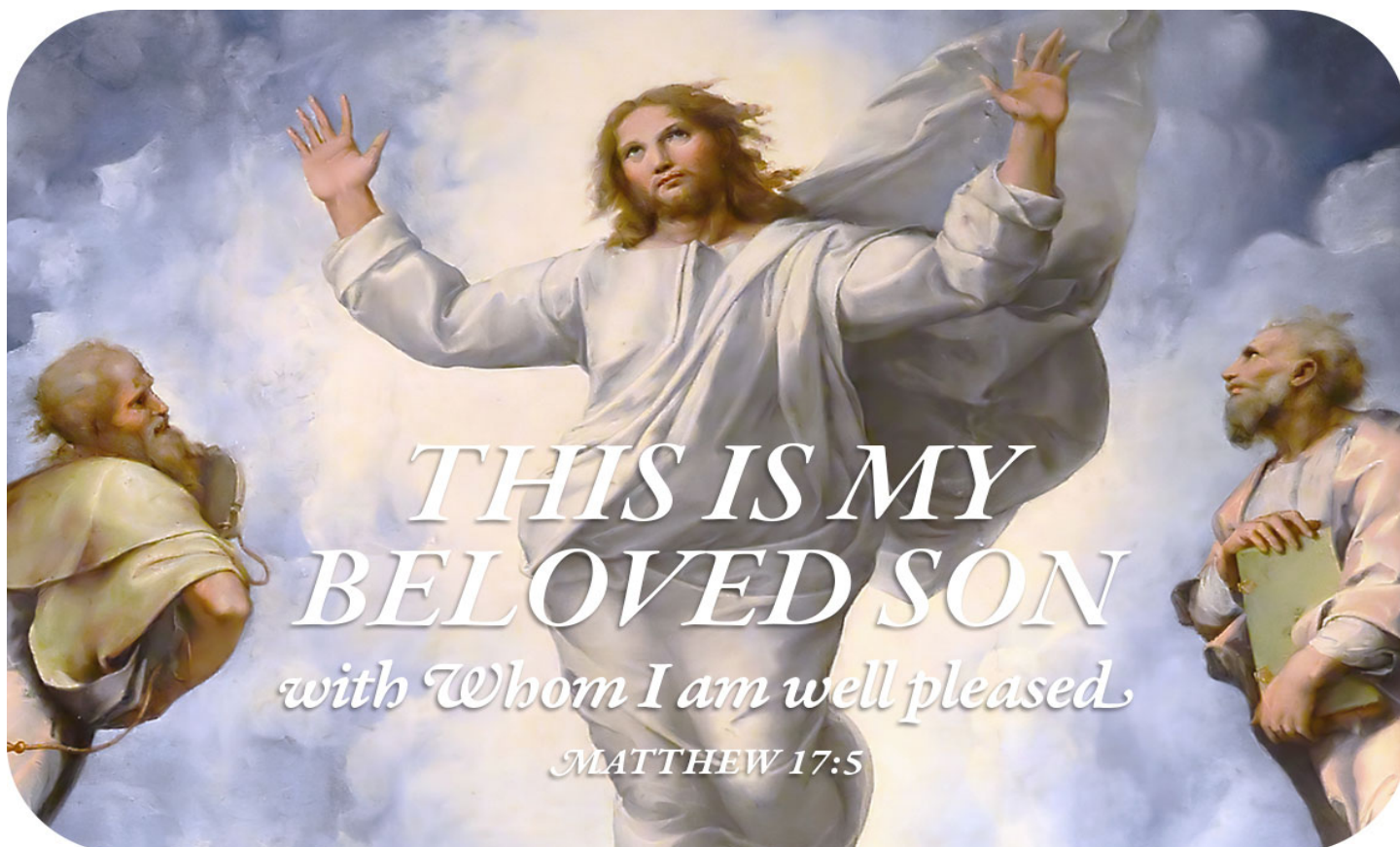




# St. Justin Martyr Parish

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



## *Readings for the Week*

<b>Sunday</b>	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
<b>Monday</b>	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
<b>Friday</b>	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Saturday</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Sunday</b>	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

## Mass Schedule

**Monday—Saturday**  
9:00 a.m. (Chapel)

**Friday:**  
6:30 p.m. in Vietnamese  
(Chapel)

**First Friday of the Month**  
Mass will be held in the Church

**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

## Sacrament of Penance

**Saturday:**  
3:30—5:00 pm  
Confession by appointment.  
The Parish Office #  
281-556-5116

*Second Sunday in Lent  
March 5, 2023*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 4th

5:30 p.m. † Glen Brooks

### Sunday, March 5th

8:00 a.m. People of St. Justin  
10:00 a.m. † Yemmy Philomina Okolo  
12:00 p.m. † Father Peter Thang Nguyen  
5:00 p.m. Ana Maria Aguado

### Monday, March 6th

9:00 a.m. † Msgr. Fred O'Connor

### Tuesday, March 7th

9:00 a.m. Chijioke Ohazurume  
Collin Iry Anderson

### Wednesday, March 8th

9:00 a.m. † Maria Tran Thanh Tra  
Carleen Guillory

### Thursday, March 9th

9:00 a.m. Daniel Edemu

### Friday, March 10th

9:00 a.m. † Irene Darley  
6:30 p.m. Phero Tran

### Saturday, March 11th

9:00 a.m. † Antonio Marquez  
Matthew Marquez  
5:30 p.m. Santiago M. Gapultos

### Sunday, March 12th

8:00 a.m. † Oscar Sainz Munz  
10:00 a.m. People of St. Justin  
12:00 p.m. † Ursula  
5:00 p.m. Jeannett Bravo Gudiel

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday Of Lent

Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

Wednesday: St. John of God

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence

## TODAY'S GOSPEL

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.



### *Women's ACTS Retreat – March 30-April 2, 2023*

The Women's ACTS Retreat Team is praying that you can join us for our 2023 Women's ACTS Retreat. Don't miss out on your chance to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ, renew yourself spiritually and, most of all, build lasting relationships with other Christian women in our community. The retreat will begin with check-in at St. Justin's at 5:30 p.m. on March 30<sup>th</sup>, and end Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, with 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Justin, followed by a luncheon for you and your family. Retreat tuition covers a private room and all meals. To register, contact Katie Grothaus [katiegrothaus@gmail.com](mailto:katiegrothaus@gmail.com), or you can register online at [sjmtx.org](http://sjmtx.org).

# Parish Life

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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.

### WINNERS OF KC RAFFLE

**TV** = R.G Mora

**Pierre Cardin Purse** = Oralia Noronha

**Diamond Sterling Jewelry** = Magda Silva

**Amazon Fire Tablet** = Severo Filomeno

**Amazon Fire Tablet** = Ikenna Uzoegwu

**Framed Our Lady of Guadalupe Print** =  
Clorie Torres

**Framed Sacred Heart Print** = Barbara Adams

**Melodious Seiko Clock** = Ariel Key

**Meat Grinder** = Rick Mora

**\*High School  
Scholarship Forms can be found in the  
Pamphlet Rack**

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** — We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9)

## Attention Volunteers

If you volunteer with children, you **MUST** be Safe Haven Certified. You can check to see if you need to take the class online:

<https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org>

The instructions on cmgconnect are self explanatory.

## Social Ministry News

Here's some "Food for Thought" 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.

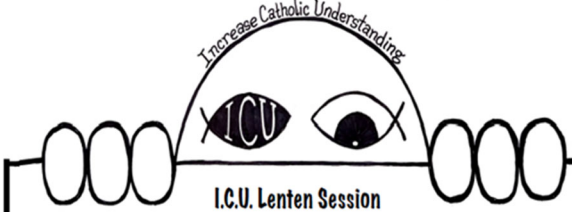
Way of the Cross Social Ministry Food Request

**1 lb. bag of pinto beans**

**On Wednesday, February 22, 195 families were assisted. The families consisted of 423 adults and 155 children.**

During the same timeframe last year 99 families were helped, consisting of 214 adults and 60 children.

May God bless you and keep you safe.



**I.C.U. Lenten Session**

If you only had one week left to live, how would you spend it?  
In these two presentations, **Dr. Brant Petri** takes his knowledge of the Jewish roots of Christianity and uses it to unveil what Jesus said and did on the last seven days of his life, "Holy Week".

**Topic:** "The Jewish Roots of Holy Week" presented by **Dr. Brant Pitre**  
**When:** Wednesday, March 8th from 7-8:30pm  
Wednesday, March 15th from 7-8:30pm  
**Where:** St. Justin's Parish Hall  
**What:** Introductions, 45 - 50 minute video presentation followed by small group discussion and sharing  
**Who:** Young Adult through the living

If you have to miss a week, don't let that stop you from this opportunity to make new friends and "Increase Catholic Understanding". No registration is necessary.



# Parish Life

## **This is my Body, this is my Blood**

### **Stations of the Cross**

February 23 – March 31

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Fridays at 6:00 p.m. in Vietnamese

Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in English

### **Sacrament of Penance**

Saturdays 4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Penance Service March 28, 7:00 p.m.

### **Regular Mass Schedule**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, English

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. English

12:00 p.m. (noon) Vietnamese

5:00 p.m., Spanish

### **Meatless Friday Suppers**

#### **Before Stations of the Cross**

March 3 African Community

March 10 Hispanic Community

March 17 Daughters of Isabella

March 24 CCE

March 31 Vietnamese Community

### **Parish Mission**

March 20, 21, 22

(Monday-Wednesday)

**7:00 p.m.** – Opening Prayer in Church all Groups.

**7:30 p.m. to 8:25 p.m.**

Presentations in all 3 languages

Theme:

**“This is My Body, this is My Blood”**

English in the Church

Spanish in the Chapel

Vietnamese in the Parish Hall

Closing Prayer, Benediction in the Church for all groups.



## **MAVERICK ACTIVITIES**

**March 18 – Saturday** – Bus trip to Galveston for a guided tour of the Bryan Museum which is housed in the historic Galveston Orphan's Home. There is an extensive collection of art, maps and documents relating to Texas and the American West including a special exhibit, Mardi Gras Party Design, which contains costumes from the 1930's to 1950's. Cost \$14. Lunch at Shrimp & Stuff. Entrees \$10 - \$20. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. from the East church parking lot. Reservations to Marge at 832-239-8579.



# Financial Stewardship

## Weekend Collection

**February 26, 2023**

Collection	\$ 11,472
On-line Giving	\$ 1,117
Received via mail	\$ 738
Total	\$ 13,327

Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 16,000
Building Improvements	\$ 438
Social Ministry	\$ 686

Registered Families 1989

## Diocesan Services Fund 2023

### **God is the Strength of My Heart**

Parish Goal:	\$ 90,000
Parish Contributions:	\$ 5,365

Balance Due \$ 84,635

Number of Participants 34

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## **Second Collections**

March 19, 2023  
Catholic Relief Services

April 7, 2023  
Holy Land Collection (Good Friday)  
(Entire Collection)

# Parish Life

## **CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER** **Act of Contrition**

My God, I am heartily sorry for having  
offended you.  
I detest all my sins, because of your just punishment,  
but most of all because they offend you, my God,  
who are all-good and deserving of all my love.  
I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,  
to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.  
Amen.

## ***SORROWFUL MYSTERIES***

We began the video series of the Rosary in the Parish Hall on February 15th. After the video, we pray the Rosary. There are 7 sessions on the Rosary that will be shown every Wednesday at 6 p.m. during Lent. The focus is on the Sorrowful Mysteries. These videos were filmed in Israel at the various locations of the Mysteries. Please try to attend and please bring your husband, wife or adult children or a friend or two, to learn more about the Sorrowful Mysteries. We are called to pray by St. Paul: "pray unceasingly", and the Rosary is the prayer that the Catholic Church has depended on through some of its most difficult days. Join your brother Knights. Use these sessions to bring about a life changing Lenten season for you.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**\*Sparkle Day\* is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>.** Work begins at 8:30 am. Lunch will be provided. Bring work gloves and gardening tools. We will make our gardens look beautiful for Easter.



# LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

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Closing Prayer, Benediction in the Church for all  
groups.

## **Holy Week Schedule**

### **Passion (Palm Sunday), April 2**

Regular Vigil & Sunday Mass Schedule

### **Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m.**

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is a multicultural celebration where the traditional washing of the feet will take place. The Blessed Sacrament will be carried to the chapel's Altar of Repose. The chapel will be open until 11:00 p.m. for adoration, prayer, and reflection. **No 9:00 a.m. Mass will be held on Thursday.**

### **Good Friday, the Service of the Passion April 7**

3:00 p.m. in Spanish, 5:30 p.m. in Vietnamese, and 7:30 p.m. in English. The church will be open for private Stations of the Cross from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

### **No other Masses or confessions on Friday**

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

The Elect and Candidates will be received into the Church.

### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

### **Social Ministry Food Donations for the Meatless Suppers**

**February 24** Cereals, Breakfast Bars  
**March 3** Canned Vegetables  
**March 10** 1 lb. bag of pinto beans  
**March 17** Canned Fruits  
**March 24** Tomato Products  
**March 31** 1 lb. bag of rice

# *St. Justin Martyr Parish*

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**Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor   Fr. Joseph Phong Nguyen, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Corney Llorens   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 parish office @713-556-5116

### **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 should 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.

**To inquire call the parish office or go to the website <https://sjmtx.org/baptism-children>**

### **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**

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.

### **Quinceanera Celebrations**

Call the Youth Coordinator for information at the CCE office 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 Northeast along the Dam to the point of beginning at Briar Forest.