

In the Peace of Christ

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

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Dear friends in Christ:

“Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel!” This is the perennial theme of Lent, yet it has always seemed a little funny to me. I guess the part that has struck me as funny is the “believe in the gospel” part. I thought I already did believe. Why am I being encouraged to believe? If I didn’t believe, why would I be hanging around the church in the first place? The turning away from sin is easily understood, it is a call to continuing conversion of our actions, thoughts, words and attitudes. All of us need to strive to grow in holiness. But doesn’t believing precede conversion? Yet the Church is reminding us that the key to conversion from sin to holiness is indeed belief. Just as we need continuing conversion we also need to continually increase and live our faith. When we sin, we are not only failing to live our faith, we are in a real way suspending our belief in God and in his son, Jesus. When we sin, we are in fact saying that we do not believe in God and we will not serve Him and in that instance our will supersedes His will for us.

Holiness and faith go together. The stronger our faith, the holier we are. The holier we are, the stronger our faith. We cannot be satisfied simply to stay stagnant in our faith. It is not enough to simply say “I believe” at our baptism, or First Holy Communion or even our ordination. We are called to increase our faith; our faith should grow stronger and deeper in our journey with the Lord. Who among us would be satisfied if our parents only loved us at the time of our birth? Who would be content with a spouse who only said “I loved you” on the wedding day? To know God is to love God. To love God, is to serve Him and to serve Him is to increase our faith. When we sin, we are in effect saying that we love ourselves more than God, we believe in ourselves more than we believe in God.

Much has been made over the last several decades about “cafeteria Catholics”. This is the popular practice of picking and choosing which beliefs we will accept and reject. If there is a teaching that we find difficult, don’t like or disagree with, some assert that we have every right not to accept it, believe it, or to follow it and at the same time consider ourselves good Catholics. Even more dangerous, is the notion that we can simply ignore teachings that make us feel uncomfortable or that in some way challenge us to live lives of virtue and faith. Somehow or another this illicit, harmful and sinful practice has made its way into the everyday lives of many Catholics as an acceptable alternative to the true and authentic practice of the faith. People have always sinned. People have always struggled to live lives of holiness and faith. But God has never ceased to give the grace that we need. As I often mention to children in confession, *“It is hard being good all the time and Jesus knows it. That is why he wants to help us and he wants us to pray everyday, attend Mass every weekend and holy day and come to confession regularly!”* The notion of being a “cafeteria Catholic” is actually something quite new. The absurdity of this proposition is matched only by the number of folks who have fallen victim to this lie. God offers us His Son, the message of the gospel and the teachings of the church for only one reason – our salvation! The teachings of the Church, the message of the gospel and the sacrifice of Christ are not superfluous or extraneous to our salvation or our holiness. When we pick or choose what to believe, we are placing ourselves in the position of the Lord. When we act on our own volition and say, “Well it’s OK not to follow this teaching since I disagree with it.” We are saying we don’t believe and we know better! We assume to ourselves an authority and power that is not ours. This of course was also the first sin of humanity.

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The Lord calls us to a relationship and communion with him in love. Like a good parent, our Heavenly Father knows what is best for us and what will lead to our ultimate happiness. We only think we know. When God through Christ in His Church place before us a way of life, a way of acting and teachings to embrace and follow, our task is not to judge if God made the right decision according to our will, or our standards or likes and dis-likes. Our vocation is love the very best we can, to be faithful with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. Our mission in this life is to constantly *Turn away from sin and Believe in the Gospel!*

Remember to come to the Parish Mission and have a wonderful and holy Lent. While you are attending the mission, I will be away from the parish on retreat. Frs. Dan, Chuck, Blaise and Alfredo will be here to care for you. Oremus pro invicem! (Let us pray for one another!)



This Week's Scripture Readings (2/20/12—2/26/12)

Monday	Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29	Thursday	Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Tuesday	Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37	Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
		Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20, 2012

9:00 a.m. † Mary Ann Romano

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

9:00 a.m. † Irene Abad
7:00 p.m. In Honor of the Holy Face
of Jesus

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

7:00 a.m. † Stephen Burkett
9:00 a.m. † Rita Vucan
12:10 p.m. † Bob Kaiser
5:30 p.m. † Mary and Carlos McClain
7:00 p.m. † Leon M. De Leon
8:30 p.m. † Marlene Struve

Thursday, February 23, 2012

9:00 a.m. † Patrick Ross Davidson
12:10 p.m. † Jack Mahota
7:00 p.m. Robert Bonin

Friday, February 24, 2012

9:00 a.m. † Mike Andreozzi
12:10 p.m. † Laurence J. Biediger, Sr.
7:00 p.m. † George Davis

Saturday, February 25, 2012

5:30 p.m. Ruth Clifton

Sunday, February 26, 2012

8:00 a.m. † Richard Francis
"Dickie" Prados
9:30 a.m. Missa Pro Populo
11:00 a.m. † Marcia Burns
12:30 p.m. Reverend Charles Talar
2:00 p.m. † Saturnina Colunga
5:30 p.m. † John Michael Stanzel
7:00 p.m. † Andrea Pintus

Other Remembrances

S. Bockholt, Holly Anne Zimmerman,
†F.J. "Stoche" Langlois

We welcome our newest parishioners to our St. John Vianney Family

Richard and Mary Linda Almanza, Elpidio and Beatriz Andrade, Natalie Aprill, Brooks and Katherine Conlan, Paul and Aretha Dennis, Christopher and Jennifer Engelsma, Hugo and Michelle Galatoire, Jesus and Norma Hernandez, Kelly Kosub, Petronilla McGill, Christopher and Amy Moore, Oscar and Isabel Perez, Carlos and Ligeia Reyes, Leonardo and Samantha Rodriguez, Shirley Sack, Giang and anh-Tuyet Tran

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
5:30 p.m.

Sunday
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.,
5:30 p.m.

Spanish: 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday
7:00 p.m.

NOVENA & ROSARY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

Novena of the Sacred Heart
1st Fridays following
9:00 a.m. Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet and
Rosary after 9:00 a.m.
daily Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Sunday
6:45 p.m. (Spanish)

BAPTISMS

Classes offered monthly.
Please contact the Parish
Office

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish
Office at least eight months
prior to desired date

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.



Lent 2012

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

MASS TIMES

7:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M.,
12:10 NOON,
5:30 P.M., 7:00 P.M.,
8:30 P.M. (SPANISH)

DAILY LENTEN MASSES

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:00 A.M., 12:10 NOON, 7:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

20 MINUTES BEFORE ALL DAILY MASSES
IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS 12:45 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.

PARISH MISSION FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 1

Parish Life

Fat Tuesday Feast

This Tuesday, February 21 Activity Center

PANCAKES 7:00 - 9:45 am

SAUSAGE/CHICKEN JAMBALAYA AND RED BEANS & RICE
MAC & CHEESE FOR KIDS 12 AND UNDER

6:00 - 8:00pm



Jazz Band in the Evening

FREE FOR EVERYONE

WE WILL SERVE UNTIL WE RUN OUT!

RSVP for dinner only 281.497.1555 or rfairly@stjohnvianney.org

TUNA FISH FRIDAYS

Fridays during Lent

Beginning this Friday!

St. Jude Hall

Come enjoy a free
Tuna Sandwich,
Chips & Drink

Following 12:10 p.m.

Mass and
Stations of the Cross

Pick-up or Dine-In!

Lenten Dinner

Shrimp Scampi

This Friday, February 24

5:30 - 8:30 pm Activity Center

\$10.00 per person

***Sautéed Shrimp in a wine butter herb sauce
over pasta with salad, bread & dessert***

Free Cheese Pizza & Chips for Kids 7 & Under

For those who cannot eat shrimp the
Kids Meal is available for \$5

Please **RSVP** by Thursday,
281-497-1555 or rfairly@stjohnvianney.org

For the entire list of our Lenten meals please
visit our website: www.stjohnvianney.org

Adult Formation



The Legacy Series

A continuing Christian Education
program for Adults

Class schedule:
March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 15

Legacy I	The Sacraments	Rm C-25
Legacy II	The Sacraments of Initiation (Choose your session: 9:30-10:45 or 11am - 12:15pm)	Rm C-24
Legacy III	The History of Liturgy (9:30am session only)	Rm C-25

Pre-registration requested; no fee for courses

The Legion of Mary

NEW!

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of Catholic men and women interested in nourishing their devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

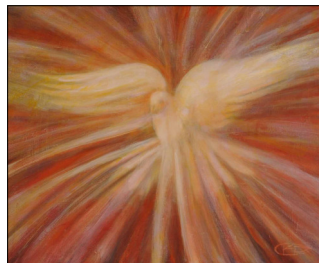
Interested members should plan on visiting the information table in the Activity Center at the next Coffee and Donuts (March 4).

The inaugural meeting for St. John's group will be Tuesday, March 6 at 7pm. For more information contact Cheryl Taylor at 281/556-8640 or cctget@earthlink.net

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Would you like to be an altar server?

Youth 10 years and older are invited to be a part of this integral liturgical ministry. If you would like to be included in one of the next training sessions, February 26; 3:15pm, contact Mike McDonnell at mike@mcbesupply.com; 281/493-6867 or 713/972-1388



Confirmation Preparation for Baptized Catholic Adults

Wednesday evening classes begin April 18

(6 week course; Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 27)

7-9pm Audio/Visual Room

Pre-registration required; please contact the Office of Adult Formation

For more information or to register, contact the Office of Adult Formation:

Yvonne Gill

ygill@stjohnvianney.org

281.584.2022

Coming Soon!

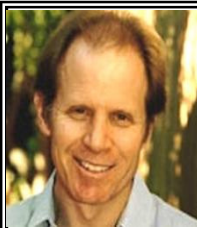
Two Internationally known authors and speakers



March 5
7pm Activity Center
Dining Room
John Pridmore

Born on the east end of London, John was in and out of jail several times by age 19. Once out he cashed in on his inclination for fighting by working for mobsters; soon he was working *with* them.

After nearly taking someone's life John realized the dignity of all life and the dire need to change his. At age 27 John celebrated his first Confession and soon thereafter began speaking publically about his journey to faith. John has traveled around the world - to the U.K., U.S.A., Switzerland, Germany, Holland—to name but a few—taking his story about God's abiding presence and sustaining love. John is the author of From Gangland to the Promised Land.



March 19
7pm Activity Center
Dining Room
Dr. Daniel Siegel

In 2000 Harvard graduate and associate professor of psychiatry at UCLA, Dr. Siegel, found himself called to the Vatican to meet with John Paul II to discuss the blending of science and religion. During his 9 day visit to the Vatican Dr. Siegel was asked to discuss his "biology of compassion." His research had found that positive, compassionate relationships at home and in the community help the brain function in a more healthy and positive way. Dr. Siegel's internationally acclaimed book, The Developing Mind: How Relationships and the Brain Interact to Shape Who We Are has been utilized by a number of clinical and research organizations worldwide, including the U.S. Department of Justice, The Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Family, Microsoft and Google. The second edition of this book is due out on March 23, 2012.



Parish Census Information

Thank you to everyone who has responded thus far to our parish census. We are looking for 100% return rate. When completed, please mail to the parish office, attention Kim Reilly, or drop it into a collection basket. You can also scan and email the form to kreilly@stjohnvianney.org. We need to hear from everyone whether or not there are changes to your information. ***If we do not receive a response from you***, you may be removed from our database. A response before March 1st is appreciated. All information is confidential and not released to outside groups or organizations.

Kim Reilly at 281.752.2471 or
kreilly@stjohnvianney.org

Stewardship

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING TO GOD

January 2012

January	345,832.54
Parish Pay	<u>37,538.01</u>
Total	383,370.55

AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE
Let us Rejoice and Pray for these soon-to-be married couples:
 Karen Antonio and Mark Moore
 Joy Dizon and Matt Santiesteban

Men of SJV!

You are cordially invited to join us
 for the 2012 St. John Vianney
 Men's Retreat at
 Holy Name Retreat Center
 Take advantage of this opportunity to
 renew your relationship with Our Lord
 during this season of Lent.

Retreat Dates are Friday,
 March 23-Sunday, March 25

For more info and to register
 contact Daniel Marcantel at
 281-497-6665 or
dmarcantel@stjohnvianney.org



Youth Formation

**HIGH
SCHOOL**

Mark your calendar for this upcoming High School events. For more info please contact Kristin Wegenka at 281.497.6665 or check the parish website.



Highlights

- Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, March 3
- Spring Break Trip
Friday, March 9 thru
Monday, March 12
- Daytrip to Fiesta Texas
Saturday, March 24
- Senior Beach Retreat - June 22-24
- Steubenville St. Louis - July 5 - 9
- Mission Trip - San Antonio
July 30–August 4

CCE

There will be no CCE classes next week, Feb. 19 & 20, due to the President's Day holiday.

We look forward to seeing everyone at class next weekend!

Bible Story Time

Bible stories, crafts, prayer, and fun for children 5 years and younger.

We meet on Wednesdays (except when St. Anne's meets) in E-8 at 10:30am.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 22 for Ash Wednesday.

No registration required, just come!

God's Image

There will be no God's Image this week. Please join us for Ash Wednesday Mass.

God's Image will meet again on Wednesday, March 7.

Young Adults

MERGE IS A SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL ORGANIZATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS, 21 TO MID-30S, SINGLE OR MARRIED.

Weekly Bible Study - Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm in the Heritage Room

Howl at the Moon Happy Hour - Saturday, March 3rd @ 7 pm

Wind-Down Wednesdays - 1st Wed of the Month at Nextdoor Lounge

Mass & Brunch - 2nd Sunday of the Month, Mass @ 11 am followed by Brunch at a nearby restaurant, starting March 11th

Monthly Potluck Dinners will resume Tuesday, March 26th

Questions? Contact Jaime at sjvmerge@stjohnvianney.org or 281-497-6665.

Social Ministries

Spring 2012 Home Repair Mission Trip

To: Eagle Pass, TX
When: March 20-25th

Jobs for all ages & skill levels

*Our Spiritual Guide will be
Maryknoll Missionary, Fr. Gerry Kelly*

Informational Meeting: **March 6th, 7:00 p.m.**
in the Audio Visual Room

To sign up: contact Dick Horstman at RHorst6970@aol.com

Workshops for Seniors & Their Families

“Caring for our Parents, Caring for Ourselves: How to Pay for Care and Plan for Illness,” the first in a series of workshops for families of seniors, will be presented by Elder attorneys, Jeanine Flynn and Christina Leshner.

*Thursday, February 23rd
6:00-8:00 p.m.*

*St. Dominic Village, Charlotte Hall
2403 Holcombe Blvd.*

Call 713-741-8712 to rsvp

On The Way To Jesus Christ

Parish Mission

February 27 — March 1, 2012

Led by The Passionists Priests, Fr. Blaise Czaja and Fr. Alfredo Ocampo



Each morning following the 9am Mass
Each evening following the 7pm. Mass

Childcare is available each evening
Monitored study room for children in grades 1-5.
Please call 281.497.6665 for reservations

Monday:	God's Grace As Gift: Why is it so hard to accept it?
Tuesday:	Conversion and Repentance: Letting go and letting God (Confessions will be heard after the presentation)
Wednesday:	Eucharist: "My food is the will of the Father"
Thursday:	Mass followed by reception in Activity Center Dining Room

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