SAINT JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome!

It is a special joy to welcome you to

St. John Vianney Catholic Charch.

We are a dynamic and caring parish seeking to

grow in the love of God and our faith in

Jesus Christ.

We invite you to join us in this incredible life of serving God and one another.

The Joys of Our Catholic Life:

Praying

As Catholics, it is our joy, our privilege and sacred duty to express our love of God by

praying to Him with one another as a community of faith. Our liturgies give us the peace and needed strength to follow Christ and to be the best people we can be as we make our way on this earthly pilgrimage. Our weekend Masses are supplemented by daily liturgies, Eucharistic Adoration, retreats, confessions, choirs, novenas, rosaries, sung vespers and small prayer groups. All are welcome to participate in the liturgical ministries of the parish.

Prayer is the oxygen of the soul!

Living

Through baptism we become one family in Christ Jesus. As a family of faith, St. John Vianney Church has activities for all members of the family; for young and old, teens and adults, married and single. Our *Parish Life Ministry* hosts numerous opportunities for us to come together in friendship and fun, from enjoying a meal together, to an Astros game, to a party in the Activity Center or summer camp for the kids. We enjoy the fun of the bazaar and socialize with friends and family in a casual and fun atmosphere.

Learning

The Christian life is one of deepening and growing in our knowledge of God and the truths of our Catholic Faith.

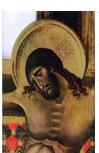
Adult Formation offers faith enriching and life long learning opportunities for adults. An emphasis is placed upon human, spiritual and theological education and formation. In addition to the scripture studies and special programs that are open to all, there are preparation programs for couples wishing to enter marriage, adults wishing to become Catholic or desiring to receive the sacrament of confirmation and families seeking to have their children baptized. There are also special programs for adults who have been away from the church.

Youth Formation helps children and families to grow in grace and wisdom. St. John Vianney provides a wonderful nursery program and a Young Children's Ministry. Religious education for youth Pre-K through

high school is available to all families as well as Vacation Bible School and a youth music program. During the week the Young Children's Program provides a loving and stimulating program for pre-school children. Our Youth Ministry programs mixes social activities and spirituality in fun and healthy ways for teens.

Caring

We are privileged to serve Christ in the disguise of those in need. Through our **Social**



Service Ministries we assist the material needs of thousands of brothers and sisters each year. More than 300 parishioners are involved in ministries ranging from our retail clothing shop, Joseph's Coat, to The Gabriel Project and Re-

spect Life Activities, Emergency Assistance, after-school tutoring and mentoring, ESL, prison ministry, The Gathering Place, Food Pantry, Employment Counseling, Cancare, Re-Build-Houston, Meals on Wheels, SJV Community Food Garden, Samaritans and Funeral Aid.

"Whatever you do for the least of my brethren you do for me."

Our Commitment

For parishioners of St. John Vianney the question is not "Should I commit?", but rather "How can I commit?" It is because of who we are and how we love God that we commit ourselves to the Church and her mission.

We commit

- *our hearts* to God by our weekly attendance at Mass, regular confession, daily prayer and living the Catholic Faith 24/7.
- *our gifts* to God through our prayerful and sacrificial financial stewardship.
- **our minds** to God by growing in our knowledge of His Word and the Church's teachings.
- our hands to God through our service of those in need.
- our relationships to God by strengthening the bonds of friendship and community and welcoming all in the love of Christ!



Living Faith Changing Lives Making a Difference

St. John Vianney Parish invites you to live your strengths and grow in the *joy* of the love of God.

Making God the center of our lives does not exempt us from the trials of this world, but enables us to overcome them with the aid of Divine Grace and the support of God's family.

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