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SAINT JOHN VIANNEY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

2015
Annual Report

A Note from Father Troy

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is with pleasure that I make available to you this Annual Report of St. John Vianney Parish for 2014-2015. This report offers a snapshot of the many beautiful ways in which God is blessing our parish. For 49 years, St. John Vianney parish has been proclaiming the love of God and the saving gospel of His son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the West Memorial area of Houston. Serving families and households in the Energy Corridor, we are a community of Catholic faithful comprised of families who can trace their roots to the Republic of Texas as well as the newest newcomers to our area.

From the days that the parish community of St. John Vianney first met in local elementary schools until today, our people have come together as a community with the purpose of Living Faith, Changing Lives and Making a Difference. As Catholics, we see our faith lived out not just at church, but in homes, work places, schools and neighborhoods—wherever our parishioners are found. We come together in prayer and in worship to offer God our love and our sacrifice. We extend to others the invitation to become disciples of Jesus and follow him more closely. We are nourished by God's Holy Word in Sacred Scripture and by the grace of the sacraments, most especially the Holy Eucharist. Strengthened by God's grace and mercy, we experience the change that God makes in our lives and seek to help others experience the same wonderful change in their lives. In doing so, we continually strive to make a difference in the lives of others, especially those in the peripheries of society: the poor, the lonely, the alienated, the sick. In this report you will catch a glimpse of how God is blessing us and how we are sharing God's blessings with others.

In Pace Christi,



Reverend R. Troy Gately
Pastor



We are a community of native Houstonians and folks from throughout the United States and the world - all united and bound together by our common Catholic faith.



Continuing the Vision Capital Campaign

In anticipation of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of our parish, in January 2015 St. John Vianney embarked upon the *Continuing the Vision Capital Campaign*. Our goal is to complete some of the items in our church building that were unable to be completed when the new church was built, to refurbish and repair some items of the original church and to provide some enhancements that will further aid in making our church an even more worthy and beautiful temple for the worship of God while better serving our parish community. Items to be addressed are a new and enlarged parking lot, an enlarged narthex and sanctuary and additional seating. A new courtyard with an enclosed plaza will be added with a beautiful bell tower calling all to worship and serving as a sign of parish community presence.

Additionally, a new organ and statues of our Lord, the Blessed Mother and the saints, including Stations of the Cross, will grace our church. The goal of the *Continuing the Vision Capital Campaign* was \$10 Million. Through the goodness and generosity of our parishioners that goal was met and is being paid over a three year commitment. More than 1000 families attended one of more than 30 campaign receptions and over 1500 parish families made a pledge to help us reach our goal!

Work is underway on the beautiful new pipe organ and artwork, marble and mosaics. The heavy construction work will commence with the final approval and completion of the permitting process. Completion is slated for 2016, the 50th year of our founding.

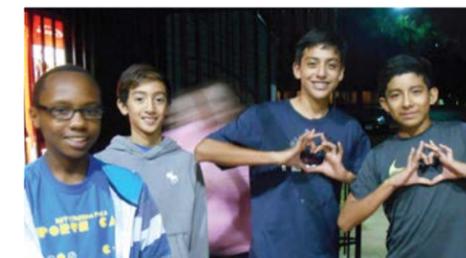
Did You Know?

- **Saint John Vianney:** Our parish will be **50 years old in 2016**. We started off with only 300 families. Today we have **4875 families** (14625 individuals) served by more than **3000 parishioner ministry volunteers**, **40** full-time, **60** part-time staff members, **5 deacons** and only **1 assigned priest**.
- **Vocations:** **6 young men from the parish** are studying for the priesthood, **1 young woman** in the convent, 1 parishioner preparing for the diaconate and another serving as a lay missionary in Ecuador. **The new Vocation Directors for two dioceses are from St. John Vianney Parish**, Fr. Jonathan Raia (Austin) and Fr. TJ Dolce (Galveston-Houston).
- **Worship:** On average, **1600 people celebrate Mass** with us on Sunday at 11:00 am. It takes about **60 Liturgical Ministers** (excluding the choir) to serve at this Mass. These parishioners (adults and youth) serve as Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans, Acolytes, greeters, etc.
- **Choir:** Our **Sanctuary Choir has 78 singers**. We also have a Vespers Choir, Schola Cantorum, parish orchestra, Spanish choir, Portuguese choir, and a **40 member Children's Choir**. Michael Madrid is the Director of Music.
- **Religious Education:** We had more than **1600 children and youth** in our parish youth formation program this year. In addition, we had **145 in our Young Children's Program**. They were served by 10 full-time and 4 part-time staff members and **nearly 300 volunteers**. Daniel Marcantel is the Director of Youth Formation.
- **Special Needs:** Our parish has a special outreach for families of children with autism. We have a **support group and religious formation** to assist families with children with special needs.
- **Ministry to the Sick:** On average, **70 homebound and sick persons** receive weekly pastoral visits from our deacons and lay ministers. They receive **Holy Communion** and a visit extending our love and care for those who are unable to come to Mass. Deacon Randy Graham is the coordinator for the Ministry to the Sick.
- **Parish Missions:** We completed four Mission Trips to Eagle Pass, Texas (near the border) repairing a total of **10 homes for the elderly and poor**. We also completed one mission trip to El Salvador assisting over 2,500 individuals with medical care. Deborah Montez is the Director of our Social Services Ministries.
- **Adult Formation:** Our parish consistently has **one of the largest groups of adult converts to Catholicism in the archdiocese**. Also, thousands of adult parishioners participate in our many Adult Formation Programs: Legacy, The Great Adventure Bible Study Series, The Main Course, Conversations. These range from small study groups to large presentations with notable speakers. Yvonne Gill is the Director of Adult Formation.
- **Parish Groups:** We have groups for **mothers of young children**, St. Anne's Society; for **mothers of school-age children**, St. Monica's Society; the Women's Club, for women of all ages; Men's Club, That Man is You, the Knights of Columbus, Familia (Family Life in America) for men and women, and more.
- **Bazaar:** **100% of our net proceeds** from the bazaar go to help **support our charities**. This year we netted \$249,500. Richard Fairly is the Director of Parish Life.
- **Financial Stewardship:** Each year SJV **financially assists 25 different ministries, schools and organizations in the archdiocese**, including our two sister parishes, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Peter Claver.

"In this life, we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."

~ Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Certainly, in the last year, we have done "small things with great love" that we believe have impacted our community and our world in a positive way.



Living Faith



Parish Orchestra

SJV - POP (Parish Orchestra Project) is an auditioned instrumental ensemble launched in the Spring of 2014 with the idea of promoting and performing live orchestral music within the parish and the greater West Houston area.

Most members are parishioners who share a desire to play great music together in fun and fellowship. The ensemble presents several concerts throughout the year and participates in celebrating Mass. Past concerts have included music from Ravel, Mozart, Vivaldi, Bach and Handel's Messiah with members of the SJV Choirs. The ensemble is under the direction of David San Miguel.

The SJV Children's Nativity Pageant

This production by Music and Youth Ministries, brings children from the parish together in a production of the Nativity Story. Through the use of Christmas carols, scripture readings, and beautiful settings and costumes, the children bring to life the beautiful story of the Nativity.

This year's pageant included over 100 children from the parish and has quickly become a favorite event here in the parish.



22 children and teens in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) received Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

153 infants and 51 children (ages 1 -7) received their Baptism.

282 children received their Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

108 youth and 42 adults received the gifts of the Holy Spirit by the Sacrament of Confirmation.

74 couples celebrated their marriage at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church.

Welcome to the Church

Congratulations to the 32 women and men in the RCIA process who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a step-by-step process in which unbaptized women and men, or those baptized outside the Catholic Church, explore the beliefs, traditions and practices of the Catholic faith. There is no pressure to commit to joining the Church, simply a commitment to the journey!

Liturgy and Prayer

Each weekend Saint John Vianney celebrates 6 Masses in English, 2 in Spanish with a Portuguese Mass every other weekend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered to all children in Grades K to 2 attending the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses. The Nursery is open to serve children 6 months to 4 years old on Sundays at the 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm Masses.

The Adoration Chapel is open for Eucharistic Adoration 24/7. In addition, we pray **Liturgy of the Hours** every weekday morning and evening, Monday through Friday, at 6:30am (Lauds) and 6:30pm (Vespers) also in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Changing Lives

Junior High Summer Camp

This year our Junior High Youth Ministry team brought 30 junior high youths to Camp Hidden Lake in Dahlonega, GA for a week of summer camp. The time was filled with outdoor activities, group games, awesome talks, praise and worship, Mass, and more! This life changing week helps the youth grow in their Catholic faith and experience the love of Christ in a whole new way. All of our Junior High Youth Ministry activities are always open to any junior high age youth.



Lenten Mission

A parish mission is a time of grace and renewal for a parish. We were pleased to welcome Fr. Mitch Pacwa, scripture scholar, author, and EWTN Host, for a week-long mission during Lent.

With a theme of **"Winning the Battle Against Sin"**, he gave daily sermons during Mass and reflections afterwards to help us focus and deepen our Lenten journey.

The Main Course

We want to feed the body, mind, and soul at SJV, so two of our departments (Parish Life and Adult Formation) work together to host a monthly breakfast and presentation.

Each first Thursday after the 9:00AM Mass, parishioners fill St. Jude Hall to share some food, good company, and then stay for the Main Course. This year the Main Course presentations covered everything from songwriting to evangelization. This program has helped a growing morning Mass community get to know one another better. All are welcome.

Young Adult Ministry

This fall the SJV Young Adults hosted **"Grill the Priest"** at Studio Movie Grill in City Centre. The event put 4 priests from around the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, including our own pastor Fr. Troy Gately, in front a packed movie theater to answer any questions the audience would like to ask. The attendees were treated to two hours of insightful question and answer dialogue with the fabulous priests as well as delicious food and beverages. A wonderful evening of growth, learning, and fellowship was had by all.

The SJV Young Adult Ministry also hosted an incredibly successful **16 week series on Theology of the Body** in the springtime. The series was faithfully attended by nearly 100 young adults from the parish and culminated in a special evening with Christopher West. Christopher West spent two evenings at the parish. The first night he gave a talk to a packed house of 400 people in the parish Activity Center. The second night was a question and answer event for those young adults who went through the spring series. We were blessed to have such a wonderful and renowned speaker share his gift with our parish.



"After years of waiting, I was finally able to find a Catholic church in west Houston with a young adults ministry. I enjoy being able to connect with Christ-centered people my own age."

~ Christopher Cloud, Parishioner



Making a Difference

Social Services

Our parish has been richly blessed. In return, our Social Service Ministries have endeavored to bless the lives of those who are less fortunate.

We are grateful to all of our many parishioners and volunteers who have given so generously of their time and talents as well as financially. What a great honor to serve and be the hands and feet of Jesus for the families and children that we serve in our parish, and answer his call to **serve the poor and vulnerable**, and to work for justice and peace.

"It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother's womb."

~ Pope Francis

Nearly 4,000 individuals (including more than 2,000 children) were provided with food from our Food Pantry.

More than 1,700 individuals were provided with clothing from Joseph's Coat, which also shared clothing with SJV's Missions to Eagle Pass and El Salvador and other Charitable Organizations.

The Gathering Place and Common Ground provided monthly support and social activities for caregivers for over 20 individuals with Alzheimer's or other cognitive disabilities

Our volunteer teachers provided English as a Second Language classes to over 125 individuals.

The Gabriel Project assisted 159 expectant mothers with spiritual and emotional support and supplies for their newborn babies.



Walk for Life

Deacon Randy Graham led us in a Rosary for Life as we walked, prayed, and witnessed for life in Terry Hershey park. Over 100 parishioners, including many families, children, and even pets participated in the walk. We were blessed to have a little break from the rain. In spite of the wet ground and a little bit of mud, we forged ahead and raised our voices in prayer.

We also raised over \$850 for SJV's Gabriel Project, which provides services for expectant mothers in need. It was a truly joyful experience! If you missed it, please plan to join us next year!



Dinners for Eight

In a large parish it is important to build small communities for a sense of belonging. One way SJV is doing this is our Dinners for Eight. This past spring 208 parishioners met in one of 26 groups of eight to have dinner once a month for four months. Some rotated homes, while others rotated restaurants. It's helped both couples and singles, young and old, new parishioners and founding ones to make some new and sure to be lasting friendships.

The Parish Life Ministry welcomes, connects and provides fellowship through our special events, dinners, receptions and more.

New Website

Our newly designed, mobile-friendly website was launched by our Communications/IT Department on December 8, 2014 (and yes, we did ask for Our Lady's blessing on her Feast Day.)

New features and improvements keep adding to our website's functionality, look and feel. In addition, we introduced online event registrations and payments – both staff and parishioners have embraced this new convenience.

A favorite feature of the website is our "I am SJV" page where parishioners share their stories to encourage others to get involved.

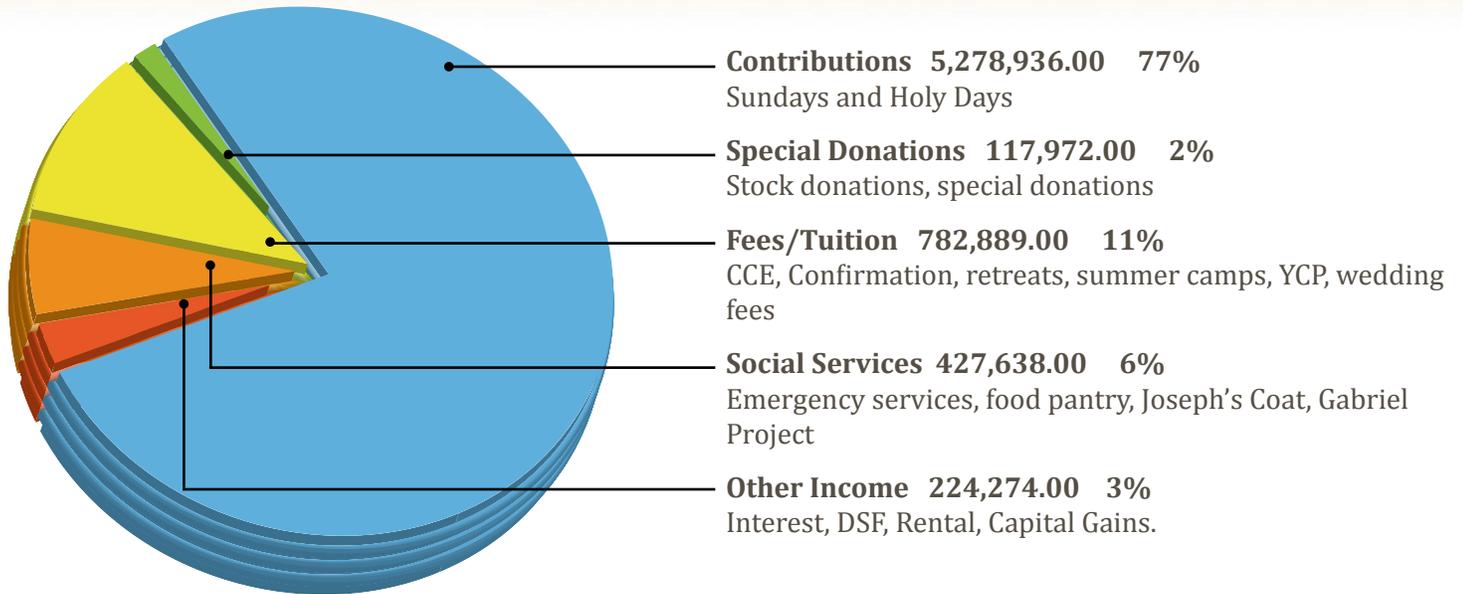
Finance Report

Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)

We had revenues of \$6,831,709 and expenses of \$5,221,335 resulting in a net profit of \$1,610,374. Surplus funds were allocated to Capital Renewal and Endowment Funds. For Fiscal Year 2016, we are projecting a 5.8% decrease in revenue. Projected decrease could result due to the economy and the Memorial Drive construction. We are projecting a 24.3% increase in expenses. This is attributed to the addition of staff for the Youth Formation and Adult Formation Departments, Capital Improvement projects and continued growth of all ministries. The projected revenue and expense figures will result in a net loss of \$55,000 for FY 2016 if all variables hold true.

Description	2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Budget
Revenue			
Contributions	5,005,000.00	5,278,936.00	4,750,000.00
Special Donations	205,000.00	117,972.00	200,000.00
Other Income: DSF/Interest/Rental	45,600.00	224,274.00	220,600.00
Fees/Tuition	873,400.00	782,889.00	874,050.00
Social Ministries	371,000.00	427,638.00	391,000.00
Total Revenue	6,500,000.00	6,831,709.00	6,435,650.00
Expenses			
Pastoral-General	872,100.00	796,579.00	1,052,800.00
Pastoral Clergy & Rectory	128,090.00	111,239.00	112,785.00
Youth Formation	1,185,450.00	1,016,831.00	1,285,505.00
Adult Formation/Pastoral Care	336,070.00	236,943.00	364,180.00
Liturgy/Art/Music	561,410.00	516,224.00	574,000.00
Parish Life/Summer Camp	432,710.00	384,343.00	461,915.00
Social Services	470,530.00	346,748.00	517,335.00
Parish Administration/IT	638,425.00	614,983.00	690,535.00
Plant Operations	1,163,515.00	1,085,338.00	1,131,595.00
Capital Improvements	719,500.00	112,106.00	300,000.00
Total Expense	6,507,800.00	5,221,335.00	6,490,650.00
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(7,800.00)	1,610,374.00	(55,000.00)

Income 2014-2015



Expense 2014-2015

