

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Adult Formation



*Living faith*

*Changing lives*

*Making a difference!*

Adult Formation Ministry, in collaboration with other ministries, has created a variety of programs and events for Saint John Vianney parish and the surrounding community. Parishioners, their guests, and visitors, are invited to attend and be enlightened, inspired, and entertained.

It is my sincere hope that the opportunities created and described in this brochure will facilitate spiritual growth and yield fruitful discipleship.

Please refer to the parish weekend Bulletin and website for details and updates.

I look forward to having you join us and appreciate your continuing support of Adult Formation programs and events.

Thank you!

*Yvonne Gill*

Director

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## TEXT MESSAGES

People are sometimes puzzled or even troubled by what they read in the Bible. Often the key to understanding lies in the religious and/or larger cultural background. This 4-part series will examine some difficult or hard sayings in Sacred Scripture; however unsettling they may be - we cannot delete these text messages!

**Presented by Fr. Chuck Talar**

**September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019**  
**Tuesday evening, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**





# The Legacy Series

A Continuing Christian Education Program  
For Baptized Catholic Adults

## Session I:

**Sunday Mornings 9:30 - 10:30 am**

**Audio/Visual Room**

## Genesis to Jesus

*Genesis To Jesus*, is a twelve-part video series in the foundational study, in the *Journey Through Scripture* series from the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology.

*Genesis To Jesus* surveys the principal covenants that God made with his people through our ancestors in faith: Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. It shows how each of the covenants point to and is fulfilled by Jesus Christ and his Church. Participants will get a panoramic view of salvation history.

**September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 20, 27,  
November 3, 10, 17, December 8, 15**

**No fee for the course; all materials provided**

**Register online on [the parish website](#) or in the  
[Adult Formation Office](#)**



## The Sacraments Their Biblical Roots, Development, and Celebration

**Classes for this 9:30 session begin in January 2020**

# The Legacy Series

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## Session II

**Sunday Mornings 11:00 - 11:45 am**

**Audio/Visual Room**

## Bringing Virtues to Life

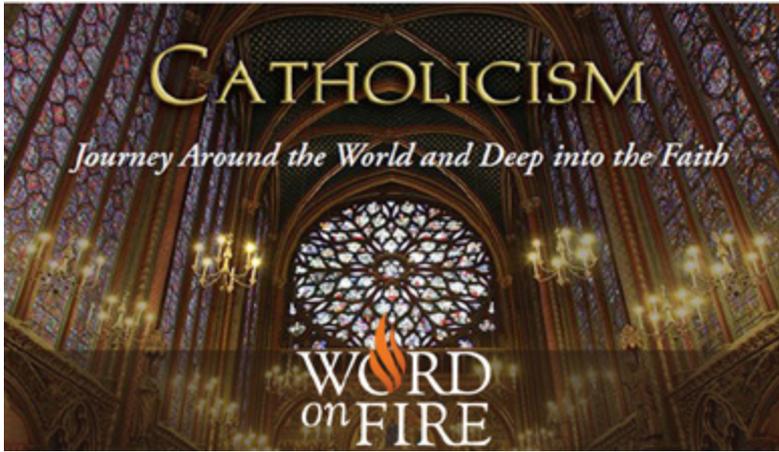
One of the greatest teachers of our day, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, frequently spoke of the pursuit of virtue. Drawing on the lives of saints, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and daily experience, this series will bring us to a deeper understanding of the virtues and offer guidance in cultivating them in our lives. Parents will learn how to form children of compassion and integrity.

**September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 20, 27,  
November 3, 10**

**No fee for the course; all materials provided**

**Register online on the [parish website](#) or in the  
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## *Catholicism Returns!*

Journey around the world and deep into the Catholic faith in all its richness, history, beauty, goodness, and truth, via breathtaking, high-definition cinematography.

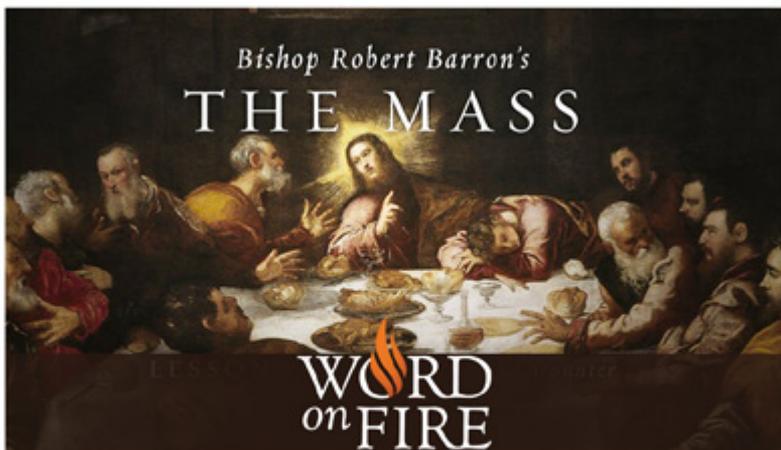
Travel with acclaimed author, speaker, and theologian, Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda; from the glorious shrines in Italy, France, and Spain, to the streets of Mexico, Kolkata, and New York City; the fullness of CATHOLICISM is revealed!

**The 10-week series will be offered on:  
Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, or  
form a group at home!**

**Begins on September 11, 2019**

**\$23.00 for study materials.**

Register online on [the parish website](#) or in the [Adult Formation Office](#)



## *The Mass*

Walk through the Eucharistic Liturgy with Bishop Robert Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

***The Mass*** facilitates our move toward more fully, consciously, and actively participating in **the source and summit of the Christian life.**

**The 8-week study will be offered on:**

**Tuesday morning, 9:45 - 11:45 am**

**Begins on September 10, 2019**

**\$24.00 for study materials**

Register online on [the parish website](#) or in the [Adult Formation Office](#)



## **Re-Membering Church**

***Welcoming back Catholics who have been  
away from the Church***

*A series of five sessions designed to “catch you  
up” on what’s been happening while you’ve been  
away. They also offer a wonderful opportunity to  
ask questions, be heard and heal wounds.*

**2019: Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9**

**2020: Feb. 24, March. 2, 9, 16, 23;**

**6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Monday Evenings**

***Welcome Home!***



# THE BIBLE TIMELINE

*The Story of Salvation*

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation is a fascinating 24 part Bible study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible.

In this study you will:

- Learn how the key people, places and events, in the Bible fit together to reveal God's plan for humanity.
- See how the events in the Old Testament are fulfilled in the New Testament.
- Gain a greater appreciation for the Scripture readings you hear proclaimed during Mass.

**The 24-week study will be offered on:**

**Wednesday evenings, 7 - 9 pm, in the**

**Audio/Visual Room**

**Cost of study materials is \$35.00 per participant.**

**Weekly sessions begin September 11, 2019**

Pre-registration is required to ensure timely delivery of materials;

Register online on [the parish website](#) or in the [Adult Formation Office](#)

ASCENSION  
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# MATTHEW: THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM



A 24 part study of the Gospel of Matthew which shows how Jesus built on the foundation laid in the Old Testament to inaugurate the kingdom of heaven on earth.

Although the Gospel of Matthew was not the first Gospel written, it was placed first in the collection of writings that constitute the New Testament because it conveys a high regard for the teachings of the Hebrew Scriptures. There are approximately fifteen instances in which Matthew interprets events in the life of Jesus as a fulfillment of a prophecy recorded in the Old Testament. The author of Matthew did not regard Christianity as something that required a break with Judaism rather, he considered Christianity a continuation and fulfillment of that which had been set forth in the literature of the Hebrew Scriptures.

**The 24-week study will be offered on:**

**Wednesday evenings, 7 - 9 pm, beginning September 11, 2019**

**Cost of study materials is \$35.00 per participant.**



Pre-registration is required to ensure timely delivery of materials;

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[Adult Formation Office](#)



# ACTS:

*The Spread of the Kingdom*



*Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* reveals how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry on his work in the world. The Book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and inviting all into the Kingdom of God. Acts provides a historic framework for understanding the remaining Books of the New Testament. Paul's letters, in particular, come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative.

**The 22-week study will be offered on:**

**Tuesday mornings, 9:45 - 11:45 am, AND**

**Wednesday evenings, 7 - 9 pm,**

**Sessions begin September 10/11, 2019 respectively.**

**Cost of study materials is \$34.00 per participant.**



This study explores biblical wisdom as it relates to daily life. Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible - Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes - *Wisdom* will show us how to actively seek out sound guidance and increase our sense of peace as we navigate through life!

**The 8-week study will be offered on:**

**Tuesday mornings, 9:45 - 11:45 am, begins September 10, 2019**

**Cost of study materials is \$19.00 per participant.**

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Pre-registration is required to ensure timely delivery of materials;

Register online on [the parish website](#) or in the [Adult Formation Office](#)



# JAMES:

*Pearls for Wise Living*



*James: Pearls for Wise Living* is one of the most practical books of the Bible. It is a book of wisdom, a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life which speak loudly to those torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. For anyone who strives to live an authentic Christian life, James provides “pearls for wise living”; a wealth of practical solutions for handling and sanctifying daily circumstances.

**The 11-week study will be offered on:**

**Monday evenings, 7 - 9 pm, beginning September 9, 2019, AND**

**Wednesday evenings, 7 - 9 pm, beginning March 4, 2020**

**Cost of study materials is \$26.00 per participant.**

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*The newest study in The Great Adventure Series!*

## *Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans*

Often called Paul's masterpiece!

**The 8-week study will be offered on Tuesday mornings,**

**9:45 - 11:45 am, AND Wednesday evenings, 7 - 9 pm**

**Cost of study materials is \$26.00 per participant.**

**Tuesdays: Nov. 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 2019, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2020**

**Wednesdays: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020**





## Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Video and  
Discussion  
in Spanish

Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word but give up because it is so complicated. The *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study program helps you to get the "big picture" of the story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church.

Presenter Jeff Cavins, aided by a unique color-coded *Bible Timeline Chart*, arranges key people, places, and events of Scripture in chronological order so as to better understand the unfolding of salvation. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will clarify the story of salvation and our role and responsibility in God's plan.

**The 9-week study will be offered on:**

**Thursday evenings, 7 - 9 pm, Room C-25**

**Cost of study materials is \$24.00 per participant.**

September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;  
November 7, 14, 2019.

Register online on [the parish website](#) or in the  
[Adult Formation Office](#)



# Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible



# Women's Bible Study Group



## REVELATION: *The Kingdom Yet to Come*



The Apocalypse, or Revelation to John, is the last book in the Bible, and one of the most difficult to understand because it abounds in unfamiliar and extravagant symbolism. The Book of Revelation cannot be adequately understood except against the historical background that occasioned its writing. It was composed as resistance literature to meet a crisis! In this DVD series, Jeff Cavins leads us through this intriguing book in the Bible.

**The 11-week study will be offered on:**

**Monday mornings, 9:45 - 11:45 am, begins September 9, 2019**

**Cost of study materials is \$26.00 per participant.**

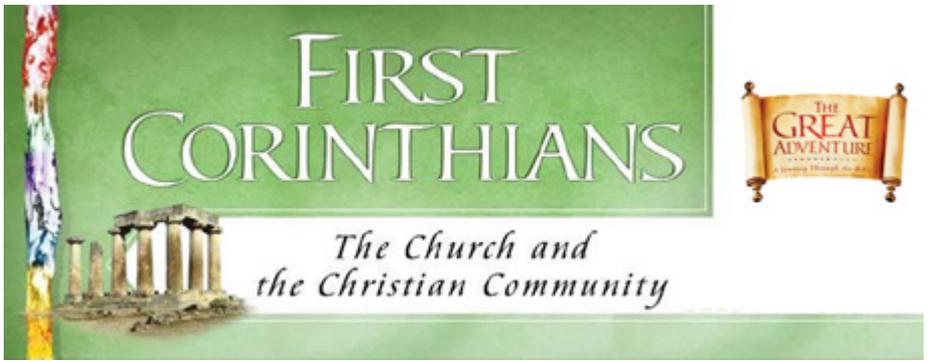
**Childcare available by registration.**



Pre-registration is required to ensure timely delivery of materials;

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*How do I live as a Christian  
in the midst of a pagan culture?*

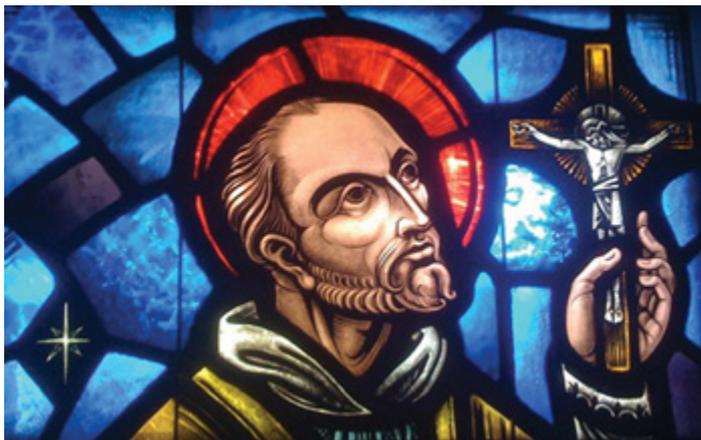
We could ask this question today and it is also the same question Paul addressed in his first letter to the Corinthians.

This Book addresses many of the same topics that appear in today's news headlines: scandals, promiscuity, debates and controversies, and issues related to prosperity versus poverty. Clearly the struggles faced by the early Christians are in many ways similar to our own. Paul's messages to the Corinthians regarding division, immorality, persecution, and other trials offer much needed wisdom for our own times.

The *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community* study explores the key elements of the gospel message that Paul introduced to a new and growing Church. In this 11-part program, presenter Tim Gray examines Paul's advice for living an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture, as well as his teachings about the nature of grace, the Church as the body of Christ, and the most powerful gift of all—the Eucharist.

**The 11-week study will be offered on:  
Tuesday mornings beginning February 4, 2020  
9:45 - 11:45 am, Audio/Visual Room  
Cost of study materials is \$26.00 per participant.**

# Sacred Story



## *A life-changing Ignatian Path to Christ!*

This prayerful journey seeks to lead you to experience God's mercy through guided reflections and spiritual exercises.

Participants will learn...

- the art of spiritual discernment in the large and small choices in their life,
- how to build a daily, personal relationship with Jesus and,
- how to see their whole life as if “for the first time”.

**Weekly sessions on Monday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Part I: *Understanding the Spiritual World***

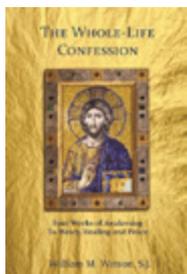
**September 9 - December 9**

**Part II: *The Whole Life Confession***

**January 13 - March 2**

**Each part stands independently**

**\$20 for materials**



***What is the Sacred Story that Jesus is writing on your heart?***

# JoyFull Women's Guild



*Joy... from Jesus' words in scripture*

*Full... of inspiration from encyclicals,  
lives of saints, guest speakers!*

## **Mornings:**

9:45am - 11:45am, Room C-25  
Second and Third Thursdays of most months

## **Meetings:**

Sep. 12, 26, Oct. 10, 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, 2019  
Jan. 9, 23, Feb. 13, 27, March 12, 26, April 23, May 14, 28, June 11

~Coffee & Conversation~

**A wonderful opportunity to gather with women of all ages**



## **Also Available:**

SJV Women's Community "Connect Groups":  
Walking, book clubs, gardening, scrapbooking!

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## **For more information contact:**

Denise: [denise.joyfull.guild@gmail.com](mailto:denise.joyfull.guild@gmail.com)



# Blessing of the Animals

God's care extends beyond the human family to the whole of creation!



Friday, October 4, 2019

4:30 PM

On the lawn, in the "scout" area

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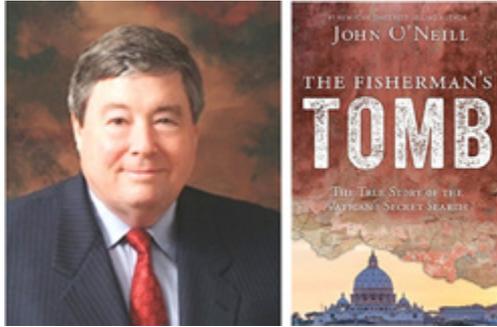
Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis,  
the loving friend to all creatures.

Bring your animals

(gerbils, hamsters, birds, goldfish, rabbits,  
horses, etc.)

and pets (dogs and cats properly restrained)  
for a special blessing.

# The Author Speaks



***John O'Neill, author of *The Fisherman's Tomb****

**Monday, October 28, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**  
**Activity Center Dining Room**

*A Champagne and Dessert Reception will be held immediately following the presentation.*

A Texas oilman. A brilliant female archaeologist. An unknown world beneath St. Peter's. In 1939, workers digging beneath the great basilica in Rome unearthed an early Christian grave. The surprising discovery launched a quest for the long-lost burial place of the Apostle Peter. Funded anonymously by a wealthy American, a small army of archaeologists embarked on the dig of a lifetime.

The incredible, sometimes shocking, story of the 75-year search and its key players has never been fully told until, ***The Fisherman's Tomb***, the story of the triumph of faith and genius against all odds.

## **About the Author:**

John O'Neill is senior partner at a large international law firm in Houston and a #1 New York Times bestselling author. He is a 1967 graduate of the Naval Academy, graduated first in his class at UT Law School, is a Vietnam veteran, and served as law clerk to Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist. John has devoted much of his life researching and visiting early Christian sites.



# ***Jeff Cavins***

***May 1 & May 2***

## ***The Activated Disciple Taking Your Faith to the Next Level***

***Friday evening and Saturday; this will be a ticketed event.  
Details and registration information will be posted  
on the parish website and weekend Bulletin.***

**Jeff Cavins** is passionate about helping people come to a deeper understanding of Scripture and become active disciples of Jesus Christ. Raised in a Catholic home, Jeff fell away from the Church, eventually attending seminary in preparation to serve as a Protestant minister. He served as Pastor for twelve years before returning to Catholicism. Jeff has become a leading Catholic evangelist and author and is best-known for creating *The Great Adventure* Bible Study Program published by Ascension, which has been used by hundreds of thousands of people to engage Scripture in a life-changing way.

# Adult Confirmation Preparation



## **For Baptized Catholic Adults**

***(Candidates must be out of High School and must be able to attend all sessions)***

Tuesday evening classes, in **English**:

**2020:** March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12  
7-9 pm Audio/Visual Room

Thursday evening classes, in **Spanish**:

**2020:** March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7  
7-9 pm St. Jude Hall

No fee. Register online on [the parish website](#) or in the [Adult Formation Office](#)

The celebration of Confirmation occurs on Pentecost weekend  
*(50 days after Easter).*



*The Lord Has Need  
of Your Hands*

## **Extraordinary Minister of Communion**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMs) assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass. An EM may also choose to:

- serve at daily Mass
- serve on Holy Days and additional seasonal liturgies
- take Holy Communion to the homebound or to those in a hospital or care facility.

**Training** sessions are offered once a quarter on weekday evenings and Saturday mornings and are posted in the weekend Bulletin 4 weeks in advance; choose the day and time convenient to your schedule.

Upon completion of the training session you will be commissioned to serve for Saint John Vianney Parish.

Candidates for Extraordinary Minister of Communion should:

- be at least 18 years of age
- a registered member of Saint John Vianney parish
- have no impediment to celebrating the sacraments
- attend the entire training session

*Serving as an EM offers a unique opportunity to deepen one's faith and grow closer to God. An EM's example of reverence and commitment also inspires others to active discipleship.*

# *Proclaiming God's Word*

God continues to use humans as instruments to convey  
His words of love to the world!

## *Ministry of Lector*



Lector training sessions are offered on Saturday morning  
in each quarter of the year.

Refer to the parish weekend Bulletin or website for dates  
and times.

*For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down  
and do not return there till they have watered the earth,  
making it fertile and fruitful... So shall my word be that  
goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void,  
but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."*

*Isaiah 55:10-11*



# RCIA

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is the initiation process for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is for those who have never been baptized or who were baptized in a non-Catholic faith and now wish to consider joining the Catholic Church.

The RCIA is a step-by-step process, with no pressure to commit to the Catholic faith, in which interested persons explore the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic Church over a period of several months or years, as needed.

**If you, a relative, friend, or co-worker is interested, please contact the Director of Adult Formation for an appointment.**

*Catholic...?  
Thinking about it...?  
Know someone who is...?*

*Call now!*

*281.584.2022  
or  
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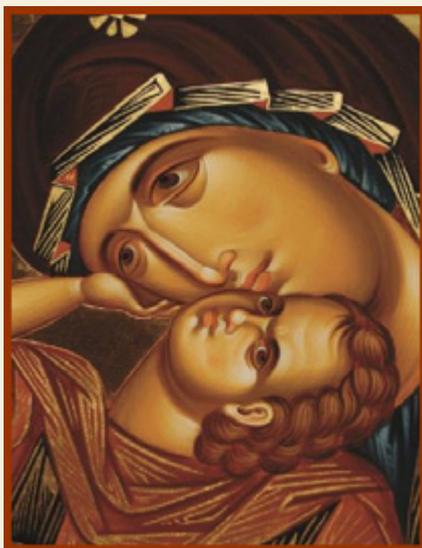
*“I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us...”*

*John 17:20-21*



# THEOLOGY IN COLOR

*Iconography workshops for beginners and  
intermediate levels*



**Learn the theology and technique of  
iconography. Participants will write an icon  
in oil paints on wood.**

**No prior experience or drawing ability required!**

**\$ 135.00 fee for materials.**

For dates, times, and additional information contact  
Caroline Allbee at 281.610.0911, or  
[pintusgang@yahoo.com](mailto:pintusgang@yahoo.com)



# *Walking Through Grief*

The grief support group is led by individuals who are no strangers to grief and who foster a friendly, caring group of people who walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Everyone grieves in his or her own way but no one needs to go through the grieving process alone.

Through the 8 week program you will gain access to valuable resources which will help to navigate the wilderness of grief. Most importantly you will have companions who are also experiencing the loss of a loved one.

## **Choose a Monday afternoon session**

**1:30 - 3:30pm**

**beginning September 16 through November 11, 2019.**

**This session will be offered again January 14 - March 2, 2020**

## **or a Tuesday evening session**

**6:30 - 8:30pm**

**beginning September 17 through November 12, 2019.**

**This session will be offered again on January 14 - March 3, 2020**

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For more information about bereavement support groups, contact:  
Maureen Akin at [akinrich1@aol.com](mailto:akinrich1@aol.com), 713.305.9891; or Laura Jungeblut  
at [Jungeblut@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Jungeblut@sbcglobal.net), 281.492.6431.

# FORMED *The Catholic Faith on Demand.*

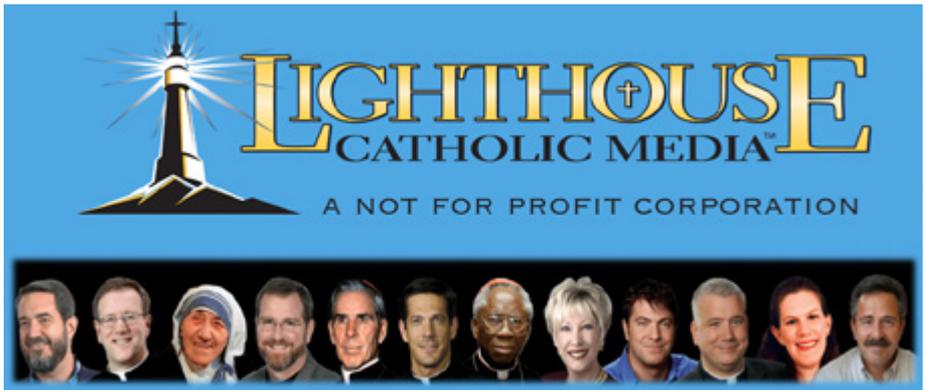
Enjoy this parish subscription to Formed.org where you can stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series; read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers! All available for virtually any device... anytime, anywhere!



**FORMED**  
Formed.org

## It is easy to access:

- Go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org)
- Enter our PARISH CODE on the homepage: eef590
- Create a personal account with your email and password



## Learning, Affirming and Sharing our Faith!

The popular kiosk, located in the Activity Center Lobby, contains CD's, DVDs, and books, designed to help Catholics know their faith, share their faith and keep their faith!

**This ministry relies on donations:**

CDs: \$5   Books: \$7   Booklets: \$3



# parish Bazaar

Sunday, October 13, 2019  
11am - 6pm



Party on the Lot!  
Friday evening,  
April 17, 2020





## **Jean Baptiste Marie Vianney**

**Curé of Ars  
Feast Day August 4**

Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney was born in 1786 and died on August 4, 1859. As a youth he and his family were forced to travel a great distance to attend Mass since its celebration was prohibited in France during that period in history.

As a newly ordained Priest Jean Vianney was sent to a small Church in the remote French hamlet of Ars. By his saintly example in lifestyle, his inspired preaching, and dedication to pastoral ministry, especially in the Sacrament of Penance, Jean Vianney brought souls to Christ and eventually the entire community was radically transformed. News of his ministry spread and people from around the world sought his counsel. As many as 20,000 pilgrims a year traveled to Ars, desiring to Confess to the Curé who spent long hours in the Confessional each day.

Jean Vianney was canonized in 1925. His incorrupt body lies in a glass casket above the main altar in the Basilica of Ars.

# *Adult Formation*



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Faith*

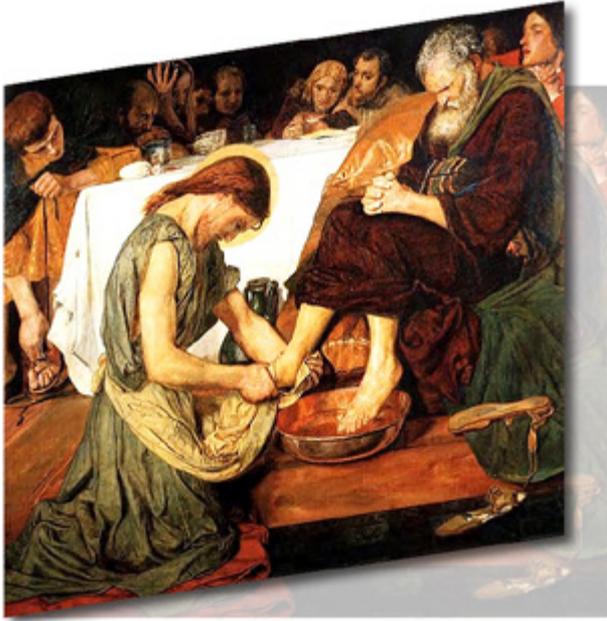


*Changing  
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*Making a  
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*Let us serve our Lord  
with our whole mind,  
body and soul,  
and faithfully strive to be  
tireless witnesses to the truths  
revealed in Sacred Scripture.*

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
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# SITE MAP

