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Pre K-8th Grade

### *Living Faith*

### *Changing Lives*

### *Making a Difference*

Dear Friends in Christ:

Again we begin another Advent when we prepare and reflect on the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time and the Judgement we will all face. The last eight days of Advent, beginning on December 17, we prepare for the celebration of the first coming of the Messiah in his Incarnation and birth. Looking at the scripture readings, spiritual reflections, art and music of Advent and Christmas, the emphasis is placed on Jesus as the Messiah and Savior. The name **Jesus** (Heb: Jeshua) means "God Saves". The title **Messiah** (Heb: Messiach, Grk: Christos) means "anointed one". The Messiah promised by God to the chosen people is the savior. The problem that we run into today and perhaps in every era is that in our arrogance and hubris many of us do not believe that we need to be saved. Not realizing the need for salvation makes desiring a savior problematic. If people don't think they need a savior, Jesus, the Messiah of God, diminishes in people's minds and hearts and lives. He becomes a stranger or simply a nice guy, a moral teacher. A perfect world or a world that lives under the delusion of perfection does not need a savior or to be saved. The saving action of Jesus on the Cross and the victory of the resurrection make little sense in a world that is already perfect. Yet, our world is far from perfect. Despite the claims of many, all of us need to be saved and we need the salvation that Jesus brings.

So what is it that you need Jesus for in your life? What are those areas of your life that you cannot conquer or control? What are the longings of your heart that long to be fulfilled? What are the sufferings or struggles that you have difficulty carrying or coping with? All of us have within in us a longing, a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy. Our weakness cries out for God. As St. Augustine so beautifully prayed:

**"Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would have not been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace... Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee."**

This Advent, turn to Jesus. Open your heart to him. Ask him once again to be your savior. Give him your sins, your weaknesses, your struggles. Entrust your cares, heartaches, disappointments and failures to him. Open your heart to his mercy and grace. Ask Jesus again to come to you and be your strength. This Advent, thank God for the gift of His Anointed One in your life. Praise God for the salvation Jesus brings not only to the whole world but to you and your family. This Advent, between the first coming of Jesus 2000 years ago and his Second Coming at the end of time, invite and allow Jesus to come to you anew.

Have a holy Advent!

In Pace Christi,

*Fr. Troy*

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 2, 2019**

9:00 a.m. Ralph Brigantino  
 12:10 p.m. † Harold Ogden  
 7:00 p.m. † Lois Carol David Goode

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

9:00 a.m. Hazel Chavez  
 12:10 p.m. † Jack Inglis  
 7:00 p.m. † Jim Roush

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**

9:00 a.m. † Irene Lutz  
 12:10 p.m. † Renate Reibel  
 7:00 p.m. † Eleanor Bova

**Thursday, December 5, 2019**

9:00 a.m. Baby Boyce  
 12:10 p.m. Magda and Carlos Figueroa  
 7:00 p.m. † Georgette Mardelli

**Friday, December 6, 2019**

9:00 a.m. † Leonard Cegelski  
 12:10 p.m. † Norris Barry  
 7:00 p.m. † Fidelis Nnamdi Katchy

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**

5:30 p.m. † Martine and Angelina Bigando

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

8:00 a.m. † Margaret Kuhn  
 9:30 a.m. Missa Pro Populo  
 11:00 a.m. † Sister Muriel Clarke  
 12:30 p.m. † Edgar Magsino  
 2:00 p.m. Sylvia Wolford  
 5:30 p.m. Reginald DeSean Jackson  
 7:00 p.m. † Margot Zarate

**Other Remembrances**

S. Bockholt, † Ursuline Smith,  
 † David Gregory Amador

**New Parishioners**

**Welcome to our St. John Vianney Family**

Juan and Tina Chavira, Glen and Alexis Jasek,  
 Gloria Streifel, Ramon Magallanez,  
 Belinda De Leon Hernandez, Sun Bang,  
 Kristofer and Renae Low, Virginia Bisonga,  
 Leonardo Rodriguez and Raydely Hidalgo,  
 Christiana Roberts, Andrew Babey, Dylan and  
 Lauren Moseley, Brian and Nicole Freas,  
 Alexander and Allison Goss

**Flowers for our Lord**

**In Honor of**

*Laura Jungeblut and Frank Monroe*

**Donated by**

*Frank R. Monroe*



**Mass Readings**

**Monday** Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



**AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE**  
 Let us Rejoice and Pray for these  
 soon-to-be married couples:

Nhung Nguyen and Henry Pham  
 Claudia Sequeira and Brian Tavali  
 Jill Hurst and Brendan Gonsalves  
 Erica Amaya and Fauricio Cruz  
 Everitt Keener and Zachary Gonzales  
 Paola Gutierrez and Salvador Vidaurre  
 Valeria Pena and Juan Delgado



There has been an increase in email and text scams from people impersonating parish priests asking for donations. The most recent are fake Gmail accounts claiming to be from Cardinal DiNardo, Bishop Sheltz and Fr. Troy. Do not open or respond to these emails or texts. Rather, simply delete and/or block the sender. Please remember that priests would never make appeals such as these, for gift cards and direct monetary donations.

The Texas Attorney General recently issued a warning about these imposters who are trying to make quick money at the expense of people of faith. If you have questions, please contact the parish office or call the Texas Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-621-0508 and pray for the conversion of these dishonest people.

**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.

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

*Monday - Friday*  
 6:30 a.m. & 6:30 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 & Rosary after 9:00 a.m.*  
*daily Mass*

**CONFESSIONS**

*Saturday*  
 10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

**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.

## Advent Schedule



During Advent we will have  
additional Daily Masses  
Confessions 20 minute before  
each weekday Mass

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - Church

12:10 pm and 7pm - Chapel

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



Monday  
December 9

Mass times

9:00 am

12:10 pm

7:00 pm

## MISA GUADALUPANA



## MISA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE



MASS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019

Mananitas at 5am in the Chapel followed  
by a reception at 6 am in the St. Jude Hall  
9am mass in English in the Church followed  
by a reception in St. Jude Hall  
7pm Mass in the Church followed  
by a reception in St. Jude Hall

# Gift Giving Weekend

*Saturday, December 14th & Sunday, December 15th*

During the Presentation of Gifts, parishioners are invited to bring up **new gifts for children and teens** and set them by the altar. Your generosity will ensure that children throughout the archdiocese will experience **God's love** poured out for all!

Please label each gift with the **age and gender** of the child for which it is appropriate, and don't forget that we need **gift cards and gifts for teens too!**



## Year End Giving

This is the time of year when we need to look back upon our stewardship for the year. Some families find it opportune to give *End of Year Gifts* to the parish. St. John Vianney parish relies on these end of year gifts to help fund our many ministries. Gifts of cash and stock and other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, and IRA/retirement accounts can be made to the parish. All financial contributions are tax deductible.

Gifts may also be made to the St. John Vianney Endowment. The SJV Endowment helps provide income to the parish in the years to come. Another important way to assist our parish is through your will.

Have you remembered our parish in your will? This is a beautiful way to help our parish continue the work of ministry and service for years to come.

As always, thank you for your faithful and generous support of our parish and the work of ministry.

## IRA Rollover

*Are you required to take a distribution from your IRA this year? If you are 70 1/2 or older, the IRA rollover is an excellent way to make a gift to support St. John Vianney Parish. IRA rollover gifts can make a huge difference to our parish. These tax exempt gifts will help sustain us in our important work to strengthen our community and serve others!*

*The IRA rollover is now permanent. Key provisions are:*

- *Allows donors 70 1/2 or older to transfer funds directly from their IRA.*
- *Is a tax-exempt distribution.*
- *Qualifying individuals can make charitable gifts using pre-tax IRA assets rather than taking a distribution, paying income taxes and using after-tax assets to make a charitable gift.*
- *Can be used to meet all or part of an IRA's annual required minimum distribution.*

*These gifts must be completed by December 31st. Please contact the parish Finance Office or your financial advisor for information.*

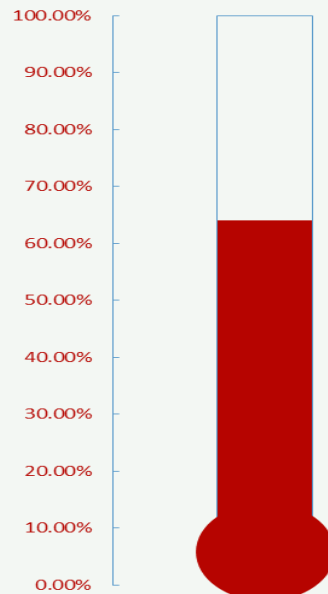


## Thank you for your generous support

We are at 64% of our goal.

Parish Goal	\$4,370,000
Pledge Total	\$2,808,627

Achieved %	64.00%
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Our parish will receive **33%** of all pledges made and completed.  
We plan to refurbish the activity center and youth lounge, re-model the library/den and music lecture hall, and resurface the south and west parking lots.

It is not too late, your help is needed for us to reach our goal.  
To make a pledge or for more information please contact Belinda LeBouef at 281-752-2400 or email at [blebouef@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:blebouef@stjohnvianney.org)

***Thank you again for your ongoing support!***

### PARISH LIFE

## DONUTS & KOLACHES Sunday, December 15

Following All  
Morning Masses  
Activity Center



### Women's Club

Cordially invites all Ladies of the Parish to our Christmas Social & Holiday Pot Luck

**This Wednesday, December 4  
9:45am**

**Activity Center**

*We will celebrate the Spirit of Christmas with the Houston Tuesday Morning Choral Group*

*Bring a friend and your favorite holiday dish to share!*

For information: [mgh13@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mgh13@sbcglobal.net)

PARISH LIFE



**1st Friday Breakfast Presents**

***Breakfast with St. Nicholas***

**Come celebrate the Feast Day of  
St. Nicholas**

**Friday, December 6 in the Activity Center  
following the 9:00 am mass**

***Free Pancakes & Sausage served with Juice,  
Wassail and Coffee***

***Crafts for the Kids and a visit from  
St. Nicholas***

# Parish Blood Drive

**Sunday, December 15**

**8:00 am - 2:00 pm Activity Center**

**Gulf Coast Regional  
Blood Center**  
*Commit for Life.®*

**200 Donors  
Needed**

***All who donate receives a FREE t-shirt***

**Appointments are served first**

**To make your appointment: [giveblood.org](http://giveblood.org), [stjohnvianney.org](http://stjohnvianney.org) or 281-497-1555**

**Walk-Ins are Welcome!**

*Hosted by Parish Life Ministry, Knight of Columbus & Social Ministry*

# SAINT JOHN VIANNEY YOUNG ADULTS

In your 20s or 30s?  
Check out SJV'S Young Adult Ministry!

Email: [TCooper@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:TCooper@stjohnvianney.org)  
Website: [www.stjohnvianney.org/youngadults](http://www.stjohnvianney.org/youngadults)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SJVYoungAdults>

Fri, Dec 13 6pm

## *Young Adult* Holiday Happy Hour

Bull and Bear Tavern  
11980 Westheimer  
No RSVP Required

### *Young Adult* Sunday Dinner

December 1st 7pm  
Hungry's Cafe  
14714 Memorial Dr.

RSVP Appreciated to  
[tcooper@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:tcooper@stjohnvianney.org)

Advent

Holy Hour

Wednesday, Dec 4th

7-8pm

SJV Adoration Chapel

## ADULT FORMATION

**RCIA***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

Please pray for the women and men currently learning about the Catholic faith. On Sunday, November 24, they celebrated their first Rite, The Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming, in the 11am Mass. This Rite marked their initial consecration by the Church and transitions them into the second phase of the Initiation process, the Catechumenate. Assembling publicly for the first time for the Rite of Acceptance these women and men, either unbaptized or baptized in a



non-Catholic Christian tradition, declared their intention and commitment to prayerfully discern becoming members of the Catholic Church. Pray also for their sponsors, godparents, and the RCIA team, who journey with them.

**The Lord Has Need of Your Hands...****...To serve as an****Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMs) assist with the distribution of Holy Communion in Mass—on the weekends and/or in daily Mass—and also have the opportunity to bring Holy Communion to those who are homebound, hospitalized, or in a care facility.

**Training Session: Dec. 7, 9-11am**

(in the Church—choose the session most convenient for your schedule)  
To attend send your name to: [ygill@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:ygill@stjohnvianney.org)

***Proclaiming God's Word***

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

**Lector Training****Saturday, December 14, 9-11am**

To attend send your name to: [ygill@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:ygill@stjohnvianney.org)



## ADULT FORMATION



**The newest study in The Great Adventure Series!**

### Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans

Often called Paul's masterpiece!

Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation* provides a comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Romans—salvation.

**8 week Study**

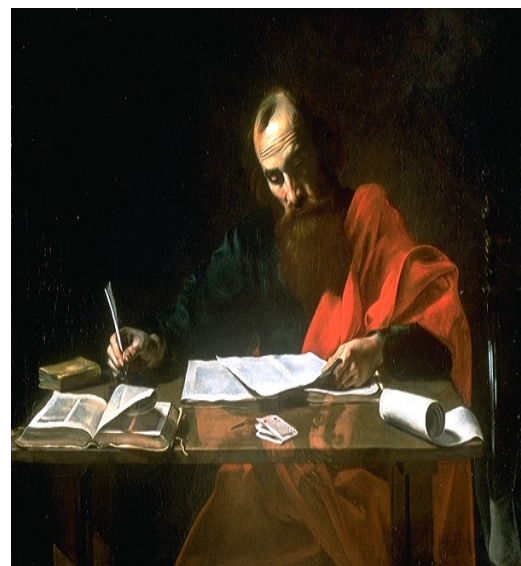
**Wednesday evening, 7pm - 9 pm**

**beginning January 8, 2020**

**\$26.00 for study materials.**

**Register on the parish website or in the**

**Adult Formation Office.**



## Walking with Jesus

...through the Holy Land

.....through Sacred Scripture

A new study beginning on January 20,

7-8:30pm, in the Audio/Visual Room

No fee for the six session course; all

materials will be provided.

Register on the parish website or in the Adult Formation Office.

*View the sites in the landscape of Scripture*

*The Word makes the land Holy!*

## ADULT FORMATION



### The Legacy Series

A Continuing Christian Education Program  
for Baptized Catholic Adults

**The Sacraments:  
The History, Development, and Celebration**

**Sunday mornings  
9:30 a.m. beginning January 12  
In the A/V Room**

**Register on-line or in the Adult Formation Office**

## YOUTH FORMATION



**Classes resume  
December 2, 4 & 8.**

### Parents' Night Out

*Friday, December 13, 5-9pm*

You plan a date night,  
we provide the childcare.

Children 1-10 Years Old Welcome

\$25 for one child, \$10 for second, \$5 for any additional  
Registration Available in Youth Formation Office  
Deadline to Register is Tuesday, December 10



**DECEMBER 13  
5-9PM**

**\$10**

**RSVP ONLINE / FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL SEAN STRASMA AT [SSTRASMA@STJOHNVIANNEY.ORG](mailto:SSTRASMA@STJOHNVIANNEY.ORG)**

### Bible Story Time



Bible stories, crafts, prayers and fun  
for children 5 years old &  
younger. Join us this  
Wednesday, December 4  
Room E-8 at 10:30 am.  
No registration required,  
just come!

Bible Story Time is in need of volunteers. Come share our faith with the young children of SJV. Contact Carolina Sayago, [csayago@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:csayago@stjohnvianney.org) for more information.

## SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY

### THE GATHERING PLACE

*Memory Loss Activity Program  
& Respite for Caregivers*

Friday, December 13, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm  
SJV Activity Center

**Gathering Place** meetings combine physical movement, music, socialization, and other memory-stimulating activities in a safe and comfortable setting, enabling caregivers to attend to their personal needs without worry.

To register your loved one to attend The Gathering Place, contact Nanci at 713.682.5995 or [nengle@carepartnerstexas.org](mailto:nengle@carepartnerstexas.org).

*"To give space to the elderly is to give space to life." - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.*

## FOOD DRIVE Next Weekend

*December 7 & 8*



We need: holiday foods (turkey, ham, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy mix, dessert mixes, canned pumpkin, etc.), laundry detergent, diapers (especially sizes 3, 4, & 5), dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, cooking oil, baby food, infant formula, milk, canned tuna and other meats, cereal, peanut butter, dried beans, rice, crackers, sugar, flour, and fruit juice.

Check out our **Wish List** on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/2Nfs6aQ>. Now you can purchase some of our most needed items & have them delivered directly to the Pantry!

Please drop off your donations to Food Drive volunteers outside the church before & after each mass next Saturday & Sunday. **Please check the expiration or "best by" dates — we cannot distribute expired or opened food.**

**To Feed the Hungry & Give Drink to the Thirsty are Corporal Works of Mercy**

## Helping Families in Need

The Christmas Season will soon be upon us. During this time of year, the number of people in need of assistance increases. Please help us continue to feed and assist those in need within our parish during this season of hope. We particularly need:

- ◆ Gift cards (small denominations of \$20, please)
- ◆ New & labeled gifts (especially for teens)
- ◆ New winter clothing, caps, socks, & diapers for infants and toddlers
- ◆ New winter clothing (particularly jackets, coats, sleeping bags, and blankets)
- ◆ Holiday foods (turkey, ham, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy mix, dessert mixes, canned pumpkin, etc.)

You can drop these off any time from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays (preferably by **December 13**, in time for our Christmas program for children and families) in the Social Service Ministry office.



**"It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta**

MUSIC MINISTRY

# NATIVITY PLAY



Saturday, December 14th  
11:00am

SJV ACTIVITY CENTER  
Music & CCE Youth Ministries  
Presents the Nativity Story  
Featuring the children  
of the parish.  
Reception to follow in the  
Activity Center Dining Room  
Free admission

## CREDO SINGERS

- \*LOOKING FOR MORE SINGERS!!
- \*NO AUDITION
- \*OPEN TO PEOPLE OF ALL SKILL LEVELS
- \*NO EVENING REHEARSALS
- \*SING MASS AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH

Join us on Thursday morning after mass.  
9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m.  
Music Lecture Hall

For inquiries, call Michael Madrid  
281-584-2041  
mmadrid@stjohnvianney.org

Houston Brass Quintet Presents

# A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

Second Annual Concert

DEC. 16 \* 7:30PM

FREE WILL OFFERING ACCEPTED  
WWW.HOUSTONBRASSQUINTET.ORG

## CELEBRATION SINGERS TEEN CHOIR

- ◆ Limited rehearsal schedule  
(2 rehearsals & mass each month)
- ◆ Open to 7th—12th Grades  
Next rehearsal is  
December 1st; 2pm

For more information about the  
schedule contact  
Michael Madrid 281-584-2041  
mmadrid@stjohnvianney.org

