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#### Living Faith

### Changing Lives

# Making a Difference

Dear friends in Christ,

Today is Holy Family Sunday. With that in mind, I thought I would give my own brief 10 helpful hints for a happy family life. These are in no particular order.

#### 1. Surround yourself with beauty.

We all need to be inspired to the good. Beauty elevates our thinking and pleases our senses and our souls. In a crude and disposable culture, we need refinement. Beauty is transcendent and enduring.

#### 2. Monkey see, monkey do.

Children are sponges and mirrors. They soak up everything around them and reflect it right back at you. If we want our children to be good, holy, virtuous, happy people, then adults have to model that behavior. If we want our children to be fearful, anxious, selfish, disrespectful, lazy, ungrateful, uncaring etc. well, go for it!

#### 3. Laugh!

Laughter is essential to emotional and spiritual health and well-being. Being sullen, morose and always serious does not do anything good. Remember to have fun and have fun and play together! Laughter and play are important in a well-balanced life and in a healthy family. There are lots of important and serious things in life, but we should never take ourselves too seriously and we should teach our children to do the same. Life is short!

#### 4. The family that prays together stays together.

Grace before meals, a family rosary, a Hail Mary in the car, night prayers together and absolutely Sunday Mass. Just do it and keep at it. No exceptions, no exemptions and no excuses. If you do your part, God will do the rest!

#### 5. Every day is Christmas!

Not all of our gifts come gift wrapped and under the tree. In fact, the best gifts are those we receive every day: our marriage, our family, our faith, our friends, the food on our table, the clothes on our back, the home we live in, the job we get to do, the lessons we have learned in life, the opportunity to love and be loved. When we see our many blessings each day as gifts, we learn to be appreciative, grateful and generous.

#### 6. Pretty is as pretty does.

True beauty and attractiveness is not in our outward appearances but in the quality of our character. Goodness, kindness and virtue never fade, turn colors, gain weight or get wrinkles. Good is attracted to good and like attracts like.

#### 7. When Mama is happy, everybody is happy!

This is first and foremost Daddy's job! When Daddy seeks to put Mama first, the kids will learn to do the same. When dad puts his wife and her needs before himself, his interests and "the job", mom will not only appreciate it, but she will be supported and know that she is not trying to do everything by herself. When the kids see the mutual love of their parents for each other, they will see the love and respect they need to live in their lives. When mom and dad are OK, the kids will be OK and secure in that love that binds them together.

#### 8. "Yes Ma'am, No Sir, Excuse me, Thank you and Please"

Politeness and manners count! Expressing the simplest acts of courtesy and manners helps us respect others and develop and strengthen self-respect inside the family and out.

#### 9. "I love you" - everyday.

We all need to hear this and we all need to say it – out loud with words, every day! No matter how bad the day is or how bad we messed up, these simple words can and do make things better.

#### 10. Time makes a difference.

There is no substitute for time spent together as a family. Learning to do nothing together is more important than learning to do everything (piano lessons, soccer practice, ballet, SAT tutoring, computers games, TV, the project at work, etc.) on our own. Eating together as a family is an essential part of the equation. Sitting at the table together every night forms us and shapes us. If we don't have family meals at home and appreciate them as essential to who we are as a family, how can Mass (our Eucharistic sacrificial meal) make much sense?

May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph help make you a holy family today and always!

In Pace Christi,

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Monday, December 30, 2019

9:00 a.m. † Andru Rios

#### Tuesday, December 31, 2019

9:00 a.m. † Fernando Perez 7:00 p.m. Edna and †Bob Bentz

#### Wednesday, January 1, 2020

8:00 a.m. Walt and Barbe Bozeman

11.00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory

12:30 p.m. Eve Bonin

2:00 p.m. † Mauricio Alejandro Farinas

#### Thursday, January 2, 2020

9:00 a.m. Hoang Grandparents7:00 p.m. Madison Pierce

#### Friday, January 3, 2020

9:00 a.m. † Ethan and Jennifer

#### Saturday, January 4, 2020

5:30 p.m. † Virginia Ann Reed

#### Sunday, January 5, 2020

8:00 a.m. Mando Cadena 9:30 a.m. Missa Pro Populo 11:00 a.m.† Souls in Purgatory 12:30 p.m.† Esther Benitez 2:00 p.m. † Maria Medina

5:30 p.m. Steve Pierce

7:00 p.m. † Raul Gilberto Munoz Reynaud

#### **Other Remembrances**

S. Bockholt, †Ursuline Smith, †Charles Burge, Mary Gal, Michael T. Trainer, Veronica Trainer, Beatriz Grissom, Lila Magallon

# Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mass Schedule - January 1



8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m. Sp

#### **Mass Readings**

**Monday** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9,

10; Lk 2:36-40

**Tuesday** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13;

Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-8;

Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Thursday** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1,

2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Friday** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1,

3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

**Saturday** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9;

Jn 1:35-42

**Sunday** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11,

12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;

Mt 2:1- 12



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

Mylinh Ana Nguyen and Anthony Vo Kristin Conrad and Ryan Warth Diandra Perez and Ruben Cerda Amanda Nobles and Shane Lockridge

### Offices will be closed

Tuesday,

December 31

and

Wednesday

January 1



# **Holy Family**

Let us imitate the Holy Family in our Christian families, and our family will be a cell and a prefiguration of the heavenly family. Say a prayer dedicating your family to the Holy Family. Also pray for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack.

#### **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

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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**

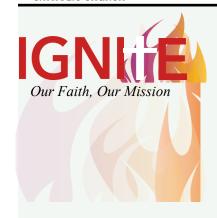
Please contact the Parish Office at least eight months prior to desired date

# ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

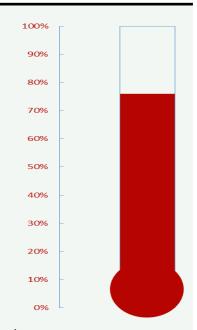
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.



# Thank you for your generous support

We are at 76% of our goal.

Parish Goal \$4,370,000 Pledge Total \$3,341,512 Achieved % 76%



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

# Thank you again for your ongoing support!

# **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.

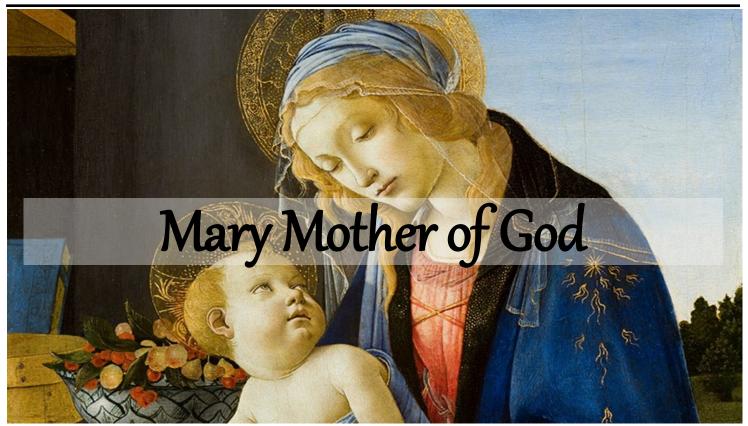
### IRA Rollover

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.



The Virgin and Child (The Madonna of the Book) | Sandro Botticelli.

## The Story of Mary, Mother of God

Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the *fruit of your womb*. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43, emphasis added). Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan.

Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4). Paul's further statement that "God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out 'Abba, Father!'" helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Some theologians also insist that Mary's motherhood of Jesus is an important element in God's creative plan. God's "first" thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was "first" in God's mind, Mary was "second" insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother.

The precise title "Mother of God" goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form *Theotokos*—God-bearer—it became the touchstone of the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the holy virgin *Theotokos*. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: "Praised be the *Theotokos*!" The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times.

#### Reflection

Other themes come together at today's celebration. It is the Octave of Christmas: Our remembrance of Mary's divine motherhood injects a further note of Christmas joy. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to her children—who are also God's children.

## **PARISH LIFE**

# **COFFEE & DONUTS**



Hot Oatmeal for our Healthy Eaters

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 Activity Center

**AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES** 



# 1st Friday Breakfast

This Friday, January 3 St. Jude Hall

Following the 9:00 am Mass

Join us for a FREE delicious breakfast & mimosas

Join our Parish Life Hospitality Team!



281-497-1555 or jgriffy@stjohnvianney.org

## Women's Club

Ladies of the Parish and Friends are invited to join us for our first gathering of 2020!

Wednesday, January 8, 9:45am Activity Center Adult Lounge

Our special guest speaker will be from the Mayor's Office and they will be speaking about how we can be more aware of what is going on around the city, specifically our area!

Refreshments will be served

For information: mgh13@sbcglobal.net



## PARISH LIFE



SJV Night at the Rockets Game!! Friday, January 31, 7:00 pm Toyota Center

Houston Rockets vs. Dallas Mavericks

Group Pricing \$50 per ticket (includes fees)
Sections 405 & 406 Only 40 tickets available

To reserve your tickets sjvrsvp@stjohnvianney.org or 281-497-1555

# ANNUAL WINE TASTING & AUCTION \_\_\_\_



Saturday January 25, 2020

6:30pm • Activity Center

# Award Winning Wines from Around the World

Limited number of tickets available now

\$75 per person

Online Orders: stjohnvianney.org/wine

\$525 table of 8

Phone Orders: (281) 497-1555

Complimentary Babysitting Available

Proceeds Benefit The Gabriel Project

Parish Breakfast Sunday, January 19

Following the Morning Masses
Activity Center

Waffles, Scrambled Eggs & Bacon
Orange Juice & Coffee
\$5 per person & kids 7 under are Free

#### **Catholic Schools Fair**

January 26
During Coffee & Donuts



#### **Summer Job Opportunity!**

St. John Vianney Summer Camp is now accepting application requests



Are you a College Student or High School Junior/Senior who is available to work the summer, likes to have fun, and is a great role model for kids? sivcamp@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

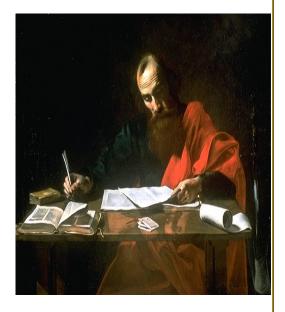
Wednesday evening, 7pm - 9 pm

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



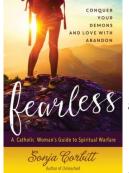
## The Legacy Series

A Continuing Christian Education Program for Baptized Catholic Adults

The Sacraments:
The History, Development, and Celebration

Sunday mornings 9:30am—10:30am A/V Room January 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15

No fee for the course; all materials provided Register on-line or in the Adult Formation Office



# Fearless...Conquer Your Demons and Love with Abandon

Author and popular speaker Sonja
Corbitt leads you deep into scripture
and the spiritual practices of the Church
to show how we can resist the
avalanche of temptations that can
challenge and lead to paralyzing anxiety
and fear.

A Women's Bible Study Group beginning January 6, 9:45am—11:45am; babysitting is available

Register for the 14 week series on the parish website or in the Adult Formation Office



# The JoyFull Women's Guild

Joy....from Jesus's words in scripture;
Full....of inspiration from encyclicals, lives
of the saints, guest speaker
presentations!

January meetings: 9th & 23 9: 45am-11:45am, Room C-25

The Guild is a wonderful way to meet new friends.

Women of all ages are welcome!

For more information contact Denise: denise.joyfull.guild@gmail.com

Whole Life Confession: An Ignatian Path to

Christ... ...is an



introspective journey which will lead you to experience God's love and mercy through guided reflections and spiritual exercises. Join this transforming opportunity!

Monday evenings, 7-8:30pm

Room E 5/6 Begins January 13

\$20 —includes books, journal, and all other materials

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



#### THEOLOGY IN COLOR

An iconography workshop for beginner and intermediate level
Wed. Morning & Thurs. Evening
Begins January 8/9

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

No prior experience or drawing ability required.

Cost: \$135 For more information and to register contact Caroline Allbee: 281-610-0911 or pintusgang@yahoo.com.



# The Great Adventure continues with a walk through the book

of 1 Corinthians

The 11 week study begins February 4,
9:45am—11:45am
\$26.00 for study materials
Pre-registration is required;
deadline is January 15.
Register on the parish website or in the
Adult Formation Office.

# SAINT JOHN VIANNEY YOUNG ADULTS

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

Email: TCooper@stjohnvianney.org Website: www.stjohnvianney.org/youngadults Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SJVYoungAdults Instagram: SJVYA

Don't be shy...

Get your questions answered...

# DEFENDING YOUR FAITH

with Reason

Discussions lead by Fr. Richard Hinkley

Monday's 7-8:30pm ◊ St. Jude Hall 8 Week Series & Starting January 6th

Visit Our Website to Register Online Registration Fee \$20 Before Jan 1 (\$30 after)



Self

Time!

January 9 7-8:30pm SJV Library

A Young Catholic Men's Group

Thursday, January 9 6:30 - 8:30pm Room C- 11

Come enjoy some guys time after the holiday rush!

RSVP Appreciate to tcooper@stjohnvianney.org



DIY Bath Bombs and Facemasks

Women & Wisdom A Young Catholic Women's Group

**RSVP** Appreciate to tcooper@ stjohnvianney.org

## **SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY**



"For I was a stranger, and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35)

#### AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE:

The next semester of ESL will begin on **January 21**. Give someone the opportunity to thrive through the gift of communication. To volunteer as a teacher or substitute teacher, contact Glorivel at 281.497.4434 or <a href="mailto:grivas@stjohnvianney.org">grivas@stjohnvianney.org</a>. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided.



**JANUARY 25, 2020** 

January 2020 marks 47 years since Roe v. Wade. Join thousands of Texans to march in support of each human life.

### Archdiocesan send-off Mass at 8:30 am

St. Bartholomew the Apostle Catholic Church 5356 Eleventh Street, Katy, TX 77493

Buses depart for Austin following Mass.

March and Rally for Life begins at 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$25.00/person (lunch is not provided).

Buses will depart from multiple parish locations. Call the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713.741.8728 for the location nearest you.

# Gift Giving Weekend



We thank all the parishioners and volunteers who shared their blessings and contributed to this amazing event.

Thanks to you, Christmas was much brighter for so many children!

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

# Bless Your Home for Epiphany

The Epiphany blessing of chalk and homes is a centuries-old tradition where priests would visit each home in their parish after the Feast of the Epiphany. Over time, it became an accepted tradition that a member of the household is able to lead this blessing in place of the priest. The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives

and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the written symbols sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words: *Christus mansionem benedictat*, "May Christ bless the house."

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 20 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

#### Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen



# **MASS**

God Himself showed us the importance of taking a break from work when He created the heavens and the earth and rested on the seventh day. If you are lucky enough to be able to get away to take a vacation, please enjoy yourselves and have a great time. As a friendly reminder, there is no vacation from attendance at Mass. God never ceases to provide for us and we can never cease praising Him for His goodness to us. If you are traveling, plan ahead. Remember to keep the Lord's Day holy by attending Mass every Sunday. In fact, attending a weekday Mass during your vacation is a wonderful way to renew and refresh tired minds and bodies.

When you are traveling for pleasure or business, remember to check out <a href="https://www.masstimes.org">www.masstimes.org</a> for the name, location and Mass times of churches around the country and even overseas.

# YOUNG CHILDREN PROGRAM



YCP Registration will begin soon!

Registration opens up to SJV parishioners

(of a least 6 months)

February 4, 2020 at 9:30am.

We will open registration to the public on February 18, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

# YOUTH FORMATION



The Youth Formation Office
will be closed
December 23, 2019
Thru
January 1, 2020
CCE office will open January 2

A blessed Advent and Merry Christmas



#### PASTORAL CARE AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

#### Ministry to the Sick



Do you know someone that is ill, homebound, in the hospital, or in an assisted living center in need of pastoral care?

For those in need of prayer, Holy Communion, and a pastoral visit, please contact

the Parish Office at 281.497.1500

Interested in visiting those in need of prayer in care centers,

hospitals and homebound? Call to volunteer: **281.752.2470** 

#### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Morning Prayer (Lauds): 6:30am
Evening Prayer (Vespers): 6:30pm
in the Adoration Chapel



There is a danger that threatens everyone in the church, all of us. The danger of worldliness. It leads us to vanity, arrogance and pride.

No sign-up is necessary

Pope Francis