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### *Living Faith*

### *Changing Lives*

### *Making a Difference*

Dear Friends in Christ:

This is really new territory for me and I am sure for you as well. I find myself in a most peculiar setting. It is my fervent hope and prayer that a remedy will soon prevail and that this trial will not find us wanting. As I am writing this letter, I do so with a broken heart knowing that our parish is not able to come together for Mass. I ache for those who wish to be at Mass to offer their praise to God and receive the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. I pray that the Lord will bless us through this "fasting" with a deeper love and appreciation of Sunday Mass, reverence for the Eucharist and gratitude for a wonderful gift of being able to come to Mass here at St. John Vianney.

One of the challenges for me has been to see so many people suffer from anxiety, anger, fear, and unable to adequately assist them. The world has undergone pandemics of illness and disease before with much larger and more horrible results. The Black Plague in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century killed nearly 200 million people in Europe wiping out up to 60% of the population. While tragic, the COVID-19 has killed only several thousand throughout the world to date. What is so very different with this pandemic is the constant and unrelenting coverage in the media. This is a totally new phenomenon which in turn has caused great panic and fear in an unprecedented form. The fear of the virus has impacted far more people than the actual virus itself. One of the other challenges is that we are currently living with a widespread and general sense that God doesn't really matter in all of this. Throughout history, in times of plague and pestilence, people turned to God and to the Church for solace and strength. Great trials tested people's faith and made it stronger. To be honest, I don't see that right now, but hopefully we will. God is the antidote and the cure for everything that we suffer.

While we all desire that this pandemic runs its course quickly, we should not waste this time. It is still Lent! It is still a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. We now have more to offer up. The question for us is will we allow God to bring us closer to him? Will we use this time to serve Him by reaching out to others in prayer, with a phone call, an e-mail or even a handwritten note? I am not sure how we are going to handle all of this. What I do know is that God will get us through it and we are going to be fine.

Here at the parish, even though we are not allowed to have public liturgies and all of our activities are suspended, we are busy at work. I will not bore you with all the details right now, but rest assured that the staff is working hard to handle this situation and to serve you and help you stay close to God. Like in every crisis situation, people want immediate activity. Experience teaches us that it is better to go slow at the beginning and then come up to speed. Experience is a very good teacher! There are a lot of things the staff is trying to juggle under very trying and unique circumstances, so please keep us in your prayers as you are most definitely in ours. Another challenge in this situation is in how we respond. In a "normal emergency," we issue a clarion call and all come together to tackle whatever needs to be done. That is exactly what we cannot do this time! Likewise, our greatest strength is our coming together in prayer at holy Mass and that is exactly what we are being denied. My heart aches that people cannot receive Jesus in the Eucharist. I am confident that the devil is thrilled, laughing and pleased to no end that so many are unable to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Fight the devil and the temptation of anger, fear, anxiety and panic. Do not distance yourself from God. Stay close to Jesus in prayer by a Spiritual Communion,

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I Love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

In Pace Christi,

*Jr. May*

**Masses will be prayed privately for the following intentions**

**Monday, March 23, 2020**

Nieve Galey  
†Guido Bulgarelli  
Karen Calderon

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020**

†Joe Fedorko  
†Sophia "Chris" Bushkuhl  
†Luis Gerardo Huerta

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

†Michael Malekie  
†Rosa Salazar de Sanchez  
Fernanda Calderon

**Thursday, March 26, 2020**

†Maria de Loudes Alvarez Aldana  
†Captain Steve Davis  
Babylyn Diones Dagdag

**Friday, March 27, 2020**

†Gayla Stroble  
Frank Rincon  
Komi Yabi

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**

†Robert E. VanNieuwenhuise

**Sunday, March 29, 2020**

†Eleanor Pasaeman  
Missa Pro Populo  
†Alicia Madrid  
Dan Kenneavy  
†Carolina Reyna  
†Pat Gray  
Delfino Jesus Lopez

**Other Remembrances**

S. Bockholt, Elfinio Jesus Lopez

**Mass Readings**

<b>Monday</b>	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
<b>Friday</b>	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19- 20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
<b>Sunday</b>	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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

Nathaly Moreno and George Sosa

**The Seven Precepts of the Church**

- I. To attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and resting from servile works.
- II. To observe the days of abstinence and fasting.
- III. To confess our sins to a priest, at least once a year.
- IV. To receive Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist at least once a year during Easter Season.
- V. To contribute to the support of the Church.
- VI. To obey the laws of the Church concerning Matrimony.
- VII. To participate in the Church's mission of Evangelization of Souls. (Missionary Spirit of the Church)

I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.

**St. John Paul II**

**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.**

**The Ten Commandments**

- I. I the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods before me.
- II. You shall not take the name of the Lord God in vain
- III. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day
- IV. Honor your father and your mother
- V. You shall not kill
- VI. You shall not commit adultery
- VII. You shall not steal
- VIII. You shall not bear false witness
- IX. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife
- X. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods



While all public liturgies  
and parish activities are  
suspended, the Church and  
Chapel are open for prayer.

The Adoration Chapel is  
open 24/7.

Please observe “Social  
Distancing” but not  
“Spiritual Distancing.”

During this time when Liturgies and Parish Activities are suspended, our bills are not.

St. John Vianney Parish operates on a budget of more than \$500,000 a month.

Your continued financial stewardship and support are crucial. You may continue your offerings by Direct Deposit from your bank or WeShare

<https://stjohnvianney.churchgiving.com/>



Want to donate but you don't have cash or a check to write?

How about donating by texting?

Text a dollar amount to 281.884.3212

or scan QR Code



Mail or drop your offertory envelopes at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your faithful support.





# Annunciation of the Lord

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God’s plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God’s decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God’s instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God’s grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God’s grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

## Reflection

Sometimes spiritual writers are accused of putting Mary on a pedestal and thereby, discouraging ordinary humans from imitating her. Perhaps such an observation is misguided. God did put Mary on a pedestal and has put all human beings on a pedestal. We have scarcely begun to realize the magnificence of divine grace, the wonder of God’s freely given love. The marvel of Mary—even in the midst of her very ordinary life—is God’s shout to us to wake up to the marvelous creatures that we all are by divine design.

ADULT FORMATION



## Adult Confirmation Preparation

*For Baptized Catholic Adults*

**Register on the parish website or  
in the Adult Formation Office  
No fee for sacrament preparation**

# J e f f   C a v i n s

Presents....in person

***The Activated Disciple***

***Taking Your Faith To The Next Level!***

***St. John Vianney Catholic Church***

***Activity Center***

***May 1 & 2, 2020***

**\$40.00 includes both presentations, dessert reception, light  
breakfast refreshments, and box lunch on Saturday  
(sorry, no partial packages)**



### **Friday evening presentation:**

***Simplifying Your Life With Heaven In Mind***

**7:00pm—8:30pm (check-in begins at 6pm)**

**Dessert reception immediately following**

### **Saturday:**

***The Activated Disciple***

**9:00am -3:00pm**

**(check-in begins at 8am)**

Register on the parish website:

<https://stjohnvianney.weshareonline.org/JeffCavins2020>

or in the Adult Formation Office.

Questions? Contact Yvonne Gill: [ygill@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:ygill@stjohnvianney.org)



PARISH LIFE

# CAMP SJV



**St. John Vianney  
Summer Day Camp 2020**

**Ages 4 - 12**

**Monday - Friday**

**June 1 - July 31**

*Information now available!*

*sjvcamp@stjohnvianney.org or visit our website stjohnvianney.org*



## **SJV NIGHT AT THE BALLGAME**

**scheduled for Friday, April 24  
has been postponed to a  
later date**

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

*Can you not spend  
one hour with me?*  
**Adoration and  
Prayer**



**24 hours a day  
7 days a week in the  
Adoration Chapel**  
For more information  
or to sign up please  
contact Jeff Willard  
281-752-2423 or email:  
[jwillard@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:jwillard@stjohnvianney.org)

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### **Postponed - Music Events at St. John Vianney**

**Postponed - Monday, April 6th (8:00pm; Chapel)**

**Tenebrae Service featuring the Vesper Choir  
Director, Dr. Michael Ging**

**Postponed - Thursday, April 16th (7:30pm; Church)**

**Piano Concert featuring, Pablo Martinez  
SJV Spanish Choir Director**

**Postponed - Tuesday, April 21st (7:30pm; Church)**

**Vernet-Meckler Organ Duo Concert  
featuring Olivier Vernet and Cedric Meckler from France.**

**Postponed - Friday, May 8th (7:30pm; Church)**

**ECHO Concert (Energy Corridor Houston Orchestra)  
featuring the St. John Vianney Sanctuary Choir. *Ticketed event***

**Please contact the Music Ministry Office for more information about these upcoming events.**

## YOUTH FORMATION

# CCE

**Currently CCE  
Classes have been  
suspended**

## Vacation Bible School



**9:30 am—12:30 pm**

**Week 1: July 27—31**

**Week 2: August 3-7**

**On-line Registration**

**Now Open**

*Teen Acts  
Retreat*  
**Camp Kappe**

**June 11—14**

**Cost: \$195**



Registration for Teen Acts is now open! We only have 30 slots available, 15 for girls and 15 for guys. Priority will be given to registered parishioners. Registration is first come, first served.

You can pay online and fill out the registration form in the CCE office. This retreat is open to all rising 9th-12th graders.

email Lee Clark at

lclark@stjohnvianney.org for any questions

[www.stjohnvianney.org/teen-acts](http://www.stjohnvianney.org/teen-acts)

## Bible Story Time



Has been  
suspended until  
further notice



## SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY

# Walking with *Moms* in Need a year of service

## DID YOU KNOW?

According to 2014 statistics from abortion providers, women who chose abortion were **poor** (75% were low income), **young** (60% were in their 20s), and **unmarried** (86% were unmarried). They came from **all** cultures and backgrounds, and many of them **reported a religious affiliation**. This includes a staggering **24% who identified themselves as Catholic** (USCCB).

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be *"islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference."*

On March 25, 2020, the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**, the Church will celebrate the 25th anniversary year of the prophetic papal encyclical ***Evangelium vitae*** (*The Gospel of Life*). This document, written by Pope St. John Paul II, reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life.

This anniversary year gives us a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand, and better communicate resources and assistance to pregnant moms and parenting families in need at the local level. Our parish is joining a nationwide effort entitled: ***"Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service."***

We invite all parishioners to join us in **praying for pregnant and parenting moms** as we embark on this pastoral *Year of Service*. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact the Social Service Ministries office at 281.497.4434 or [vcClinton@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:vcClinton@stjohnvianney.org)

*"In modern times, the feast of the Annunciation has taken on special meaning in the Church's efforts to protect and defend all human life. Scientific advances have allowed us to confirm that life begins at conception. The Annunciation helps us to recognize the gift of new life from its very beginning in the womb. It calls us to reflect on how we are to care for, protect, and welcome new life, as the Blessed Mother did for the Christ child"* (USCCB, *Walking With Moms In Need*)



## JOSEPH'S COAT RESALE SHOP

is closed until further notice and will be **unable to receive donations** throughout this time. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.