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Living Faith

Changing Lives

Making a Difference

Dear Friends in Christ,

I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began the good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right that I should think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, you who are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. Phil 1:3-11

I have always liked St. Paul, and in particular his Epistle to the Philippians. These words of his, I now make my own in a new and special way. In a previous letter, I made mention of how the devil must be smiling and pleased that so many are denied the chance to offer Mass and receive the Real Presence of Our Lord in Holy Communion. At the same time, I know that God can and is bringing about good in this most difficult time. As I take a few precious moments to reflect, I not only think of the many sick and those who have died and those who are in mourning or in fear, I am also thinking of all the people around the world who never get to receive Jesus because of persecution or lack of priests. I think of the many who do not know Jesus and his love for them. I think of what a hardship this is for us to be denied the gift of the Eucharist and gathering together as a family of faith. I think too of the many people for whom this period of Eucharistic fasting is making them more cognizant of the gift that we have and how we take it for granted so often. I think and pray for the more than 60 priests who have died in Italy alone from this pandemic. I pray that their lives may inspire many young men to take up the cross and follow the Lord's invitation of "Come, follow me!"

As I pray the mass without you being physically present, I am praying that the Lord will be spiritually present to you and you with Him. As we face so many issues because of this pandemic, I pray that it will help many focus more on God and the things that really matter. I read one comment by a Polish cardinal who works in the Vatican. His Eminence Konrad Cardinal Krajewski is the Papal Almoner. That means he is the guy in charge of disbursing alms to the poor on behalf of the pope. He literally goes about Rome feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and sheltering the homeless. The quarantine in Italy has made it impossible in many ways to continue. This is similar to our situation now in Houston. It was his actions in response to the shutdown that prompted Pope Francis to issue an order to keep the churches in Italy open for private prayer when they had previously been ordered closed. He pointed out how the poor and all of God's children in time of crisis need to come into God's house. I am sure it was this action of Pope Francis that inspired Cardinal DiNardo's similar instruction for us in this archdiocese that the church doors should remain open. During these days when our liturgies and activities have been suspended, I have been edified by the constant stream of people coming and making visits to pray before the Blessed Sacrament day and night. An additional insight by Cardinal Krajewski was that one of the things the COVID-19 pandemic has caused and brought to light is awareness that deep down everyone is actually pro-life whether they admit it or not!

While this health emergency prohibits us from gathering together as one, it does not prohibit us from our primary mission of loving and serving the Lord! It does not prohibit us from seeking God in prayer. It does not prohibit us from serving our neighbor in love. It does not prohibit us from keeping our eyes always focused on the Lord and keeping heaven as our goal. Like the discipline of Lent which helps us focus on the Lord, this crisis can also help us do the same. May our time apart help us grow evermore stronger in our desire to be together as the Church, a family of faith, a communion of love. May our love for the Lord unite us in our hearts and help us bear witness to the world, especially to those in our own family, our neighborhoods, work places and schools to God's infinite love and mercy for all. My prayer is that while this virus forces us together in our homes, that it will help bring us together in prayer, strengthen our hope and deepen our faith that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Mary, Our Mother and Our Queen. Pray for us.

St. John Vianney, Holy Cure' of Ars and patron of our parish. Pray for us.

In Pace Christi,

J. J. J.

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.

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

Monday, March 30, 2020

† John Coad
† Sam Raia
Chiara Le

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Bob Blanton
† Ed Blanton
† Deceased members of Hopcus Family

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

† Cecil E. Gunter
† George Humphries
† Tom White

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Yebine Yabi
Mariana Calderon
Robert Sanders

Friday, April 3, 2020

† Dolores Carthwright
† Pilar Rangel
Marline Mogan

Saturday, April 4, 2020

† Thomas S. Armata, Jr.

Sunday, April 5, 2020

† Robert Baros
Missa Pro Populo
Fr. Clark Sample
† Pauline Perry
† Eugenia Alegria de Pliberti
† Joseph Wen
† Dario Echeverry

New Parishioners

Welcome to our St. John Vianney Family

Andrew and Danya Blaquiere, Matthew Zelinsky, Laura Fisher, Genevieve Shope, Alexis Medrano and Michelle Melgar, Editha Genes, Uriel and Juana Rojas



AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE

**Let us Rejoice and Pray for these
soon-to-be married couples:**

Nathaly Moreno and George Sosa
Cassandra Andrews and Ron Blanchard

Stewardship - February 2020

Collections	\$313,124.10
WeShare	\$100,396.73
Text to Give	\$ 246.00
	\$413,766.83
Parish Goal	\$430,000.00
Total Number of Households:	5,050
Number of Donors to date	304
Amount Paid to Date:	\$125,703.81



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.



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](#)



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.



Saint Isidore of Seville's Story

The 76 years of Isidore's life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the land a century and a half earlier, and shortly before Isidore's birth they set up their own capital. They were Arians—Christians who said Christ was not God. Thus, Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths).

Isidore reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning. The country served as a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders.

Born in Cartagena of a family that included three other sibling saints—Leander, Fulgentius and Florentina—he was educated by his elder brother, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville.

An amazingly learned man, he was sometimes called "The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages" because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world—beginning with creation! He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still in use in Toledo, Spain. For all these reasons, Isidore has been suggested as patron of the Internet. Several others—including Anthony of Padua—also have been suggested.

He continued his austerities even as he approached age 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside.

Reflection

Our society can well use Isidore's spirit of combining learning and holiness. Loving, understanding and knowledge can heal and bring a broken people back together. We are not barbarians like the invaders of Isidore's Spain. But people who are swamped by riches and overwhelmed by scientific and technological advances can lose much of their understanding love for one another.

Saint Isidore of Seville is the Patron Saint of:

Internet
Computers

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

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)

PARISH LIFE

CAMP SJV

St. John Vianney

Summer Day Camp 2020



Ages 4 - 12

Monday - Friday

June 1 - July 31

On-line registration for camp is now open

For our camp information with fees, the calendar and the link to register online, visit <https://www.stjohnvianney.org/ministries/parish-life/camp-sjv/>

To contact the camp office, please email sjvcamp@stjohnvianney.org



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Please pray for the elect and candidates as they continue their formation and journey to the Easter sacraments although, due to the Coronavirus situation their initiation has been delayed. We give thanks to God for them and their response to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and look forward with them to the day they will join us at the table of the Lord.

Remember also in prayer their godparents, sponsors, and RCIA team members who journey with them.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
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CATHOLICISM: A JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF THE FAITH - ROBERT BARRON
SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND - PART I: KNOWING THE FAITH
POPE JOHN PAUL II
MARY



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Recommended movies:

The Bible Connection: Jeremiah; Restless Heart: St. Augustine ; Mother Teresa

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**

Postponed until
further notice.

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)

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

Register on the parish website: <https://stjohnvianney.weshareonline.org/JeffCavins2020> or in
the Adult Formation Office.

Questions? Contact Yvonne Gill: ygill@stjohnvianney.org

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

Bible Story Time



Has been
suspended until
further notice

SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

If you or someone you know needs help getting through these uncertain times, dial 211. The 211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE is available 24/7 to connect you with food, child care, transportation, and other critical information and resources. Help is available in several different languages.

211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE connects callers with critical health and human service programs such as:

- Basic needs like food, shelter, clothing, rent and utility assistance
- Physical and mental health services including support groups, counseling, and rehabilitation
- Financial assistance for job training
- Programs for seniors such as home-delivered meals, respite care, and home health care

Unemployment Benefits: If your employment has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, apply for benefits either online at <https://twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/unemployment-benefits-services> or by calling the Texas Workforce Commission's Tele-Center at 800-939-6631 from 8 am to 6 pm Central Time, Monday through Friday. TCW is experiencing an increase in call volumes and hold times on Tele-Center phone lines. You are encouraged to use the online claim portal to handle your claim needs quickly. Unemployment Benefits Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You are encouraged to sign up for Electronic Correspondence (<https://twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/unemployment-benefits-services#viewElectronicCorrespondence>) so you can receive your TWC communications online as soon as possible. Extended Benefits (EB) and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) are not available at this time.

Tax Payment Assistance: Taxpayers will have an extra 90 days to pay any federal taxes they owe. The deadline for 2019 payments is July 15, 2020

For additional resources, visit SJV's website at www.stjohnvianney.org/covid-19-resources

Walking with Moms in Need

a year of service

In light of current events, SJV is adjusting our schedule for the **Year of Service** according to what is pastorally and practically appropriate for everyone's safety. In the meantime, **we can still pray**, wherever we are, that this **Year of Service** will help us increase our outreach, so that every pregnant and parenting mother in need may know she can turn to her local



A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS



O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.* Amen.

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