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Living Faith

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend we observe the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. In our Gospel reading at Mass, we hear the Great Commission that Jesus gives to his disciples. *"All power in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always until the end of the age."* (Mt. 28.20). These words are always relevant but even more so at this time. I am always impressed that Jesus in his last words to His disciples before he ascends into heaven is a command, an imperative. Notice his words of instruction: Go – Make – Teach – Baptize – Behold. As a note, I would point out there is no asterisk to this instruction indicating any exemptions or conditions. Jesus does not indicate that there are times or conditions when we do not have to do these things. He does not offer it as a hopeful wish, nor does he say that we are to do these things only when it is easy or convenient. Likewise, Jesus does not suggest that we embark on these things only when the conditions are perfect. Yet, too often as Christians that is what we do. We hesitate. We make excuses. We procrastinate. To be a disciple of Jesus is not to be a person who just sits around and thinks pleasant thoughts. To be a disciple of Jesus is to be a missionary. Jesus sends us out. He says "GO!" To be a disciple of Jesus is to be men and women of action "MAKE, TEACH, BAPTIZE". To be a disciple of Jesus is to be confident in Him, "BEHOLD, I am with you always!"

This Great Commission is not restricted to a small number of the disciples. Jesus does not say this only to Peter or Andrew or John. Jesus, in this climatic moment of His earthly life and ministry, after he has been crucified and risen from the tomb, after years of preaching, teaching and healing commands His disciples to continue what he has begun. He commands us, you and me, to continue what he has begun. Jesus does not want or need spectators or fans. He wants us and commands us to missionary disciples, all of us. Every mother and father, husband and wife, son and daughter, brother and sister, priest and religious, old and young, single or married, rich and poor, all of us are commissioned by the Lord. To be a disciple of Jesus is more than being an admirer. To be a disciple of Jesus is to be a disciple maker. Who have you brought to Jesus? How many disciples have you made recently? Who have you shared the teachings of Jesus within the last week? The last month?

Right now, even more than "normal," our world is filled with fear, uncertainty and loneliness. Many people are afraid and for many that fear is turning into anger and despair. What is the answer? Masks? Social distancing? A vaccine? A government check? Hand washing? A Plexiglas divider? Zoom meetings? Contact tracing? There is nothing wrong with any of these things per se in our current situation, but none of them can or will cure what is really wrong. None of these things can give true meaning to our lives or fill our hearts with love. None of these things will save us from eternal death. The fear, uncertainty and loneliness that is present in the current situation is but a symptom of the greater disease that has infected humanity. Very simply, the world needs Jesus. We need Jesus. Your spouse and your kids need Jesus. Your neighbors, coworkers and friends need Jesus. The cure to fear, uncertainty and loneliness is Jesus Christ! God knows this and that is why He sent His only Son into the world. Jesus knows this too and that is why He is sending you and me to GO-MAKE-TEACH-BAPTIZE and BEHOLD!

We start today.

In Pace Christi,

This Sunday's Reading

Reading 1 ACTS 1:1-11

Reading 2 EPH 1:17-23

Gospel MT 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



In Memory of
John C. Bianchi, Jr.

Donated by:
Marta Bianchi

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

Alexa Hernandez and Tyler Wood
Mallory Dungen and Michael Cook



Powered by  Evangelus



More on Evangelus

Evangelus is a promising new online church communication tool. We hope it will keep us all better connected to each other and to the life of the parish. Our first step was to load our parishioner contact list into the system and begin using it for parish-wide emails. There is still much to learn and explore like adding ministry groups and social media integration. We appreciate everyone's patience as we roll out this new system.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 25

9:00 am Sharon Sipes and Family
12:10 pm +Julia Salvatierra Ramos
7:00 pm +Eleanor Bova

Tuesday, May 26

9:00 am +Conrado Garcia
12:10 pm +Al Quijano
7:00 pm +Uvalde Garcia

Wednesday, May 27

9:00 am +Emily Steinkogler
12:10 pm Fred and Cris Hegner
7:00 pm +Enny Fernandez Carros

Thursday, May 28

9:00 am +Natalizia Locandro
12:10 pm Tommy and Cecilia Evans
7:00 pm +Father Manuel LaRosa

Friday, May 29

9:00 am Carol Hoefling
12:10 pm Rocky and Celina Pittman
7:00 pm +Monica Zapata

Saturday, May 30

5:30 pm +Pedro Francisco DeCossio

Sunday, May 31

8:00 am +Mary Lou Gaudin
11:00 am Bulletin Sponsors
12:30 pm Andrea Calderon
2:00 pm +Saturnino Corona
7:00 pm +Pablo Roman y Martimiana Sanchez

Other Remembrance

+Abdallah Masri, Houda Faddoul, Adib Turk, S. Bolkholt

Mass Readings

Monday Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6 7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc, 36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25; Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35, 27-28, 29bc, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Sunday Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

TO THOSE WHO
COURAGEOUSLY
GAVE THEIR LIVES...



AND THOSE WHO
BRAVELY FIGHT
TODAY...



IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY
THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 25

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

PARISH REOPENING MASS



**Beginning this Saturday, May 23
5:30 p.m.**

Sunday, May 24

**8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

Spanish: 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Monday—Friday

9:00 a.m.

12:10 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

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)

STEWARDSHIP

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
To
Give**



Text a dollar amount to
[281.884.3212](tel:281.884.3212)
or scan QR Code

Mail or drop your offertory envelopes at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your faithful support.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Alleluia!!!

The RCIA Elect and Candidates who have persevered in their journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church will celebrate the sacraments



of Initiation on Saturday, May 30, in the 5:30pm Mass. We give thanks to God for them and their steadfast faithfulness in their response to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and look forward to the day they will join us at the table of the Lord.

Remember them in prayer in these final days of preparation and anticipation and also pray for their godparents, sponsors, and RCIA team members, who journey with them.

May they become known to us and us, to them!!



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

It is easy to access:

- 1) go to Formed.org
- 2) Enter parish code: eef59
- 3) Create your personal account

Recommended movie: Paul VI: The Misunderstood Pope

He was the Pope who closed the Second Vatican Council. He led the Catholic Church in the midst of one of its worst crises in history. He steered the course of the Church through the revolution of 1968 that shook the moral basis of a civilization. He was under fire from Lefèbvre fundamentalists, pro-guerrilla Liberation Theology priests, sexual revolution advocates, and a press without scruples. Pope Paul VI was the first Vicar of Christ to visit Africa, America, Oceania, Asia, and the Holy Land. He was the first Pope to speak at the United Nations. He was pious, ecumenical, open to dialogue; a Pope perhaps too modern and prophetic to be understood by the people of his time. This documentary film rediscovers a Pope whose holiness is now recognized by the Church through his beatification by Pope Francis in October 2014. **Feast day: 5/29**

ADULT FORMATION

J E F F C A V I N S

Presents

The Activated Disciple

Taking Your Faith To The Next Level!

St. John Vianney Catholic Church

August 28 & 29, 2020



Friday evening presentation (in the Church):

Simplifying Your Life With Heaven In Mind

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

Dessert reception immediately following!

Saturday (in the Church):

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)

Complete and mail or deliver this form to the Adult Formation Office or register on-line
on the parish website: www.stjohnvianney.org

Date: _____ Name: _____

Email address: _____ Telephone: _____

Box Lunch (includes sandwich or wrap, cookie, chips, pickle) **check one:**

turkey ___ chicken salad ___ veggie wrap ___ in gluten free bread/wrap ___

Questions? Contact Yvonne Gill: ygill@stjohnvianney.org

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

MATTHEW KELLEY

Presents

AMAZING POSSIBILITIES

God Sees Them All. It's Time You See Them Too!

November 18, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Saint John Vianney Church



Tickets now on sale

DynamicCatholic.com/Houston

Did you know.....traditionally we sing the Marian hymn, *Regina Caeli*, during the Easter season. This Easter prayer ("Queen of Heaven") is a tribute to our savior's resurrection and to our savior's mother, Mary.

The *Regina Caeli* is one of four antiphons (short liturgical texts sung or chanted, in a responsorial pattern) dedicated to Our Lady. It is often sung as a hymn and has had numerous musical settings in its original Latin text, including several by Mozart.

Traditionally, it is prayed standing, often at noon, in place of another well-known prayer, *the Angelus*, during the Easter Season from Holy Saturday until Pentecost.

Although she is Queen of Heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary is by no means aloof! St. Alphonsus Liguori, in his well-known work *The Glories of Mary*, quotes Blessed Amadeus as saying, "our Queen is constantly before the Divine Majesty, interceding for us with her most powerful prayers."

"Let the soul of Mary be in each of us to magnify the Lord, and the spirit of Mary be in each of us to rejoice in God!" St. Ambrose

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.
For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.
Has risen as He said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.*


Let us pray
O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

This prayer reminds us at Easter, and throughout the year, of how much we have to be thankful for, even in the midst of our daily trials. When our Lord conquered death by His resurrection he opened the gates of Heaven for us to be able to share Eternal Life with Him, along with his Mother, the saints, and our loved ones!



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY YOUNG ADULTS

Check out our virtual offerings!
Email: TCooper@stjohnvianney.org
Website: www.stjohnvianney.org/youngadults
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SJVYoungAdults>
Instagram: SJVYA



YOUNG ADULT
DINNER OUT
FRIDAY, MAY 29 7PM

CHILI'S 12131 KATY FREEWAY

RSVP REQUIRED BY 5/26 TO
TCooper@StJohnVianney.org

Young Adult Front Lawn Social



Tuesday, May 26th 6:30pm. Come hangout and catchup social distance style!
Leave the laptop at home and just bring your own chair

C. S. LEWIS' SCREWTAPE LETTERS: A WEEKLY GROUP STUDY



NO NEED TO READ AHEAD. JUST JOIN, LISTEN TO THAT WEEK'S LETTER, AND DISCUSS.
MONDAYS 7-8:30PM STARTING ZOOM. TO JOIN EMAIL TCooper@StJohnVianney.org

SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY

Help
us
help
those
in
need!

SJV is inviting everyone in the community to bring a bagged or boxed donation of non-perishable food to our **Drive-by Food Drive** benefiting Catholic Charities' Guadalupe Center and Magnificat House

St. John Vianney

**DRIVE-by
FOOD DRIVE**



Just drive up to one of the 6 drop-off stations on the main parking lot and our volunteers will pick up the items from your trunk.

Some of their most-needed items include:

non-refrigerated shelf-stable milk & fruit juices, canned meats, canned vegetables, pasta, dry rice and beans, mac 'n cheese, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, pancake mix, grits, vegetable oil, nuts, salt, pepper, hot sauce, herbs & spices, ground coffee, chips, cookies, toiletries & personal hygiene items, and household cleaning supplies.

If you want to make an even bigger difference in others' lives, we invite you to volunteer and help with the Food Drive! You can direct traffic, bring your truck, help load it and drive it to the benefiting organizations, help load & unload donations, and much more!

Volunteer slots are filling up quickly, so **sign up** as soon as you can!

Saturday May 30

9 am - 12 noon

SJV Main

Parking Lot

*Rain out date
June 6
9 am to Noon



YOUTH FORMATION

CCE Registration

We invite you to register
your student,
PK-12th grade,
for our weekly
faith formation classes



**2020 - 2021
CCE Registration
Now Open**

Registration forms available online:
<https://www.stjohnvianney.org/youth-formation/>

Vacation Online Bible School



The Adventure

begins July 27

Registration now Open

\$15 each - K-5th Grade child

Visit parish website or

email Anabel Acosta at

aacosta@stjohnvianney.org

for more information

Teen Acts Retreat Camp Kappe

**New Date:
August 6-9
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.
This retreat is open to all rising 9th-12th graders.

email Lee Clark at
lclark@stjohnvianney.org
for information

www.stjohnvianney.org/teen-acts

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



@SJV YOUTH FORMATION



Save the Date

Parish Bazaar
 Sunday, October 11 11:00 am – 6:00 pm.

BAZAAR

YOUNG CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



We have a few spaces left for our **YOUNG CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** which will begin in September. Children must be one on or before 9/1/2019.

If you have questions or are interested in more info, please email Ann Turner at aturner@stjohnvianney.org

WORSHIP

The Adoration Chapel is open 24/7.

Please observe "Social Distancing" but not "Spiritual Distancing."



SAINT OF THE DAY - MAY 28



Venerable Pierre Toussaint's

Born in modern-day Haiti and brought to New York City as a slave, Pierre died a free man, a renowned hairdresser, and one of New York City's most well-known Catholics.

Plantation owner Pierre Bérard made Toussaint a house slave and allowed his grandmother to teach her grandson how to read and write. In his early 20s, Pierre, his younger sister, his aunt, and two other house slaves accompanied their master's son to New York City because of political unrest at home. Apprenticed to a local hairdresser, Pierre learned the trade quickly and eventually worked very successfully in the homes of rich women in New York City.

When his master died, Pierre was determined to support himself, his master's widow, and the other house slaves. He was freed shortly before the widow's death in 1807.

Four years later, he married Marie Rose Juliette, whose freedom he had purchased. They later adopted Euphémie, his orphaned niece. Both preceded Pierre in death. He attended daily Mass at St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street, the same parish that Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton had attended.

Pierre donated to various charities, generously assisting blacks and whites in need. He and his wife opened their home to orphans and educated them. The couple also nursed abandoned people who were suffering from yellow fever. Urged to retire and enjoy the wealth he had accumulated, Pierre responded, "I have enough for myself, but if I stop working I have not enough for others."

Pierre originally was buried outside St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, where he was once refused entrance because of his race. His sanctity and the popular devotion to him caused his body to be moved to the present location of St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue.

Pierre Toussaint was declared Venerable in 1996.



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