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Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate Independence Day. It seems odd to celebrate the Fourth of July amidst the Coronavirus pandemic and the incidents of civil unrest that continue to erupt around the country. But we should celebrate our freedom and thank God for the innumerable blessings we enjoy as Americans. It is indisputable that our country is indeed one of the most blessed nations in the history of the world. Few seem to be aware that before President Trump several politicians have used the phrase "Make America Great Again" including Presidents Reagan and Clinton and even Hilary Clinton in 2008! We sing in *America, The Beautiful*, "God has shed His grace on thee." Indeed, He has. That is what has made our America truly beautiful and great. It was true in the past. It is true today and will be the reason for our future beauty and greatness. What diminishes our beauty and our greatness is when we squander those graces by forgetting that God is the true source of our blessings.

The recent protests are in many ways, but not all, infantile and silly not to mention misguided and in too many instances harmful and evil. Peaceful protests and demonstrations are venerable, appropriate and legitimate forms of expression in a democracy. Mob rule and riots are not. The right of free speech and the right of assembly are enshrined and protected in our Constitution. Destruction of property; public or private, and disorderly conduct and unlawful behavior are not. Ours is not a perfect nation, we are not a perfect people. That should not be a surprise to anyone nor is it the essence of who we are as a nation. Truth in fact, we are a great nation comprised of good people striving to become an even better nation. Anarchy is not the remedy for our imperfections nor is it the prescription for a more just, free or prosperous society. The founders of our great republic knew this as have people throughout the ages. What makes America great is not the perfection or impeccability of our leaders or citizens but our commitment to liberty and justice. As Catholics we know better than most that every saint was once a sinner and every sinner can repent and become a saint! It is not by accident that so many around the world continue to see America as a beacon of freedom that still gives hope. That shining light of freedom has been purchased by American blood shed over the years along with great amounts of sweat and tears. The enjoyment and exercise of that liberty endowed to us by our creator, enshrined in our founding documents, and defended in blood is dependent upon the morality and virtue of our citizens. The Scriptures teach us, "Virtue exalts a nation, but sin is a people's disgrace" (Prv 14:34). Our liberty is brought to us by our democracy. However, democracy cannot survive without moral individuals. Democracy without morality devolves into a battle of power, a contest of the strong over the weak. A democracy that becomes untethered from morality and virtue will cease to serve the common good and be the instrument of freedom. One of the truths that democracy teaches is that might does not make right.

Just as there is an essential difference between might and right, there is also a difference between morals and values. All societies, even tyrannical and oppressive societies and forms of government, have values. Even Socialist and Communist governments have values. They value the Party over the people and the state over individuals' rights and freedoms. What enables a democracy and its fruits to thrive however is virtue. As the 19th century political writer, Alexis de Tocqueville, observed in his famous work *Democracy in America*, what makes America great is not the many natural resources of the land but the morality and virtue of her people. This he rightly saw was formed and cultivated in the churches and religious practice of America's people.

If we truly want America to be great, regardless of our political affiliation; if we really want to strive to make our country a more perfect union for all citizens; if we sincerely desire to be the shining city on a hill for the world and for future generations; if we see our destiny and our glory as a nation that promotes and protects life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, then we must, as a people, and as individuals, turn to God, our creator and source of our blessings and freedoms. We must work to make America more virtuous by being virtuous ourselves and teaching virtue to our children. We must strive to be moral persons and people of good character. We should strive each day to act ethically - individually and corporately. We should esteem moral conduct and reject immorality in all of its forms. As the American patriot and one of our founding statesmen, Patrick Henry, stated at the time of the American Revolution, *"Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience, is incompatible with freedom. No free government, or the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality, and virtue; and by a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles."*

It should not surprise us that we have such civil unrest at a time when we as a society are experiencing an abandoning of religious practice and adherence. It should not surprise us that we have such political and social divisions when our values are no longer rooted in morals and virtues. It should not surprise us that we have corruption in our society and in our institutions (church, government, commerce, education, media) after decades of moral decay. Racism is truly evil and has damaged our country. Yet when we look at institutional, systemic and cultural immorality, ignorance and irresponsibility, we see even greater evil and harm. The moral decay and the decline of marriages and families, the moral decay of our citizens and institutions, the devaluation of good character and citizenship, the evaporation of virtue, and the eradication of religion from the public square, have done far more damage to our country. Immorality, ignorance and irresponsibility have affected people of every race, creed, class and segment of our nation. Hand wringing and complaining, protesting and rioting, are not solutions and neither is turning away and pretending it does not affect us. Ignoring the problem and hoping everything will get better is not a good plan. Nor is the solution to abandon, abolish or give up on our institutions. Rather, we need to restore and renew.

For us as Catholics and as Americans one of the greatest gifts we can give to this country that has afforded us so many privileges and opportunities, is to be great and faithful Catholics. We build up America when we live our Catholic faith with zeal and vibrancy. When we work to make our marriages strong and work to keep our families together, that makes a difference. When we raise our children to be faithful Catholics and responsible, hardworking citizens - that makes a difference. When you and I offer the example and make the contribution of faithful citizenship, we make a better America for people of all faiths and people of none. When we live moral and virtuous lives and encourage others to do the same, we make our democracy stronger. A moral life is a responsible life, it is an enlightened life; it is a noble life; it is a life of freedom.

Happy Fourth of July!

In Pace Christi,
J. J. May

This Sunday's Reading

Reading 1 [ZEC 9:9-10](#)

Reading 2 [ROM 8:9, 11-13](#)

Gospel [MT 11:25-30](#)

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Mass Readings

Monday	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

New Parishioners

Welcome to our St. John Vianney Family

Ingrid Kouassi, Alex Buenaventura and Deisy Nunez, Jessica Wimberley, Jorge Loera and Roseleen Caballero, Wade and Korinne Provoast, Simeon and Martina Irogbele, Audra Tunnell, Sky Svatek

STEWARDSHIP



Your continued support and financial stewardship is vital in fulfilling our parish mission of bringing the love of Christ to others. **New to online giving?** Automatic,

electronic giving is easy, safe and confidential. Donate on [WeShare](#) or simply text a dollar amount to 281.884.3212.

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 6, 2020

9:00 AM Martin Sterba
12:10 PM S. Bockholt

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

9:00 AM +Roland Pizzi
12:10 PM +Reynaldo T. Castaneda
7:00 PM +Edna Puno

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

9:00 AM +Pat Egan
12:10 PM +James Dooley

Thursday, July 9, 2020

9:00 AM +Jim and Alex Clymer
12:10 PM Carrie Hernandez
7:00 PM Mameltha Rugimbana

Friday, July 10, 2020

9:00 AM +Jack and Mary Boland

Saturday, July 11, 2020

5:30 PM +Kevin McGovern

Sunday, July 12, 2020

8:00 AM Roy Vasquez
9:30 AM Missa Pro Populo
11:00 AM +Gene L. Scheirman
12:30 PM +Benita Cruz Anareta
2:00 PM Estela Terminel
7:00 PM +Elizabeth Trinidad Perusquia



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

Joana Carrasquel and Yang-tse Tan
Kelly Brighi and Scott Thornton
Amy Indalecio and Thomas Jordan
Karla Roberts and Garrett Graham



**St. John Vianney's
Feast Day
Tuesday, August 4th**

If you would like to give a donation for Church flowers on this day, please contact the Parish Office (281) 497-1500

Weekday Masses



**Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday
7:00 p.m.**

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.

ADULT FORMATION



***Catholic?
Thinking about it?
Know someone who is?***

For information on the RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation) process contact:

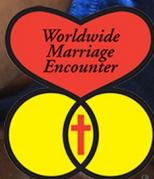
Yvonne Gill: ygill@stjohnvianney.org

The RCIA process is an opportunity to learn about the faith and traditions of the Catholic Church with no pressure or presumption that you will decide to come into Communion with the Catholic Church.

**CAN'T COME TO US?
WE'LL COME TO YOU!**

A Virtual Marriage Encounter Weekend you can participate in from home.

**MULTIPLE DATES AVAILABLE
JUNE - JULY
SEE WEB SITE
WWME10.ORG/VIRTUAL**



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCES
Connect on a Deeper Level.

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QUESTIONS? CALL BRIAN & TINA LITTLE 281-773-4014**

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 on the
Activity Center Court!**

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)

Register on-line on the parish website or download form and mail to address below or deliver to the Adult Formation office.

<https://www.stjohnvianney.org/news-events/events/jeff-cavins-presentation-2/>

Questions? Contact Yvonne Gill: ygill@stjohnvianney.org

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YOUTH FORMATION

**CCE and Sacrament
Registration
2020-2021
is now open**

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

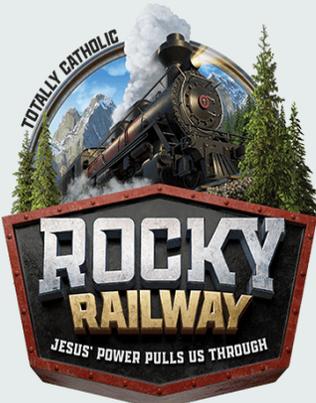
**Sacrament forms available
by appointment only**

**First Reconciliation/First Eucharist
and RCIC:**

**email cmagsipok@stjohnvianney.org
For Youth Confirmation: email
tcooper@stjohnvianney.org**

**CCE 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

SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY

COUNSELING SERVICES FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

Catholic Charities has expert bilingual counselors who can help during the COVID-19 pandemic. Call Catholic Charities' Mental Health Line from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to request a session, and a licensed counselor will call you back within a day. Call **713.874.6590**

Catholic Charities is also accepting new clients with a wide range of mental health concerns, including but not limited to depression, anxiety, trauma, or grief. Clients will be assessed by the intake staff. Fees are based on a sliding scale. **Anyone requiring these services is asked to call the intake line at 713.874.6590.**

Visit SJV's [COVID-19 Resources Page](#) to see all available resources. We continually update it as we learn of new and updated resources.

PIERCED BY SORROW, RELEASED INTO JOY

**A retreat for parents
following miscarriage**

and infant loss

July 11 & 18,

9 am - 1 pm

**Contact the Office of
Pro-Life Activities at**

713.741.8728 or

**jkfritsch@archgh.org
for more information**

& to register



**Office of Pro-Life
Activities**

***NOW
ONLINE**

YOUNG CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



YCP registration 2020-2021

We have a few spaces left for our **YOUNG CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** which will begin in September. Children must be one on or before 9/1/2020.

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

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

WORSHIP

Eucharist

“Could you not watch one hour with Me?” Matthew 26:40

The Adoration Chapel is
Open 24/7



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

Adoration

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)

SAINT OF THE DAY - JULY 5

Saint Anthony Zaccaria's Story

(1502 – July 5, 1539)

At the same time that Martin Luther was attacking abuses in the Church, a reformation within the Church was already being attempted. Among the early movers of the Counter-Reformation was Anthony Zaccaria. His mother became a widow at 18, and devoted herself to the spiritual education of her son. He received a medical doctorate at 22, and while working among the poor of his native Cremona in Italy, was attracted to the religious apostolate. He renounced his rights to any future inheritance, worked as a catechist, and was ordained a priest at the age of 26. Called to Milan in a few years, he laid the foundations of three religious congregations, one for men, one for women, and an association of married couples. Their aim was the reform of the decadent society of their day, beginning with the clergy, religious, and lay people.

Greatly inspired by Saint Paul—his congregation is named the Barnabites, after the companion of that saint—Anthony preached with great vigor in church and street, conducted popular missions, and was not ashamed of doing public penance.

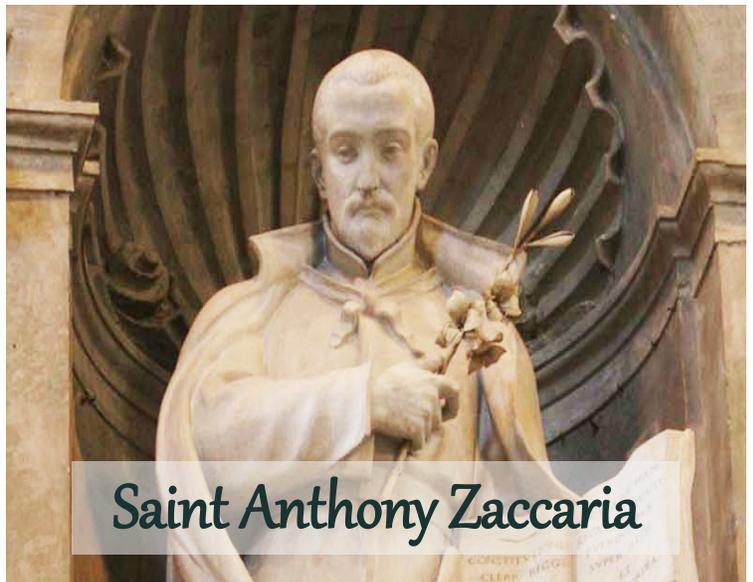
He encouraged such innovations as the collaboration of the laity in the apostolate, frequent Communion, the Forty Hours devotion, and the ringing of church bells at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays. His holiness moved many to reform their lives, but as with all saints, it also moved many to oppose him. Twice his community had to undergo official

religious investigation, and twice it was exonerated.

While on a mission of peace, he became seriously ill and was brought home for a visit to his mother. He died at Cremona at the age of 36.

Reflection

The austerity of Anthony's spirituality and the Pauline ardor of his preaching would probably "turn off" many people today. When even some psychiatrists complain at the lack of a sense of sin, it may be time to tell ourselves that not all evil is explained by emotional disorder, subconscious and unconscious drives, parental influence, and so on. The old-time "hell and damnation" mission sermons have given way to positive, encouraging, biblical homilies. We do indeed need assurance of forgiveness, relief from existential anxiety, and future shock. But we still need prophets to stand up and tell us, "If we say 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8).



Saint Anthony Zaccaria