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Dear friends in Christ,

As you probably know, I did not grow up in a Catholic household. My mother was Baptist and my step-father was Jewish. Most of my Catholic education came from attending Catholic school, the terrific priests at St. Mary's Cathedral in Galveston with the wonderful Dominican Sisters and friends who were exemplary Catholics and truly devout in the faith. I was blessed. I still am. It was from my mother and maternal grandmother, both good Baptists, that I have a strong love for Holy Scripture. They loved the Bible. It was because of my Jewish step-father that I have a great admiration for the Jewish faith, culture, history and tradition. These wonderful influences have enhanced my Catholic faith and have helped me to appreciate the richness, beauty and truth of Catholicism. I am, therefore, sometimes shocked and amazed at what I hear from lifelong Catholics and even those fortunate to have had a Catholic education. I am stunned when I hear the basic teachings distorted or when some Catholics can't accurately relate even the most basic and fundamental beliefs of the Catholic Faith.

As a young boy, one of my uncles, who I loved dearly, was very anti-Catholic. He accused Catholics of the most hideous things. While I know he loved me, he did not have anything good to say about the Catholic Church. I clearly remember the crazy things he said about Catholics. He believed that we worshipped the false gods through superstition, placed Mary above Jesus and prayed to statues among other things! I never understood where he got such nonsense. However, I have to say after many years of listening to Catholics talk about their faith, I have a better understanding of how people may be led to these false conclusions. There are sadly lots of Catholics who do not know their faith and what they think they know is not actually the teaching of the Church. (Just to be clear – we do NOT worship the false gods, worship Mary above Jesus or pray to statues!) There are far too many Catholics who, even if they accurately know the faith, cannot articulate the faith.

Why am I mentioning this now? Well, the coronavirus pandemic has disrupted a lot of things including the regular practice of our faith. This disruption has also caused some people to say some pretty "interesting" things concerning our faith – particularly the Mass, the reception of Holy Communion, the authority of bishops, confession, justification, sin and a whole host of other things. (FYI – It is not a sin to miss watching a live streamed Mass! It is a sin not to keep the Sabbath holy – even when we cannot attend Mass!) The current crisis and confusion have also revealed how many Catholics think or don't think. I am sorry to say that some of the silly notions that I have heard have even come from people that I thought knew better.

Now there have always been people with erroneous teachings and bad information, but the internet has made things worse. The internet is a wonderful tool as is much of technology, but technology can be misused as well. Crazy, stupidity and hatefulness have found a new place to grow on the worldwide web! All that being said, I would like to encourage you to use the internet! Yes, that's right, use the internet and social media. There is a lot of great stuff to be found there. But please be careful as there is a lot of crazy information as well. Go to good, solid and trusted Catholic sites. Stay away from what I call "wackadoodle" sites. Even though many of them will call themselves "Catholic" it is still prudent to be cautious. Sites that are ideologically driven (liberal or conservative), that do not support the magisterium and the Holy Father, that want us to go to Vatican III or back to the Council of Trent are not very helpful on our journey of faith. Generally, if we think it sounds a bit off, it probably is. The best thing to do is know the Catholic Faith for ourselves! Read the Catechism and your bible. Always be learning and growing in your knowledge, practice and love of our Catholic faith.

Here at St. John Vianney, we have solid, faithful and authentic catechesis for every age and stage of life. Even with the current crisis and hardships, there are plentiful opportunities to learn and grow in the faith. Check out our website for resources or contact our Youth and Adult Formation offices for assistance. Treasure your Catholic Faith and it will enrich you for eternity!

In Pace Christi,

**This Sunday's Reading**

**Reading I** Is 56:1, 6-7  
**Reading II** Rom 11:13-15, 29-32  
**Gospel** Mt 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

**Mass Readings**

**Monday** Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22  
**Tuesday** Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30  
**Wednesday** Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16  
**Thursday** Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14  
**Friday** Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40  
**Saturday** Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12  
**Sunday** Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33 36; Mt 16:13-20



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

Gabriella Bernardes and Benjamin Richardson  
 Nathaly Moreno and George Sosa



**In Memory of**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Geo Knopp  
**Donated by:**  
 Laura Crabtree

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, August 17, 2020**  
 9:00 AM + Kanta Devi  
 12:10 PM + Mr. David Lewis  
**Tuesday, August 18, 2020**  
 9:00 AM + Mr and Mrs Geo. J Knopp  
 12:10 PM + Dorothy Piazza  
 7:00 PM + Mary LeCompte  
**Wednesday, August 19, 2020**  
 9:00 AM Romeo Miller  
 12:10 PM + Esperanza Moreno  
**Thursday, August 20, 2020**  
 9:00 AM + Cecilia Gunter Brown  
 12:10 PM S. Bockholt  
 7:00 PM + Alfredo del Solar  
**Friday, August 21, 2020**  
 9:00 AM + Alexandra Joya  
 12:10 PM + Joe Del Valle  
**Saturday, August 22, 2020**  
 5:30 PM + Eleanor Brogan  
**Sunday, August 23, 2020**  
 8:00 AM + Lawerance B. Chonko  
 9:30 AM Missa Pro Populo  
 11:00 AM Chad LeBouef  
 12:30 PM Mary Dori  
 2:00 PM + Jose de la Paz Serrano y Florinda Guevara  
 5:30 PM + Mr. and Mrs. Duggan H. McCrary, Jr.  
 7:00 PM + Elida Estrella Rivera and Ricardo Alvarado Cortes

**Did You Know...** You may request a Mass for any of the following special intentions:



- For the living
- For the deceased
- In thanksgiving
- For an anniversary
- For a birthday
- For healing

For more details, please call the Parish Front office at 281-497-1500

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.

PARISH LIFE

# Parish Blood Drive



**Sunday, August 30**  
**8:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Activity Center**



**By Appointment only!**

[Click here to schedule your appointment](#)

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(for any questions please call this number)

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**PACK**

**598**

PARISH LIFE

St Anne's Society  
Presents

*Kathryn Whitaker*

Speaking to us on  
"Living A Life Full of Authenticity & Hopefulness"

Virtual Meeting on August 19th at 7pm

For more information on membership  
or meeting details please email  
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ST MONICA'S SOCIETY

For information about membership to our group of moms with school aged children (elementary to college), please email us at:



Fr. Richard Hinkley,  
SJV Parochial Vicar

StMonicasSociety@gmail.com

**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26, 2020**  
**11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM**

Father will speak about struggles with the ongoing pandemic & keeping our faith strong

SAINT OF THE DAY - AUGUST 17

**Saint Joan of the Cross' Story**  
**June 18, 1666 - August 17, 1736**

An encounter with a shabby old woman many dismissed as insane prompted Saint Joan to dedicate her life to the poor. For Joan, who had a reputation as a businesswoman intent on monetary success, this was a significant conversion.

Born in 1666 in Anjou, France, Joan worked in the family business—a small shop near a religious shrine—from an early age. After her parents' death she took over the shop. She quickly became known for her greediness and insensitivity to the beggars who often came seeking help.

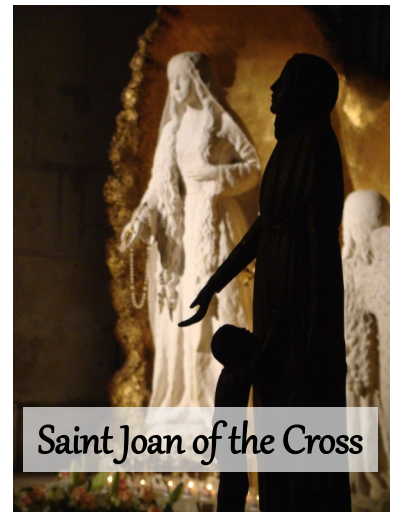
That was until she was touched by the strange woman who claimed she was on intimate terms with the deity. Joan, who had always been devout, even scrupulous, became a new person. She began caring for needy children. Then the poor, elderly, and sick came to her. Over time, she closed the family business so she could devote herself fully to good works and penance.

She went on to found what came to be known as the Congregation of Saint Anne of Providence. It was then she

took the religious name of Joan of the Cross. By the time of her death in 1736 she had founded 12 religious houses, hospices, and schools. [Pope John Paul II](#) canonized her in 1982.

**Reflection**

The downtown areas of most major cities hold a population of "street people." Well-dressed folks usually avoid making eye contact, probably for fear of being asked for a handout. That was Joan's attitude until the day one of them touched her heart. Most people thought the old woman was crazy, but she put Joan on the road to sainthood. Who knows what the next beggar we meet might do for us?



Saint Joan of the Cross

## ADULT FORMATION



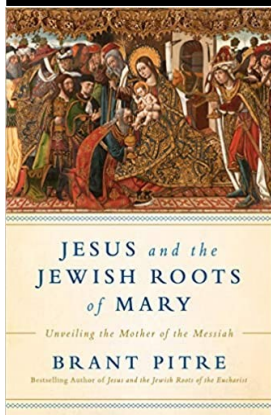
# ***Catholic? Thinking about it? Know someone who is?***

For information on the RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation) process contact:

**Yvonne Gill: [ygill@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:ygill@stjohnvianney.org)**

The RCIA process is an opportunity to learn about the faith and traditions of the Catholic Church.



### **Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary Book Study and Discussion**

Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30pm: September 15, 22, 29;

October 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov, 3, 10, 17

Register on the parish website or in the Adult Formation Office

**Participants may purchase the book through Amazon or other booksellers.**

**Sessions will be held on Zoom**

**Bestselling author of *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, Brant Pitre, casts light on our Blessed Mother, illuminating her role in the Old and New Testaments.**

Are Catholic teachings on Mary really biblical? Or are they the "traditions of men"? Should she be called the "Mother of God,"? Did she actually remain a virgin her whole life or do the "brothers of Jesus" refer to her other children? Do Catholics worship her? What does Mary have to do with the quest to understand Jesus?

In *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary*, Dr. Brant Pitre takes readers step-by-step from the Garden of Eden to the Book of Revelation to reveal how deeply biblical Catholic beliefs about Mary are. Dr. Pitre uses the Old Testament and ancient Judaism beliefs to unlock how the Bible itself teaches that Mary is the new Eve, the Mother of God, the Queen Mother, and the new Ark of the Covenant.

**"Brant Pitre is one of the most compelling theological writers on the scene today." –Bishop Robert Barron**

For more information: [ygill@stjohnvianney.org](mailto:ygill@stjohnvianney.org)

## ADULT FORMATION



### *The Activated Disciple*

***The August 28/29 presentation by Jeff Cavins has been postponed.*** When restrictions to

gather in large groups have been lifted a new date will be set and announced with the hope

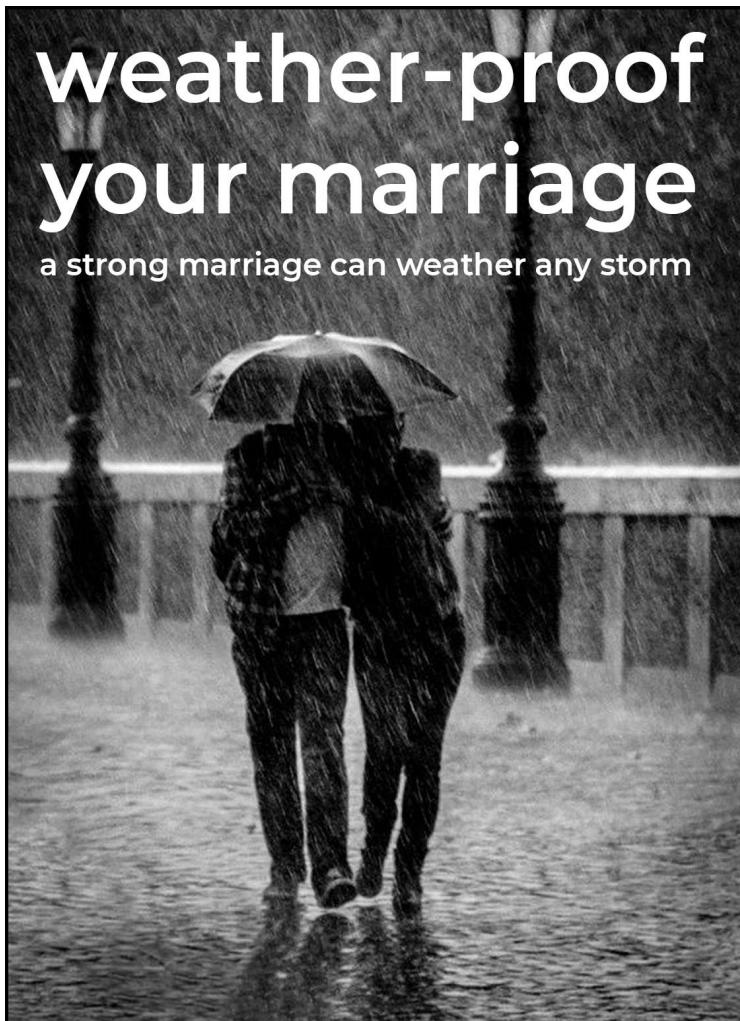
that current ticket holders will be able to attend. If you are unable to attend you can,

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

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**For Youth Confirmation:**

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**Sacrament forms available  
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**CCE Registration forms  
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**<https://www.stjohnvianney.org/youth-formation/>**

## 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)

## 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

## SAINT JOHN VIANNEY YOUNG ADULTS

**Check us out our virtual offerings!**

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# GENESIS

Exploring Man's Relationship with God

Virtual Small Group

Options:

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Starts**

**August 25/26**

Join us for a new virtual bible study hybrid as we explore man's relationship with God through The Book of Genesis. Flexibility is key to this program. Choose the time that works for your schedule. Small group size limits ensure you will not get lost in the group or talked over. Interactive handouts keep you engaged and encourage deep reflection. Bible study tailored to your ever-changing life.

Email [TCooper@StJohnVianney.org](mailto:TCooper@StJohnVianney.org) for more information.

## SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY



*Intention: May mothers and their children have access to quality, life-affirming medical care*

**Prayers:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Mary, Glory Be*

**Reflection:** In *Evangelium vitae*, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that, “A mother welcomes and carries in herself another human being, enabling it to grow inside her, giving it room, respecting it in its otherness” (EV 99). Often the first and most basic way that a mother welcomes and cares for her child is by attending to her own health. In doing so, she ultimately contributes to the wellbeing of her child, as the health of mother and child are inextricably connected. After the child is born, a mother’s devoted care continues as she nurtures this new life and attends to her child’s every need.

As healthcare costs continue to rise, obtaining access to adequate medical care can be challenging, particularly for single women in poverty. According to 2014 statistics, **75% of women who chose abortion were low income**. The financial strain of medical care can often place significant burdens on both pregnant and parenting mothers. 2016 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reveals that **15% of women in the United States received inadequate prenatal care**. As we walk with mothers in need, we pray that our efforts will help mothers and their children gain access to quality, life-affirming medical care and address this fundamental need.

On August 27, the Church celebrates the feast of [St. Monica](#), mother of St. Augustine. St. Monica spent much of her life as a single, widowed mother, dedicated to caring for her children. May we seek her intercession for all mothers facing difficulties.



## In-Home Activities for Family Caregivers



CarePartners’ *Online Activities Calendar* is a weekly calendar filled with fun crafts and stay-at-home activities for you and your loved one. It also has information on resources and online live events from CarePartners.

Visit CarePartners’ [website](#) to view each week’s calendar.

<b>MUSIC MONDAY</b>	<b>COOKING TUESDAY</b>	<b>WORKOUT WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>CRAFTY THURSDAY</b>	<b>FUN TIME FRIDAY</b>	<b>LEARNING SATURDAY</b>	<b>SELF-CARE SUNDAY</b>



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