

Saint John Vianney Adult Formation



Living faith

Changing lives

Making a difference!



The Legacy Series

A Continuing Christian Education Program for Adults

Legacy I

The Hebrew Scriptures

Legacy II

Introduction to the Bible

Legacy III

Vatican II

Sep. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7

The New Testament

The Early Church and

Christian Classics

The Development of the Creed

Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25

Church History

American Catholicism

*The Catechism:
Mining the Treasure*

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10

The Sacred Mysteries:

“The Art of Faith”

Lex Orandi/Lex Credendi

The Sacraments

How Art and Architecture

The Richness of

Reflects our Faith

Our Rituals

Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, April 7

The Legacy Series is offered on Sunday mornings.

Legacy I, at 9:30am and 11am; Legacy II and III, at 9:30am only.

There is no fee for the course and all materials are provided.

Call the Adult Formation Office for room assignments.

Little Rock Scripture Studies

The Spirituality of the Gospels

*7 Sessions - Tuesday mornings 9:40 am - 11:30 am Room C-26
Sept. 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30.*

This journey of exploration through the 4 early witnesses to the person and vision of Jesus will identify integral themes, values and ideas that have become foundational for the various spiritual traditions that have developed over the course of the centuries. This study will not only explore the different spiritual visions of the gospels but will also present the lives of those who have appropriated the transformative power of particular spiritualities to give us a deeper appreciation for the spiritual dimension of the gospels and challenge us to be transformed in Christ by their message, vision and exercise.

The Book of Revelation

*8 sessions - Sunday mornings 11 am - 12noon Room C-26
Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 21, 28, Nov. 11, 18*

*Revelation cannot be understood without taking into account the historical conditions that gave birth to it. It was written during a period of disturbance and bitter persecution to increase the hope and determination of the infant Church. **The word 'apocalypse' is a transliteration into English of the Greek word for "Revelation."** The language of apocalyptic writing is richly symbolic and the importance of the visions which are described is never in their immediate literal meaning. The Book of Revelation portrays the unchanging realities on which faith relies in any period of history. The central message of certainty and hope are expressed in complex but powerful imagery. Revelation is an epic of Christian hope, the victory song of a persecuted Church.*

\$ 15.00 fee per participant for study sets

Monday Night Bible Study

This study encourages and supports exploration and discussion of Sacred Scripture. Each session stands alone and moves at a pace determined by the discussion of the participants.

Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 sessions will explore the Book of Genesis and Exodus and move on to the Gospel of John. Concentration will be on understanding the nature of the covenant relationship between God and his chosen people, culminating in the revelation of the Father through the Incarnation, Passion, Death, Resurrection and Glorification of the Son.

No homework or study materials needed—only an open heart and a curious mind!

All are welcome!



Conversations

*...with God, the text of a Spiritual classic
and each other*

A new group for ladies (40+)

Gathering together for weekly contemplative prayer time, scripture reading and discussion of various spiritual classics.....over tea, coffee and a healthy treat!

Weekly Wednesday meetings in room C-24
begin immediately following the daily 9:00m Mass

Contact Katy Pardue at 713.501.0663

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is about a relationship that is going somewhere. A spiritual director acts as a guide, assisting a person to recognize the active presence and call of God in the people and circumstances of his or her everyday life. This guide, the spiritual director, is a trained listener, skilled in Scripture, discernment, the art of listening and is a person of prayer.

Spiritual direction is available on site, by appointment,
Contact Michele Catanese at 832.715.5917 or
michele.catanese@gmail.com

Spiritual Directors are also available at the Cenacle Retreat House, 281.497-3131 and Holy Name Retreat House, 713.464.0211



That Man Is You

A 26 week interactive, multimedia men's program divided into two 13 week "semesters." The Fall semester is dedicated to developing a vision of man fully alive; the Spring semester is dedicated to becoming "that man." Weekly meetings are designed to provide men with the opportunity to receive and apply relevant information to issues facing men today.

All Saint John Vianney men are invited!

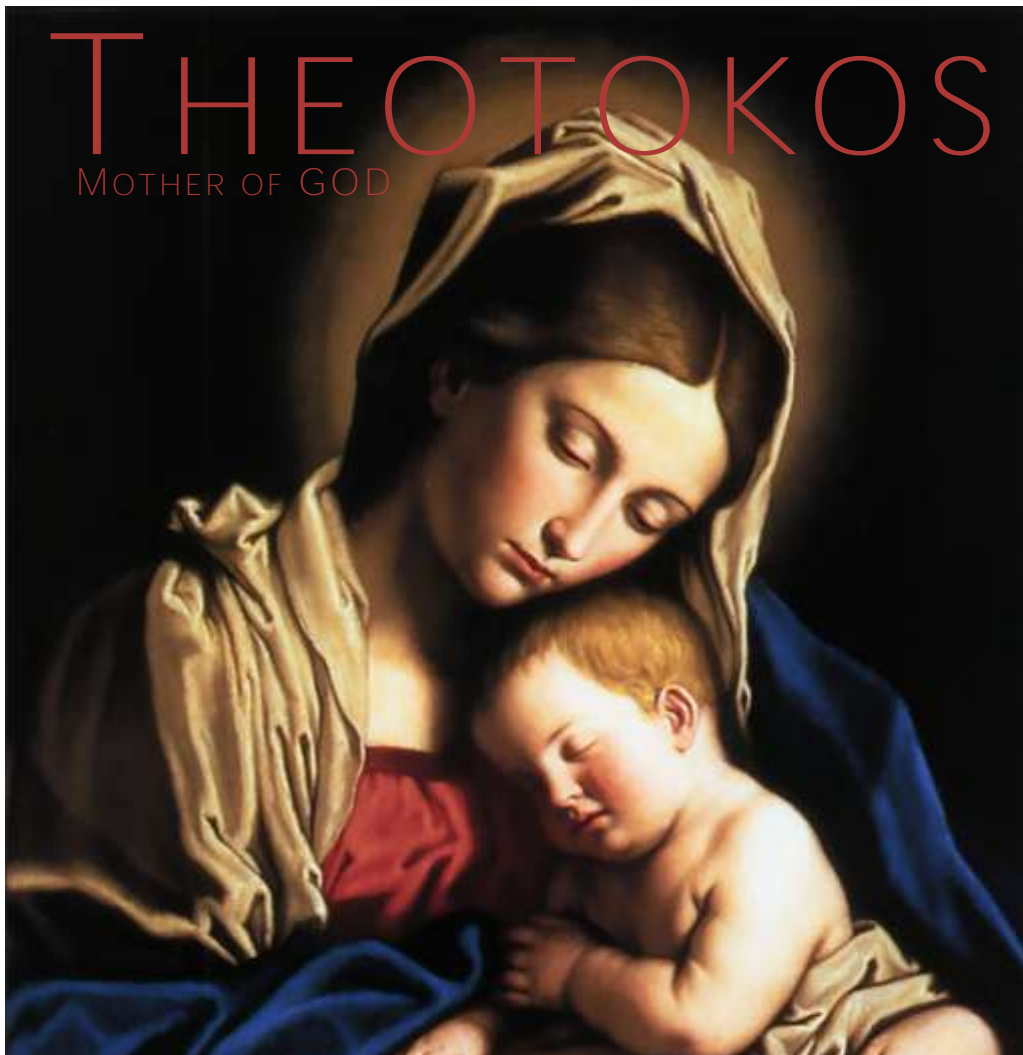
Thursday morning meetings,

5:45am—7:10:am in the Activity Center

For more information contact Eric Bach, 713.724.3160,
ebach@vibravista.com or go to www.thatmanisyou.org.

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MOTHER OF GOD



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH • 7:30PM

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY VESPER CHOIR IN CONCERT



Men's Evenings of Reflection

Men's Evenings of Reflection is designed to challenge participants to step up their commitment to Jesus Christ by striving to live a virtuous life, which means imitating Jesus Christ. Our aim is to give people the tools they need to grow in their faith and become a witness for the gospel to others.

Tentative Schedule

7:00 pm Mass
7:30 pm Fellowship
8:00 pm Reflection
8:45 pm Takeaways
9:00 pm Departure

Yearly Calendar

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX, 77079

2012 » September 20
October 18
November 15
December 20

2013 » January 17
February 21
March 21
April 18
May 16

Questions or want to help?

Fausto Nolasco:
faustonolasco@juno.com
713.498.1364



Please visit our website at
www.thykingdomcome.us

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Women's Evenings of Reflection

Women's Evenings of Reflection is designed to challenge participants to step up their commitment to Jesus Christ by striving to live a virtuous life, which means imitating Jesus Christ. Our aim is to give people the tools they need to grow in their faith and become a witness for the gospel to others.

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Carrie Frain:
cgoethals@yahoo.com
713.859.9818



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Adult Learning Programs Series

10-11:30am

Saint John Vianney Activity Center

Tues., Sept. 25

James Mulva, former CEO of Conoco-Phillips will address the impact of the oil industry locally, nationally and globally.

Tues., Oct. 2

Carl Van Nes, president of River Oaks Rotary Club, and frequent traveler to Russia (82 times) discusses how Russia evolved from a dictatorship to a semi-democratic nation.

Tues. Oct. 9

Bernard Navarro tells his story about fleeing from Cuba with his family when Castro took over in 1959. Castro nationalized all private businesses and declared the Cuban constitution unconstitutional. A fascinating story of survival!

Wed. Oct. 17

Dr. Nancy White, psychologist and founder of Unique Mindcare, will talk about “a better brain for a better life” and how our mind helps to heal our body.

Tues., Oct. 30

Tony Essalih, VP of Cornerstone Government Relations, formerly worked with Rep. John Culberson. Mr. Essalih will speak on state and national politics.

Wed., Nov. 7

Bill Forney, VP at McCombs Energy, was sitting at this desk on the 85th floor of One World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, when the first plane, AA flight #11, struck his building. He shares his first-hand account of the incident and how he was able to reach safety.



The Journey Makes Us One!

It's A Reunion!

If you've ever been through the RCIA process
—here or in another parish—
you're invited!

Wine and Cheese Reception

Friday, 28 September 2012

7:00—9:00 pm

Sponsors, godparents, spouses, guests
are welcome!

Saint John Vianney
Activity Center Dining Room

RSVP to: robystokes1@comcast.net or
ygill@stjohnvianney.org

Take a Break to Celebrate Being a Couple!



Marriage Enrichment Lecture/Retreat
Directed by Fr. Scott Reilly, LC

Saturday, September 29, 2012 1:00 – 4:30pm
Saint John Vianney Activity Center

\$25.00/couple (payable to LC Pastoral Services)

RSVP to: Carrie Frain
cgoethals@yahoo.com or 713.859.9818

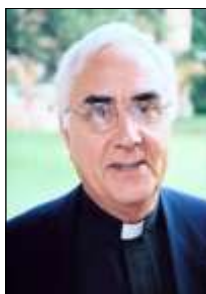
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"...They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith..." (Acts 14:27)

Celebrating the 50th anniversary
of the opening of the Second
Vatican Council
and
the 20th anniversary of the
promulgation of the
Catechism of the Catholic
Church



*Catholics are called to
renew their commit-
ment to the faith that is
"always the same, yet
the source of ever new
light."*

Porta Fidei, 2011

Fr. Donald Nesti, C.S.Sp.

Founder and Director of the Center for Faith and Culture;
Peritus (consultant to the Bishops) at the Second Vatican Council

October 30
7pm—8:30 PM
Activity Center Dining Room

*Opening the Door Again or ...
For the First Time!*

Love and Logic

Back by popular demand!

Providing simple and practical techniques to help parents with children of all ages.

- Raise responsible children
- Have more fun in your role as parents
- Easily and immediately, change your children's behavior

Facilitated by **Kelli A. Gourley, M.A.**

Parenting coach with The Legacy Center

Five week course begins Sunday, October 21, 3:00pm—5:00pm

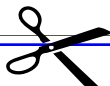
Class dates (Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18)

Audio Visual Room

Child care available by reservation

\$84.00 per participant/\$124 per couple

Moms and Dads—don't miss out!!!



Love and Logic Registration

Mother: _____ **Father:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____ tel #: _____

No. and ages of children: _____

Payment (circle one): Check # _____ Cash _____

Make check payable to: The Legacy Center

Childcare needed? Y N (names and ages): _____

Please submit registration and payment to Yvonne Gill or Trish Scheffler in the Adult Formation Office.

Religious Freedom: Our First, Most Cherished Liberty



R. Randall Rainey, J.D., LL.M.
Scholar of Constitutional Law and Public Policy

Part 1, October 22

Faithful Citizenship; Foundations and Principles

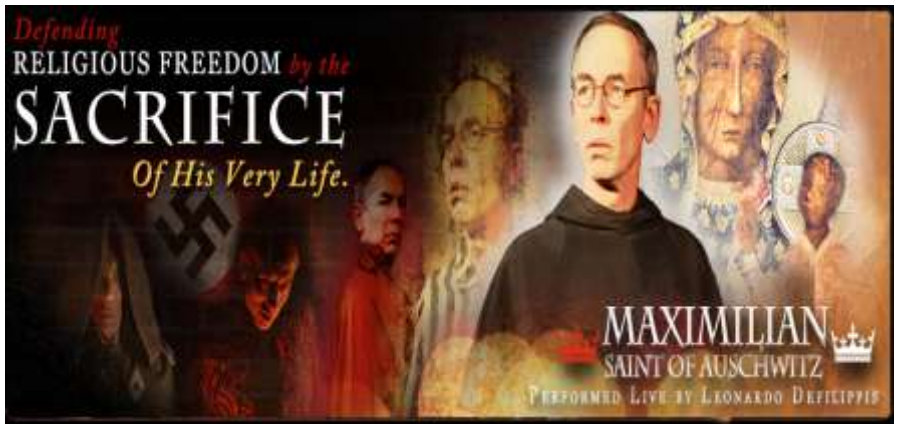
Part II, Oct. 23

**The Problem of Radical Secularism: A Threat to
Faithful Citizenship and Religious Freedom**

7:00 PM

Saint John Vianney Activity Center





Many of us don't realize that Jews were not the only religious group persecuted in the Auschwitz death camp during World War II. Such was the case for Saint Maximilian Kolbe, the Catholic priest who gave his life in the starvation bunker for a fellow prisoner. His moving story is brought to life by actor Leonardo Defilippis in this powerful one-man dramatic production. In this ninety-minute tour-de-force performance, Defilippis switches effortlessly from Maximilian to Nazi, alternating dramatically between good and evil. As the exciting plot unfolds, one is drawn not only into the compelling events of this courageous life, but into Kolbe's message of trust as well. **MAXIMILIAN: SAINT OF AUSCHWITZ** is completed by a breath-taking musical score. The drama of this saint's heroism and faith touches the heart in a mysterious and profound way, and his message is an inspiration for our age.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe is a man for our times. This stunning live performance by actor Leonardo Defilippis reveals the fearless defense of religious and moral freedom and life itself in this battle of cosmic proportions.

Live performance on October 29, 2012 at 7:15pm
In Saint John Vianney Church
Reception immediately following in the Activity Center
Free will offerings appreciated

“Death is not the end but the beginning...”

POPE BENEDICT XVI
calls for a YEAR OF FAITH...

...CATHOLICISM
answers.



THE CATHOLICISM SERIES

Small groups will be forming throughout Saint John Vianney parish and meet during the 2013 Lenten and Easter season.

For detailed information visit the parish website, call 281.752.2499 or email inquiries to:

sjvcatholicism@stjohnvianney.org

"Knowledge of faith opens a door into the fullness of the saving mystery revealed by God."

-Pope Benedict XVI

CATHOLICISM shows and tells what Catholics believe and why, drawing from scripture, the Catechism and the spiritual masters. It highlights the Church's global culture, the incomparable beauty of its art and architecture, and the goodness of its people.

"Reflection on the faith will have to be intensified, so as to help all believers in Christ acquire a more conscious and vigorous adherence to the Gospel." *-Pope Benedict XVI*

CATHOLICISM seeks to bring the faith into participants' heads and hearts, thereby strengthening their conviction and empowering them to live their Faith. Program materials provide ample opportunity for individual and group reflection.

"Christians are called to radiate the word of truth that the Lord Jesus has left us."
-Pope Benedict XVI

CATHOLICISM equips Catholics to radiate the truth of the Faith by providing a multi-dimensional experience; watching and listening to each DVD; reading a rich commentary; answering questions for understanding and for application individually; and then discussing these questions in a small group.



The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of Catholic men and women

interested in nourishing their devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Today there are over three million members worldwide making it the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church.

Meetings occur each Tuesday evening beginning at 7pm.

For more information contact Cheryl Taylor at 281/556-8640 or cctget@earthlink.net

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is the initiation process for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is for those who have never been baptized or who were baptized in a non-Catholic faith and now wish to consider joining the Catholic Church.

The RCIA is a step-by-step process, with no pressure to commit to our faith community, in which interested persons explore the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic Church over a period of several months or years, as needed.

If you, a relative, friend, or co-worker is interested, please contact the Director of Adult Formation for an appointment.



NEW PARISHIONER NIGHT

Each quarter of the year newly registered parishioners are invited to St. Jude's Hall for a wine and cheese party on a Sunday evening from 6:30pm—8:00pm.


This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow parishioners, learn about the history of Saint John Vianney parish, and about the various ministries serving the parish and community.

If you are new to the parish or have joined within the year and never attended a New Parishioner Night, we hope you will plan to attend in the month most convenient for you.

For the next scheduled Night contact the Adult Formation or Parish Life Office .

*Our God and Father,
your will is that all should be saved
and come to the knowledge of your truth.
Send workers into your great harvest,
so that the Gospel may be preached to every creature
and your people, gathered together by the word of life
and strengthened by the power of the sacraments,
may advance in the way of salvation and love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

(From The Book of Blessings, 459)



Adult Formation Ministry, in collaboration with other ministries, has created a variety of program and events to serve the Saint John Vianney parish and surrounding community. You and your guests are invited to come and be enlightened, inspired, and entertained. It is our sincere hope that the opportunities described in this brochure will aid in your spiritual growth and result in enrichment for all who participate. Please refer to the parish weekend bulletin and/or to the website for details and updates. We look forward to having you join us and appreciate your continuing support of adult enrichment programs.

*Thank you!
Yvonne Gill
Director*

