By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.  –John 13:28

St. John Vianney

Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life
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About the Director

Director of Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life

Louis Provenzano was appointed by Fr. Troy as Director of Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life in March of 2013. He is a founding member of St. Justin Martyr Catholic Community. Louis was ordained a permanent Deacon in 1999 and assigned to St. Justin Martyr. He received his Bachelor of Arts undergraduate degree from the University of Houston and received an additional undergraduate degree in Pastoral Theology and a Masters of Arts in Pastoral Studies from the University of St. Thomas. He previously served as Director of Liturgy at St. Michael Catholic Church.

Contact Louis:  281.752.2470
lprovenzano@stjohnvianney.org

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. –Matthew 11:28
Prison Ministry

Volunteers provide support, encouragement and mentoring to prisoners in the Texas State Prison in Sugar Land, Harris County Jail in downtown Houston and Youth Detention Center.

Contact: Mickey Rotolo, 281-679-0020 or email michaelrotolo@sbcglobal.net

Re-Membering Church

Re-Membering Church is a ministry that welcomes back Catholics who have been away from the Church. The six weekly sessions are designed to catch you up on what’s been happening while you’ve been away. The sessions also offer a wonderful opportunity to ask questions, have your voice heard and heal wounds. Major topics of discussion include Early Church History, the Commandments, the Sacraments, Discipleship and Evangelization.

To learn more about Re-Membering Church please contact Louis Provenzano at 281.752.2470 or email Louis at lprovenzano@st.johnvianney.org

About us

The Office of Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life was created to:

1. Develop, coordinate and implement a comprehensive plan for the pastoral care and spiritual life of the parish.

2. Collaborate with parish ministries and prayer groups to support, encourage and enrich the mission and goals of all campus ministry groups and organizations.

3. Provide for the pastoral care to the sick and homebound of the parish.

4. Provide assistance in planning the funeral liturgy, music and reception of family and friends to families experiencing the loss of a loved one.

5. Work with retreat ministries, such as the ACTS Community, to facilitate greater parish awareness and participation.

6. Provide pastoral counseling.

7. Develop long term goals for the pastoral care and spiritual growth of our community.
Ministries Contacts

Devotional Groups
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Ministry to the Sick
Sick/Homebound              Deacon Randy Graham                   713.569.6344

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Eucharistic Adoration         Garrett Graham                           281.793.4355
Hispanic Prayer (AM)      Elizabeth Gonzales                           713.875.6223
Legion of Mary (English)  Cheryl Taylor                                     832.208.7762
Legion of Mary (Spanish)  Emelia Escobedo                                   832.785.4879
Liturgy of the Hours      Deacon Louis Provenzano                      281.752.2470
Men’s Evening of Reflection      Alfredo Arriola                       713.876.7797
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Movimiento Familiar   Reyna & Tony Lopez                                      832.282.3160
Prayer and Share     Angie Barber  k5gb@hal-pc.org  281.497.0962
Talleros de Oracion y Vida      Maritza Herrera                                                           832.493.2166
That Man Is You     Joe Barber     jbarber@revenew.net  281.236.4563

Support Groups

CanCare

We are here to help.

CanCare offers free one-on-one emotional support to cancer patients and their families from a trained volunteer who has survived a similar type of cancer. Our volunteers help patients cope with a cancer diagnosis, give support during treatment and enable patients and family members to move forward with Hope.

Call Emily Prus at 281-558-6502 for more information or you can visit our website at www.CanCare.org.

CanCare posters and brochures are available at www.cancare.org/resources-posters-brochures.asp
Bereavement Support

Walking Though Grief

Our grief support group is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone. Walking through Grief seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You’ll gain access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life.

To learn more about our bereavement support group please contact Laura Jungeblut at 713-492-6431 or email jungeblut@sbcglobal.net.

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Ministries

Devotional Groups

St. John Vianney Church offers many opportunities to pray in communion with one another. We offer a variety of prayer groups in English, Spanish and Portuguese. We are also fortunate here at St. John Vianney Church to offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel 24 hours a day.

Communal praying of the Liturgy of the Hours is offered at 6:30am and 6:30pm in the Adoration Chapel Monday thru Friday.

To sign up to spend one hour in adoration of the blessed sacrament contact Garett Graham at 281.793.4355 or by email at: ghgraham8@yahoo.com.

To sign up to lead morning or evening prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) one day per month 6:30am or 6:30pm contact Deacon Louis Provenzano at 281.752.2470 or email at: lprovenzano@stjohnvianney.org.

Samaritans

The Catholic Church sees the death of a Christian as the end of the earthly pilgrimage and the beginning of a new and eternal life with God. The rites of the Church reflect this belief. At St. John Vianney Catholic Church we strive to assist the dead with prayers of the Church for their eternal salvation in Jesus Christ. The community of St. John Vianney is also very much interested in offering support and aid to the family and friends of the deceased in their time of loss and sorrow with a message of hope and consolation in Jesus Christ.

Many volunteers are needed to help coordinate with family members of the deceased to ensure that the final wishes of the deceased are met. Volunteers are needed to assist in the preparations of food for the family and friends of the deceased and to be a witness to the commitment of our parish to support its parishioners in their time of need.

If you would like to volunteer to assist family and friends of deceased parishioners please contact Bob Palmisano at 281.497.0156/email robano31@gmail.com.
Women’s Retreats

Lord send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.”
- Psalm 104

At St. John Vianney we recognize that the women of our parish have an obligation to discern the will of God in their life and that a spiritual retreat can often be the catalysts for that discernment. Often times when we are away from the ordinary routines of our life we are able to filter through the common and find the spiritual. Navigating that spiritual path in our life takes structure, support and enlightenment.

If you are a woman looking to discern God’s will for you or experiencing life’s many ups and downs and are looking for answers, let us encourage you to give yourself the gift of a parish retreat. If you are a spouse looking to help your wife become a better wife, mother, or grandmother, encourage your wife to attend a retreat. If you are single and want to deepen your commitment to serve God, give yourself the gift of a retreat weekend.

For more information please contact: Marilyn Arendt at 281-493-9090.

Ministry to the Sick

At Saint John Vianney we take our responsibility and duty to the parish community of the Home Bound, those in Care Centers and Hospitals and our catholic brothers and sisters that wish to receive pastoral care from our ministry, with compassion care and concern. Our mission is to faithfully be present to those in need of our support, prayers and most importantly to offer the Eucharist.

It is important to recognize that all the sick are not always in hospitals and care centers, many are in their homes. Although the whole Christian community is responsible for ministry to the sick some people are especially called to this ministry. There are distinct roles of laity and priest in ministering to the sick and dying but all ministers are servants of the Lord, instruments of God’s blessing and presence. The coordination and training of ministers to the sick is an essential part of providing sound pastoral care.

If you know of someone that is home bound, in a Care Center/Assisted Living Center, or Hospital please contact Deacon Randy Graham at 281.569.6344 or by email at: rgraham967@aol.com.
Prayer Groups

Brazilian Prayer Group

The Brazilian Prayer Group draws from the charismatic movement in Latin American Christianity. Most Church historians in Brazil agree that two American priests, Jesuit Father Harold Rahm and Father Edward Dougherty, started Catholic Charismatic communities in Brazil during the early 1970s. It was at a time when liberation theology and its controversial “ecclesial base communities” (CEBs) were becoming the flagship of the country’s post-Vatican II Church. The movement is responsible for starting many new ministries, facilitating the outpouring of new charisms and strengthening many spiritual communities.

For more information, contact Regina Galafassi at 281-589-0863 or Helder Eloy at 281-773-4641.

Hispanic Prayer Group

The Hispanic Prayer Group at St. John Vianney Catholic Church provides a weekly community gathering for members providing spiritual support as well as many opportunities for social interaction. The Sunday readings are shared and time for discussion is offered. The Rosary is often recited and prayers for special needs are offered. Prayers and novenas are offered in support of deceased family members and anyone in time of need.

Please contact Elizabeth Gonzales (Hispanic Prayer AM) at 713.875.6223

To achieve this goal we sponsor three-day weekend lay retreats for men and three-day weekend lay retreats for Women which are patterned after the description of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles.

The ACTS Retreat for Men and the ACTS Retreat for Women can have a profound effect on your Christian life. It is an opportunity to meet with other men and women who are living their faith, with the aim of renewing and strengthening their enthusiasm for living a faith-filled life. Men and women on the ACTS Retreat will form bonds that will remain long after the retreat is over. The message from the retreat can help those participating further commit to their faith and inspire them to become more deeply involved in parish life and in serving the needs of their community.

To learn more about the ACTS Retreats please Diane Ache 281.597.1777 or by email at: peachy9281954@yahoo.com.
Retreats

ACTS Retreats

Adoration – The call by, acceptance of, and response to God.

Community – The love and caring of each other.

Theology – The study of God through scripture and the Catholic faith.

Service – To God and His people.

The ACTS Retreat is a parish wide weekend retreat patterned after the description of the early Church by the ACTS of the Apostles.

ACTS Retreats for Men/ACTS Retreats for Women

Members of the ACTS community strive to assist members of the parish family to attain a deeper relationship with the Lord and with fellow parishioners through Adoration (prayer life), Community (love and caring for each other), Theology (study of faith through scripture), and Service (to God and each other).

Charismatic Prayer Group

The mission of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is to educate believers into the totality of the declaration of the gospels. This is done by a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; a one-to-one relationship with Jesus is seen as a possibility by the Charismatic. He is encouraged to talk to Jesus directly and search for what The Lord is saying so that his life will be one with Him; to walk in the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. This is what the Charismatic understands by giving his life to Jesus.

The movement began in the Catholic Church following a retreat held from 17 to 19 February 1967 by several faculty members and students from Duquesne University, a Catholic university in Pittsburgh. Many of the students claimed to have experienced a movement of God’s Spirit called “being baptized in the Holy Spirit.” What happened quickly spread to graduate students and professors at the University of Notre Dame and others serving in campus ministry. The movement was given a major endorsement by Léo Joseph Cardinal Suenens (1904–1996), a leading cardinal in the Catholic Church and one of four moderators of the Second Vatican Council.

The Charismatic Prayer community meets Monday evenings in Room E2, 7:30-9pm.
Liturgy of the Hours

The Liturgy of the Hours is the “prayer of the entire Church.” From the very beginning those who were baptized and “devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the community, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This grew into common prayer and then in the form of an ordered round of hours. It is principally a prayer of praise and petition.

Those taking part in the Liturgy of the Hours have access to holiness of the richest kind through the life-giving word of God. In it, Christ himself is present, in the assembled community, in the proclamation of God’s word, and “in the prayer and song of the Church.”—Shorter Christian Prayer

We pray the Liturgy of the Hours every weekday morning and evening, Monday through Friday at 6:30am and 6:30pm in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend

For more information please contact Louis Provenzano at 281-752-2470 or email lprovenzano@stjohnvianney.org.

That Man is You!

That Man is You is a 26-week interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

For more information about That Man is You please contact: Eric Bach at 713.461.6490 or Randy Graham at 713.569.6344.
Talleros de Oracion y Vida

Talleros de Oracion y Vida was founded in Santiago, Chile, by Father Ignacio Larrañaga, a Basque Capuchin Franciscan, who saw the lack of a methodological approach to prayer in various ecclesial communities and felt the need to lead the faithful toward a personal relationship with God. His experience with the first group of lay people in Santiago prompted the founder to devote himself to the training of leaders (guides) of different nationalities, to set in motion "prayer workshops" in different countries.

Talleros de Oracion y Vida provides a service to the Church by supplying a practical method for learning to pray in an orderly, varied and gradual manner, from the first steps to the depths of contemplation. The members are introduced to the prayer life, and helped to combine prayer with engagement in ordinary temporal activities; to revive their awareness of their status and dignity as baptized Christians, and recognize their responsibility toward the mission of the Church in the world.

For more information about Talleros de Oracion y Vida please contact Elida Ortiz at 281.578.3749.

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.

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary’s and the Church’s work. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish.

The Legion aims to bring Mary to the world as the infallible means of winning the world to Jesus and legionary service is based on the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ. In their fellow members and in those they serve, legionaries seek to have the Person of our Lord once again seen and served by Mary, his Mother.

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. For more information contact Cheryl Taylor at 281-556-8640 or email cctget@earthlink.net.
Men’s Evening of Reflection

The Men’s and 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 men the tools they need to grow in their faith and become a witness for the gospel to others.

For more information about the Men’s Evenings of Reflection please contact Carrie Frain at 713.782.9064/email cgoethals@yahoo.com

Women’s Evening of Reflection

For more information about the Women’s Evenings of Reflection please contact Carrie Frain at 713.782.9064/email cgoethals@yahoo.com

Movement Familiar Christian (Spanish)

Movement Familiar Christian is an organization of Christian families that unite in Christ to promote human values and strengthen families through faith. In today's world, it's easy to become caught up in daily preoccupations of our work-life, raising children, managing finances, taking care of a home, etc. that can weaken the bond and communication necessary to maintain a healthy, loving marriage. This ministry group meets to reflect in prayer, gathers for social events and plans an annual Marriage Encounter weekend.

For more information about the Movement Familiar Christian please contact Reyna or Tony Lopez at 832.282.3160 or email: familialopez2006@sbcglobal.net

Prayer and Share

Do you know an adult with cognitive disabilities? Prayer and Share is a ministry that keeps them connected to our church through weekly opportunity for socialization and faith enrichment. Prayer and Share meets Monday evenings in Room C-8, 7:45 pm - 8:15 pm.

For more information contact Angie Barber at 281-497-0962 or k5gb@hal-pc.org.