

In the Peace of Christ

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Friends in Christ,

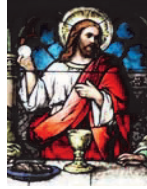
Sooner or later it was bound to happen, so we should not be too surprised. During Holy Week it was reported in the media that in a number of locales around the country the word "Easter" was being removed from a number of activities because it was deemed "too religious"! Example: *Easter* egg hunt and *Easter* Bunny. Now, I personally have no strong vested interest in either of these two things and they are certainly peripheral in the extreme to Christianity. In fact, a bit of purging and purifying of our religious celebrations of profane and secular use is not necessarily a bad thing, but these incidents are illustrative of the fear and animosity that our society has for Christianity. In a sense, this in a way is a backwards compliment. For society (or at least some of the cultural elites) to fear "Easter" and "Christmas" as too religious says something about the perceived power and influence of Christianity. Unfortunately, the true power and influence of Christ remain ignored or unknown.

I, for one, am not willing to be a martyr for the Easter Bunny. However, I pray that I might live each day faithful to Jesus Christ, Our Risen Lord. The growing hostility and animus against Christianity gives each of us who profess the name of Christ the opportunity to grow in grace. It gives us the opportunity to witness to the truth of our faith. We are moving beyond respect for differing faiths to an intolerance of faith and religion in general and Christianity in particular and Catholicism most especially. As intolerance for Christianity and the teachings of the gospel grows we must become stronger in our faith. The worst attack on the Church is not from a hostile secular society, it is from Christians not faithfully living what we profess! It is from inside the Church! Christians have never been perfect and we are not likely to immediately become so. But we do have God's forgiveness, His mercy and His grace! We live our lives not for ourselves but for Him who died to save us. Jesus is the one who saves us and is our strength, not MSNBC, Fox News, Hollywood, Wall St. or Washington!

When we look to the world we can see the values that are esteemed in practice – Pride, Envy, Lust, Anger, Gluttony, Avarice (greed), Sloth (laziness). While in one way or another the world sees these as desirable, we see them and call them what they are - The Seven Deadly Sins! These worldly values (sins) ultimately will do what they have always done; leave anyone and everyone who embraces them hurt, disappointed, unsatisfied, empty and enslaved. In the end, they promise everything and deliver nothing. They promise happiness in life but only lead to death. The seven deadly sins are seductive however. That is why the world doesn't call them "sins". Way too negative! No, they are promoted as good things, positive things. Look at how subtle (and not so subtle) these worldly values are presented to us. Contrast this to the message of Christ's gospel and the virtues espoused by Christianity: Humility, Kindness, Chastity (purity), Patience, Temperance, Charity (generosity) and Diligence (fortitude/zeal). These *Seven Capital Virtues* lead to the *Theological Virtues* of Faith, Hope and Love. The way to resist a life of vice is to embrace a life of virtue. But Beware! A virtuous life will put you at odds with society and all of its empty promises and the devil. Living the virtues will cause you to be ridiculed and misunderstood. You will not be cool! You may even be rejected or labeled as being "too religious" (horror of horrors!) All the virtues can offer is a truly fulfilling life and one in concert with God's plan.

In pace Christi,

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, April 15, 2013

9:00 a.m. † Robert A. Leos

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

9:00 a.m. † Marietta Hoehn
7:00 p.m. † Matilde Callejas

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

9:00 a.m. † August Schwertner

Thursday, April 18, 2013

9:00 a.m. † Thomas Pelletier
7:00 p.m. † Ida Naddra

Friday, April 19, 2013

9:00 a.m. † Vivian Christie

Saturday, April 20, 2013

5:30 p.m. † Chuck Talley

Sunday, April 21, 2013

8:00 a.m. † Louise Darbin
9:30 a.m. Missa Pro Populo
11:00 a.m. † Anne Marie (McGowan) Murphy
12:30 p.m. † Jacqueline Abdulhad
2:00 p.m. † Emma Guzman
5:30 p.m. † John Reiley
7:00 p.m. † Moises Gomez

Other Remembrances

S. Bockholt, †Jack Pardee, †Mary Lou Krenek,
†Angela Reyes, †Will and Jean Chapman



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

Elizabeth Bramanti and Nathan Feldpausch
Kathleen Johnson and Jeffrey Otto
Priya Sivasubramanian and Joshua Thomas
Vanessa Serrano and Mark Price

Don't Put It Off Any Longer!!

Married but not in the Catholic Church?

Couples desiring to have their marriage convalidated (commonly referred to as "blessed") should contact Yvonne Gill in the Adult Formation Office for information on this simple process.

Come back to communion!!

281.584.2022 or ygill@stjohnvianney.org

This Weeks Scripture Readings

Monday Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Friday Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 13:14, 43-52;
Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Third Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."
"Blessed Teresa of Calcutta"

For more information on Eucharistic Adoration, contact Garrett Graham at (281) 793-4355



This year's theme for the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) is "Faith working through love" (Gal. 5:6). St. Paul writes that we are to bear one another's burdens as an act of discipleship. When we follow Christ's call, it is most appropriate that we give of ourselves through stewardship for we discover that our response brings many gifts to us. The gifts given are gifts to be shared, in time, talent and resources. When you give of your resources for DSF, you are answering the call of discipleship in a most concrete and effective way that benefits the common good of the whole archdiocese.

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.

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 and Rosary after 9:00 a.m. daily Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Sunday
6:45 p.m. (Spanish)

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



Congratulations to our new Catholics who celebrated the rites of initiation at the Easter Vigil.
They now enter the fourth and final phase of the initiation process, Mystagogy.
May they become known to us and us, to them!

Re-Membering Church

*Welcoming back Catholics
who have been away from the Church*

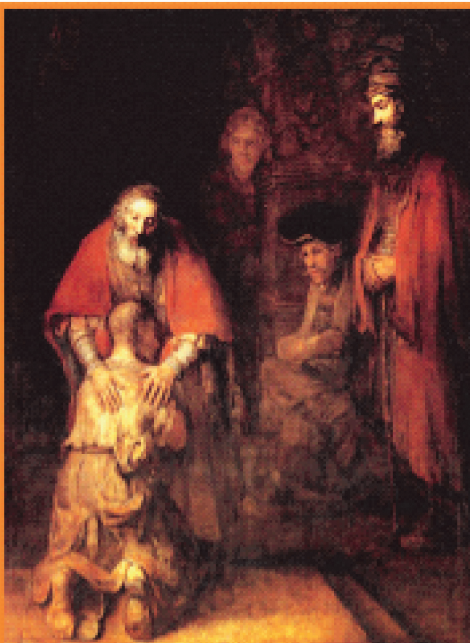
Sessions designed to “catch you up” on what’s been happening while you’ve been away. They also offer a wonderful opportunity to ask questions, be heard and heal wounds.

April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21

7pm – 8:30pm Room C-24

For more information contact:
Yvonne Gill 281/584-2022 or ygill@stjohnvianney.org

Welcome Home!



ADULT FORMATION

CATHOLICISM Update

Episode 7:

"The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist"
Considered to be "the source and summit" of its identity and mission, the Eucharist is the central act of worship by the Catholic Church.

Husbands and Wives!

Only **YOU** can set your marriage on fire!
Want to fan the flame? Gift each other with a Marriage Encounter Weekend.



For more information or to register for the April 26-28 weekend contact Brian and Tina Little at 281.773.4014 or email: btlittle2@me.com



ALPS

Adult Learning Program Series
Tuesday, April 23 10-11:30 am
Activity Center Dining Room

Mike Anderson, newly elected Harris County District Attorney, will address the changes in the DA's Office and its mission going forward.

For more information contact Barbara Gannon 281/773-3819 or jjwilhelm02@comcast.net

New Parishioner Night

Today, Sunday, 14 April

6:30pm—8:30pm

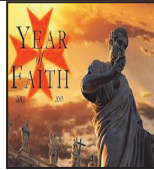
Saint Jude Hall

Wine and Cheese Reception

If you have recently registered or have never been to a New Parishioner Night—you are invited!



The fish is an ancient Christian symbol, predating the cross as a sign used by the early



Christians. The Greek word for fish is *ichthus*, which can be read as an acronym of the Greek phrase *Iesous Christos Theou Huios Soter* (Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior). The early Christians adopted this secret symbol which would not draw attention to them at a time when the Church was suffering persecution.

From: **How To Read a Church** by Richard Taylor

Greeter Ministry

Continuing Jesus' ministry of hospitality!
If you are interested in serving as a Greeter at the Mass which you attend contact the Adult Formation Office.



YOUTH FORMATION

High School Trip to Fiesta Texas

All High School students are invited to join us for a day trip to Fiesta Texas!

When: Saturday, April 27 6am-midnight

Cost: \$65 per person

Forms are available in the Youth Formation Office and on the parish website.
Registration and payments are due Thursday, April 18



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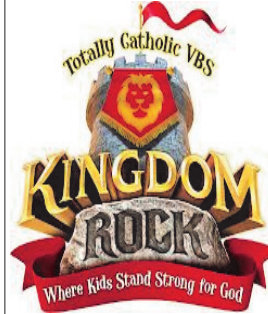
2013 Mission Trip San Antonio, TX August 5-10

All HS students are welcome but space is limited, so register early!

Cost—\$485 per person

This includes transportation, meals, lodging, free day activities, and more.

Contact Kristin Wegenka for more information 281-497-6665
kwegenka@stjohnvianney.org



VBS

Save the Dates!

VBS week 1: June 10-14

VBS week 2: Aug. 12-16

Registration forms are now available in the CCE/Youth Formation Office and on the parish website.



2013 Steubenville Mid-America Conference

July 11-15, Springfield, MO

Space is limited and spots fill fast, so turn in your registration asap.

For more info contact Kristin Wegenka
281-497-6665 or kwegenka@stjohnvianney.org

Bible Story Time

We're back! Join us for Bible stories, crafts, prayers, and fun for children 5 years old and younger.

We meet most Wednesdays in
Room E-8 10:30am.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 24

God's Image

We are back this week!

All Junior High students are invited to join us this Wednesday, April 17 in the Youth Lounge, 6-7:30pm.

All junior high students are welcome, so bring a friend!

Fearless 2013
Junior High Summer Camp
July 7-14, 2013

Camp Changes Lives
There are many opportunities for your child this summer. But how many are life changing? Give your child the gift of faith.

Send them to camp.
For more info, please contact:

Jeff Falanga
JFalanga@StJohnVianney.org
281-752-2427



PARISH LIFE



Third Thursday Dinners Are Back!!

Steak Dinner Night

This Thursday, April 18

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Activity Center

8 oz. Rib-eye served with Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert, Tea & Lemonade. Beer & Wine Available

\$10 per person

Kid's Meal - Pepperoni Pizza & Chips; Free for Ages 7 & Under

Reservations needed by Tuesday, April 16,
281-497-1555 or sjvrsvp@stjohnvianney.org

SJV NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK!!

Astros vs. Indians



This Friday, April 19, 7:05pm

All You Can Eat & Post Game Fireworks

Last Chance!

A few discounted tickets are still available!

\$25 each

To purchase tickets and information
281-497-1555 or rfairly@stjohnvianney.org

Annual Crawfish Boil

Saturday, May 4

12:30 - 3:30pm

Activity Center Backyard

\$25 Adults

\$15 Kids 12 and under



*All You Can Eat Crawfish, Vegetables
and All You Can Drink Beverages!*

Don't like Crawfish?

Hamburger or Hot Dog Meals \$5 each

Reserve your spot today, 281-497-1555 or
sjvrsvp@stjohnvianney.org

ST. ANNE'S SOCIETY

*A ministry for mothers of infants, toddlers,
preschoolers and elementary aged children*

Join us this Wednesday, April 17, 9:30am

Activity Center

Kari Ramon, will speak about Child Safety

Babysitting provided contact

sas.babysitting@gmail.com

For more info: sasmembers@gmail.com

Fellowship Sunday

Next Sunday, April 21

Activity Center

Breakfast Tacos

following the 8:00 & 9:30 am masses
Your choice of 3 delicious Breakfast Tacos
served with Coffee & Juice

\$5 per person Kids 7 & Under Eat Free

Taco Lunch

following the 11:00 am, 12:30 & 2:00 pm masses
2 Crunchy Tacos served with Rice & Beans,
Ice Tea & Lemonade

\$5 per person Kids 7 & Under Eat Free



CAMP SJV SUMMER DAY CAMP

Faith, Fun & Friends

JUNE 10 - AUGUST 8

AGES 4 - 12



For registration & information contact the
Parish Life Office 281-497-1555,
sjvcamp@stjohnvianney.org or visit
our website www.stjohnvianney.org

Registration is currently ongoing

1920's Casino Night

Friday, April 26th

Activity Center

6:30-11pm

Dinner 6:30 - 8:00pm

Casino Doors Open at 7:15

\$50 per person or \$90 per couple
(Includes Catered Dinner, \$20,000 in Chips)

Prizes include ballet tickets,
sports tickets & memorabilia, private &
special events, and much more!

Cash Bar and Live Band

Prize for best 1920's Costume!

Catering by Piatto Ristorante

RSVP required by 4/19, please contact Parish Life
281-497-1555 or SJVrsvp@stjohnvianney.org

Free babysitting available; RSVP required Call 281-497-6665

Sponsored by SJV Merge and Parish Life



SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY



Medical Mission Planning

By our baptism, we are called to action! Be a part of our mission to help others. Our first Medical Mission Planning meeting will be held on **Sunday April 28th from 3pm to 5pm** in the Servant Hall at St. Thomas More Parish, 10330 Hillcroft.

SJV is teaming up with St. Thomas More and Helping Hands for a medical mission to El Salvador on **Oct. 25th through Nov. 2nd, 2013**. The mission will provide a number of medical services to the suffering poor. We will need physicians, optometrists, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, and a variety of medical personnel, as well as translators and other lay helpers.

If you would like additional information or you are interested in joining our medical mission team, please call or e-mail Deborah at 281-497-4434 or dmontez@stjohnvianney.org. For more information about Helping Hands missions, visit www.hhmm.org.

Additionally, the Social Services Ministry will be collecting non-prescription medications, vitamins, eyeglasses, and medical supplies for the mission trip. Please stop by the Social Service Ministry Building during office hours to donate these items.

The Gathering Place

When: Friday, April 19, 2013
10 – 1:30 p.m.

Where: Activity Center

Who: For individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementia

Lunch to be provided by The Abbey at Westminster Plaza Assisted Living & Memory Care

The Gathering Place provides respite to caregivers and family members caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or other dementia related disorder. Common Ground, a support group for caregivers, is also offered at the same time.

To register your loved one to attend The Gathering Place, please contact Tom at 713-682-5995.

If you are interested in volunteering for The Gathering Place, please contact Glorivel at grivas@stjohnvianney.org or 281-497-4434

Support Services at SJV

Food, Clothing, & Other Emergency Assistance

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, 9:30 to Noon at the Social Services Ministry Office or call 281-497-4434.

Professional Counseling available at SJV - Individual, Marriage, and Family; call Catholic Charities at 713-874-6590 for an appointment.

The Samaritan Ministry - provides visitation to the sick and homebound. To arrange a visit, contact the Parish Office at 281-497-1500.



Join the SJV Habitat Team

SJV is partnering with Habitat by providing financial support and volunteer services to build a home for Marisela Benitez and her family. The home will be located in the Hamill Crossing Community on Champion Forest Dr. and W. Richey Rd. in Northwest Houston.

SJV is scheduled to build at Habitat on the following Saturdays:

April 27th and May 4th

We work from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jobs will be available for everyone 14 and older and for all skill levels.

If you're interested in joining the SJV Habitat Team and would like to volunteer for one Saturday or more, please contact Ryan at ryanmcdonnell1437@gmail.com.

Food Drive Next Weekend

Our monthly Food Drive is scheduled for next weekend,

April 20-21

We appreciate all of your help in keeping our food pantry well stocked. You may bring items such as canned goods, staple products, and household products. We are always in need of the following products: peanut butter, sugar, flour, and tuna. Please check expiration dates—we cannot distribute expired food.

We also accept cash and checks as pantry donations

Employment Assistance

If you need assistance in preparing your resume, please call us at SJV for an appointment at 281-497-4434.

For a list of employment opportunities, please see the SJV website at www.stjohnvianney.org. Under the Ministries tab, click "Social Services," then "Employment Ministry."

Additionally, please visit the MAM Job Finding Network at <http://mamjobsnetwork.org>. Or, plan to attend an orientation session at 10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday or 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early. MAM is located at 1625 Blalock. Call 713-468-4516 for more information.

Clip out the card and take it with you to the store as your reminder of our organization's Good Neighbor Program account number to fill in on your Remarkable card application.



Don't forget to link our Good Neighbor Number to your Remarkable Card and help us raise funds the easy way!