

In the Peace of Christ

Dear friends in Christ:

Happy Easter! Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the liturgical cycles the gospel is always from the tenth chapter of St. John's Gospel with the narrative of the Good Shepherd. This has also become a day on which some dioceses (including the Diocese of Rome) ordain men to the priesthood. Pope Francis, in his homily at his first Chrism Mass as Bishop of Rome, spoke of the role and importance of priests as shepherds of the Lord's flock. He reminded the priests gathered with him in St. Peter's to renew their vows, and all the priests of the world, of the attire worn by the temple high priest in ancient Israel. The high priest of the old covenant wore outer shoulder garments (the ephod) adorned with twelve precious stones, six on the right shoulder and six on the left shoulder. The high priest also wore a breast plate on which was inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. Pope Francis encouraged all priests to remember to always carry the Lord's sheep, his people, on their shoulders and close to their heart. He reminded us that to be a priest is about "unction" (anointing) not function. In a line that, according to Fr. Luke who was at the Mass, received a laugh, Pope Francis suggested that we should be so close to the Lord's flock that we should "smell like the sheep!" I will leave that line alone! But what is at the heart of the Pope's remarks and today's readings is that the Lord, who is the Good Shepherd, continues to give us shepherds after his own heart so that the flock is never left untended.

We remember the word of God to Jeremiah, "I will give you shepherds" (Jer 3:15). Today, trusting in the Lord's promise, we must pray and work to encourage young men to answer the Lord's call to serve his flock as priests. When people lament that we do not have enough priests, I am the first to agree! We need priests but not just numbers or functionaries. We need men willing "to be" priests (unction, not function). There certainly is a great deal of work in the Lord's vineyard and it is important work but we do not need hired hands, functionaries or managers. We need shepherds, who like the Good Shepherd, have a heart like unto his and are willing to lay down their lives for the sheep. Take my word on this one – it is not easy and we priests often fail, daily. But God is good. One of the nicest and most encouraging things I have heard recently was in the confessional. A penitent mentioned that when they came to confession over the years that the priests were always merciful. My response was "Of course! It isn't our mercy. It's God's!" We priests should be generous in extending that mercy for we too, are sinners and know his mercy and love (Heb 5).

When I first was thinking about the seminary I mentioned my fears to a priest that I knew. He asked me what I meant and I told him that I didn't feel worthy or good enough to be a priest. He laughed at me and said "Troy, don't worry about it! Of course, you aren't worthy of being a priest – nobody is. It is a gift from God." I learned from another priest that the question isn't, "Do I want to be a priest?" Rather the real question is "Does God want me to be a priest?" If God wants it, he will give us the grace, the strength and every other gift that we need. And what joy God gives to those he calls! What we have to do is have the courage to answer, "Yes". Is God calling you? Listen, pray. Is God calling your son or grandson or friend? Pray for them, encourage them. Ladies, is God calling you to religious life? Listen, pray. I ask in special way that every one of us pray too for our seminarians and novices and for our infirm and retired priests and religious. And if you have a little prayer left over, I know three guys in the rectory who could use it. Happy Easter!

In pace Christi,



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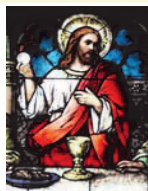
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MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, April 22, 2013

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

9:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of The Larrivie Family
7:00 p.m. † Glenn Westman

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

9:00 a.m. † Joan Paulson

Thursday, April 25, 2013

9:00 a.m. Rita Vargo Family
7:00 p.m. † Francisco P. Arruffat

Friday, April 26, 2013

9:00 a.m. Marc Biery

Saturday, April 27, 2013

5:30 p.m. † Butch Barber and Scott Hume

Sunday, April 28, 2013

8:00 a.m. † Richard W. Simmons
9:30 a.m. Missa Pro Populo
11:00 a.m. † Richard LeFaver
12:30 p.m. † Iliana Leslie
2:00 p.m. † Josefina Larrazabal
5:30 p.m. Roger and Carole Sahni
7:00 p.m. Paulina Dosal

Other Remembrances

S. Bockholt, †Jack Pardee, †Mark Patronella
†Marcos Ocampo, †Mary Graves,
Pedro and Elena Vasquez

This Weeks Scripture Readings

Monday Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Friday Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a;
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 21st, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday."



The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the [USCCB Vocations webpage](#).



AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE

Let us Rejoice and Pray for these soon-to-be married couples:

Priya Sivasubramanian and Joshua Thomas
Vanessa Serrano and Mark Price
Maria Perez and Julio Salinas
Lauren Catching and John Platt III



**Flowers for Our Lord
In Memory of
Joan Paulson**

**Lovingly Donated by
Steve & Emily Paulson**

WELCOME

**Our newest parishioners to
St. John Vianney Family**

Tony and Beth Aguirre, Carlos and Patricia Aquino,
Daime and Carissa Azemi, Johanna Torres,
Javier and Elida Dominguez, Donna Murillo,
Craig and Stephanie Heitmiller, Bill and Cheryl Wells,
Justin and Meghan Howeth, Julien and Aurelie Labesse,
Samuel and Kristen Longoria, Alex and Cherie McDermott,
Matthew and Cheri Menard, Barbara Waligura,
Jorge and Margarita Pruneda, Luis and Dirlay Yopez Torres,
Ernesto Andres and Angela Lorena Rincon,
Eric and Rafaella Sabonghy

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.

PARISH LIFE

Fellowship Sunday
TODAY, 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

Make your appointment today; spots are filling up fast!

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



Attention Ladies!!

St. Monica's Society

*The purpose of our group is to build
community among Women with school
aged children (Elementary - College)*

Join us this Wednesday, April 24

9:30 - 11:00 am in St. Jude Hall

We are having a Pot Luck Brunch! Bring your favorite dish!

Free Babysitting Available

For information regarding St. Monica's or to make your
babysitting reservation contact
stmonicasociety@gmail.com



Parish Blood Drive

What are *you* doing
to make a difference?

Sunday, May 19

8 am - 3 pm Activity Center

To pre-register visit giveblood.org
or 281-497-1555

Commit for Life.



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 tomorrow, 4/22

please contact Parish Life

281-497-1555 or

SJVrsvp@stjohnvianney.org

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

All Are Welcome!!!!

YOUTH FORMATION

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

**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.

YOUTH FORMATION



High School and future High School Students
(that means you, 8th grade)

2013 Archdiocesan Youth Conference
July 19-21

Hilton Americas Hotel
\$245 per person

(includes conference, hotel, food, and more)



Registration forms are
available in the
Youth Formation Office
or online at
www.stjohnvianney.org
Contact

Joseph Mastrangelo for
more info

281-497-6665 or email:
Jmtrangelo@stjohnvianney.org

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

God's Image

We are back this week!

All Junior High students are invited to join us this
Wednesday, April 24 in the
Youth Lounge, 6-7:30 p.m.

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



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.

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 10:30 a.m.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 24



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

ADULT FORMATION

Re-Membering Church

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

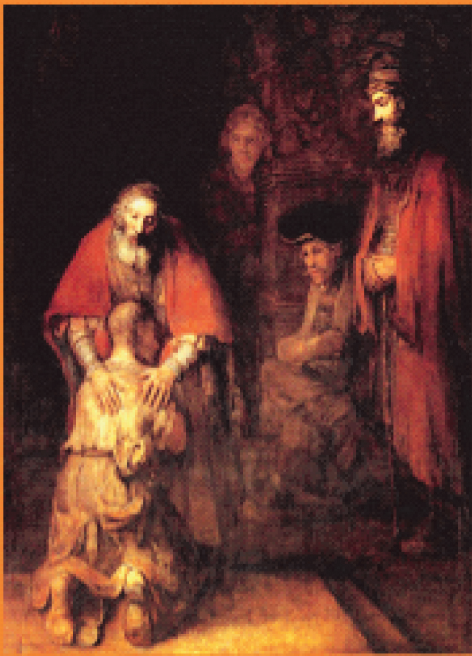
Sessions designed to “catch you up” on what’s been happening while you’ve been away. They also offer a wonderful opportunity to ask questions, be heard and heal wounds.

April 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!



Men— Put Yourself in Time Out!

**Renew yourself this summer by treating yourself to an
ACTS retreat**

Adoration, Community, Theology, Service

An ACTS retreat weekend offers the opportunity to reflect on God’s generous love for us and our call to extend his love to others. In our daily lives this is facilitated through adoration and daily prayer, the call to community and the study of theology. All of this bears fruit in service to the Body of Christ, his Church.

Respond to the universal call to holiness!

Men’s Retreat: May 30-June 2

Holy Name Retreat Center

**To register or for more information go on line (www.sjvacts.org) or call
Tom LaFaver at 281-293-8808**



ADULT FORMATION

Don't Put It Off Any Longer!!

Married but not in the Catholic Church?

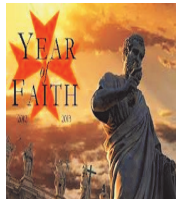
Couples desiring to have their marriage convalidated (commonly referred to as "blessed") should contact Yvonne Gill in the Adult Formation Office for information on this simple process. Come back to communion!!
281-584-2022 or ygill@stjohnvianney.org

CATHOLICISM Update

Episode 8: "A Vast Company of Witness—The Communion of Saints"

A look at some of the Church's greatest saints and how their lives exemplify the passion and creative potential of the Catholic Church.

The Mediterranean world is driven by the value of honor. If the risk of death is involved, the honorable man will suffer in silence, without complaint. Mediterranean people noticed that this is how sheep behaved. While being shorn or even being prepared for slaughter, the sheep remains silent and does not cry. This is how Isaiah describes the ideal servant of the Lord: "like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so the servant did not open his mouth." (Isa 53:7). Sheep symbolize honor.



From: *The Cultural World of Jesus*, Liturgical Press

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.



ALPS

Adult Learning Program Series
Tuesday, April 23 10-11:30 a.m.
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 jwilhelm02@comcast.net

Catholic School

New in 2013 at ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL...

Take a Look Tuesday!

An opportunity for prospective parents to tour the School and see our teachers and students in action.

Tuesday, April 23

9-10:30 a.m.

St. Pius X High School

811 W. Donovan Street, Houston, TX 77091

(Future dates - May 21, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 19, Dec. 10)

To register in advance or to learn more, please contact the St. Pius X Admissions Office at admissions@stpiousx.org or 713-579-7507 or visit stpiousx.org.

Upcoming Trips



Canada!

SJV Parish Life presents
The Best of Eastern Canada
9 Days October 1—9, 2013
with Collette Vacations
Registrations have begun
\$100 Early Booking has been extended until May 1st

Montreal*Quebec City

***Ottawa by VIA Rail to Toronto*Niagara Falls**

<http://www.collettevacations.com/link/551060>

Group Coordinator: Carolyn Greene
cgreene@stjohnvianney.org

SJV New Year's Eve Cruise

Royal Caribbean Cruise Line
"Navigator of the Seas"

7 Days: December 29, 2013 to January 5, 2014

SJV Group Coordinator Carolyn Greene,
cgreene@stjohnvianney.org

Bookings need to be through Strickly Travel to be included in upcoming cruise meetings and SJV Travelers on-board activities.

\$250 deposit per person.

Final payment is due September 30, 2013.

On-line brochure with updated pricing and registration form available on our SJV webpage www.stjohnvianney.org follow link

"More News and Announcements"



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.



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 This Weekend

Our monthly Food Drive is scheduled for this 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.

1ST ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE

Thanks to all of our parishioners who came out for our 1st Annual Walk for Life on Saturday, April 13th. The event was hosted by SJV's Respect Life Ministry with the help of High School Youth volunteers. Deacon Randy Graham led us in a rosary as we walked, prayed, and witnessed for life at Terry Hershey Park. Over 60 parishioners, including many families, children, (and even pets) participated in the walk. We raised over \$700 for the Gabriel Project. The weather was beautiful and we enjoyed the sunshine, fellowship, and exercise.

**Save the date for next year's Walk for Life:
Saturday, April 26th, 2014!**

