Dear Friends in Christ:

As we continue on our Lenten Journey towards the glory of Easter, we need to remember one of the challenges that Jesus gives us during Lent – Repent! This is not merely the call for the Church and her faithful, it is the call of Jesus to all who can hear him. As he did in the first days of his public ministry, he continues today through his church to call all people to repentance and faith. If we wonder why it seems more and more people are having difficulty with believing, it may simply be the fact that repentance is so often ignored and forgotten. Before calling us to faith, Jesus first calls us to repentance. It is not ‘Believe in the Good News and repent.’ It is “Repent and believe in the Good News!”

Repentance is the first step to faith and to deepening our faith in the gospel. Yet repentance is a very foreign concept to many today, both those in the Church and outside. This resistance to repentance is intimately tied to pride. If we believe that we have nothing to repent, then we must be perfect or at the least self-sufficient. Perfect and purely self-sufficient people do not need a Savior. They do not need a Heavenly Father to watch over them or the Holy Spirit to guide and direct them. They can do it all by themselves, thank you very much. But what about the results? We all know stubborn people (sometimes it is the person in the mirror) who no matter how bad things are messed up, absolutely refuse to acknowledge that there is anything wrong. Problem? What problem? They refuse to acknowledge that they made a mistake or error. No matter what they do, they are always right. So why should they repent? If there is a problem, it is someone else’s fault!

The idea that we have no need for repentance is delusional. And the only one we are really fooling with such thinking is ourselves. Ignoring our own faults and failures does not exempt us from the fall out or consequences of our actions and it certainly does not exempt others from the consequences of our sinful choices and evil actions. Our pride not only causes us to wallow in sin and its effects, it also hurts others who also suffer the effects of our sinfulness. The first step to repentance is honesty and the second step is humility. When we are honest and truthful, we recognize that we are not always perfect (or even perfect at all). We also honestly and humbly admit that we cannot do everything ourselves. In the face of the truth, we humbly acknowledge our need for help. We realize the need of someone bigger than ourselves. We realize that we need God’s help. Coming to recognize this need, we change our disposition from pride to humble faith. We can see and believe in God and acknowledge our true need for his grace in our lives. In the face of our weakness, we see his strength. As the old saying goes, for the skeptic no amount of proof is sufficient and for the believer no proof is necessary. I am of the conviction that all the proof any of us need is already present in ourselves. The honest acceptance that we are not the “be all and end all” is the first step to repentance and faith. When we can accept that we are not perfect and that we have plenty to repent, then faith and the need for faith is all the easier to accept. Sadly, we are so blessed that we confuse God’s blessings with something that we have done or accomplished on our own. We think because we are so rich in blessings that we must be pretty darn good and therefore do not make mistakes. Worse yet, we believe that our failures are not really failures and if they are there must be someone else to blame – our parents’ poor child raising skills, the Democratic administration, the Republican congress, our poorly qualified teachers, ignorant bosses or lazy co-workers or some other boogey man.

The way to change the world is to start with ourselves. The way to change our country for the better is start with ourselves. The way to improve our marriages is to start with ourselves. The way to improve our families is to start with ourselves. The way to improve the Church is to start with ourselves. How do we begin to change ourselves? “Repent and believe in the Good News!”

Today!

In Pace Christi,
**Mass Intentions**

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- 9:00 a.m. † Donald A. Hebert
- 12:10 p.m. † Ruth Eileen Jones
- 7:00 p.m. † Leo Vincent

**Saturday, March 7, 2015**

- 5:30 p.m. † Geoffrey Scheve

**Sunday, March 8, 2015**

- 8:00 a.m. Eleanor Paseman
- 9:30 a.m. Missa Pro Populo
- 11:00 a.m. Garrett Graham
- 12:30 p.m. † Danette Chirichigno
- 2:00 p.m. † Ines Delia Awvero
- 5:30 p.m. † Doyle Drury
- 7:00 p.m. † Miryam Montoya Vogel

**Other Remembrances**

S. Bockholt, Ursuline H. Smith,
L/D members of the Vaughn Hunsaker Family,
†Anna Maria Ottaviano, †William Merritt Matthews Jr.

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**Weekly Readings**

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**Daily Lenten Masses**

- **Monday - Friday**
  - 9:00 a.m., 12:10 Noon 7:00 p.m.
  - Confessions
  - 20 minutes before all daily masses in the Adoration Chapel

- **Stations of the Cross Fridays**
  - 12:45 p.m. 5:00 p.m. (Children), 7:30 p.m.

**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.

**Liturgy of the Hours**

- **Monday - Friday**
  - 6:30 a.m. and 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.
  - 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.
This weekend after the Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday, 9:30 am, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm Masses we will be hosting receptions with our final one being held on Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm. If you have not already done so, please take this opportunity to come and hear about our campaign. To date, OVER 700 families have attended a reception, and we are grateful to those that have attended and to those who have already made their gift to this effort.

Every family who attends a reception will receive their personalized campaign materials. All families who attend a reception and return their pledge card by "Commitment Weekend," March 21st & 22nd will not be contacted by our follow up volunteers. This effort on your part would greatly reduce the work of our volunteers.

If you have any questions, please contact the campaign office at 281-497-1500 ext. 105 or at campaign@stjohnvianney.org

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**Lenten Parish Mission**

March 14-19, 2015

**Winning the Battle Against Sin**

Presented by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J.

Saturday and Sunday Masses
Fr. Pacwa, S.J., homilist

Monday thru Thursday
Morning Mass, 9am, homilist
Evening Mass, 7pm, concelebrant followed by Mission Reflection

Thursday night ~ Closing Reception immediately following Mission Reflection

For more information:
Yvonne Gill
ygill@stjohnvianney.org • 281.584.2022
Please pray for our candidates and catechumens in the RCIA process who celebrated the Rite of Election at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Feb. 22.

After prayerful discernment to join the Catholic Church these men and women now enter a more intense period, the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, and prepare to celebrate the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Also remember in prayer their godparents, sponsors and the RCIA team who journey with them.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE ... TO COMPLETE YOUR INITIATION!
Sacrament Preparation for Confirmation For Baptized Catholic Adults
Tuesday evening classes in English 7-9pm Audio/Visual Room
March 3, 10, 24, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5,
Thursday evening classes in Spanish 7-9pm St. Jude Hall
March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 9, 16, 23, 30
No fee for the course; registration forms will be distributed at the first class.

March 5: Taking Control of Control and Dealing with Anxiety in Our Lives
There is plenty of anxiety around for everyone these days. Often the source is something we cannot change. Sometimes it takes only the possibility of crisis to send us into anxiety mode. Anxiety may also feel like depression. How do we know the difference and how can we know if we can deal with it on our own or need professional help?
Presented by: Nick Lopez, Jr., LPC, Nick has a private practice dedicated to Catholic individuals, couples and families. He has a BA in Psychology and Philosophy and a Master of Clinical Psychology. He has worked in various psychiatric hospitals in Houston treating severe psychiatric problems and addictions. Nick also teaches in the St. John Vianney Marriage Preparation Program coaching engaged couples on effective communication and conflict resolution.

New Parishioner Night: New to the parish...Never been to a New Parishioner Night?
Then you’re invited! Wine and Cheese Reception Sunday, 8 March 6:30pm—8pm St. Jude Hall
RSVP to: 281/497-1555.
To arrange for child care during the Night call 281/589-9532
**This Week’s Lenten Dinner**  
**Grilled or Fried Shrimp**

This Friday, March 6  
5:30 - 8:00 pm Activity Center  
$12.00 per person  

*Your choice of Grilled or Fried Shrimp served with Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert, Tea, Lemonade*

Free Popcorn Shrimp & Fries for Kids 7 & Under  
Popcorn Shrimp Meal for ages 8 & older $5  
Non-Shrimp Meal: Mac n Cheese & Coleslaw $5  

Please **RSVP** by Wednesday evening:  
*When reserving, please specify grilled or fried shrimp*

281-497-1555 or sjvrsvp@stjohnvianney.org or  
Reserve and Pay Online by visiting stjohnvianney.org.  

**Dinner served by our RCIA Elect & Candidates**  
**Desserts provided by the Lectors & CCE Parents**  
**Busboys will be That Man is You & Men’s Familia**

**BASEBALL IS BACK!**  
**SJV Night at the Ballpark**  
**Opening Weekend!!**

**Astros vs. Angels**  
Celebrating 50 Years of Astros Baseball  

**Friday, April 17, 7:10 pm**

Discounted Tickets- $19 each  
(Mezzanine Section 253)  
Includes: Game Ticket & Post Game Fireworks  
Tickets will go fast, reserve yours today

**BUS TRIP**  
**TEXAS HILL COUNTRY**  
**DOCENT LED AUSTIN TEXAS HISTORY TOUR**

TUESDAY, MARCH 24  
LEAVING FROM SJV  
VISIT STATE CAPITOL, TEXAS STATE CEMETERY, (ELISABET NEY MUSEUM)  
AND RIDE THE BARTON SPRINGS TRAIN.

FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS  
LEANNE SOTERAS AT 281-558-0300 or  
leanne.lubbers@yahoo.com

For all SJV Parishioners ages 50+  
Sponsored by SJV Westside Senior Singles

**CAMP SJV**

**St. John Vianney Summer Day Camp**  
For Ages 4 - 12  
Monday - Friday, June 8 - August 7  
Registration Begins April 7  
281-497-1555 or sjvcamp@stjohnvianney.org

**TUNA FISH FRIDAYS**

Friday’s during Lent!  
St. Jude Hall  
Come enjoy a Free Tuna Sandwich, Chips & Drink  
Following 12:10 p.m. Mass and Stations of the Cross

**No Coffee & Donuts this Sunday**  
Coffee & Donuts Returns Sunday, March 15

**Please Note**
**Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life**

**Mass**

for the Blessing of Expectant Mothers

March 24

9:00am and 7:00pm

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**Mass**

for the Anointing of the Sick

March 26, 2015

9:00am and 7:00pm

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**Young Adults**

Between the ages of 18 and 35?
Single. Engaged. or Married?
Join our Parish Young Adult Ministry!
Email: tcooper@stjohnvianney.org  Phone: 281-752-2426
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SJVYoungAdults
Twitter: @SJVYoungAdults

**Breaking Open the Word**

Young Adult Bible Study
Sundays 11am
Heritage Room

Want to join bible study?
Email tcooper@stjohnvianney.org

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**Open Gym Day**

Date: Saturday, March 14
Time: 10am - Noon
Where: Activity Center

Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Football, Ultimate Frisbee, Kan Jam

**Young Adult Dinner & Dancing**

Saturday
March 7th

7:30pm Chuy’s
9350 Westheimer
9:30pm Wild West
6101 Richmond

Let us know you are coming!
Email tcooper@stjohnvianney.org

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**Devote Yourself in Prayer...**

**Join Us for Our**

**St. John Vianney Parish**

**Men’s Lenten Retreat**

March 27 - March 29
Holy Name Retreat Center

Contact: David Cole @ 281-556-1576 or visit: Passionist.org/HolyName

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**SJV Women’s Club**

**Day of Prayer**

Women Mystics... and You?
Hildegard of Bingen, Julian of Norwich, St. Therese of Lisieux... 

Cenacle Retreat Center
420 N. Kirkwood

Friday, March 6, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Cost $30
(includes morning snacks, coffee and lunch)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (by March 3)

Contact Judy Rolke at 281-589-9803 or
e-mail jrolke@yahoo.com to make your reservation
Everest VBS is coming this summer!
Mark your calendars!
Week 1: June 15-19
Week 2: July 27-31
Registration will start mid-March.

HIPSTER KITTEN WANTS YOU TO COME TO T.H.U.
Open to all Junior High students.
Form Bonds. Eat snacks. Encounter Christ.
St. John Vianney Youth Lounge, 6:30-8 PM
For more information contact
Jeff Falanga: JFALANGA@STJOHNVIANNEY.ORG
or Andrea Bonilla: ABONILLA@STJOHNVIANNEY.ORG

Celebrity’s Alaska 2015
Details on SJV website Trip & Pilgrimages
www.stjohnvianney.org
Bookings need to be through
Woodlake Travel
For current rates, availability and/or to book this cruise,
contact: Sandra Ortiz
(713) 840-8500 email sortiz@woodlaketravel.com

Final weeks for 2014 pricing

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 at 10:30am.
Join us on Wednesday, March 4 for the story of Jesus Feeding the 5000.

Spring Break Service Retreat
- We will be helping out sister parishes, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Peter Claver.
- Permission forms must be in by Sunday, March 1st
- Everyone is asked to bring: work gloves, paint brushes, wear paint clothes and, if you have one, bring a ladder.
- You will need to bring your lunch everyday.

When: March 16-19, 7:00am - 6:00pm
Where: Meet at SJV in the Youth Lounge, and we will carpool each day
Cost: $200 (to cover supplies and Transportation. Scholarships available)
Adult Volunteers & Drivers also needed!

For more information contact matt:
281-497-6665 ormcranley@stjohnvianney.org

Encounter
A Catholic Based Worship & fellowship experience for High School teens
Come encounter the Living God.
Wednesdays 6:30-8pm in the Youth Lounge

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Final weeks for 2014 pricing
2nd Sunday of Lent

Respect Life Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 5:30 p.m.
Social Services Conference Room
For more information:
contact Diane at dianecdavis@comcast.net

Transportation from SJV is available. Space is limited, so please contact Russ at rfbout@hotmail.com.

SJV’s Gabriel Project is looking for Angels!

Would you like to be an Angel to a pregnant woman in need?

Gabriel Project Angels provide compassionate, practical help for pregnant mothers who have little or no support in their lives. Without the help of the Gabriel Project, some of these women might not choose life for their unborn babies. Gabriel Angels support the mother’s choice for life through prayer, encouragement, and emotional and spiritual support. All Gabriel Project Angels receive training through the Archdiocese.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Gabriel Angel, please contact Glorivel at 281-497-4434 or grivas@stjohnvianney.org.

When Mary set out to visit her pregnant cousin Elizabeth, she had just learned that she herself would soon give birth to the Son of God. Out of charity, without concern for the difficulties she might face, Mary put her self-interests aside and hastened to the aid of her cousin who was elderly and frail. Mary remained at Elizabeth’s side for three months.

Social Ministries

Spring 2014 SJV Mission Trips

By our baptism, we are called to action!

SJV will participate in two Missions to Eagle Pass, Texas:

**Tuesday, March 10th—Sunday, March 15th**

**Or Tuesday, March 24th—Sunday, March 29th**

These two missions will focus on home repairs for the elderly and handicapped poor, visiting the homes of the poor and shut-ins, community outreach and evangelization, and mission spirituality.

It’s not too late to sign up! For more information or to register, please contact Dick at RHorst6970@aol.com.

**Commissioning Ceremony for SJV Missionaries**

**Sunday, March 8th**

**at 9:30 am Mass**

Please keep our SJV Mission Teams in your Prayers as we Journey to Eagle Pass in the Rio Grande Valley. Follow the progress of our Mission Teams on Facebook!


“As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (John 20:21).

2015 Catholic Faith In Action Advocacy Day

**SAVE THE DATE**

11:30 a.m. March 24, 2015 South Steps Of The Texas Capital 1100 Congress Ave.

Transportation from SJV is available. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Dale at 281-497-2179 or dalesteffes@comcast.net.

Your reservation includes transportation by bus, BBQ lunch, and a Catholic Advocacy Day t-shirt. There is no fee. Our bus will leave in the morning and return in the evening.

40 Days for Life

February 19th—March 26th

SJV Respect Life Volunteers will pray the Rosary every Thursday. Join us in praying for an end to abortion while standing in front of Planned Parenthood at 4600 Gulf Fwy.

Help us remind everyone that there is real help for each woman facing a crisis pregnancy! Carpool leaves SJV after 9 a.m. Mass.

To carpool, please contact Russ at rfbout@hotmail.com.

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