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CATHOLIC CHURCH

LAGNIAPPE

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021

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■ **MASS TIMES**

Saturday	4:00 PM Vigil
Sunday	7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (livestreamed)
	11:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Weekdays	Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM
	Friday 8:00 AM

All weekdays Masses are livestreamed

■ **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Monday—Friday	15 minutes before Mass
Saturday	2:45 PM—3:30 PM

All others times by appointment only.

■ **BAPTISMS**
Please call the parish office in the early months of pregnancy.

■ **WEDDINGS**
Contact parish priest at least six months prior to anticipated date of wedding.

■ **CARE OF THE SICK** Notify the parish office.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as the Body of Christ in the parish of St. Jean Vianney is to model the love of Jesus by discerning and doing God's will, consciously Sharing the Word and Eucharist at worship, educating in faith all ages, evangelizing our parishioners for Christ's mission, and serving justly God's people, our sisters and brothers within our parish boundaries, our larger Baton Rouge community, and into the world.

LIFE TOGETHER

Dear Friends,

I appreciate the positive feedback Deacon Dan and I received for the annual Financial Stewardship presentation last weekend. This weekend we are inviting you, either for the first time or as a re-commitment, to return you're financial stewardship commitment pledge for 2021. You can do this either in person at Mass by placing in the collection basket, by mailing, by bringing to the parish office or by scanning and emailing to the parish office (sshaw@stjeanvianney.org.) Thank you for your generosity now and in the past. *We are a generous people and our God is a generous God.*

As the season of Lent approaches, a few thoughts about what is being planned. As you may know, Ash Wednesday, February 17 is NOT a holy day of mass obligation. It is a day in which many Catholics observe, particularly with the distribution of ashes. The ashes are a visible reminder of our desire to turn our hearts to the Lord. We will be offering the distribution of Ashes at all the Masses on that day. The distribution will be different because of COVID protocols in this way: The phrase "*turn from sin and be faithful to the Gospel"* will be said only once over the entire assembly and not repeated for each persons. All will remain masked as during the distribution of Holy Communion, and those who wish to receive ashes will do so as is normally done at Communion. However, ashes will not be put on the person's forehead, but a very small amount will be simply sprinkled over the person's head instead. Let's remember that ashes are not mandatory, but are a traditional exterior sign of our interior conversion. This is the focus of the Lenten journey and our ongoing journey of faith.

This year for Lent we will be offering free of charge a copy of the Lenten workbook BEST LENT EVER. The wonderful thing about our bodies is that when they're hungry, they let us know. They growl, grumble or groan. Some might be embarrassed when this happens in public, but we might try not to be. Instead try to be grateful. The body is simply letting us know that it's hungry. From time to time, we may wish our souls would communicate as clearly as our stomachs. It takes incredible spiritual awareness to work out over time what we are really hungry for. It is the ultimate spiritual awareness to realize that every yearning we have is in some way a yearning for God. While we search for him far and wide in this world, he is waiting for us in the very depths of our souls. The BEST LENT EVER Lenten workbook to help you step back to reflect upon your life, develop a deeper understanding of what you truly hunger for, and journey a little bit further into the depths of your soul. There will also be a daily video reflection at BestLentEver.com/2021.

Our candidates for First Reconciliation are taking part in the sacrament over these next few weeks. Gratitude is given to our Religious Education staff members in the parish and school and our parents who have been so patient.

Have a safe week.

Love,

Fr Tom

FREE THROW CONTEST

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WILL HOLD A FREE THROW CONTEST FOR GIRLS AND BOYS AGES 9-14

SATURADAY, JANUARY 3OTH AT 1 PM IN SJV GYM

Food Pantry Needs:

Unsweetened Applesauce
Healthy Granola– KIND
Nuts
Crackers
Chunky Soups
Vienna Sausage
Toilet Paper
Jelly
Peanut butter
Hamburger/Tuna Helper
Boxed Meals

Did You:

Move?

Change email address?

Change phone numbers?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please call the parish office to make sure your information is up to date. (753.7950)

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Four New Year's Resolutions to Address Poverty
What might compassion look like in 2021?

How do we integrate an authentic and active love for those who are poor and vulnerable into our lives?

First, it is important, as Pope Francis says, to "draw near," to be directly connected to someone who is poor, and to come to know even tenderness for someone on the margins. Give ourselves a face-to-face opportunity to care about somebody who is poor, somebody a lot of us probably wouldn't even see in the course of a normal day. Spend some time, when it is safe to do so, with an abandoned elderly person at a nursing home or serve and eat lunch with the guest of a soup kitchen. Pope Francis calls it "encuentro," or encounter. These encounters change us, steer us, and form us. They build bridges and they are the occasion for friendship.

Second, begin to ask questions and search for answers. After the first step, a face-to-face encounter may stimulate an appetite for information or education. Many of the realities that plague the human family are not immediately or quickly understood. It is critical that we take the time and effort to invest ourselves in relationships with those who suffer and to commit ourselves to the research that might yield greater understanding. If we want to solve problems, it is important that we do the proper study.

Third, start to advocate. As we become more aware of the causes and possible solutions to the crises that burden our sisters and brothers nearby and faraway, it is very important that we become advocates for the healing of the political and economic relationships and policies that are broken It is critical that our faith and our love move us into political participation and political responsibility.

A fourth expression of compassion for the poor will see us working side-by-side with those who are poor, as they help themselves. This is sometimes called solidarity work and/or community organizing. As we experience relationships firsthand, educate ourselves, and engage in advocacy, sooner or later we are bound to arrive at the realization that the very best way forward is to work in partnership.

A New Way to Be Church by Jack Jezreel ; Just Faith

SJV CALENDAR

Monday, February 1
8:30am Online Mass
6:00pm PSR

Tuesday, February 2
8:30am Online Mass

Wednesday, February 3
Bulletins Articles Due for 2/13-14
8:30am Online Mass

Thursday, February 4
8:30am Online Mass
7:00pm Baptism Seminar

Friday, February 5
8:00am Online Mass

Saturday, February 6
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Collection Capital Campaign
2:45pm Reconciliation

Sunday, February 7
5thSunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee and Snacks Sunday
7:30am Mass
Super Bowl Sunday
9:30am Mass (livestreamed)
11:30am Mass
4:00pm Mass

Monday, February 8
8:30am Online Mass
6:00pm Elem. / Jr. PSR

Super Bowl Sunday
February 7th
5:30pm Mass move to 4:00pm

REMEMBER ST. JEAN VIANNEY PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Please consider remembering St. Jean Vianney Parish in your will. Contact Father Tom for more information. (753.7950)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 1
8:30am Anna Mong
Tuesday, February 2
8:30am Guise Hung
Wednesday, February 3
8:30am Josept Lo Le
Thursday, February 4
4:00pm All Souls
Friday, February 5
8:30am Emile Jacquin

Saturday, February 6
4:00pm Bailen Walsh
Pierre Ligniers
Emile and Frances Noto
Donna Negrotto
Lolita Martinez
Joseph Fontenot
Sunday, February 7
7:30am For Parishioners of SJV
9:30am Francis D' Cruz
11:30am Irma Landry
4:00pm Carley McCord
Ensiminger

SANCTUARY LAMP
(2/1/2021-2/7/2021)
Sonny Flynn

Go to www.stewardshiptoday.org to get your online copy of Stewardship Today, a monthly publication for parishioners to embrace the importance of stewardship in daily living.

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Stewardship of Ministry

SANITIZING ST JEAN VIANNEY
Please Help

Join the **SANITIZING ST JEAN VIANNEY** Church Sanitizing Team; help us keep the church clean and sanitized between each weekend Mass!

A team of 2 volunteers will disinfect the church after every Mass/liturgy until we are safely past the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Please go to the parish website for more information: www.stjeanvianney.org

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Parish Stewardship Summary Fiscal Year to Date

July 1, 2020 – June 21, 2021

Weekend of January 25, 2021

	Goal	Amt. Rec'd
Year to day Offertory	759,200.00	746,454.00
Weekly Offertory	21,500.00	15,172.00

Average weekly Goal 24,808.00

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