“Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness…”

These words mean so much to us as Americans as we celebrate this July 4th weekend! But they mean even more to the one who knows Jesus as Lord. Jesus gives abundant life; Jesus gives true freedom; Jesus Himself is the way to eternal happiness.

May God bless our nation and may the Holy Spirit bring all Americans to a deeper faith in the King of all nations!

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 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.

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Dear Friends,

Peaceful blessings to you all on this July 4th weekend. There is no need to invent the wheel, or express again what others express so well. So, here is the New Colossus by Emma Lazarus:

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
“Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she  
With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

Praying for you all and those you love.

Love,

Reflection

By: Deacon Dan

Jesus visits his hometown of Nazareth and arrives at the synagogue to teach. At first the people are “astonished” at the wisdom of his words and the tales of mighty deeds that Jesus has performed around Galilee. Quickly though, their astonishment turns to suspicion and even anger. The crowd cannot handle contradiction they perceive between the ordinary and extraordinary. How can the boy they witnessed grow up be the same man who now is said to be able to calm the stormy sea with a word and to heal illness with the touch of his hand? Jesus’ neighbors were unable to look past his humanity to be open to the divinity also present to them. As Christians, how do we challenge our own perceptions and find God within ordinary events, people and things in our everyday lives? (Living Liturgy: Spirituality, Celebration and Catechesis for Sundays and Solemnities – 2021)

Update on our Seminarian Blair Stewart

Blair finished St Joseph seminary college in May. He’s now in Omaha, Nebraska attending the Institute of Priestly Formation at Creighton University for the summer. He plans to take a pastoral year then attend Notre Dame seminary in New Orleans next fall.

Wreaths for Claire

Summer to Fall Wreath Workshops
Saturday, July 24
For information and registration, use these links

Floral Wreath Workshop - Garden Style
https://bontempstix.com/events/90249

Floral Wreath Workshop -Farmer's Market Summer to Fall https://bontempstix.com/events/90243

Thank you for your service!

Note from Fr. Danny:

I would like to give a huge thank you to all of my friends at St. Jean Vianney Parish that came out to support me on the weekend of my ordination to the Priesthood! Your prayers, love, and support of me throughout these years of formation made this journey possible and I was so happy to see so many of you at the ordination Mass and at my Masses of thanksgiving in Vacherie. Please know of my sincere gratitude for the gifts received, but it’s the gift of your love and support that has meant the most to me. Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are all in my prayers as well. There is much to be hopeful for as these days of 2021 quickly go by and we all journey together doing our own unique part of bringing the Good News to all that we encounter.

God's Peace, Hope and JOY always,

Love,

Father Danny
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING 101

Call to Family, Community and Participation

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined.

#1. THERE’S A SCRIPTURAL CALL TO PARTICIPATION

The call to family, community, and participation is well-documented in Scripture. Genesis 4: 8-15 In the very first pages of the bible we find that man is not called to stand in isolation; Adam and Eve are called to choose communion. Later on in Genesis, Cain asks God, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” The implied answer is “Yes!” God replied to Cain, “Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground!” Then, in the New Testament, Christ ups the ante, saying, “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you” (John 15:12).

#2. THERE’S A RATIONAL CALL TO PARTICIPATION

Reason reveals that there are laws of social life written into our nature. Because we are tied by birth, friendship, proximity, and a myriad of other factors to other human persons, even the choices we make behind locked doors have some impact on others. They shape who we are, and serve to tear down or build up the structures of society and how well we can relate to those we are connected to around us.

#3. START WITH PARTICIPATION IN FAMILY

Marriage and family life are fundamental social structures that we are called to protect and participate in. According to the UCCB, “Economic and social policies as well as organization of the work world should be continually evaluated in light of their impact on the strength and stability of family life.” The family is the basic building block of society. The economic, spiritual, and cultural strength of the family we are born into has a huge impact on who we become and what we can contribute to those around us.

#4. WE NEED THE COMMON GOOD AND POLITICAL PRUDENCE

Living the call to participation is tough because there is often a legitimate tension between the health of the community and the unique identity of the individual. Consider immigration—CST says that everyone has a right to every place on earth. But, countries have a right to immigration policies and procedures that facilitate immigration in an orderly way and that do not create economic disequilibrium. Finding the proper balance hinges on the common good and the virtue of prudence. The common good is not based on emotion but on practicality.

#5. RECOGNIZE ATTACKS AGAINST PARTICIPATION

What distracts us from the call to communion, which is actually so integral to our human happiness? One threat to the call to communion is an inordinate focus on individualism, becoming absorbed with self-centered needs. Such a focus may see the individual’s good as wholly distinct from the good of the community, rather than necessarily intertwined.
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)

THE CHOIR IS COMING BACK!

…and we need YOU! The choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 4, the Feast of St. Jean Vianney! If you have ever considered singing with us, there is no better time to join than now. After an eighteen month hiatus, we will all be starting from scratch. No experience, training, or audition is necessary—only the desire to sing to the Lord. Contact Karen Ullo, 225.663.0860 for more information.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:   Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:   Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:   Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:   Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:   Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:   Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:   Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13
**Stewardship of Ministry**

Ministries are reopening! Opportunities are available, time is flexible. Serve from home, in the office, in the community, we have a need for you. Creative, artistic, enjoy developing marketing, advertising, we need YOU. Contact Michelle at the parish office.

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**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE**

Parish Stewardship Summary Fiscal Year to Date
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
Weekend of June 27, 2021

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Average weekly Goal 24,808.00

Tithing Options:
Automatic Bank Draft: Call the parish office, 753.7950
Online Giving: www.stjeanvianney.org click on Online Giving logo

Online Giving Apps: church ID#, 1466

If you own a business or know of a local business that might like to support your local Catholic parish by advertising in its parish bulletin, please contact J.S. Paluch. Grow your business by advertising in the church bulletin and create strong connections with your target audience. Benefits include:

GREAT COVERAGE - 97% of all households attending church take at least one church bulletin home every Sunday.

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GREAT PRODUCT - 62% of households keep the church bulletin the entire week as reference.